

**Figure S1. Illustration of peptide fragment separation.** Proteolytic peptides (from maltose binding protein) obtained as in Fig. 1 are separated roughly by C18 reversed phase HPLC using a shaped gradient to spread eluant peptides. Eluant is fed by electrospray into the mass spectrometer which repeatedly scans the entire mass spectrum (~1 sec/scan). From the total ion chromatogram in panel A, one scan is shown in B and expanded in C.



Figure S2. On the quality of MS/MS peptide identification. The number of b and y ions found for  $\alpha$ -synuclein peptide fragments is plotted against the size of the peptide. Data sets obtained with the three different proteolysis conditions are merged (pepsin – red; fungal protease XIII – blue; the two in tandem – green). The large number of matching b and y ions found speaks for the quality of the MS/MS identifications. Of the 543 peptides found (all three protease combinations), only one has a suspiciously low number of daughter ions.

**Table S1.** The steps of peptide recognition and filtering used and the peptide survival record at each step. MS/MS runs used a CID top four method with dynamic exclusion and two replicates with static exclusion of peptides previously identified. MS/MS data were analyzed by SEQUEST (Bioworks) to create a peptide list to be used in ExMS analysis of MS data. The peptide list was culled at  $P_{pep} < 0.990$  to reduce false identifications to 1/1000, and culled further by removing peptides not definitively found by the ExMS program in trial MS runs with all-H and 50% D-exchanged protein. Items marked "merge" reflect the culling of redundantly found peptide ions. "Unique" means that peptides in more than one charge state are only counted once. The progression of peptide MS/MS identification shows that more peptides could be obtained. additional MS/MS steps and by additional proteolytic manipulations (different exposure time, other proteases).

## Alpha-Synuclein (140 residues)

Tandem MS Analysis	Pepsin	FP XIII	Pepsin+FP	
MS/MS Run 1 (P=0.990)	84	154	94	
MS/MS Run 2 (P=0.990)	53	93	51	
MS/MS Run 3 (P=0.990)	39	66	51	Merge
MS/MS Merge	129	267	147	418
Unique Peptides	78	163	97	255
Unique Peptides / Residue	0.6	1.2	0.7	1.8
ExMS Analysis	Pepsin	FP XIII	Pepsin+FP	
Survive All H Trial (Unique)	77	163	96	
Survive All H Trial (Unique) Survive 50% D Trial 1 (Unique)	77 62	163 150	96 89	
Survive All H Trial (Unique) Survive 50% D Trial 1 (Unique) Survive 50% D Trial 2 (Unique)	77 62 62	163 150 150	96 89 91	Merge
Survive All H Trial (Unique) Survive 50% D Trial 1 (Unique) Survive 50% D Trial 2 (Unique) Survive All Above (Unique)	77 62 62 59	163 150 150 145	96 89 91 88	Merge 222
Survive All H Trial (Unique) Survive 50% D Trial 1 (Unique) Survive 50% D Trial 2 (Unique) Survive All Above (Unique) Unique Peptides / Residue	77 62 62 59 0.4	163 150 150 145 1.0	96 89 91 88 0.6	Merge 222 1.6



Pepsin

## Apolipoprotein A-I (243 residues)

Tandem MS Analysis	Pepsin	FP XIII	Pepsin+FP					
MS/MS Run 1 (P=0.5)	107	92	98					
MS/MS Run 2 (P=0.5)	65	42	62	Merge				
MS/MS Merge	172	134	160	411			~~	
Unique Peptides	145	124	143	298			62	
Unique Peptides / Residue	0.6	0.5	0.6	1.2			0L	
ExMS Analysis	Pepsin	FP XIII	Pepsin+FP				~ 7	
Survive All H Trial (Unique)	141	112	123			3	21	
Survive 50% D Trial 1 (Unique)	129	111	106					
Survive 50% D Trial 2 (Unique)	129	102	115	Merge	83	39		
Survive All Above (Unique)	125	92	94	239	00	00	25	
Unique Peptides / Residue	0.5	0.4	0.4	1.0			23	
		Avera	age Coverage	11		. Peps	sin+FP	

## Maltose Binding Protein (370 residues)



## Hsp104 (908 residues)

Tandem MS Analysis	Pepsin	FP XIII	Pepsin+FP	
MS/MS Run 1 (P=0.990)	402	205	390	
MS/MS Run 2 (P=0.990)	240	92	287	
MS/MS Run 3 (P=0.990)	232	61	284	Merge
MS/MS Merge	618	320	564	1200
Unique Peptides	395	262	441	840
Unique Peptides / Residue	0.4	0.3	0.5	0.9
ExMS Analysis	Pepsin	FP XIII	Pepsin+FP	
Survive All H Trial (Unique)	395	262	439	
Survive 50% D Trial 1 (Unique)	384	191	320	
Survive 50% D Trial 2 (Unique)	375	162	337	Merge
Survive All Above (Unique)	373	154	312	664
Unique Peptides / Residue	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.7
		Avera	10	

