

**Supporting Figure S1. Formation of higher-order  $\alpha$ S oligomers by ferric ions.** Alpha-synuclein was aggregated using a standardized protocol involving the synergistic action of DMSO and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  (ferric) ions (refer to 'Methods'). Immunoblotting and single-particle confocal analysis were carried out on the same aggregate preparations. In the immunoblot (A), monomeric (native)  $\alpha$ S is visible as a predominant band at 14 kDa (M), while a ladder of bands at higher molecular weight levels consistent with  $\alpha$ S oligomers such as dimers, trimers, tetramers, pentamers and hexamers, are seen in the aggregated samples (D1). In 1D-FIDA analysis of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  induced  $\alpha$ S oligomers (B), the particle brightness (Q2) is related to the size of the oligomers. In accordance with previous findings,<sup>49, 65</sup> oligomer size ranged up to 115-156 monomers per oligomer. This is also reflected in the 2D-SIFT

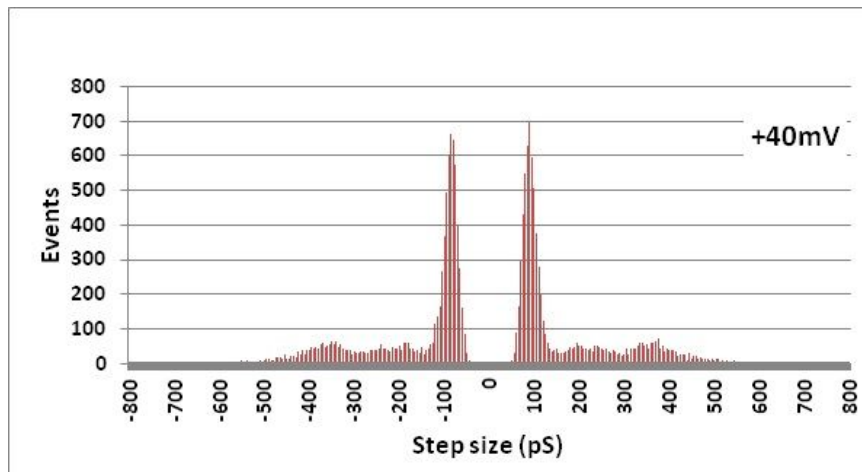
histograms (C), wherein  $\alpha$ S oligomers are detected as high-intensity signals in the scanned measurements.

**Supporting Table S2. Latency to first opening after addition of  $\alpha$ S oligomeric preparation.**

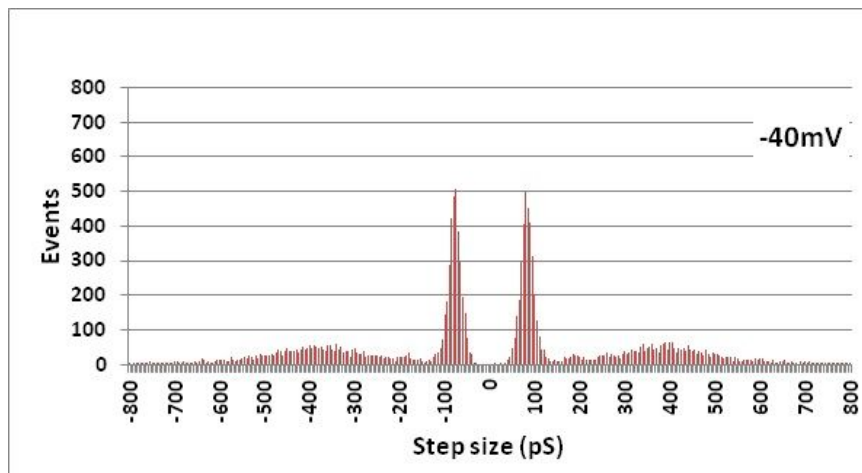
Shown is the time (in min) elapsed before insertion/opening of the first pore, with each trial lasting 120 min. (ND = no pore detected)

Trial	Latency to first opening (min)		
	IM-Type	L-Type	C-Type
1	15	ND	ND
2	8	11	ND
3	ND	21	95
4	20	ND	8
5	ND	ND	7
6	25	ND	ND
7	ND	ND	10
8	30	12	ND
9	45	ND	ND
10	ND	ND	50
11	100	85	ND
12	45	ND	ND
<b>Mean <math>\pm</math> SD</b>	36 $\pm$ 29	32 $\pm$ 35	34 $\pm$ 38
<b>Median</b>	27	16	10

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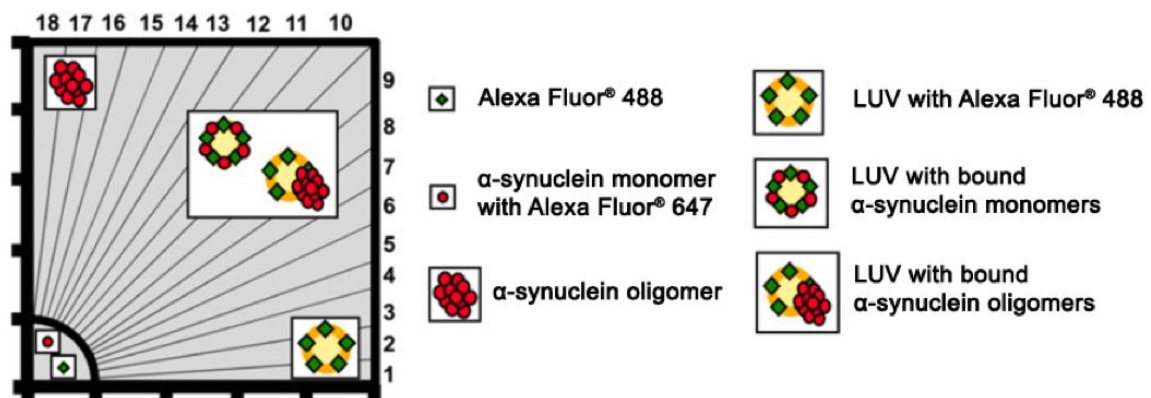


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**Supporting Figure S3. Histogram of conductance steps of  $\alpha$ S pores in IM-type bilayers.**

Histograms of conductance step values at (A) +40 mV and (B) -40 mV in IM-type bilayers shows clear evidence of quantization, with the first peak corresponding to ~100 pS value for a single synuclein pore conductance, and subsequent peaks at ~200 pS and ~400 pS.



**Supporting Figure S4. Segment representation in 2D-FIDA histograms.** Binding of  $\alpha$ S to lipid vesicles (LUVs) was analyzed using the SIFT-2D software package and for each of the two channels (red and green), photons per bin were plotted in a 2D-FIDA histogram. Data points of monomers are situated near the origin, while the red-labeled oligomers result in data points along the y-axis (segments 16-18) and the green-labeled vesicles result in data points along the x-axis (segments 1-3). Vesicle-bound proteins are represented along the bisectrix of the histogram (segments 4-15).