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Proteomic analysis of host brain components that bind to infectious particles in Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease

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Abstract

Transmissible encephalopathies (TSEs), such as CJD and scrapie, are caused by infectious agents that provoke strain-specific patterns of disease. Misfolded host prion protein (PrP-res amyloid) is believed to be the causal infectious agent. However, particles that are stripped of PrP retain both high infectivity and viral proteins not detectable in uninfected mouse controls. We here detail host proteins bound with FU-CJD infectious brain particles by proteomic analysis. More than 98 proteins were differentially regulated, and 56 FU-CJD exclusive proteins were revealed after PrP, GFAP, C1q, ApoE and other late pathologic response proteins were removed. Stripped FU-CJD particles revealed HSC70 (144× the uninfected control), cyclophilin B, an FU-CJD exclusive protein required by many viruses, and early endosome-membrane pathways known to facilitate viral processing, replication, and spread. Synaptosomal elements including synapsin-2 (at 33×) and AP180 (a major FU-CJD exclusive protein) paralleled the known ultrastructural location of 25nm virus-like TSE particles and infectivity in synapses. Proteins without apparent viral or neurodegenerative links (copine-3), and others involved in viral-induced protein misfolding and aggregation, were also identified. Human sCJD brain particles contained 146 exclusive proteins, and heat shock, synaptic and viral pathways were again prominent, in addition to Alzheimer (AD), Parkinson, and Huntington aggregation proteins. Host proteins that bind TSE infectious particles can prevent host immune recognition and contribute to prolonged cross-species transmissions (the species barrier). Our infectious particle strategy, which reduces background sequences by >99%, emphasizes host targets for new therapeutic initiatives. Such therapies can simultaneously subvert common pathways of neurodegeneration.

Keywords

SWATH; synapse; cell-to-cell spread; viral entry and maturation; early endosomes; chaperones; protein folding; Alzheimer's; Parkinson; prion protein; amyloid; bioinformatics

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SYN2, HSC70, CPNE3, clathrin, Annexin, DYN1, PPIB (cyclophilin B), VAOD1, AP180, LRC59, MYO5A, beta integrins, Neddylation NEDD8, Cullin Ligases, CAND1, Calcium channels (C2D1, CACB4), Wiskott-Aldrich (WASL), ApoO, ApoE, USO1, DCTN3, Huntingtin (HD), VP13D, CHM2A, SEPT4, FXBP4, FK506, VP13D, NADH dehydrogenase, RL7A.

Introduction

Transmissible encephalopathies (TSEs) affect many mammalian species and are caused by a variety of distinct infectious strains which induce the host's prion protein (PrP) to misfold into an amyloid conformation (PrP-res). Unresolved PrP misfolding patterns are presumed to encode strain-specific information. However, misfolded PrP-res, assayed as partially digested truncated bands on Western blots, is indistinguishable in normal mice infected with markedly different TSE strains; moreover, changing the PrP-res band pattern does not alter the agent's strain phenotype and its ability to breed true (1-3). Normally such data would indicate that TSE agents contain a strain-determining nucleic acid genome. As with many microorganisms and viruses, but not host proteins, TSE agents additionally *i*) have a long latent phase in lymphoid tissues before causing disease, *ii*) are spread environmentally, *iii*) reach epidemic proportions and then disappear when the environmental source of infection is removed, (e.g., bovine TSE of the UK and human kuru in New Guinea), and *iv*) separate as virus-like dense particles of ~25nm (4). Comparable virus-like particles are found in fixed scrapie and CJD infected brain and cell cultures, but not in uninfected controls (5-8). Unlike PrP-res amyloid fibers, these 25nm particles do not bind PrP antibodies (8). While it is widely believed that host PrP spontaneously misfolds into infectious PrP-res, the evidence for any infectious form of PrP is questionable. Misfolded recombinant PrP has not been reproducibly infectious even though massive amounts of PrP-res are readily generated. In addition, infectivity is preserved even when no PrP is detectable. This is seen both in natural digestion of PrP within the GI tract (9, 10), and after straightforward proteinase K (PK) treatment of brain homogenates (11). In contrast to PrP, many viral particles are built to survive digestive juices and effectively transit beyond the gut epithelium to white blood cells, a route also used by TSE agents (12).

Proteins other than PrP, as well as PCR-verified nucleic acids of >1kb, are present in all infectious brain preparations (13). We previously isolated purified infectious particles from brain to identify *i*) integral and/or agent protective proteins, and *ii*) host complexes that are critical for TSE agent spread, replication and maturation. To avoid redistributing host components, 18,000g particle pellets (p18) were made without detergents. FU-CJD p18 particles with markedly reduced host components, as well as those purified by sucrose gradients, retained high infectivity even after all visible host PrP on Western blots was abolished by PK digestion; these PK stripped FU-CJD particles revealed 47 viral motifs not present in parallel uninfected controls and attest to the high degree of infectious particle purification (14). We here report on the host associated proteins present in aliquots of these high titer FU-CJD particles (pre and post-PK) to identify those most tightly bound to agent. A clear PrP signal became undetectable after PK digestion, and other pathologic host response proteins were also simultaneously removed as shown here. The very limited remaining host proteins allowed deeper insight into how TSE particles are processed and spread.

For independent comparison, we also evaluated host particle components from a sCJD infected human brain. Several major human p18 proteins overlapped with FU-CJD proteins despite differences in both agent-strain and species. This underscored their importance. AD and Lewy body linked proteins in the human samples further suggested new therapeutic

targets for progressive neurodegeneration. Amyloid and fibril pathology has been recognized for over 50 years as a common thread in many neurodegenerative diseases, and a recent diagnostic marker for AD, Apolipoprotein J (clusterin), was originally shown to be a major component of large PrP amyloid plaques in experimental sCJD in rats (15, 16). As other pathology-associated host proteins, it was not tightly associated with infectious particles.

Materials and Methods

i) Particle preparation, Protein extraction, Tryptic Digestion and Sample Clean-up

Briefly, a pool of 6 individually verified FU-CJD mouse brain homogenates and normal brain pools made without detergents were separated from highly infectious supernatant by a $5,500g \times 10\text{min}$ centrifugation in 25% sucrose. This removed the large visible lipid myelin-membrane layer and nuclei from the collected clarified supernatant that was then diluted to 8% sucrose and spun at $10,000g \times 5\text{min}$ to remove lysosomes and debris (14). The supernatant (s10) was digested with RNase A to allow quantitative sedimentation of infectious particles at $18,000g \times 30\text{min}$ (p18) that retained only $\sim 12\%$ of the starting protein and PrP sequences (14). For further particle purification, the FU-CJD and normal p18 preparations were digested with PK under conditions that maintained high infectivity (14); these particles contained $<1\%$ of the starting protein with no visible PrP peptides despite high cell equivalent (CE) loads (see Fig. 1). Cortical regions (temporal, occipital and parietal) from human sCJD brain, verified histologically and by Western blot for PrP-res at Yale, and confirmed by the CDC prion center, were pooled to make comparable sCJD and control p18 samples. Mouse and human p18 particles (with 30ug protein), and much higher ($e7$) cell equivalents (CE) of PK digested samples were solubilized in fresh 8M Urea / 0.4M NH_4HCO_3 with 4mM DTT for 20min at 22°C for 30 min and quenched with 8.3mM IAA. Samples were diluted to $<2\text{M}$ urea, digested with 5mg Lys C for 4h at 37°C , followed by sequential trypsin digestions for $\sim 3\text{h}$ (5mg, with a trypsin to protein ratio of 1:15), and then overnight (+2mg) for 4 h. For p18 post-PK+ digested aliquots trypsin was reduced by $\frac{1}{2}$ because of the markedly reduced protein. Reactions were quenched with 12 μl 20% TFA, peptides desalted by C18 UltraMicroSpin columns, dried, dissolved in 20 μl 3:8 v/v 70 % FA/0.1% TFA and protein quantitation determined by hydrolysis and amino acid analysis (AAA). The peptide concentration was adjusted to 0.6 $\mu\text{g}/\mu\text{l}$ for LC-MS.

ii) LC-MS/MS Protein Identification

LC-MS/MS was performed in duplicate on a 5600 TripleTOF (AB Sciex, Framingham, MA) with a nanospray source connected to a nanoACQUITY UPLC (Waters, Milford, MA). The mobile phases for LC separation consisted of water (A) and acetonitrile (B) containing 0.1 % of FA, respectively. Three micrograms of peptides were injected onto a Waters Symmetry C18, 5 μm particle size, 180 μm ID \times 20 mm nanoACQUITY UPLC trap column which was connected to a Waters BEH 30 C18, 1.7 μm particle size, 75 μm ID \times 150 mm capillary column operated at 45°C . Peptides were trapped for 3 min at 1% B with a flow rate of 5 $\mu\text{l}/\text{min}$. Gradient elution was carried out using a flow rate of 0.5 $\mu\text{l}/\text{min}$ with a two-step gradient from 5-40% B in 160 min and 40-85% B in 3.3 min, respectively. The mass spectrometer was operated in IDA mode with a single 250msec high resolution TOF MS

survey scan ($m/z = 400-1250$) followed by up to 20 MS/MS scans ($m/z = 100-1500$) at $> 15,000$ resolution and 50 msec accumulation time. Precursor ions exceeding 125 counts were fragmented with a collision energy of $37 \text{ eV} \pm 15 \text{ eV}$ using N_2 as the collision gas. Fragmented peptides were set on an exclusion list for 10 sec.

iii) Database searching

LC-MS/MS was performed in duplicate on all samples and all MS/MS spectra were searched in-house using the Mascot algorithm (version 2.4.0) (17) after using the AB Sciex MS Data Converter Software (1.0) program to generate Mascot compatible files. Each of the Mascot Compatible Files (mgf) was searched using the SwissProt reviewed database with either a Mouse (16,695 sequences) or Human (20,199 sequences) taxonomy filter for the Mouse and Human samples respectively, and resulting Mascot files inserted into Yale Protein Expression Database (18-20). Each protein had two or more peptides, and each peptide was distinct within a combined either Mouse or Human Taxonomy SwissProt database blast search (21). Search criteria were: Enzyme: Trypsin, allowing 1 missed cleavage. The precursor ion mass tolerance was set to 20 ppm for the precursor and 0.2 Da for fragment ions, respectively. Fixed modifications were Carbamidomethyl at cysteine and the variable modification was oxidation of Met. The overall false discovery rate estimated by MASCOT was $< 1\%$ and we selected an arbitrary cut-off of 0.05 FDR to filter protein IDs and utilized a 0.01 FDR rate (22). Mascot results files (*.dat) were transformed into an XML file employing the Mascot's script export_dat_2.pl. The resulting XML files were processed using JAXB (<http://jaxb.java.net/>) and the Java StAX API (<http://stax.codehaus.org/>).

iv) YPED Mouse and Human Proteome Spectral Library

To identify proteins from the 5600 TripleTOF Discovery Protein Identification Data, the data were filtered to only include peptides with MASCOT scores greater than or equal to the identify score. The MS/MS spectra with the highest MASCOT score were chosen and all y- and b-ions were matched to an in-silico fragmentation and then sorted by peak height intensity. From there, the list was filtered so that each protein had two or more peptides and each peptide was distinct within a combined either a Mouse or Human Taxonomy SwissProt database blast search (21). The remaining peptides were sorted based on the number of occurrences in the YPED database with the b- or y-ions for all peptides exported for downstream SWATH analysis (26). These SWATH peak extraction transitions along with their retention times were exported as a tab-delimited file (tsv).

v) Data-Independent SWATH Proteome Analysis

Supplemental Figure 1 outlines an LC-MRM Proteome Workflow that begins with an AB SCIEX 5600 TripleTOF that first “sequences” as many peptides as possible from a tryptic digest of the relevant sample. Each sample was processed through the Yale Protein Expression Database (YPED) pipeline and the “learned” peptide sequences were transformed into spectral libraries that were used for data-independent SWATH analysis. Quantitation was accomplished using two (or more) of the most intense fragment ions from each of 2-3 tryptic peptides (e.g., 15 data points with 3 peptides \times 5 transitions/peptide). The resulting data were integrated using Peakview (version 2.1), filtered for FDR < 0.05 based on

mProphet model (23) and exported for data analysis where a comprehensive suite of custom bioinformatics tools as previously described (18). Briefly, Matlab and MSstats R scripts (24) were used to calculate fold-change differences between sample groups after MLR normalization and produce Volcano plots (Supplemental Fig. 2). The raw data and fold-change calculations were then uploaded to YPED for web-accessible data dissemination and archiving in the YPED data repository (19, 20).

vi) Statistics Analysis and Bioinformatics

Differences between groups using non-parametric measures were assessed by a 2-tailed Mann-Whitney test otherwise differences between experimental groups were analyzed using a 2-tailed Student's t-test. Transplant survival between groups was calculated using the log-rank method. Fisher's exact test was employed to compare differences between samples from human heart transplant recipients. No outlying data points were removed. $P < 0.05$ was considered significant. All error bars represent and +/- in tables represent standard error of the mean. The use of data independent acquisition enabled simultaneous quantitation and confirmation of proteins in complex tissue samples.

Results

TSE infectious particles are maintained inside the cell. Even in cultured cells, only a minute fraction (1 in 10,000 particles) of cell infectivity can be retrieved from debris-cleared culture supernatants or animal blood, and cell-to-cell contacts are required for physiological infection (12, 25). Hence TSE particles will always be contaminated with a variety of intracellular host components. Our strategy was to first separate highly infectious FU-CJD brain particles from low-infectivity nuclei, myelin-membranes, lysosomes and soluble proteins. We then strip away additional host proteins that are not tightly bound or integral to the infectious particle with proteinase K (PK). As previously quantitated, TSE infectious brain particles are quantitatively separated from the vast majority of starting cellular lipid-membrane components DNA, RNA and proteins. These "p18" particles still contain diverse cell proteins, including 12% of starting host PrP (14) that may or may not be ligands for agent particles. We discovered that FU-CJD brain particles could be further purified, without loss of infectious titer, by digesting PrP and many other host proteins with PK. Proteins with validated viral sequence motifs were then revealed, showing the high sensitivity and depth of analysis (14), and one or more of these may be part of the infectious particle, and/or protective of an agent genome. As in the previous study of viral motifs, when we compared the biological replicate runs, greater than 95% of the proteins showed minimal fold change (less than 1.5).

The initial separation of infectious cytosol from a large lipid-membrane layer and nuclei was accomplished without detergents at 5,500g. Fig. 1 shows a blot of the subsequent sequential FU-CJD particle purification steps from aliquots with high infectivity (14) used for proteomic analysis below. For reference, the p18 before PK contained 12% of the starting protein p18 (lane 5) with an >80% reduction in protein from supernatants s10 and s18 (left panel lanes 1 & 3, gold stained). Several different protein bands become visible in the p18, along with reduced RNase (double arrows). A series of PK digestions on 2e8 CE (1 to 6 hr)

of this p18 were used to reduce and PrP and other cellular proteins, but not infectious titer. In the highly infectious 4hr, lane 9 sample analyzed here, there are minimal visible cellular proteins present despite the >10 fold cell equivalent (CE) load in this lane. Only the added PK (arrow) is prominent. No PrP is visible (right panel) despite the high CE load, as compared to the undigested p18. This lack of PrP was further confirmed below. For reference, the p18 from FU-CJD brain contains 1 LD₅₀/cell by animal assay, with ~10⁷ CE analyzed by LC-MS, i.e., a *minimum* of 5 million infectious particles in each duplicate sample, clearly enough to detect exclusive viral-type sequences, as actually identified (14). Moreover, key host sequences that tightly bind infectious particles would typically be present at >1 per infectious particle, and most viruses require >10 particles per LD₅₀ in animals.

Indeed, this PK strategy stripped away many pathologic response proteins from p18 particles as shown below, allowing for the detection of specific host proteins and cell complexes directly involved in agent processing and replication. The majority of host proteins so discovered engage known viral pathways of infection. A second protein set brings together neurodegenerative processes and protein misfolding with conformational changes in viral proteins. In efforts to find commonality among the differentially regulated proteins we gene ontology enrichment analysis for biological process, molecular function, and pathway analysis. The results of this analysis were fairly routine, thus we pursued an alternate approach to possibly uncover some new functionality for the differentially particle associated host proteins. Similarly, Ingenuity Pathway (Supplement Figs. 3,4) illuminated some proteins of interest (as HSPs) but did not clarify important viral links or a separation from less specific neurodegenerative processing, probably because there are few proteomic studies of infectious brain subcellular fractions. We posited that infectious particle isolates should reveal critical host proteins for agent invasion and replication, and are aware of no proteomic reports on subcellular components titered for infectivity. To find even more relevant functional links of Uniprot identified sequences, we systematically queried PubMed using the term neurodegeneration or virus with all the identified protein names. The biologic significance of major proteins is referenced in the Results, and contaminating keratin and most mitochondrial oxidative enzymes are not discussed but included in Tables in order of intensity as found.

Relative representation of proteins in p18 preparations

Prior to PK stripping, relatively few proteins are elevated in less purified p18 particles as compared to uninfected controls, a consequence of relatively impure particles. These mainly relate to neurodegeneration and amyloid formation. Table I shows FU-CJD infectious particles before PK. Only 11 proteins are increased by 2.5 fold over the parallel control. Nevertheless, the highest three on the list connect pathological threads common to CJD, Alzheimer's Disease (AD) and other neurodegenerative conditions. Astrocyte increase and hypertrophy is a classical response to many types of neuronal insults and death, here exemplified by astrocyte-specific GFAP. GFAP is major reactive change in CJD and other TSEs (26) and its mRNA rises before PrP converts to PrP-res in both hamster sCJD and rat sCJD infections; at clinical stages it is >15 fold greater than normal (15, 27). The 6.7 fold increase in GFAP protein in p18 particles here is consistent with this GFAP mRNA rise,

although only a portion of astrocytic GFAP rich processes co-purifies with p18 infectious particles.

Complement C1q and APOE identified are also known components of the AD amyloid cascade. APOE mRNA and C1q are only slightly elevated at clinical stages in FU-CJD infected mouse brain, and thus their higher 4.3 and 6.6 fold protein increase here indicates their accumulation in concert with the pathologic PrP-res formation. C1q protein levels in TSE infected whole brain can be ~10 fold normal (28) in contrast to weak mRNA elevations. A substantial elevation of C1q is also found in AD amyloid neurodegeneration and as an innate immune response to invading microorganisms.

PrP is prominent in less purified p18 preparations and increased 3.3 fold in FU-CJD infectious particles. This corresponds to ~12% of brain PrP (including PrP-res) that copurifies with FU-CJD infectious particles (14). In contrast to C1q, other innate immune response proteins such as the microglial MIF1 α and 1 β which are provoked very early in FU-CJD infection and again later in disease (29), were not detectable in p18 particles. This demonstrates that infectious brain particles were well separated from these myeloid components. Clusterin J and other large plaque associated proteins were also not elevated, in accord with the overall reduction of PrP in the untreated p18 particles. However, an ~3 fold increase in the anion transporter B3AT, an AD and senescence marker (30) was observed. The 2.5 fold increase in the cytosolic leucine rich repeat LRC59 that binds polyA RNA is also involved in pathogen detection (31). In sum, most of the proteins in less purified FU-CJD p18 particles are host pathologic responses and disease markers. The only marker that was decreased (by >3 fold) is GPM6a, a neuronal differentiation membrane glycoprotein, indicative of neurodegeneration and/or loss of function.

In the undigested p18 particles there were also a few FU-CJD exclusive proteins not detectable in control brains. One of these, PPIB, had an intensity of 8,939 and PCYOX, a lysosome and exosome protein also had a substantial intensity of 5,937. While several FU-CJD elevated proteins and lysosome-exosome elements are known to be involved in PrP to PrP-res processing, after PK stripping a very different set of host proteins was revealed. Notably, PCYOX and all other exclusive proteins were no longer detectable, whereas PPIB was represented at >10 times greater intensity (95,445). Moreover, in sharp contrast to Table 1, Table 2 shows the major pathologic proteins GFAP, Complement C1q, Apo E, vimentin and PrP were no longer detectable by independent proteomic analyses. PrP, known to reside in lysosomes, disappeared with lysosomal PCYOX. Supplemental Table I shows all 74 differentially regulated PK+ proteins in FU-CJD. In sum, the infectious particle strategy developed here effectively excluded many components not tightly linked to a TSE particle's ability to productively infect a cell. Not all elevated proteins in Table 1 were obliterated by PK, e.g., Annexin 5 was retained but not substantially increased, unlike PPIB.

FU-CJD Particle proteins revealed after stripping by PK

PK+ FU-CJD particles revealed a huge 144-fold elevation of the Heat shock protein 71 (HSP7C, a cognate of HSC70) versus PK+ controls (Table 2). This HSP was detectable only after PK stripping. No one has reported such a major elevation in this or any HSP proteins in TSE infected brain, and its specific appearance indicates it interacts with infectious particles.

HSC70 functions as a repressor of transcriptional activation, in the disassembly of clathrin-coated vesicles during transport of membrane components through the cell, and as a chaperone. More specifically, HSC70 directly interacts with many viruses, consistent with its link to TSE infectious particles here. HSC70 is induced by Hantavirus infections to directly suppress virus infection via the viral nucleocapsid (32). HSC70 similarly protects against a neurovirulent Measles virus that causes non-cytolytic neuronal infections (33), and this is especially relevant for TSEs where progressive exponential infection is not cytolytic. Indeed, CJD agents only induce vacuolization at terminal stages of disease in many species (26, 34). In Tobacco Mosaic Virus infections HSC70 associates with aggregated viral coat protein and virus induced membrane structures (35) and this observation also relates well to the late spongiform membrane changes in TSEs. On the other hand, HSC70 can enhance the replication of circoviruses via a specific interaction with the viral cap (36), and circular “Sphinx” DNAs with viral features have been identified in FU-CJD preparations (13). Regardless, HSC70 is part of a common viral response, and HSC70 also connects seemingly disparate amyloid and misfolded protein structures because it is involved in virally induced prion-like aggregates (37), much as TSE particles induce PrP amyloid. Interestingly, proteomic analysis of vesicular stomatitis virus revealed the presence of host HSC70 *within* highly purified VSV virions (38). Hence one cannot rule out a role for HSC70 as part of the infecting structure of FU-CJD particles, especially in connection with clathrin and early endosome uptake proteins identified below.

An additional 10 proteins were also differentially increased from 2.5 to 33-fold in PK+ FU-CJD particles. Uncovering synapse, vesicle membrane, and neuronal proteins such as SYN2, SV2A, MYO5A and NFL is not surprising because virus-like dense particles of 25nm have been identified by multiple investigators in synaptic regions of TSE, but not uninfected brains (5-7). Moreover, virtually all infectivity in sCJD infected Guinea Pig and hamster brains fractionate with ultrastructurally verified synaptosomes (39).

Annexin 4, elevated 6.7-fold, is involved in intracellular calcium-regulated pathways and related Annexin 2 acts as a receptor for entry and infection by human papilloma virus 16 (40). Integrin β -2 (at 3.7-fold) and other integrins can also interact with viruses and function as transmembrane receptors and bridges for cell-cell transit, including at synapses. Thus this integrin could help spread TSE particles from cell-to-cell (25), possibly via membranes. The APP membrane AD β -amyloid precursor colocalizes with beta-1 integrins at substrate contact sites (41), and both APP and normal membrane PrP are involved in axonal pathfinding and the developmental of dense tight junctions (42, 43). In sum, the presence of integrin further signifies common threads between physiologic cell contacts, viral transit, and neurodegeneration. Finally, DYN1 (#12, Table 2) is strongly involved in endocytic entry of a vast number of different viruses (44), and would be expected to tightly associate with a viral TSE agent.

PK+ particle purification uncovered a longer list of proteins that decreased in FU-CJD. There were 58 proteins underrepresented, and those with the greatest decrement are also shown in Table 2 (Supplement Table I lists all). The most underrepresented FU-CJD proteins are at the bottom, and CADM3 (#74) shows a 33.3-fold decrement, whereas NIPS1 (#56) shows only a 3.6-fold decrease. A 33-fold underrepresentation of CADM3 (synaptic

adhesion molecule 3) might be a new molecular target for replacement therapy. Many of the other underrepresented proteins are mitochondrial enzymes, probably indicating an apoptotic response in late infection.

It is also remarkable that HSP90 (#64) is decreased 5.2-fold, in contrast to the 144-fold elevation of HSC70. This demonstrates that the massive HSC70 recruitment to particles is very specific. Several viruses are enhanced by HSP90, and a proteomic analysis showed that Rift Valley Fever virus tightly bound HSP90 to increase viral titers (45). Low HSP90 in TSE particles should repress infection, since chaperone HSP90 is required for viral maturation. HSP90 is also necessary for HIV-1 reactivation from latency (46), further indicating low HSP90 probably inhibits or delays TSE agent activation and maturation. Because HSP90 inhibitors can also ameliorate the burden of the AD abnormal proteins tau and β -amyloid (47), HSP inhibitors could potentially decrease the burden of PrP amyloid and also simultaneously delay exponential agent replication (34).

Proteins found exclusively in PK+ infectious particle but not uninfected controls

Remarkably, the PK treated FU-CJD particles unmasked an even longer list of proteins that were not detectable in the parallel PK+ control brains. This exclusive set contained 56 proteins from 131,858 to 81 in relative intensity. Table 4 lists the highest 29 with intensities >1,500, and Supplement Table 2 shows all 56.

The most intense exclusive protein was copine-3, a protein thought to be involved in membrane trafficking. It can bind polyA RNA and mediate calcium-dependent targeting of proteins to various intracellular locations including the plasma membrane (48) but little is known of its function or ligand specificity in brain or in viral infections.

The second most intense FU-CJD exclusive protein was PPIB (also known as cyclophilin B), a protein that increased in intensity >10 fold with unmasking (unlike all other PK-exclusive proteins). PPIB is a chaperone that accelerates the folding of proteins in the endoplasmic reticulum (ER) and in human papilloma virus 16 infections, the virion undergoes important conformational changes via cyclophilin B. PPIB is also linked to integrin and annexin binding (40), with the dissociation of virus capsid proteins following acidification of endocytic vesicles. PPIB knockdowns impair the propagation of both Japanese B encephalitis and Hepatitis C viruses (49, 50) and Cyclosporin A, a PPIB inhibitor, also decreases Japanese B encephalitis virus. Moreover, Cyclophilin B is critical for the influenza virus life cycle, as well as that for a variety of other viruses (49, 50). Given the tight association of Cyclophilin B with infectious FU-CJD particles, Cyclophilin B inhibitors should be tested for TSE agent inhibition in neuronal cell cultures. Interestingly, Cyclosporin A induces “prion-like” PrP species in uninfected cells (51), and PrP-res accumulation in neuronal cultures dramatically decreases FU-CJD titers by 4 logs. Because PrP-res amyloid can help clear infectious particles (52), Cyclosporin A should increase TSE agent clearance.

Other intense exclusive proteins that can form macromolecular complexes in PK+ FU-CJD particles are known to participate in endocytic, synaptic vesicle and vacuolar sorting processes in brain. Whereas many viruses adhere to early endosomes where acidic fusion

leads to viral uncoating in many cell types (44), the synaptic association of CJD particles is agent-specific. The Ca⁺⁺ channel proteins that were exclusive (CACB4, Table 3) or elevated >2.5-fold in FU-CJD (CA2D1, Table 2) implicate a targeted neuron-specific route of accumulation with trans-synaptic infectious spread. Exclusive VA0D1 (Table 3,#3), part of the integral membrane vacuolar ATPase complex, acidifies a variety of intracellular compartments in eukaryotic cells and is yet another PK⁺ unmasked protein that regulates cellular receptors and their trafficking via endocytotic and exocytotic pathways, including at the synapse. VA0D1 is also involved in the development of neurodegenerative disorders (53). Thus VA0D1 further links infectious particles to specific neuronal features.

AP180, a clathrin assembly protein that is high on the exclusive FU-CJD list (Table 3), is also strongly linked to brain pre-synaptic junctions and viruses. Clathrin facilitates the morphogenesis of retrovirus particles, is exceptionally abundant in highly purified HIV-1 particles, and is recruited with high specificity by the virus (54). Many different viruses engage clathrin complexes. Human rhinovirus is internalized by clathrin-mediated endocytosis (55), early endocytic acidic fusion uncoats many enveloped viruses. Even non-enveloped viruses such as picornaviruses also utilize early endosomes for infection. In sum, infectious TSE particles strongly associate with common endocytic viral processing functions and macromolecular complexes, and additionally display unique links to synaptic proteins and Ca⁺⁺ channels. These findings are in accord with the ultrastructural synaptic location of ~25nm dense virus-like TSE particles and accumulation of high infectivity in synaptosomes.

Three other exclusive proteins of high intensity appear with FU-CJD particles. First, MYH10 (#7, Table 3) is involved in neurogenesis and apoptosis in rat brain (56) and may contribute to the neurodegenerative cascade. Second, CH60 (Hsp60, chaperonin, #16), could be a non-specific mitochondrial contaminant. However, mitochondria-associated ER membranes have important cellular functions, including Ca⁺⁺ signaling, and outer mitochondrial membrane-ER contacts are acted on by viruses. Cytomegalovirus restructures this contact region and requires HSP60, a mitochondrial import protein that prevents misfolding and promotes proper refolding under stress conditions (57). PrP^{res} also emerges as a stress protein late in disease to arrest replication during the agent plateau phase (34) or eliminate infectious TSE particles (52). The third protein, CAND1 (#21) restricts host defenses through viral rewiring of cullin 3 ubiquitin ligases, thereby increasing viral replication (58), and many viruses hijack members of the Cullin-RING E3 Ligase family which is linked to NEDD; CAND1 locks cullin 3 ligases in a non-substrate binding conformation, i.e., in a viral permissive state. Remarkably, NEDD also appears as part of the human sCJD particle complexes.

Differential representation of p18 proteins in human sCJD brain particles

Because p18 and equivalently gradient purified particles from mouse brain and cell cultures all gave high yields of infectivity with both CJD and scrapie agent strains (59), we assumed sCJD infected human brain would also yield infectious particles with comparable associations. Only non-PK particles were analyzed because quantitative infectious assay for sCJD human samples by same species transmission, even in culture, is not yet possible.

Table 5 shows p18 sCJD particle associated proteins differences, and Supplement III shows all 73. As in the FU-CJD samples, one would expect more reactive and neurodegenerative molecules in non-PK treated particles. Nevertheless, some sCJD associated host components such as WASL, were clearly linked both to stress and viral pathways. Several proteins identified here have not heretofore been linked to TSEs.

NEDD 8 showed a substantial 21.8-fold overrepresentation compared to uninfected controls. This is in complete accord with the cullin-ring ligase links above for FU-CJD in mouse brain particles. HIV and SIV defeat antiviral proteins by usurping Cullin-RING E3 ubiquitin ligases, and neddylation plays an important role during HIV infection by overcoming cellular anti-viral defenses (60). NEDD8 in sCJD should have a similar permissive effect since E3 ubiquitin ligases are regulated by the covalent attachment of the NEDD8 in to the cullin subunit (61). NEDD8 additionally forms covalent links to neurodegenerative protein aggregates. Parkinson's disease (PD)-related parkin and PINK1 are both NEDD8 conjugated, and NEDD8 immunoreactivity is found in Lewy bodies of midbrain dopaminergic neurons from Parkinson patients and also is incorporated into their Lewy bodies biochemically (62). NEDD components uncovered in both FU-CJD and sCJD particles solidify infection-induced protein aggregates.

Calponin 3 (CNN3) is expressed in brain but it has not been linked to either viral infection or neurodegeneration, and the biologic significance of exclusive proteins #4- 6 is also indeterminate. The strong 6.8-fold elevation of HPCL4, a neuronal Ca⁺⁺ sensor superfamily that initiates exocytosis of neurotransmitters, reemphasizes the synaptic and vesicular location of different TSE infectious particle strains. Human USO1, a protein required for transcytotic fusion and/or subsequent binding of vesicles to a target membrane can be critical for sCJD agent spread within and across cells and synapses. Synaptogamin-2 (#11), involved in endoplasmic reticulum-plasma membrane contacts (63), again underscores a cell-to-cell spread of TSE synaptic particles. In sum, human sCJD particle proteins give a highly consistent and convergent picture with the mouse FU-CJD particles. Nevertheless, a few human proteins are distinct outliers. The 4-fold higher representation of Urea transporter 1 (#13) probably reflects end-stage uremia in this terminal sCJD patient. The lack of elevated PrP in the non-PK particle fraction of this verified human sCJD brain also deserves comment. Although this brain homogenate contained diagnostic PrP-res, the sCJD agent does not provoke multiple PrP amyloid aggregates but instead induces a weak and diffuse PrP-res distribution and the p18 particles may not contain higher amounts than the control brain. Moreover, human brain sCJD samples without apparent PrP-res on Western blots have proven to be infectious by positive transmissions to rodents (64), a finding consistent with the lack of PrP elevation in the sCJD brain here, and one that is no longer surprising in view of many other verified infectious samples without detectable PrP (vide supra).

Proteins most underrepresented in human sCJD infected brain are also listed in Table 4 (#69 to #80), where CCD87 at the bottom shows the most marked change. CCD87 was reduced -1,375-fold as compared to the uninfected control, an extraordinary difference. There is little in the Pub Med or protein database on the function of this coil-coil transcriptional promoter. ASCC3 is also markedly underrepresented at -591-fold in sCJD. This helicase promotes DNA unwinding and silencing of ASCC3 upregulates multiple

antiviral interferon stimulated genes (65) to restrict infection by many divergent RNA and DNA viruses. This reduced ASCC3 again emphasizes a blocked interferon response that parallels the incomplete IFN response in FU-CJD infection (66). The paucity of lysosomal components in sCJD particles is also especially remarkable because PrP-res specifically accumulates in late endosomes and lysosomes (67, 68). Low representation of lysosomal components in sCJD particles parallels the loss of lysosomal PCYOX as well as PrP from PK+ FU-CJD particles.

Proteins found exclusively in sCJD but not parallel control brain

Table 5 displays the top 29 sCJD particle associated sequences not detected in the parallel controls, and Supplement IV lists all 146 exclusive proteins in order of intensity. The Neural Wiskott-Aldrich protein (WASL) had the highest intensity of 169,140. This heat shock protein parallels the HSC elevation in murine FU-CJD particles. WASL forms a complex on heat shock promoter elements (HSE) that negatively regulates HSP90 expression. It is also part of an innate immune response, and positively regulates clathrin-mediated endocytosis, underscoring yet another common viral pathway with FU-CJD. Interestingly, HSP90 was detected neither in human sCJD, in accord with the high WASL value, nor was it detected in any FU-CJD mouse-passaged particles.

Dynactin 3 (DCTN3), a motor protein involved in antigen processing and presentation of exogenous peptides also shows a very high relative intensity of 157,980. Dynactin's prominence suggests a host response to a foreign viral antigen, consistent with those previously identified in TSEs (29). DCTN3 can be critical for viral infection and latency. DCTN3 overexpression decreases foot & mouth virus replication, and a viral mutant that could not bind DCTN3 produced a delayed disease in cattle (69). Thus strong DCTN3 here probably indicates host inhibition of sCJD agent replication. Kinesin (#15) and Dynactin 5 in Table 5 again strongly link sCJD particles to microtubules, an intracellular transport route used by many viruses. Its presence parallels MAP1A and kinesin 5C in FU-CJD (#11 & #13, Table 3) and solidifies a common route for TSE agent transit to the synapse. In contrast, prion protein disrupts and reduces microtubule proteins to very low levels in scrapie (70), and forms large intracellular amyloid aggregates that show no microtubule binding ultrastructurally (8). Moreover, misfolded PrP is transported rapidly into the late endosomal pathway, unlike the very slow neuronal transit and cross-synaptic infection displayed by scrapie agents (71).

FKBP4, another high intensity exclusive sCJD protein, is part of an immunophilin and chaperone family associated with AD tau pathology, and binds FK506 which interacts with HSP90. Surprisingly, Huntington protein (#7, HD) also yielded an intense exclusive signal in human sCJD. A proteomic study of a mutant and normal HD in subcellular brain fractions linked this ubiquitous protein to functional changes in translation (72) and in sCJD, it signifies a translational holdup with broad functional consequences. HD is also involved in microtubule-mediated transport, and very recent studies show it is a scaffolding protein required for secretory vesicle fusion at the plasma membrane (73). Other vesicle, endosomal and synaptic proteins are also exclusive to human sCJD versus control brain, such as CHM2A (#10), a core multivesicular endosomal sorting component involved in HIV particle

release, VP13D (#13) a vacuolar sorting protein, and P142C (#20) which is involved in endocytic trafficking and Hepatitis C replication (74). Synaptogamin is also quite high at 17,4922, and other synaptic and Ca⁺⁺ proteins of >9,000 that parallel shared common pathways with FU-CJD are in Supplement Table IV.

A single-stranded DNA binding protein that preferentially binds oligo dC (PCBP2, #22) was also high on the exclusive sCJD list, but had no parallel in FU-CJD, where only RNA binding sequences were detected. PCB2 can also bind poly (rC) for cap independent translation and poliovirus RNA replication (75), and the rabies virus glycoprotein specifically interacts with host PCB2 (76). PCB2 enhances viral and mRNA stability, and negatively regulates cellular antiviral responses and the antiviral mitochondrial protein (MAV) that binds ubiquitin ligase (77). Its presence indicates the escape of sCJD agent from these controls. RS30 (#23) is also fused to a ubiquitin-like protein, further demonstrating that TSE particles adhere to a complex array of host proteins that can modify agent replication and processing to define strain-specific virulence features.

With respect to neurodegenerative processes, ROCK2 (#27), a major regulator of axonal degeneration and regeneration in the CNS (78), can provide a new target to help inhibit neurodegeneration. Another is Septin4 (#33) that physiologically associates with alpha-synuclein and parkin, and colocalizes with neurodegenerative Lewy bodies (79). Another septin (Sept5) was also strong in the Ingenuity mouse neurodegeneration search (Supplemental Fig. 4).

Discussion

The above proteomic results demonstrate that a select group of overlapping host proteins associate with two different infectious CJD agent-strains: the murine passaged Asiatic FU-CJD agent and the human sporadic sCJD agent. After PK stripping, virus size FU-CJD brain particles with verified high infectivity titers (14) here revealed many associated host proteins by deep proteomic analysis. Because PrP was not detectable, these results do not support the infectious PrP (prion protein) hypothesis. Instead, they support the concept that TSE viral particles *i*) use classical viral pathways for infection and reproduction, *ii*) require membrane PrP for effective replication in the host cell, and *iii*) induce PrP-res amyloid as a separable response to stress at late stages of infection [reviewed in (34)]. The fact that PrP is not a necessary component of the infectious particle does not minimize its essential role in cell infection because many viruses require specific host receptors and their associated organelle scaffolds to replicate and mature. PrP is clearly critical for TSE agent susceptibility, and can also function in agent clearance (52).

PK unmasking brought out other host components not previously associated with TSE infectious particles using sensitive proteomic approaches. Even less purified (non-PK treated) particles yielded a very different profile than complex whole brain homogenates. TSE brain homogenates typically show small quantitative PrP homogenate differences (< 3-fold), mainly in pathologic response and plaque proteins, such as C1q complement, GFAP, mitochondrial apoptosis-linked and lysosomal proteins. These proteins, some of which were present in less purified FU-CJD p18 particles were removed by PK, and this resolved

massive relative increases in FU-CJD (up to 131,857 fold over control particles), in addition to uncovering many exclusive proteins. Infectious PK+ particles and sCJD particles also lacked strong or exclusive signals for late endosomal and lysosomal components where abnormal PrP is concentrated (67, 68). In sum, infectious particles followed a divergent intracellular pathway from PrP.

Because PK abolished all forms of detectable PrP, but not particle infectivity, at least a few PK unmasked proteins could function in particular cell organelles to either enhance or compromise particle infectivity. Our PK stripping strategy unmasked 56 exclusive host proteins in FU-CJD particles that were not evident in the parallel controls, and many of these proteins are linked to established viral processing pathways. After major pathologic inflammatory response proteins such as astrocytic GFAP, complement C1q, and PrP were removed by PK to undetectable levels by LC-MS/MS, synaptic regional proteins became prominent. Synapses are where both TSE virus-like particles and infectivity collect (5-8, 39). Additionally, early endosomal proteins, clathrin and vesicle-membrane transport components used by many viruses were selectively unmasked. Remarkably, some of these host components can be incorporated by viruses. Several proteins found within vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV) were unmasked by a comparable PK stripping strategy to completely purify infectious virion elements for mass spectrometry (38). Aside from independently validating the usefulness of our PK approach to link infectious TSE particles to essential specific host complexes, that study identified HSC70 as well as integrin $\beta 1$ *within* purified VSV virions. These two proteins tightly associated with TSE particles here, and they might contribute to a TSE viral structure. However, the abundant HSC70 in TSEs is more likely to have a broader physiological role because HSC70 targets many different viruses to suppress infection. Thus its marked elevation in PK+ FU-CJD particles indicates a strong and specific host response to arrest ongoing agent production.

The HSC70 results underscore three concepts with practical ramifications. First, HSC70 antibodies can be used to further isolate or pull down infectious brain particles from less specific host components. This approach can resolve the major and still unknown structural TSE agent elements. Second, the vast excess of HSP70 with infectious particles can disguise the agent's foreign nature, and hide integral agent molecules from host immune recognition. Other agent-associated proteins identified here such as copine-3, and vesicle-membrane proteins such as SYN2, SV2a and AP180 can further this effect. Third, particle-linked host proteins provide an explanation for the species barrier in TSEs. Although nucleic acid mutation is at the root of viral adaptation to a new species, TSE agents show a high degree of strain-specific conservation across many species and cell types (2, 34), suggesting few major mutations are permissible or retained. However, if a TSE agent is covered by a protein that contains a species-specific amino acid, the first cross-species transmission should be slow because the new host will recognize the former "coating" species sequence as foreign, and more effectively eliminate the infectious complexes. Once the agent attaches to the new host's protein(s), the agent becomes part of the self, and can better replicate by escaping immune surveillance. A pattern of markedly reduced incubation time with the first serial cross-species passage is seen in many TSE agent transmissions, including vCJD and kuru to mice, and sCJD to guinea pigs (1, 3, 34). The huge amount of HSC70, uncovered only after

PK treatment in FU-CJD, was not seen in less purified human sCJD particles, so it is difficult to know if the lack of human HSC70 is PK treatment dependent, agent-strain specific, or species determined, but studies of wt mice infected with vCJD, kuru or sheep derived scrapie agents, e.g., (1, 3) can clarify this.

It is also remarkable that another heat shock protein, HSP90, was undetectable in both FU-CJD and sCJD particles, a finding completely in accord with the subverted interferon pathways documented in FU-CJD (66). HSP90 is a chaperone required for the production and maturation of several viruses as detailed above, and is also critical for activation of HIV-1 from latency (46). Thus the absence of HSP90 in TSE particles may help retard TSE infection. Moreover, because HSP90 inhibitors reduce the burden of abnormal protein aggregates, including β -amyloid and tau (47), HSP90 and HSP90 inhibitor pathways should provide important pharmacologic targets to reduce both the infectious titer and the formation of amyloid aggregates in CJD. A second attractive therapeutic target uncovered here is Cyclophilin B (PPIB), a chaperone involved in protein folding in the ER that is required for the lifecycle of a variety of viruses (see Results). Its strong association with PK treated FU-CJD particles, along with the ability of its inhibitor, Cyclosporin A, to induce abnormal PrP in uninfected cells (51), suggests that Cyclosporin A may inhibit TSE infection by at least two avenues: first, by arresting TSE agent uncoating or disassembly needed for replication, and second, by increasing PrP aggregation that can trap and clear infectious particles (52). One can test the effects of Cyclosporin A on infectious titers in stable FU-CJD neuronal cultures, and with more precise Cyclophilin B knockout approaches determine if narrowly targeting this protein is sufficient to reduce or prevent infection.

Destructive targeting of other tightly bound proteins identified here would probably be toxic, such as those that aid TSE agent infection and spread. These include clathrin and early endosomal/vesicle proteins which are common viral infection pathways (44), and synaptic junctions where the scrapie agent crosses (71). On the other hand, the markedly elevated human sCJD associated protein Dynactin 3, if further activated might enhance its anti-infective effect without major sequelae. Notably, this Dynactin approach has been effective in diminishing other viruses (69). Replacement of proteins found to be markedly reduced may also be a useful complementary approach, but greater purification of human brain TSE particles needs to be accomplished before pursuing specific protein modulators because not all proteins identified here were particle associated, e.g. NADH dehydrogenase and urea in human sCJD brain that signified terminal metabolic compromise.

In summary, the above analyses of more purified infectious TSE particles has brought to the forefront a rich set of host proteins most critical for infectious agent propagation and recognition. A consistent cell organelle association, particularly with early endosomal uptake, synapses and membrane junctions has yielded proteomic details of TSE particle processing that were previously concealed using less sensitive methods and/or crude brain homogenates or amyloid fractions. Agent-associated proteins identified here diverge from PrP-res with its known locations, i.e., as amyloid aggregates in the cytosol (8) and in lysosomes (67). Instead, infectious particles not subjected to artifactual detergent lysis emphasize their coincidence with ultrastructural arrays of 25nm TSE virus-like particles in

infected cultured cells (8) and in “tubular” or vesicular early endosome-like structures within brain synapses (7).

The select group of proteins identified here also offer new targets for therapy. Several of these targets are strongly and simultaneously linked to both viral and neurodegenerative changes, and are involved in protein folding and aggregation processes. Hence, therapies directed at several of such “bifunctional” proteins may affect both the infectious TSE agent and the formation of amyloid aggregates in TSEs, with beneficial effects as well for neurodegenerative AD and Parkinson's Disease. Vesicular-endosomal targeting by pharmacologic chaperones has shown promise in decreasing AD processing of APP into amyloid (80), and the identification of particular chaperones here further validates our suggestion that such therapies might be beneficial in TSEs (14). Finally, improved purification of infectious particles is now possible using antibodies to specific host proteins to pull down tightly associated agent particles. Such an approach can further resolve the still mysterious infectious agent molecules. It is likely that these molecules will display a set of related sequences that are largely conserved among different TSE agent strains.

Supplementary Material

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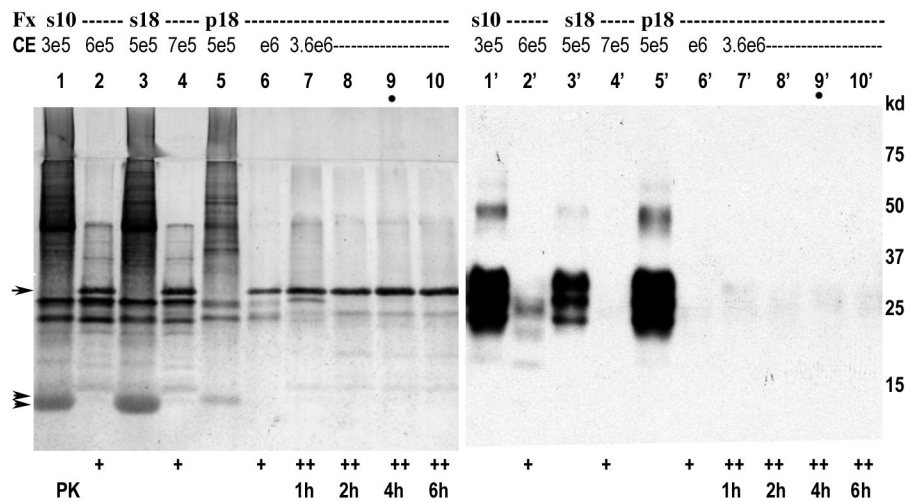


Fig. 1. Sequential steps in the rapid isolation of p18 FU-CJD brain particles showing a blot with gold-stained proteins on left panel and corresponding PrP/PrP-res in the right panel. Cytosol from non-detergent treated homogenates was first separated from nuclei and membrane-myelin components and cleared of lysosomes at 10,000g to yield s10 supernatant with >90% of the starting brain infectivity. RNase added to s10 is seen at double arrows, and subsequent generation of the p18 shows reduced contaminating RNase. The p18, treated with high PK (++ lanes, residual PK at arrow) which reduced proteins to barely visible amounts despite the high CE load, and PrP was not visible after 2hr PK (<0.05% of starting PrP); this 0.05% signal at ~29kd is typical of non-specific binding of PrP antibody to PK. The 4 hr sample analyzed had verified high infectivity as previously detailed (14). Standard lower PrP-res bands are seen in lane 2' and molecular weight markers are indicated.

Table 1
Significant Protein Fold Change: Mouse Brain FU-CJD PK- versus Normal PK-

N	Protein	Uniprot Accession	Protein name	Gene Name	log2fc	Fold-change	SE	adj_pvalue
1	P03995	GFAP_MOUSE	Glial fibrillary acidic protein	Gfap	2.738	6.671	0.088	0.000
2	P98086	C1QA_MOUSE	Complement C1q subcomponent subunit A	C1qa	2.719	6.585	0.784	0.041
3	P08226	APOE_MOUSE	Apolipoprotein E	ApoE	2.093	4.266	0.105	0.000
4	P20152	VIME_MOUSE	Vimentin	Vim	2.017	4.048	0.135	0.000
5	Q99L04	DHRS1_MOUSE	Dehydrogenase/reductase SDR family member 1	Dhrs1	1.864	3.641	0.250	0.002
6	P04925	PRIO_MOUSE	Major prion protein	Prnp	1.720	3.294	0.131	0.000
7	P48036	ANXA5_MOUSE	Annexin A5	Anxa5	1.560	2.949	0.200	0.000
8	P04919	B3AT_MOUSE	Band 3 anion transport protein	Sic4a1	1.542	2.911	0.184	0.000
9	O54734	OST48_MOUSE	Dolichyl-diphosphooligosaccharide--protein glyco	Ddost	1.506	2.840	0.171	0.000
10	P07356	ANXA2_MOUSE	Annexin A2	Anxa2	1.469	2.769	0.174	0.000
11	Q922Q8	LRC59_MOUSE	Leucine-rich repeat-containing protein 59	Lrrc59	1.314	2.487	0.092	0.000
12	Q9DBG6	RPN2_MOUSE	Dolichyl-diphosphooligosaccharide--protein glyco	Rpn2	1.274	2.418	0.082	0.000
13	P02535	K1C10_MOUSE	Keratin, type I cytoskeletal 10	Krt10	1.243	2.367	0.322	0.009
14	P62301	RS13_MOUSE	40S ribosomal protein S13	Rps13	1.228	2.343	0.248	0.000
15	P24270	CATA_MOUSE	Catalase	Cat	1.144	2.210	0.264	0.029
16	Q91YQ5	RPN1_MOUSE	Dolichyl-diphosphooligosaccharide--protein glyco	Rpn1	1.121	2.175	0.096	0.000
17	Q9CR57	RL14_MOUSE	60S ribosomal protein L14	Rpl14	1.086	2.123	0.084	0.000
18	Q99JY0	ECHB_MOUSE	Trifunctional enzyme subunit beta, mitochondrial	Hadhb	1.039	2.055	0.054	0.000
19	P09103	PDIA1_MOUSE	Protein disulfide-isomerase	P4hb	1.032	2.045	0.150	0.003
20	P24369	PPIB_MOUSE	Peptidyl-prolyl cis-trans isomerase B	Ppiib	1.026	2.036	0.098	0.000
21	P31324	KAP3_MOUSE	cAMP-dependent protein kinase type II-beta regul	Prkar2b	-1.006	-2.008	0.277	0.006
22	Q61644	PACN1_MOUSE	Protein kinase C and casein kinase substrate in neu	Pacsn1	-1.009	-2.013	0.340	0.020
23	Q91XM9	DLG2_MOUSE	Disks large homolog 2	Dlg2	-1.254	-2.385	0.173	0.003
24	P62204	CALM_MOUSE	Calmodulin	Calm1	-1.303	-2.467	0.313	0.000
25	P35802	GPM6A_MOUSE	Neuronal membrane glycoprotein M6-a	Gpm6a	-1.683	-3.210	0.182	0.000

Table 2
Significant Protein Fold Change: Mouse Brain FU-CJD PK+ compared to Normal PK+

N	Protein	Uniprot ID	Protein Name	Gene Name	log2fc	Fold-change	SE	adj_pvalue
1	P63017	HSP7C_MOUSE	Heat shock cognate 71 kDa protein	Hspa8	7.174	144.411	0.327	0.000
2	Q64332	SYN2_MOUSE	Synapsin-2	Syn2	5.058	33.318	0.178	0.000
3	P97429	ANXA4_MOUSE	Annexin A4	Anxa4	2.738	6.670	0.220	0.000
4	Q9JIS5	SV2A_MOUSE	Synaptic vesicle glycoprotein 2A	Sv2a	2.552	5.866	0.448	0.000
5	P08551	NFL_MOUSE	Neurofilament light polypeptide	Nefl	2.419	5.350	0.421	0.000
6	Q99104	MYO5A_MOUSE	Unconventional myosin-Va	Myo5a	2.221	4.661	0.248	0.000
7	O08532	CA2D1_MOUSE	Voltage-dependent calcium channel subunit alpha-2D1	Caana2d1	1.902	3.737	0.451	0.000
8	P11835	ITB2_MOUSE	Integrin beta-2	Irgb2	1.873	3.663	0.170	0.000
9	Q62261	SPTB2_MOUSE	Spectrin beta chain, non-erythrocytic 1	Sptbn1	1.829	3.554	0.240	0.000
10	P20060	HEXB_MOUSE	Beta-hexosaminidase subunit beta	Hexb	1.544	2.915	0.018	0.000
11	P62631	EFLA2_MOUSE	Elongation factor 1-alpha 2	Eef1a2	1.438	2.710	0.108	0.000
12	P39053	DYN1_MOUSE	Dynamitin-1	Dnm1	1.325	2.505	0.533	0.024
13	P47740	AL3A2_MOUSE	Fatty aldehyde dehydrogenase	Aldh3a2	1.268	2.408	0.065	0.000
14	P09055	ITB1_MOUSE	Integrin beta-1	Irgb1	1.128	2.185	0.131	0.000
15	P55088	AQP4_MOUSE	Aquaporin-4	Aqp4	1.092	2.132	0.079	0.000
16	P48036	ANXA5_MOUSE	Annexin A5	Anxa5	1.049	2.070	0.165	0.000
56	O55125	NIPS1_MOUSE	Protein NipSnap homolog 1	Nipsnap1	-1.838	-3.575	0.425	0.000
57	Q8BY19	TENR_MOUSE	Tenascin-R	Thr	-1.857	-3.622	0.243	0.000
58	P50396	GDIA_MOUSE	Rab GDP dissociation inhibitor alpha	Gdi1	-1.974	-3.929	0.186	0.000
59	Q8BG39	SV2B_MOUSE	Synaptic vesicle glycoprotein 2B	Sv2b	-1.980	-3.945	0.584	0.007
60	Q8VDQ8	SIR2_MOUSE	NAD-dependent protein deacetylase siruin-2	Sirt2	-1.980	-3.945	0.402	0.000
61	Q9D051	ODPB_MOUSE	Pyruvate dehydrogenase E1 component subunit beta	Pdhb	-2.282	-4.864	0.228	0.000
62	Q9CPU4	MGST3_MOUSE	Microsomal glutathione S-transferase 3	Mgst3	-2.323	-5.004	0.305	0.000
63	Q9D2G2	ODO2_MOUSE	Dihydrolipoyllysine-residue succinyltransferase co	Dlst	-2.355	-5.116	0.144	0.000
64	P08113	ENPL_MOUSE	Endoplasmic reticulum protein	Hsp90b1	-2.376	-5.190	0.434	0.000
65	Q9CQC7	NDUB4_MOUSE	NADH dehydrogenase [ubiquinone] 1 beta subcom	Ndufb4	-2.559	-5.893	0.166	0.000
66	P34884	MIF_MOUSE	Macrophage migration inhibitory factor	Mif	-2.623	-6.162	0.060	0.000
67	Q9DB20	ATPO_MOUSE	ATP synthase subunit O, mitochondrial	Atp5o	-2.681	-6.411	0.558	0.000

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68	P12787	COX5 A_MOUSE	Cytochrome c oxidase subunit 5A, mitochondrial	Cox5a	-2.741	-6.684	0.305	0.000
69	O55143	AT2 A2_MOUSE	Sarcoplasmic/endoplasmic reticulum calcium ATP	Atp2a2	-2.821	-7.066	0.240	0.000
70	P70704	AT8A 1_MOUSE	Phospholipid-transporting ATPase IA	Atp8a1	-3.291	-9.790	0.296	0.000
71	Q9CQQ7	AT5F1_MOUSE	ATP synthase F(0) complex subunit B1, mitochond	Atp5f1	-3.578	-11.942	0.232	0.000
72	Q8K2B3	SDH A_MOUSE	Succinate dehydrogenase [ubiquinone] flavoprotei	Sdha	-4.627	-24.706	0.252	0.000
73	P40124	CAP1_MOUSE	Adenylyl cyclase-associated protein 1	Cap1	-4.813	-28.115	0.356	0.000
74	Q99N28	CAD M3_MOUSE	Cell adhesion molecule 3	Cadm3	-5.037	-32.842	0.502	0.000

Table 3
Mouse FU-CJD brain proteins exclusive to infectious PK+ particles

N	ProteinName	Gene	Name	Intensity
1	Q8BT60	CPNE3_MOUSE	copine III	131,857.6
2	P24369	PPIB_MOUSE	peptidylprolyl isomerase B	95,445.3
3	P51863	VA0D1_MOUSE	ATPase, H ⁺ transporting, lysosomal V0 subunit D1	81,670.2
4	Q61548	AP180_MOUSE	synaptosomal-associated protein 91	73,774.6
5	P05208	CEL2A_MOUSE	elastase 2A	52,675.1
6	Q9EP69	SAC1_MOUSE	SAC1 (suppressor of actin mutations 1, homolog)-like (S. cerevisiae)	51,093.4
7	Q61879	MYH10_MOUSE	myosin, heavy polypeptide 10, non-muscle	45,252.7
8	Q922Q1	MOSC2_MOUSE	MOCO sulphurase C-terminal domain containing 2	40,681.6
9	Q8QZT1	THIL_MOUSE	acetyl-Coenzyme A acetyltransferase 1	34,822.6
10	Q8R0S4	CACB4_MOUSE	calcium channel, voltage-dependent, beta 4 subunit	25,702.5
11	Q9QYR6	MAP1A_MOUSE	microtubule-associated protein 1 A	24,937.9
12	P12970	RL7A_MOUSE	60S ribosomal protein L7a (Surfeit locus protein 3)	21,714.9
13	P28738	KIF5C_MOUSE	kinesin family member 5C	21,473.4
14	Q5SQX6	CYFP2_MOUSE	cytoplasmic FMR1 interacting protein 2	16,845.7
15	Q9CZW5	TOM70_MOUSE	translocase of outer mitochondrial membrane 70 homolog A (yeast)	16,111.4
16	P63038	CH60_MOUSE	predicted gene 12141; heat shock protein 1 (chaperonin)	16,107.1
17	P02535	K1C10_MOUSE	keratin 10	12,291.6
18	P47963	RL13_MOUSE	60S ribosomal protein L13	9,587.9
19	Q9CXZ1	NDUS4_MOUSE	NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) Fe-S protein 4	8,651.2
20	Q8CGK3	LONM_MOUSE	lon peptidase 1, mitochondrial	6,686.4
21	Q9CZM2	RL15_MOUSE	60S ribosomal protein L15	6,669.9
22	Q6ZQ38	CAND1_MOUSE	cullin associated and neddylation disassociated 1	5,450.2
23	Q8BMK4	CKAP4_MOUSE	cytoskeleton-associated protein 4	4,700.5
24	Q9JME5	AP3B2_MOUSE	adaptor-related protein complex 3, beta 2 subunit	3,688.1
25	P62806	H4_MOUSE	histone cluster 1, H4k;	3,152.0
26	P48722	HS74L_MOUSE	heat shock protein 4 like	2,872.9
27	Q9JM63	IRK10_MOUSE	potassium inwardly-rectifying channel, subfamily J, member 10	2,231.2
28	P80314	TCPB_MOUSE	chaperonin containing Tcp1, subunit 2 (beta)	2,069.2
29	Q9Z1S5	SEPT3_MOUSE	septin 3	1,848.2

Table 4
Significant Protein Fold Change: Human Brain sCJD compared to Normal (adjusted P-value < 0.05)

N	Protein	Uniprot Accession	Protein Name	Gene Name	log2fc	Fold-change	SE	adj_pvalue
1	NEDD8	NEDD8_HUMAN	NEDD8	NEDD8	4.444	21.772	0.323	0.033
2	GON4L	GON4L_HUMAN	GON-4-like protein	GON4L	3.147	8.859	0.538	0.018
3	FUBP3	FUBP3_HUMAN	Far upstream element-binding protein 3	FUBP3	2.840	7.159	0.527	0.036
4	HPCL4	HPCL4_HUMAN	Hippocalcin-like protein 4	HPCAL4	2.761	6.778	0.473	0.030
5	SYFA	SYFA_HUMAN	Phenylalanine-tRNA ligase alpha subunit	FARSA	2.252	4.762	0.473	0.018
6	SYT2	SYT2_HUMAN	Synaptotagmin-2	SYT2	2.005	4.013	0.372	0.001
7	NDUB9	NDUB9_HUMAN	NADH dehydrogenase [ubiquinone] 1 beta subcom	NDUFB9	1.965	3.903	0.386	0.001
8	UTL1	UTL1_HUMAN	Urea transporter 1	SLC14A1	1.913	3.765	0.545	0.030
9	QCR7	QCR7_HUMAN	Cytochrome b-c1 complex subunit 7	UQCRB	1.893	3.715	0.457	0.005
10	GBRA1	GBRA1_HUMAN	Gamma-aminobutyric acid receptor subunit alpha-	GABRA1	1.795	3.471	0.555	0.049
11	NFH	NFH_HUMAN	Neurofilament heavy polypeptide	NEFH	1.734	3.325	0.446	0.006
12	SCN2A	SCN2A_HUMAN	Sodium channel protein type 2 subunit alpha	SCN2A	1.466	2.763	0.317	0.001
13	MPC2	MPC2_HUMAN	Mitochondrial pyruvate carrier 2	MPC2	1.435	2.703	0.424	0.032
14	SEPT4	SEPT4_HUMAN	Septin-4	SEPT4	1.399	2.637	0.409	0.044
15	UK114	UK114_HUMAN	Ribonuclease UK114	HRSP12	1.398	2.636	0.390	0.042
16	APIG1	APIG1_HUMAN	AP-1 complex subunit gamma-1	APIG1	1.340	2.531	0.419	0.031
62	PVRL1	PVRL1_HUMAN	Nectin-1	PVRL1	-1.940	-3.837	0.523	0.019
63	RPGF2	RPGF2_HUMAN	Rap guanine nucleotide exchange factor 2	RAPGEF2	-2.128	-4.370	0.279	0.031
64	GSH1	GSH1_HUMAN	Glutamate--cysteine ligase catalytic subunit	GCLC	-2.280	-4.858	0.538	0.034
65	STX7	STX7_HUMAN	Syntaxin-7	STX7	-2.417	-5.342	0.657	0.033
66	K2C1	K2C1_HUMAN	Keratin, type II cytoskeletal 1	KRT1	-3.020	-8.113	0.274	0.000
67	K1C10	K1C10_HUMAN	Keratin, type I cytoskeletal 10	KRT10	-3.024	-8.136	0.261	0.000
68	CACB4	CACB4_HUMAN	Voltage-dependent L-type calcium channel subuni	CACNB4	-3.149	-8.873	0.549	0.012
69	OPRK	OPRK_HUMAN	Kappa-type opioid receptor	OPRK1	-3.568	-11.859	0.490	0.034
70	KAP0	KAP0_HUMAN	cAMP-dependent protein kinase type I-alpha regul	PRKARIA	-4.706	-26.095	0.351	0.009
71	TM205	TM205_HUMAN	Transmembrane protein 205	TMEM205	-6.243	-75.728	0.293	0.018
72	ASCC3	ASCC3_HUMAN	Activating signal cointegrator 1 complex subunit 3	ASCC3	-9.206	-590.547	0.657	0.002
73	CCD87	CCD87_HUMAN	Coiled-coil domain-containing protein 87	CCDC87	-10.425	-1375.252	0.351	0.000

Table 5
Human brain particle proteins exclusive to sCJD

N	ProteinName	Gene	Name	Intensity
1	WASL	WASL_HUMAN	Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome-like	169,140.4
2	DCTN3	DCTN3_HUMAN	dynactin 3 (p22)	157,980.3
3	USO1	USO1_HUMAN	USO1 homolog, vesicle docking protein (yeast)	126,390.3
4	NDUS7	NDUS7_HUMAN	NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) Fe-S protein 7, 20kDa (NADH- Q	88,332.1
5	FKBP4	FKBP4_HUMAN	FK506 binding protein 4, 59kDa	78,704.9
6	COX7R	COX7R_HUMAN	cytochrome c oxidase subunit VIIa polypeptide 2 like	57,524.1
7	HD	HD_HUMAN	huntingtin	49,592.2
8	PPCE	PPCE_HUMAN	prolyl endopeptidase	40,681.6
9	NDUB7	NDUB7_HUMAN	NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) 1 beta subcomplex, 7, 18kDa	39,724.8
10	CHM2A	CHM2A_HUMAN	chromatin modifying protein 2A	39,370.7
11	APOO	APOO_HUMAN	apolipoprotein O	38,975.3
12	TTC7B	TTC7B_HUMAN	tetratricopeptide repeat domain 7B	37,903.9
13	VP13D	VP13D_HUMAN	vacuolar protein sorting 13 homolog D (<i>S. cerevisiae</i>)	37,399.7
14	KI21A	KI21A_HUMAN	kinesin family member 21A	35,181.9
15	KGUA	KGUA_HUMAN	guanylate kinase 1	31,610.5
16	CNN3	CNN3_HUMAN	calponin 3, acidic	28,600.5
17	NDUS4	NDUS4_HUMAN	NADH dehydrogenase (ubiquinone) Fe-S protein 4, 18kDa (NADH-coe	27,990.7
18	CLAP2	CLAP2_HUMAN	cytoplasmic linker associated protein 2	26,087.2
19	ATD3A	ATD3A_HUMAN	ATPase family, AAA domain containing 3A	24,858.7
20	PI42C	PI42C_HUMAN	phosphatidylinositol-5-phosphate 4-kinase, type II, gamma	24,676.1
21	PI42A	PI42A_HUMAN	phosphatidylinositol-5-phosphate 4-kinase, type II, alpha	24,055.0
22	PCBP2	PCBP2_HUMAN	poly(rC) binding protein 2	23,668.3
23	RS30	RS30_HUMAN	Finkel-Biskis-Reilly murine sarcoma virus (FBR-MuSV) ubiquitously e	23,633.2
24	RL7	RL7_HUMAN	ribosomal protein L7 pseudogene 26; ribosomal protein L7 pseudogene	21,737.1
25	EF1B	EF1B_HUMAN	eukaryotic translation elongation factor 1 beta 2; eukaryotic translation e	21,735.4
26	GBLP	GBLP_HUMAN	guanine nucleotide binding protein (G protein), beta polypeptide 2-like	21,492.4
27	ROCK2	ROCK2_HUMAN	Rho-associated, coiled-coil containing protein kinase 2	20,987.8
28	RAB18	RAB18_HUMAN	RAB18, member RAS oncogene family	20,773.8
29	S6A11	S6A11_HUMAN	solute carrier family 6 (neurotransmitter transporter, GABA), member 1	20,112.7
30	GON4L	GON4L_HUMAN	YY1 associated protein 1; gon-4-like (<i>C. elegans</i>)	19,555.0
31	ITAV	ITAV_HUMAN	integrin, alpha V (vitronectin receptor, alpha polypeptide, antigen CD51	19,400.2
32	4-Sep	SEPT4_HUMAN	septin 4	18,835.6
33	TPRGL	TPRGL_HUMAN	tumor protein p63 regulated 1-like	18,308.7
34	LPPRC	LPPRC_HUMAN	leucine-rich PPR-motif containing	17,899.0
35	CPLX1	CPLX1_HUMAN	complexin 1	17,831.0
36	TMM65	TMM65_HUMAN	transmembrane protein 65	17,611.7
37	SYT12	SYT12_HUMAN	synaptotagmin XII	17,491.9
38	LIRB2	LIRB2_HUMAN	leukocyte immunoglobulin-like receptor, subfamily B (with TM and ITI	17,041.4
39	APOD	APOD_HUMAN	apolipoprotein D	16,204.0

N	ProteinName	Gene	Name	Intensity
40	DNJB1	DNJB1_HUMAN	DnaJ (Hsp40) homolog, subfamily B, member 1	16,102.7
41	SH3G1	SH3G1_HUMAN	SH3-domain GRB2-like 1	15,567.6
42	ECHM	ECHM_HUMAN	enoyl Coenzyme A hydratase, short chain, 1, mitochondrial	15,557.8
43	DCTN5	DCTN5_HUMAN	dynactin 5 (p25)	14,162.7
44	RPN1	RPN1_HUMAN	ribophorin I	13,949.7
45	PSMD1	PSMD1_HUMAN	proteasome (prosome, macropain) 26S subunit, non-ATPase, 1	13,793.4
46	RB27B	RB27B_HUMAN	RAB27B, member RAS oncogene family	13,611.1
47	COF2	COF2_HUMAN	cofilin 2 (muscle)	13,449.9
48	RBGPR	RBGPR_HUMAN	RAB3 GTPase activating protein subunit 2 (non-catalytic)	13,246.6
49	LRC47	LRC47_HUMAN	leucine rich repeat containing 47	13,222.8

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