

S1 Fig. Relative amounts of PrPSc in inocula injected into C57BL/6 mice.

(A) Flow chart of bioassays using C57BL/6 mice. Eight types of inocula (Inoc-1 to -8) were prepared and injected into C57BL/6 mice. (B) Western blot analysis of homogenates of bovine brains from which Inoc-1 and -2 were prepared. Brain homogenates were digested by PK, and digests corresponding to indicated weights of brain tissue were analyzed by Western blot to estimate amounts of PrPSc. (C) Homogenates of monkey brains used as sources of Inoc-3 and -4. Western blot analysis was carried out as in (B). (D) Homogenates of mouse brains used as sources of Inoc-5 and -6. Western blot analysis was carried out as in (B). (E) Comparison of relative amounts of PrPSc in inocula. After digestion of inocula by PK, digest amounts equivalent to indicated mouse injection doses (Inoc-1 and -2, 2.4x-dose; Inoc-3 and -4, 0.06x-dose; Inoc-5, -6, -7 and-8, 0.16x-dose) were analyzed by Western blot. Comparable PrPSc signal intensities were obtained for Inoc-1 through -6. PrPSc was not detectable in Inoc-7 and -8. *; brain homogenate of a healthy monkey (control). §; brain homogenate of a healthy mouse (control). Mr; relative molecular mass. The antibody SAF84 and VeriBlot anti-mouse IgG were used to detect PrPSc in panels (B) to (E). Inoc-1, -2, -3, and -4 were also injected into SJL and RIIIS mice in this study.