## SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

## Increasing Fragmentation of Disulfide-Bonded Proteins for Top-Down Mass Spectrometry by Supercharging

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Figure S1. ECD mass spectra of  $\beta$ -lactoglobulin (0.5  $\mu$ M) in (a-b) 50:50:0.1 ACN: H<sub>2</sub>O: FA and (c-d) with 150 mM sulfolane.



**Figure S2.** Relative fraction of product ions showing disulfide bond cleavage as a function of precursor charge for ECD of  $\beta$ -lactoglobulin.



**Figure S3.** ECD product ions of  $\beta$ -lactoglobulin (bovine) containing potential disulfide cleavage by hydrogen radical capture, while the protein backbone inside the disulfide bond remain intact.



**Figure S4.** Mass accuracy of CAD-derived product ions of  $\beta$ -lactoglobulin for the 15+-17+ charge states (with sulfolane) and 12+-14+ charge states (without sulfolane).



**Figure S5.** CAD mass spectra of  $\beta$ -lactoglobulin (bovine) (0.5  $\mu$ M) for the (a) 17+ and (b) 14+ precursors. High abundance product ions with disulfide cleavages are labeled in red.



**Figure S6.** CAD mass spectra of  $\beta$ -lactoglobulin product ions with disulfide bond cleavage: (a) theoretical isotopic calculation of b<sub>134</sub>, (b) experimental data for charge state 17+, (c) complementary y<sub>28</sub> ion. The circle sign in superscript denotes water loss.



**Figure S7.** Relative fraction of product ions showing disulfide bond cleavage as a function of precursor charge for CAD of  $\beta$ -lactoglobulin.



**Figure S8.** ESI mass spectra of trypsin inhibitor (soybean) (1.2  $\mu$ M) in (a) 150 mM sulfolane in 50:50:0.1 ACN: H<sub>2</sub>O: FA and (b) without sulfolane.



Figure S9. CAD product ion map of trypsin inhibitor (soybean) in 100 mM sulfolane.



**Figure S10.** Mass accuracy of CAD-derived product ions of trypsin inhibitor for the 15+-18+ charge states. Product ions corresponding to disulfide bond cleavage Cys39-Cys86 were observed.



**Figure S11.** ECD product ion map of trypsin inhibitor (soybean) for charge states (a) 18+, (b) 17+ and (c) 16+ under supercharging conditions, and (d) 15+ without sulfolane.



**Figure S12.** ESI mass spectrum of human proinsulin (a) with 150 mM sulfolane, and (b) without sulfolane. CAD mass spectra for charge states (c) 9+ and (d) 8+ with sulfolane, and (e) 7+ without sulfolane are shown.



**Figure S13.** CAD mass spectra of chicken lysozyme for supercharged (a) 13+ and (b) 12+ precursors, and (c) 11+ and (d) 10+ precursors without sulfolane added.



**Figure S14.** CAD product ions of chicken lysozyme: (a)  $b_{18}^{2+}$ , one disulfide bond cleavage; (b)  $y_{28}^{2+}$ , two disulfide bond cleavages; (c)  $y_{49}^{4+}$ , three disulfide bond cleavages.