## Supplemental Data

## Posttranslational modifications define course of prion strain adaptation and disease phenotype

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## **Supplemental Figures**

Figure S1. Histopathological analysis of brains from the 2<sup>nd</sup> passage. Representative images of PrP<sup>Sc</sup> deposition in the hippocampus stained with SAF-84 antibody (A), spongiosis in thalamus stained with hematoxylin and eosin (B), reactive astrogliosis in hippocampus stained for GFAP (C) and activated microglia in hippocampus stained for Iba1 (D). Microglia (Iba1 staining) engulfing other cells (black arrows) or a vacuole (red arrow) (E). Scale bars = 60  $\mu$ m in (A – D), 25  $\mu$ m in (E).

Figure S2. Co-immunostaining of  $PrP^{Sc}$  and reactive microglia in the 2<sup>nd</sup> passage. Representative images of co-immunostaining for  $PrP^{Sc}$  (SAF-84 antibody, red) and microglia (Iba1, green). Small intracellular deposits of  $PrP^{Sc}$  in cortex (upper panel) and striatum (lower panel) (A), large  $PrP^{Sc}$  plaques surrounded by microglia in hippocampus (B), small intracellular deposits of  $PrP^{Sc}$  in thalamus (C), diffuse  $PrP^{Sc}$  plaques in thalamus (D), close up images of small  $PrP^{Sc}$  deposits colocalizing with microglia cells (E). Scale bars = 20 µm in (A – D), 10 µm in (E).

Figure S3. Analysis of  $PrP^{Sc}$  deposition in the 6<sup>th</sup> passage. Representative images of small granular  $PrP^{Sc}$  deposition across brain including cortex (Ctx), stem, hippocampus (Hp), cerebellum (Cb), thalamus (Th), hypothalamus (HTh), striatum (Str) in the 6<sup>th</sup> passages of SSLOW-Mo, cc - corpus callosum, s-or – stratum oriens of hippocampus. SAF-84 antibody was used for staining. Scale bar = 400 µm in low magnification images, 100 µm in high magnification images.

**Figure S4. 2D Western blot analysis of PrP<sup>Sc</sup> in six serial passages of SSLOW-Mo.** Analysis of PrP<sup>Sc</sup> sialoglycoforms in brain material of mice from six serial passages of SSLOW-Mo using 2D Western blotting. 2D Western blot of the original SSLOW in hamsters and mouse-adapted prion strain 22L are shown as references. All samples were treated with PK. Mouse and hamster materials were stained with ab3531 or 3F4 antibodies, respectively. 2D blots of two animals per group are shown. Black triangles, white triangles and arrows mark di-, mono- and non-glycosylated glycoforms, respectively.









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