

Supplementary Information for “Mass spectrometry imaging of SOD1 protein-metal complexes in SOD1^{G93A} transgenic mice implicates demetalation with pathology”

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m/z 1158.6
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Figure S1: aligned amino acid sequences for wild-type mouse (mSOD1^{wt}), wild-type human (hSOD1^{wt}) and the human variant G93A (hSOD1^{G93A}) SOD1. The second amino acid differs between mouse and human SOD1 (cyan highlight). The b₁₁⁺ fragment ion (m/z 1158.6, mouse; m/z 1128.6, human) is favoured under collisional activation and thus is useful for confirming the presence of human SOD1. The G93A mutation is highlighted in yellow.

Table S1: Animals included in the study.

ID Code ^a	Age (days)	Sex	Description
G93A-B1	120	M	Transgenic (hSOD1 ^{G93A})
G93A-B2	124	F	Transgenic (hSOD1 ^{G93A})
G93A-B3	124	F	Transgenic (hSOD1 ^{G93A})
hWT-B1	180	M	Transgenic (hSOD1 ^{wt})
hWT-B2	180	M	Transgenic (hSOD1 ^{wt})
hWT-B3	150	M	Transgenic (hSOD1 ^{wt})
G93A-SC1	120	F	Transgenic (hSOD1 ^{G93A})
G93A-SC2	120	F	Transgenic (hSOD1 ^{G93A})
hWT-SC1	150	M	Transgenic (hSOD1 ^{wt})
hWT-SC2	150	M	Transgenic (hSOD1 ^{wt})
mSODwt FFPE (n=5)	120 ± 3	F	^b Wild-type (mSOD ^{wt})
hSOD1G93A FFPE (n=5)	120 ± 3	F	^b Transgenic (hSOD1 ^{G93A})

^aB = brain; SC = spinal cord. ^bFormalin-fixed, paraffin embedded (FFPE) tissue.

Supplementary Note 1: Identification and characterization of protein complexes.

A summary of the hSOD1^{G93A} protein complexes and their components detected in this work is included in *Figure S2*. Characterization of the SOD1 protein complexes observed in native MSI experiments was performed by top-down proteomics, with either nanospray-desorption electrospray ionization (nano-DESI¹) and native-like solvent², or liquid extraction surface analysis (LESA³) with denaturing solvents as necessary⁴. hSOD1^{G93A} and hSOD1^{wt} complexes were initially identified after spectral deconvolution (*Figure S3 & S4*) by their intact molecular weights (*Table S2*). The stoichiometry of the complexes was confirmed by gas-phase collisional dissociation (*Figure S5 – S7*); dimers were confirmed if monomers were detected as product ions. Further collisional and electron-mediated activation of the monomer product ions revealed protein sequence information, including that hSOD1^{G93A} was N-acetylated (*Figure S8-S9, Table S3-S4*) and that some portion of the metal-deficient hSOD1^{G93A} dimers featured the intact intramolecular disulfide bond (*Figure S10, Table S5*)⁵. To confirm that monomers detected directly from the tissue were endogenous and not the product of collisional activation within the mass spectrometer, the SIM-mode mass spectra were compared with HCD MS² spectra of the dimers (*Figure S11*). Collisional activation is accompanied by characteristic metal ion rearrangement which was not observed in the SIM-mode mass spectra confirming that the monomers were present in the tissue. (Note, it is possible that in-solution dissociation of dimers may occur after extraction and prior to ionization; however, the timescale for this is < 1 s). Proton transfer charge reduction (PTCR) MS of the 12+ dimers confirmed that there was no overlap with endogenous monomers in the 6+ charge state with dimers in the 12+ charge state (*Figure S12*). Glutathionylated species were identified by their intact mass (*Figure S3, Table S2*), subunit pattern (monomer signals with additional MW ~305 Da, *Figure S7*) and sequence information (*Figure S13, Table S6*). Signals for protein-metal complexes were compared to calculated signals for non-specific binding of salt adducts, for which evidence was not found (e.g., xNa⁺, *Figure S14*).

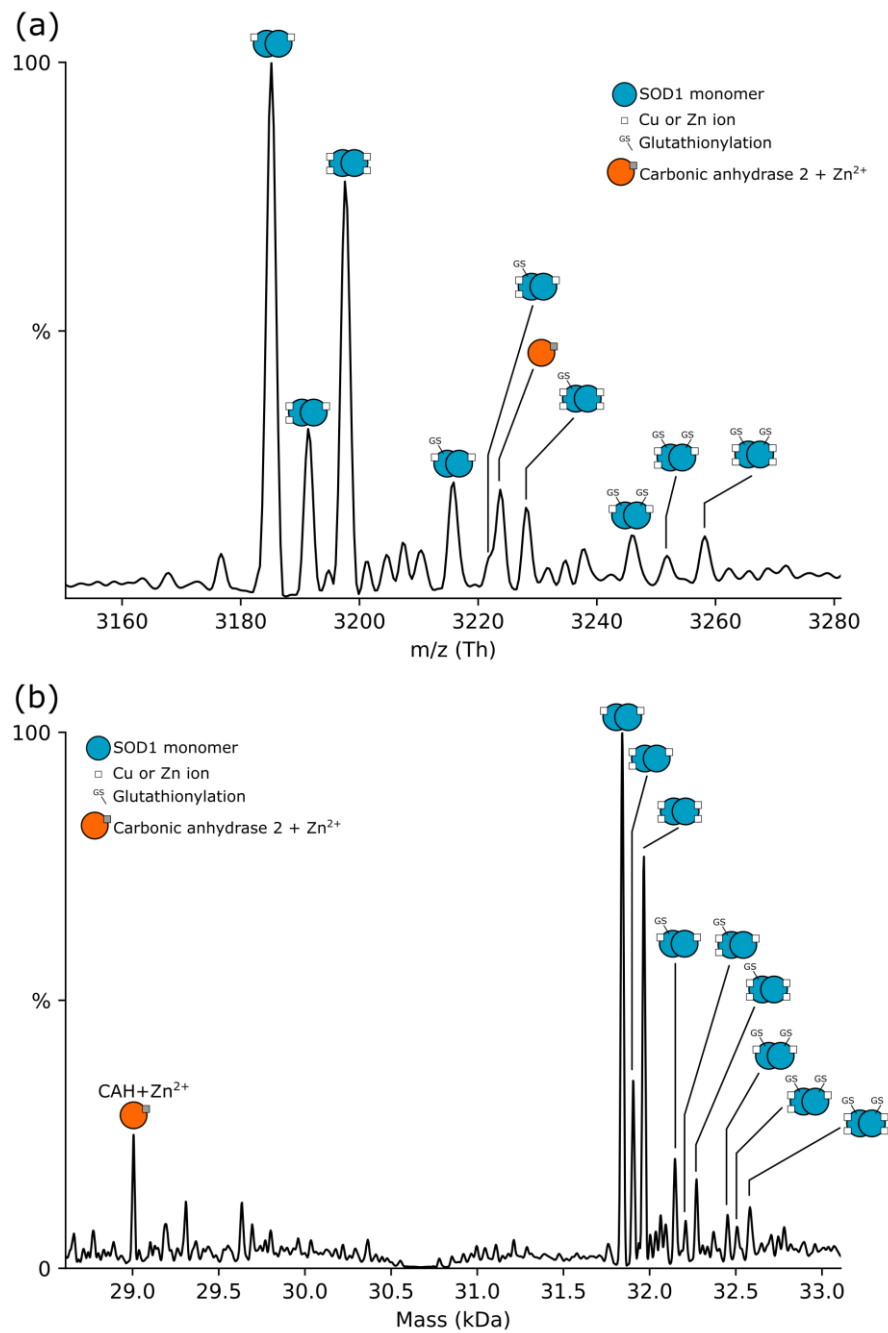


Figure S3: nano-DESI-SIM mass spectrum (m/z 3197 ± 625) from hSOD1^{G93A} transgenic mouse brain. (a) signals for the 10+ dimers and zinc-bound carbonic anhydrase 2 (9+). hSOD1^{G93A} may be glutathionylated. Spectrum acquired at an orbitrap resolution of 7500 (at m/z 200) and is averaged from 3830 scans in the brainstem. (b) deconvoluted mass spectrum showing the nine monitored hSOD1^{G93A} dimer species and [carbonic anhydrase+ Zn^{2+}] complex. Deconvoluted from multiple detected charge states with UniDec⁶.

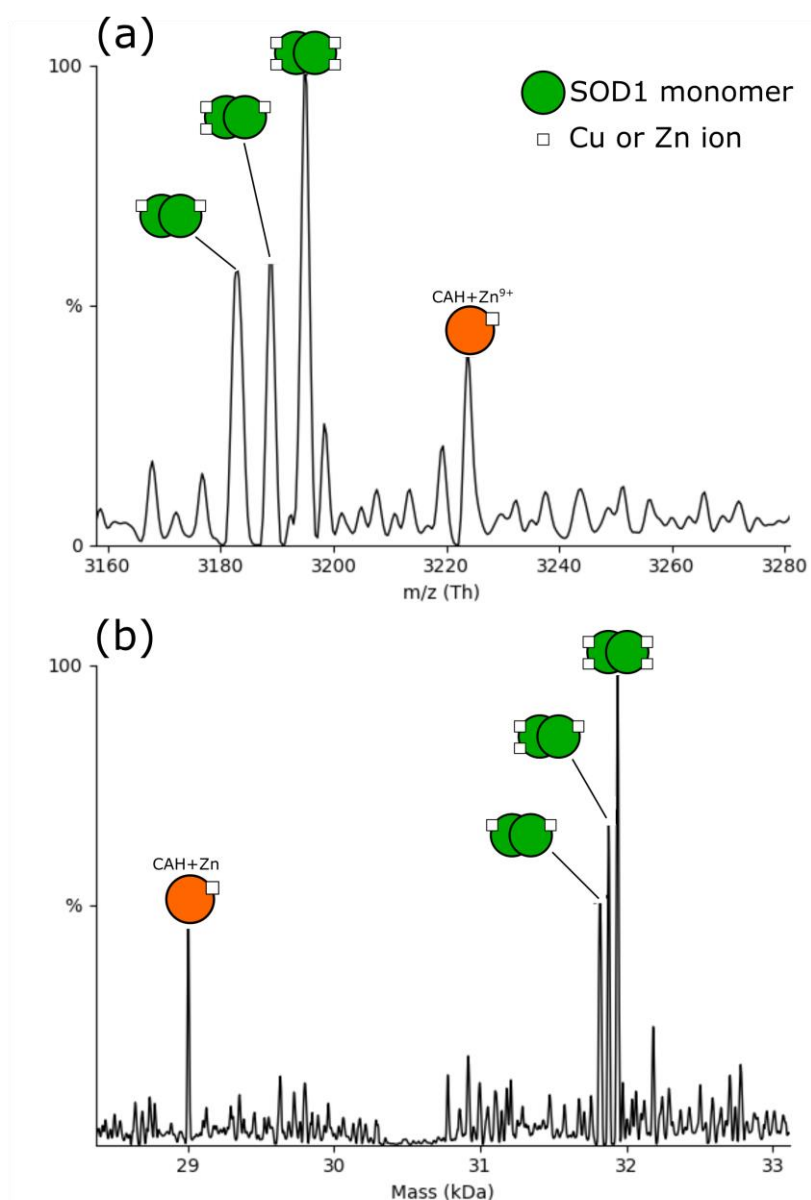


Figure S4: nano-DESI-SIM mass spectrum ($m/z\ 3197 \pm 625$) from hSOD1^{wt} transgenic mouse brain. (a) signals for the 10+ hSOD1^{wt} dimers and zinc-bound carbonic anhydrase 2 (9+). Spectrum acquired at an orbitrap resolution of 7500 (at $m/z\ 200$) and is averaged from 190 scans in the hippocampus. (b) deconvoluted mass spectrum showing the three monitored hSOD1^{wt} dimer species and [carbonic anhydrase+Zn²⁺] complex. Deconvoluted from multiple detected charge states with UniDec⁶.

Table S2: Calculated and measured molecular weights (MW) for hSOD1G93A and hSOD1wt dimer complexes.

Symbol	Metal ions	Molecular formula ^a	Calculated MW (dimer)/ Da	Measured MW (dimer)/ Da
	2	C ₁₃₆₄ H ₂₁₆₈ N ₄₀₆ O ₄₅₀ S ₈ Zn ₂	31842	31841
	3	C ₁₃₆₄ H ₂₁₆₇ N ₄₀₆ O ₄₅₀ S ₈ Zn ₂ Cu	31904	31905
	4	C ₁₃₆₄ H ₂₁₆₆ N ₄₀₆ O ₄₅₀ S ₈ Zn ₂ Cu ₂	31967	31966
	2	C ₁₃₇₄ H ₂₁₈₃ N ₄₀₉ O ₄₅₆ S ₉ Zn ₂	32147	32148
	3	C ₁₃₇₄ H ₂₁₈₂ N ₄₀₉ O ₄₅₆ S ₉ Zn ₂ Cu	32210	32210
	4	C ₁₃₇₄ H ₂₁₈₁ N ₄₀₉ O ₄₅₆ S ₉ Zn ₂ Cu ₂	32272	32272
	2	C ₁₃₈₄ H ₂₁₉₈ N ₄₁₂ O ₄₆₂ S ₁₀ Zn ₂	32452	32453
	3	C ₁₃₈₄ H ₂₁₉₇ N ₄₁₂ O ₄₆₂ S ₁₀ Zn ₂ Cu	32515	32505
	4	C ₁₃₈₄ H ₂₁₉₆ N ₄₁₂ O ₄₆₂ S ₁₀ Zn ₂ Cu ₂	32577	32581
	2	C ₁₃₆₂ H ₂₁₇₀ N ₄₀₆ O ₄₅₀ S ₈ Zn ₂	31820	31820
	3	C ₁₃₆₂ H ₂₁₆₉ N ₄₀₆ O ₄₅₀ S ₈ Zn ₂ Cu	31882	31879
	4	C ₁₃₆₂ H ₂₁₆₈ N ₄₀₆ O ₄₅₀ S ₈ Zn ₂ Cu ₂	31945	31940

^a Assumed oxidation states: Zn²⁺, Cu⁺.⁷

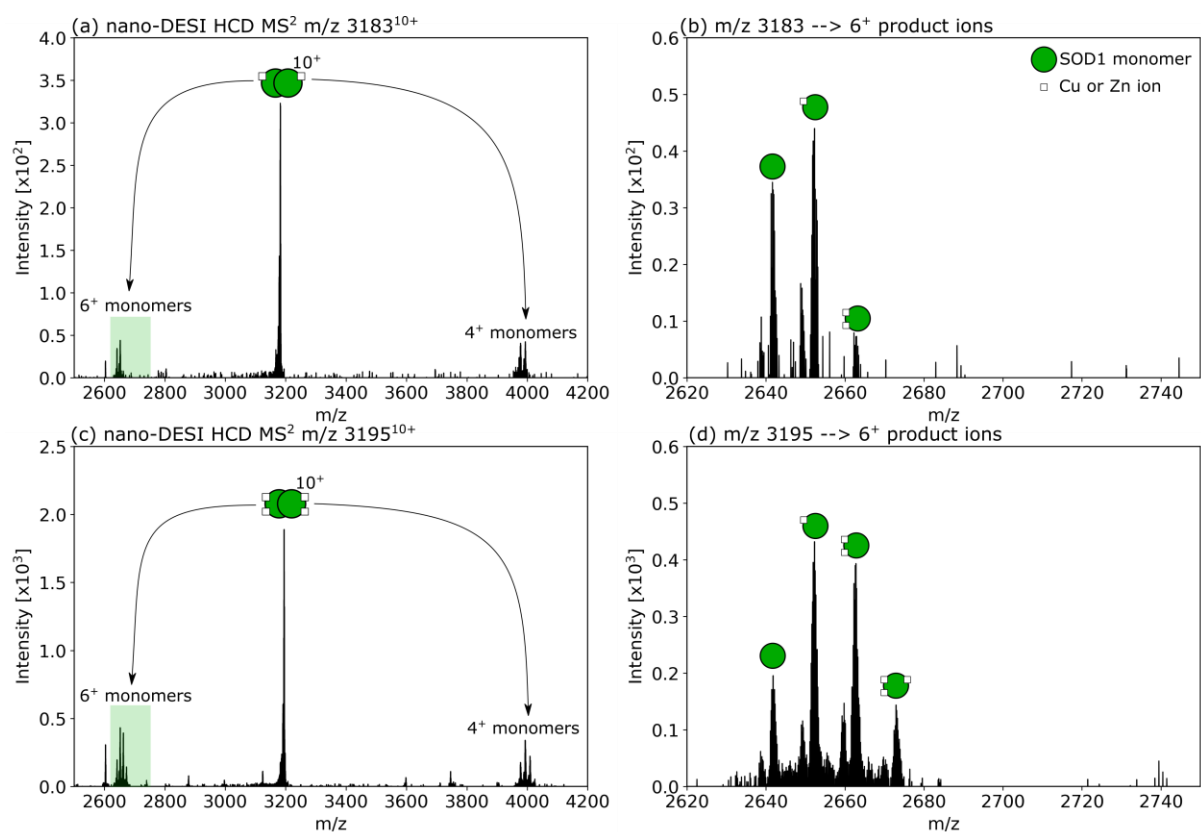


Figure S5: nano-DESI-HCD MS² spectra showing gas phase dissociation of hSOD1^{wt} dimers extracted from the hippocampus. (a) 10⁺ charge state of the 2-metal dimer. (b) expanded region shows 6⁺ product ions bind a maximum of two metal ions after rearrangement during HCD. (c) 10⁺ charge state of the 4-metal dimer. (d) expanded region shows 6⁺ product ions bind 0-3 metals.

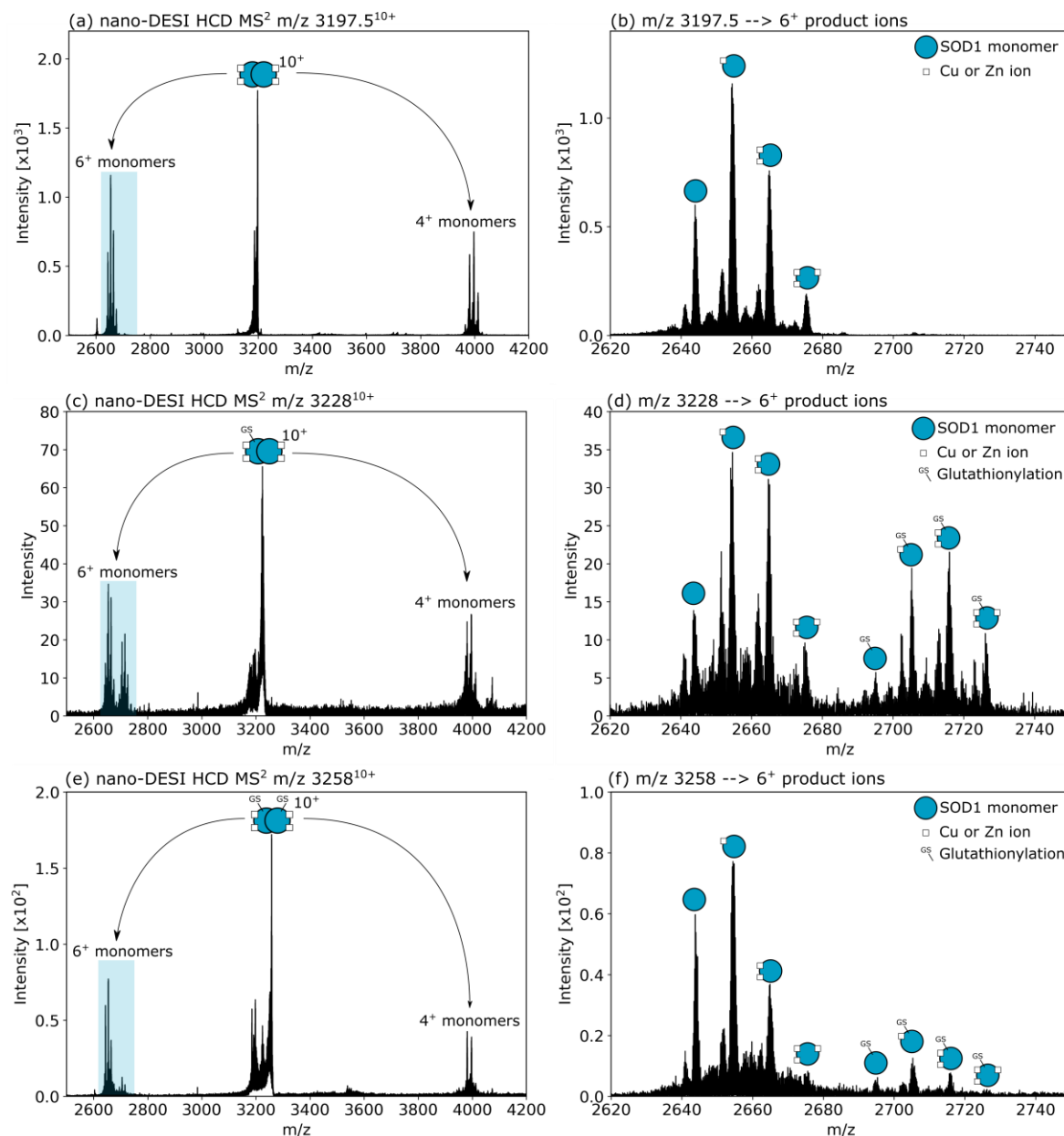


Figure S6: Nano-DESI HCD MS² mass spectra of hSOD1^{G93A} dimers incorporating four metal ions and unmodified and glutathionylated polypeptide chains. (a) m/z 3197.5, corresponding to a dimer containing two unmodified subunits. (b) expanded m/z region of HCD MS² spectrum showing the 6⁺ product ions corresponding to unmodified monomers in various metalated states. (c) m/z 3228, corresponding to a dimer containing one glutathionylated subunit. (d) expanded m/z region of HCD MS² spectrum showing the 6⁺ product ions corresponding to unmodified and glutathionylated monomers in various metalated states. (e) m/z 3258, corresponding to a dimer containing two glutathionylated subunits. (f) expanded m/z region of HCD MS² spectrum showing the 6⁺ product ions corresponding to unmodified and glutathionylated monomers in various metalated states. Orbitrap resolution = 240,000 at m/z 200. Peaks to the immediate left of the dimer peaks correspond to loss of glutathione, water and/or metal ions without dimer dissociation. Dissociation of glutathione and metal ion rearrangement amongst monomers occurs during collisional activation.

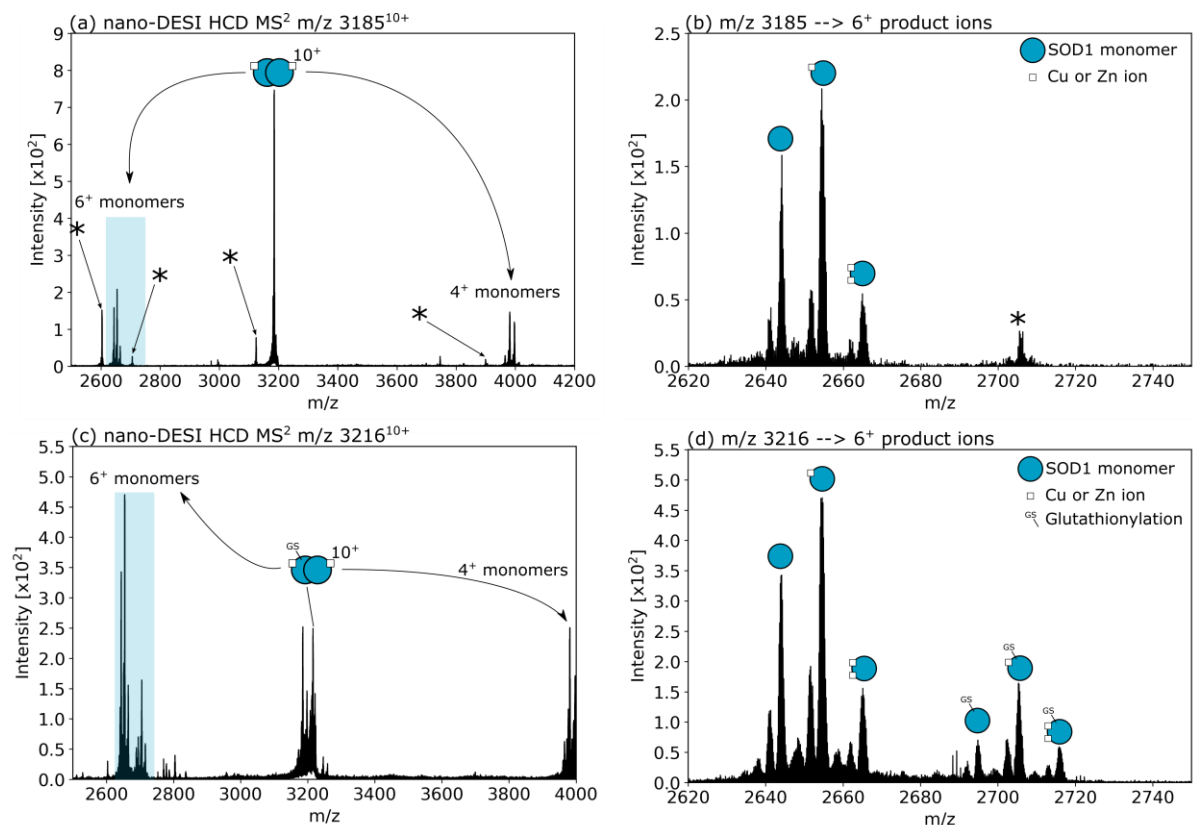


Figure S7: Nano-DESI HCD MS² mass spectra of hSOD1^{G93A} dimers incorporating two metal ions and unmodified and glutathionylated polypeptide chains. (a) m/z 3185, corresponding to a dimer containing two unmodified subunits. * The asterisk indicates hemoglobin related product ions owing to overlap in the isolation window (b) an expanded HCD MS² spectrum of the 6⁺ product ions shows signals for unmodified monomers in various metalated states. (c) m/z 3216, corresponding to a dimer containing one glutathionylated subunit. (d) an expanded HCD MS² spectrum of the 6⁺ product ions shows signals for unmodified and glutathionylated monomers in various metalated states. Orbitrap resolution = 240,000 at m/z 200. Peaks to the immediate left of the dimer peaks correspond to loss of glutathione, water and/or metal ions without dimer dissociation. Dissociation of glutathione and metal ion rearrangement amongst monomers occurs during collisional activation.

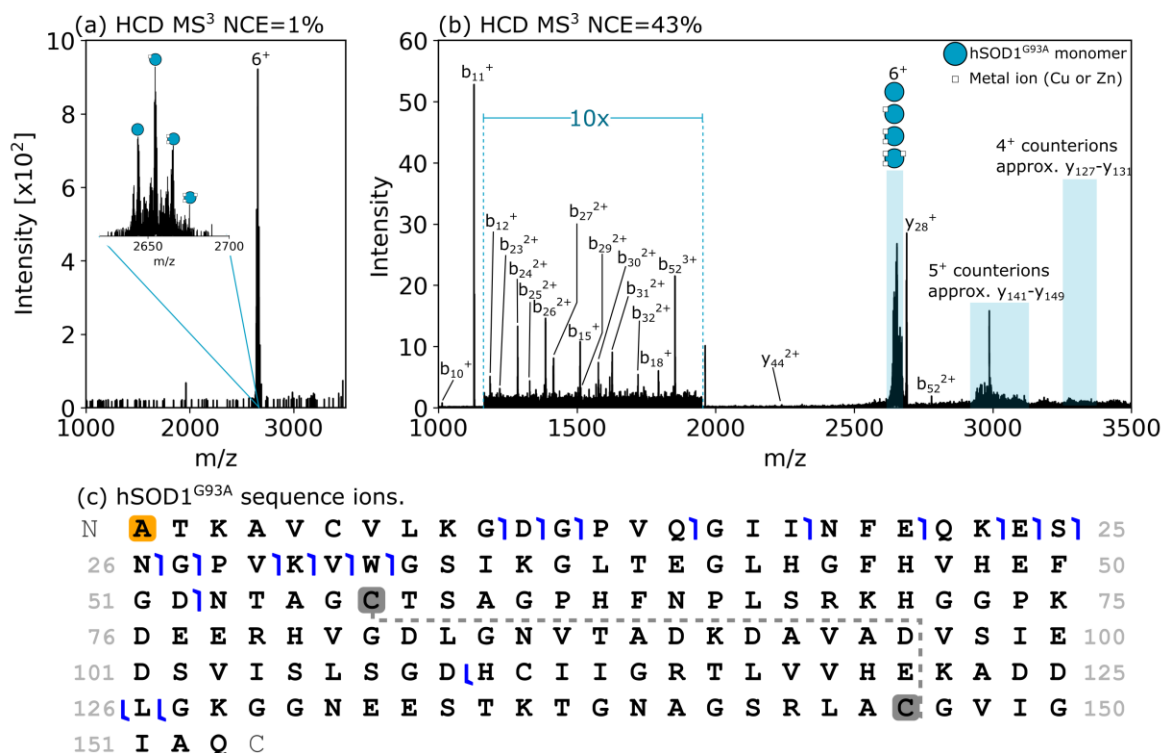
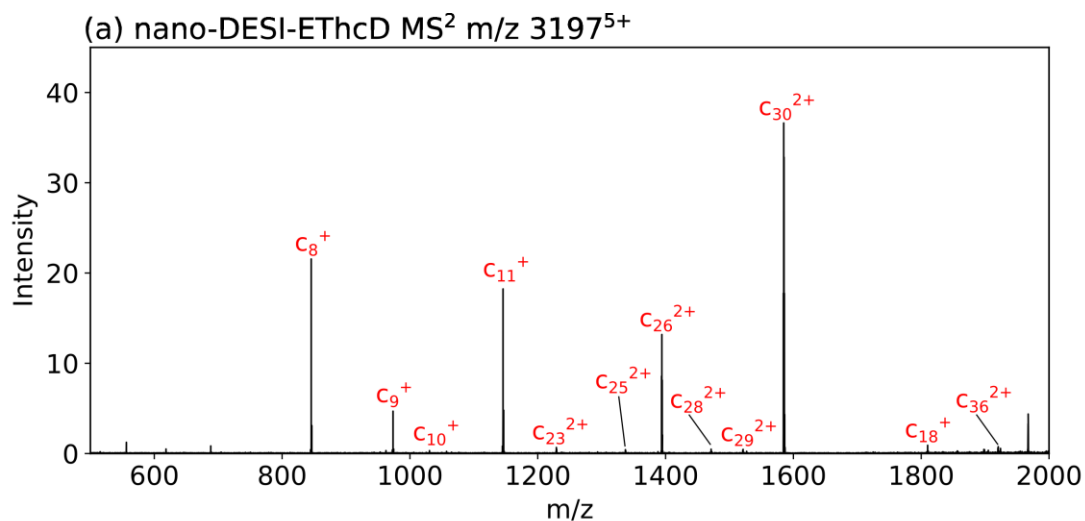


Figure S8: nano-DESI-HCD MS³ spectra obtained under non-denaturing conditions for m/z 3198.5±10 → m/z 2664.0±40 → product ions. (a) The MS³ isolation window contained 6⁺ hSOD1^{G93A} monomers in multiple metal-bound states (MS² NCE: 40%; MS³ NCE: 1%). (b) MS³ product ion spectrum showing sequence ion signals (MS² NCE: 40%; MS³ NCE: 43%). (c) MS³ product ions mapped to the sequence of hSOD1^{G93A}. The orange highlight indicates N-terminal acetylation. The grey highlight and connecting line indicate the disulfide bridge.

Table S3: sequence ions for HCD MS³ analysis of hSOD1^{G93A}.

Ion	Calculated Mass (Da)	Observed Mass (Da)	Mass Difference (ppm)
b10	1012.5634	1012.5656	2.2
b11	1127.5903	1127.5998	8.5
b12	1184.6118	1184.6136	1.5
b15	1508.7915	1508.7989	4.9
b18	1791.9811	1791.9870	3.3
b21	2182.1350	2182.1318	-1.5
b23	2438.2998	2438.2826	-7.1
b24	2567.3311	2567.3445	5.2
b25	2654.3744	2654.3406	-12.7
b26	2768.4061	2768.3832	-8.3
b27	2825.4276	2825.4061	-7.6
b29	3021.5600	3021.5978	12.5
b30	3149.6437	3149.6060	-12.0
b31	3248.7121	3248.6920	-6.2
b32	3434.8026	3434.7954	-2.1
b52	5552.8196	5552.7672	-9.4
y27	2572.2666	2572.2381	-11.1
y28	2686.3582	2686.3086	-18.5
y44	4473.2730	4473.2249	-10.7



(b) hSOD1^{G93A} ETD sequence ions.

N **A** T K A V C V L **K** **G** **D** **I** **G** P V Q G I I **N** F E Q **K** **E** **S** 25
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 126 L G K G G N E E S T K T G N A G S R L A C G V I G 150
 151 I A Q C

Figure S9: (a) nano-DESI-ETHcD MS² of hSOD1^{G93A} generated N-terminal c-ions only. (b) Sequence of hSOD1^{G93A} with detected c-ions labelled. Red highlighted N-terminus indicates acetylation. ETD reaction time; 10-18 ms. Normalized supplemental collisional activation; 10-12%. Note: ETD product ions >m/z 2000 were not detectable.

Table S4: sequence ions for ETHcD MS² analysis of hSOD^{G93A}.

Ion	Calculated Mass (Da)	Observed Mass (Da)	Mass Difference (ppm)
c8	844.4838	844.4847	1.1
c9	972.5788	972.5813	2.6
c10	1029.6008	1029.6008	0.0
c11	1144.6272	1144.6273	0.2
c18	1809.0185	1809.0143	-2.3
c23	2455.3254	2455.3121	-5.4
c25	2671.4000	2671.4070	2.6
c26	2785.4430	2785.4268	-5.8
c28	2939.5172	2939.5077	-3.2
c29	3038.5856	3038.5883	0.9
c30	3166.6806	3166.6699	-3.4
c36	3837.0608	3837.0347	-6.8

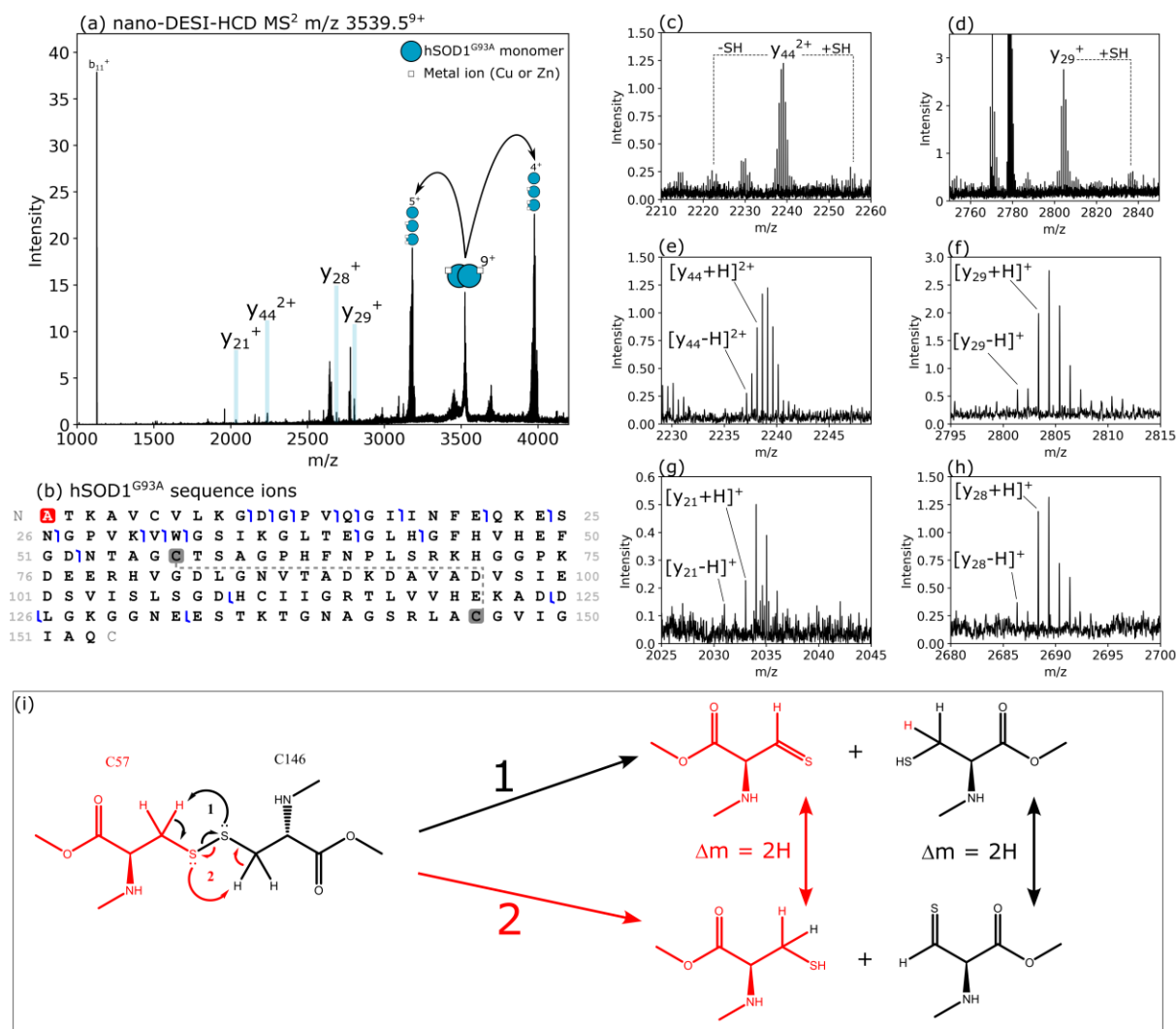


Figure S10: (a) nano-DESI-HCD MS² spectrum of hSOD1^{G93A} dimers bound to two metal ions. 9+ charge state was chosen to avoid overlap with monomer signals. (b) sequence ions detected by fragmentation of the dimers. (c-h) y-ions y_{44}^{2+} , y_{29}^{+} , y_{21}^{+} and y_{28}^{+} show evidence of disulfide bond cleavage by gas phase collisional activation. (i) scheme showing the formation of y_n -H and y_n +H ions. For detailed mechanisms, see ⁵.

Table S5: sequence ions for hSOD1^{G93A} with an intact intramolecular disulfide bond from metal-deficient dimers.

Ion	Calculated mass (Da)	Observed Mass (Da)	Mass Difference (ppm)
b10	1012.5739	1012.5684	-5.4
b11	1127.6009	1127.5946	-5.5
b12	1184.6223	1184.6103	-10.2
b14	1380.7508	1380.7394	-8.3
b15	1508.8021	1508.7913	-7.1
b17	1678.9149	1678.9016	-7.9
b21	2182.1456	2182.1190	-12.2
b24	2567.3417	2567.3232	-7.2
b24	2567.3564	2567.3378	-7.2
b26	2768.4167	2768.3803	-13.1
b30	3149.6543	3149.6309	-7.4
b31	3248.7227	3248.6997	-7.1
b32	3434.8020	3434.7573	-13.0
b40	4220.2303	4220.1972	-7.8
b43	4527.3947	4527.3594	-7.8
b52	5552.8302	5552.7799	-9.1
y21	2030.0288	2030.0073	-10.6
y28	2685.3577	2685.3302	-10.2
y29	2801.3851	2801.3433	-14.9
y44	4472.2872	4472.2806	-1.5

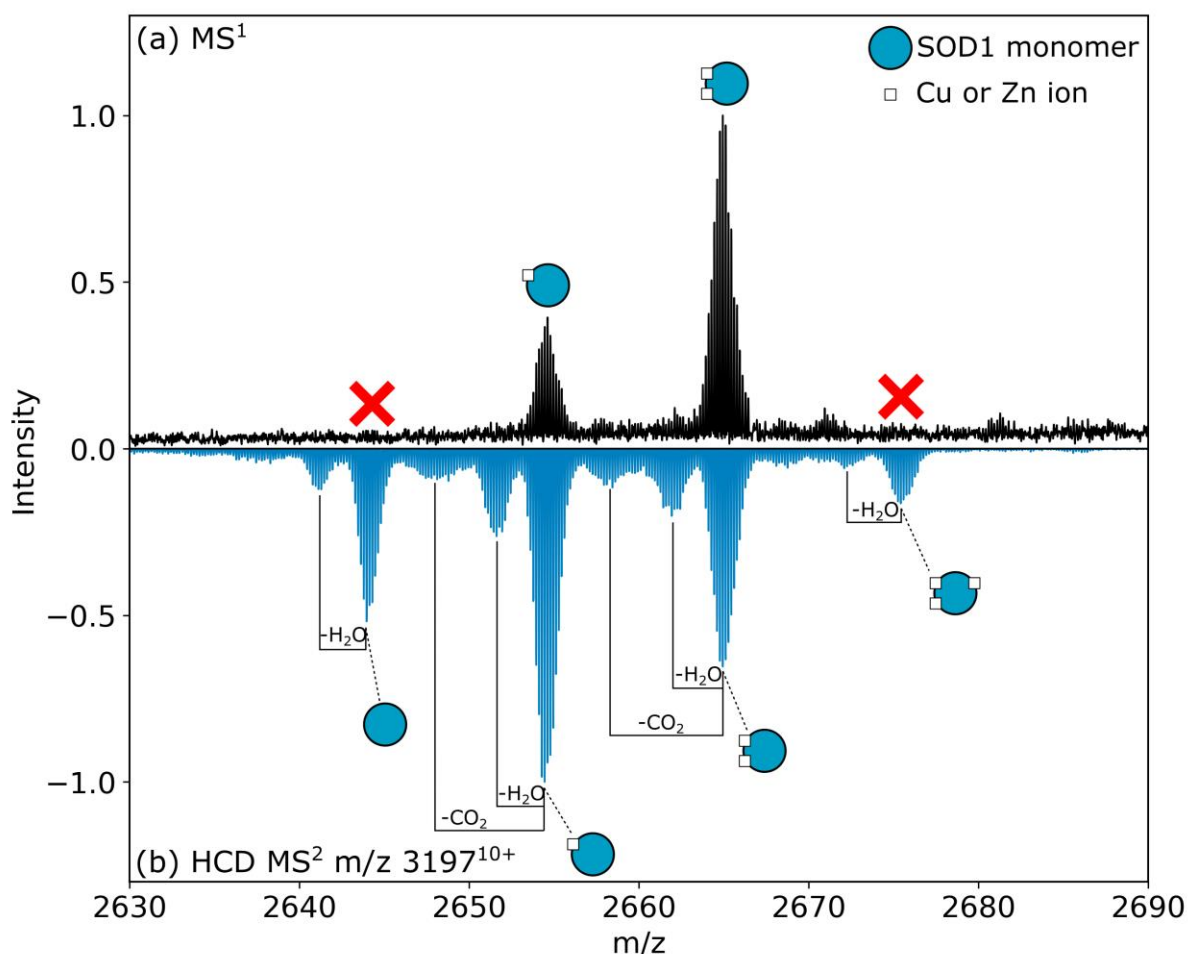


Figure S11: (a) nano-DESI MS spectrum recorded from the brainstem under experimental conditions used for imaging. hSOD^{G93A} monomer signals in the brainstem (6+ charge state) were detected bound only to 1 metal ion or 2 metal ions. (b) Nano-DESI-HCD MS² spectrum of hSOD1^{G93A} dimers (m/z 3197^{10+±4}). Upon collisional activation (normalised collision energy > 30% with the IRM pressure set to 20 mTorr) metal ions rearrange to form complexes without biological origin i.e. monomers bound to 3 metal ions. Complete dissociation of metal ions from the monomer also occurs leaving apo-hSOD1^{G93A}. Collisional activation also caused neutral loss fragmentation of H₂O and CO₂ molecules. Absence of signals for the proteoforms and neutral loss products detected in mass spectrum (b) in mass spectrum (a) indicates that monomers in the MS images were formed endogenously.

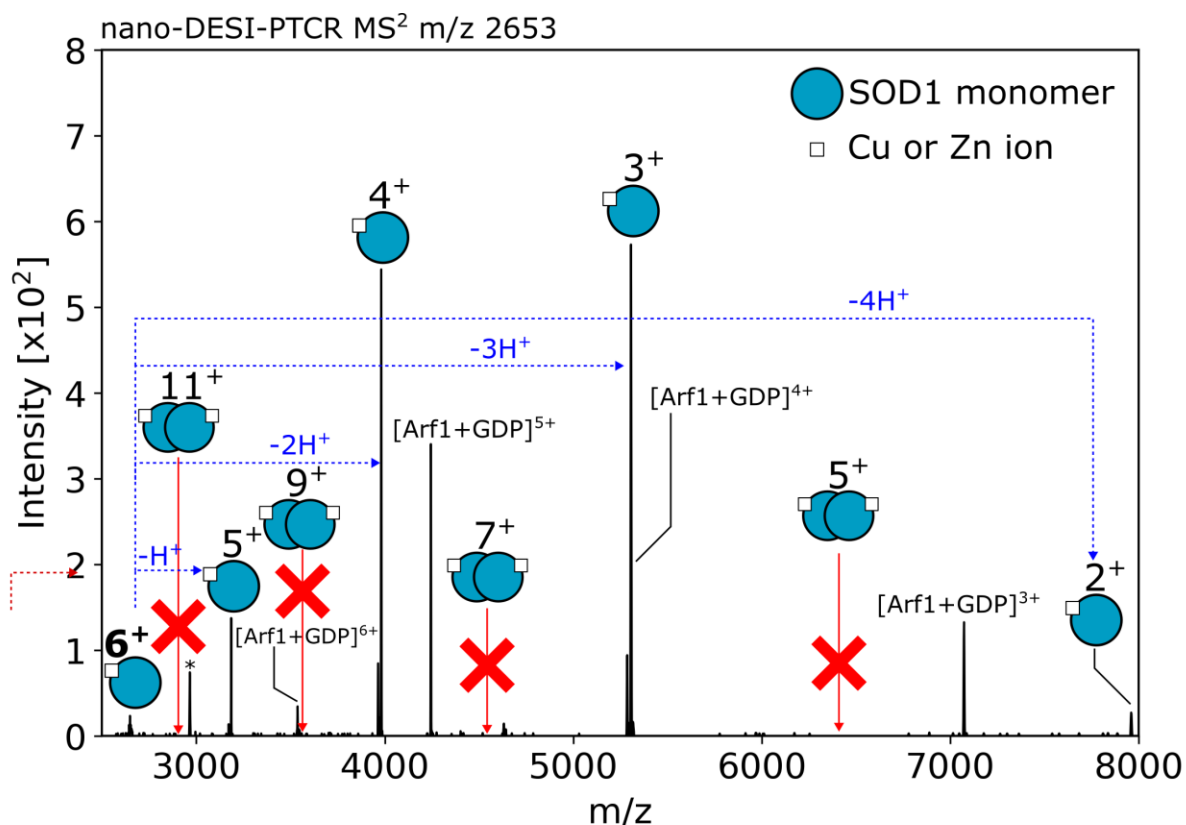


Figure S12: Nano-DESI-PTCR MS² of m/z 2653 $\pm$ 10. Hypothetically, monomer signals and dimer signals (1 metal ion, 6+ charge state; 2 metal ions, 12+ charge state, respectively) could overlap at this m/z. PTCR indicates that there is no overlap: PTCR product ions of dimeric hSOD1^{G93A} with odd numbers of charge were not detected. Note: signals for $[Arf1+GDP]^{n+}$ complex are the result of charge reduction of $[Arf1+GDP]^{7+}$ within the isolation window, approx. m/z 2651. *indicates instrument-specific electrical noise.

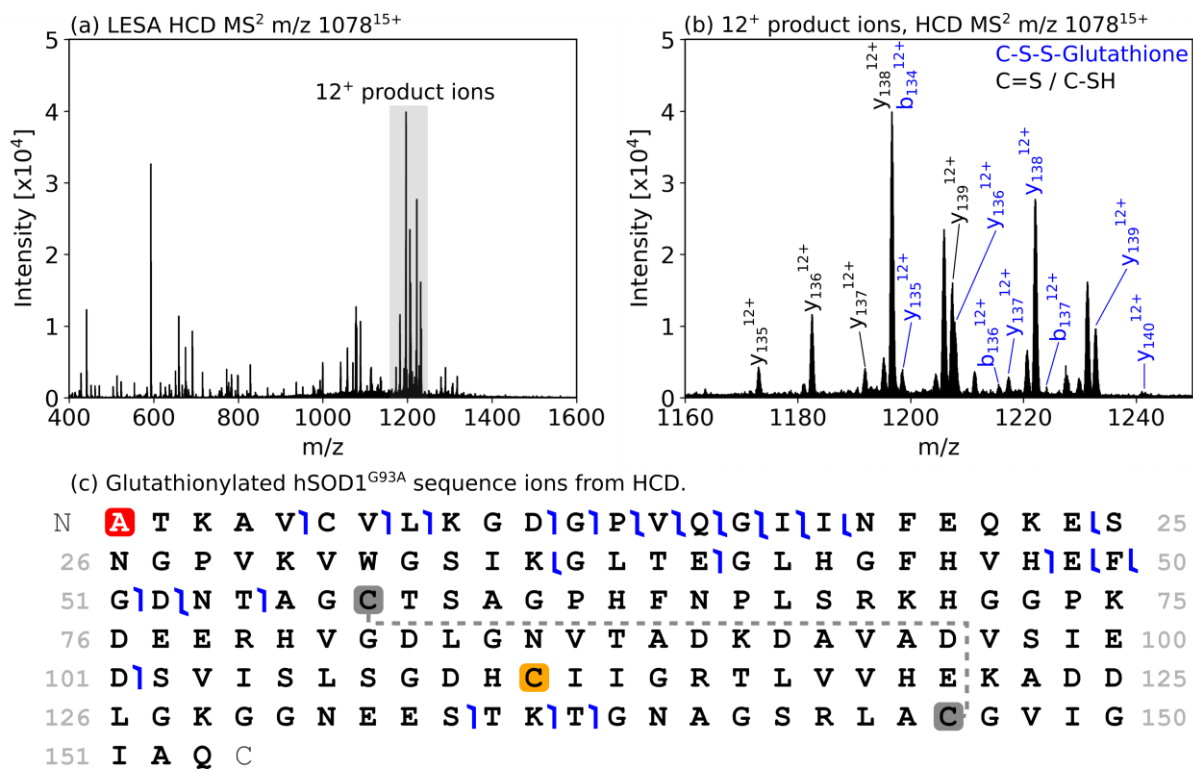


Figure S13: (a) LESA-HCD MS² spectrum of glutathionylated hSOD1^{G93A} monomers (m/z 1078¹⁵⁺) under denaturing solvent conditions where metal ions are dissociated in-solution. (b) amongst the 12⁺ product ions, b and y ions retaining glutathione were detected. (c) HCD product ions (i.e. b, y) are labelled on the GS-hSOD1^{G93A} sequence.

Table S6: HCD product ions from m/z 1078¹⁵⁺

Ion	Theoretical Mass (Da)	Observed Mass (Da)	Mass Difference (ppm)
b5	512.2958	512.2960	0.2
b7	714.3734	714.3738	0.5
b8	827.4575	827.4581	0.7
b11	1127.6009	1127.6035	2.3
b12	1184.6223	1184.6235	1.0
b13	1281.6751	1281.6760	0.7
b14	1380.7435	1380.7430	-0.4
b15	1508.8021	1508.7996	-1.7
b16	1565.8235	1565.8231	-0.3
b17	1678.9076	1678.9067	-0.5
b40	4220.2303	4220.1984	-7.6
b48	5104.6708	5104.6342	-7.2
b51	5437.7118	5437.8048	17.1
b52	5552.8302	5552.8206	-1.7
b54	5767.9208	5767.8945	-4.6
b101	10616.2378	10616.2140	-2.2
b134	14337.9834	14338.0549	5.0
b136	14567.1252	14567.1396	1.0
b137	14668.1736	14668.1244	-3.4
y101	10599.0983	10599.1466	4.6
y117	12331.8945	12331.9278	2.7
y129	13584.6320	13584.5870	-3.3
y135	14359.9380	14359.9824	3.1
y136	14473.0224	14473.0500	1.9
y137	14586.1056	14586.1188	0.9
y138	14643.1272	14643.1512	1.6
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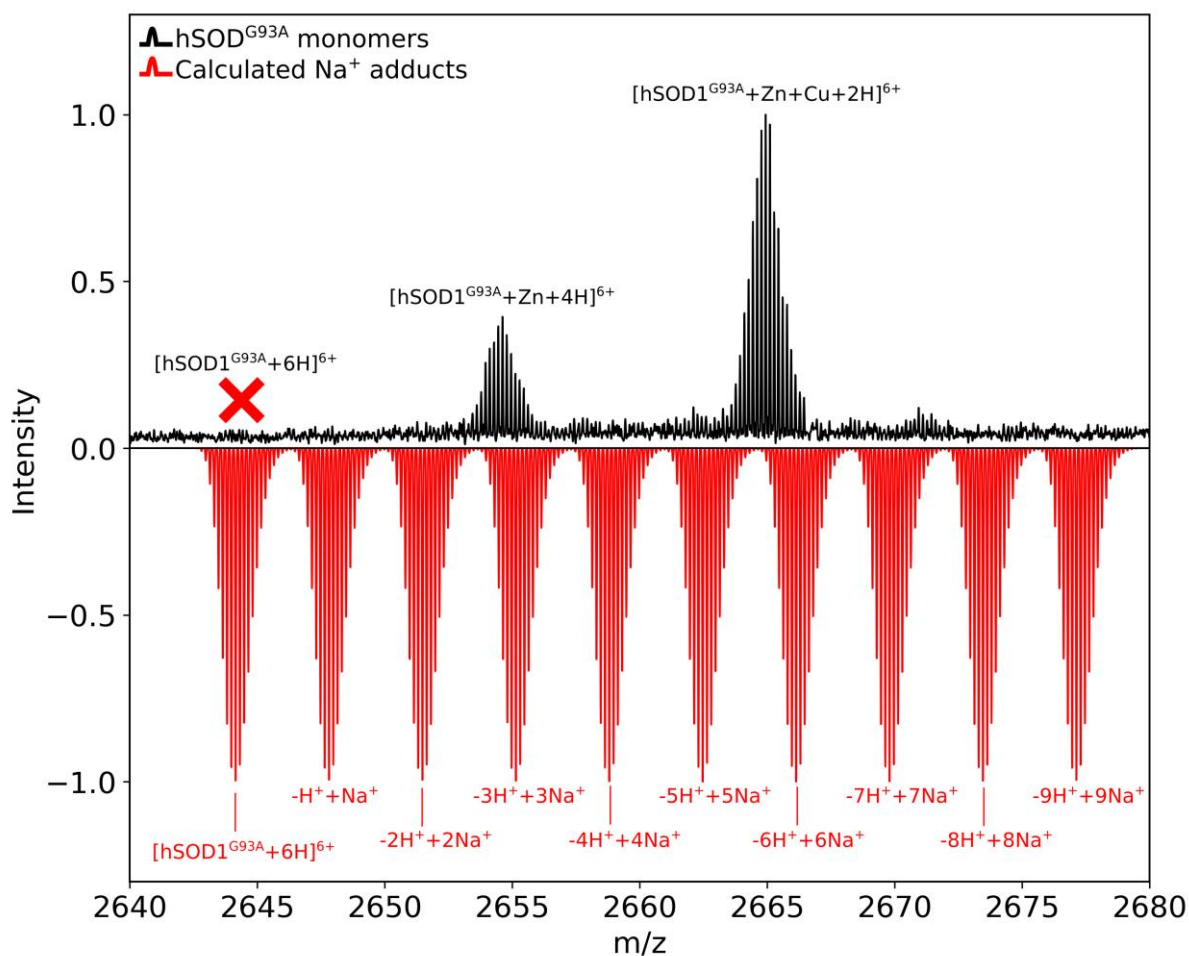


Figure S14: High-resolution ($\sim 61,000$ FWHM at m/z 2660) nano-DESI mass spectrum for hSOD1^{G93A} monomer ions in the brainstem (black spectrum; 6⁺ charge state, 1 and 2 metal ions detected, apo-hSOD1^{G93A} not detected), and a simulated high-resolution ($\sim 61,000$ FWHM at m/z 2660) mass spectrum (red) for apo-hSOD1^{G93A} and a sodium adduct series. hSOD1^{G93A} sodium adducts do not align with the signals detected from tissue.

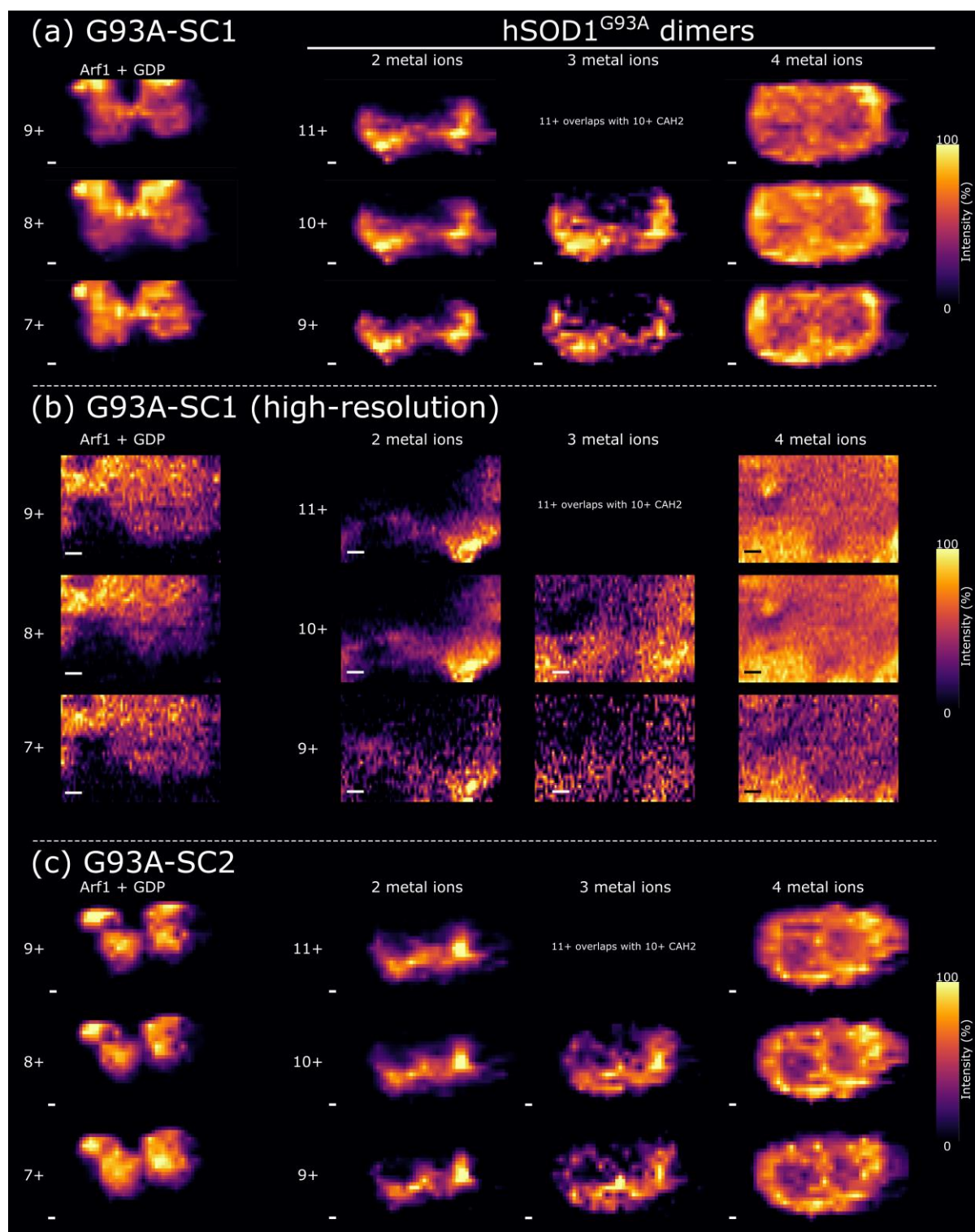


Figure S15: Ion images for proteins in individual charge states for the two hSOD1^{G93A} spinal cords (a) G93A-SC1 and at higher resolution (b). (c) G93A-SC2. Scale bar: 100 μm.

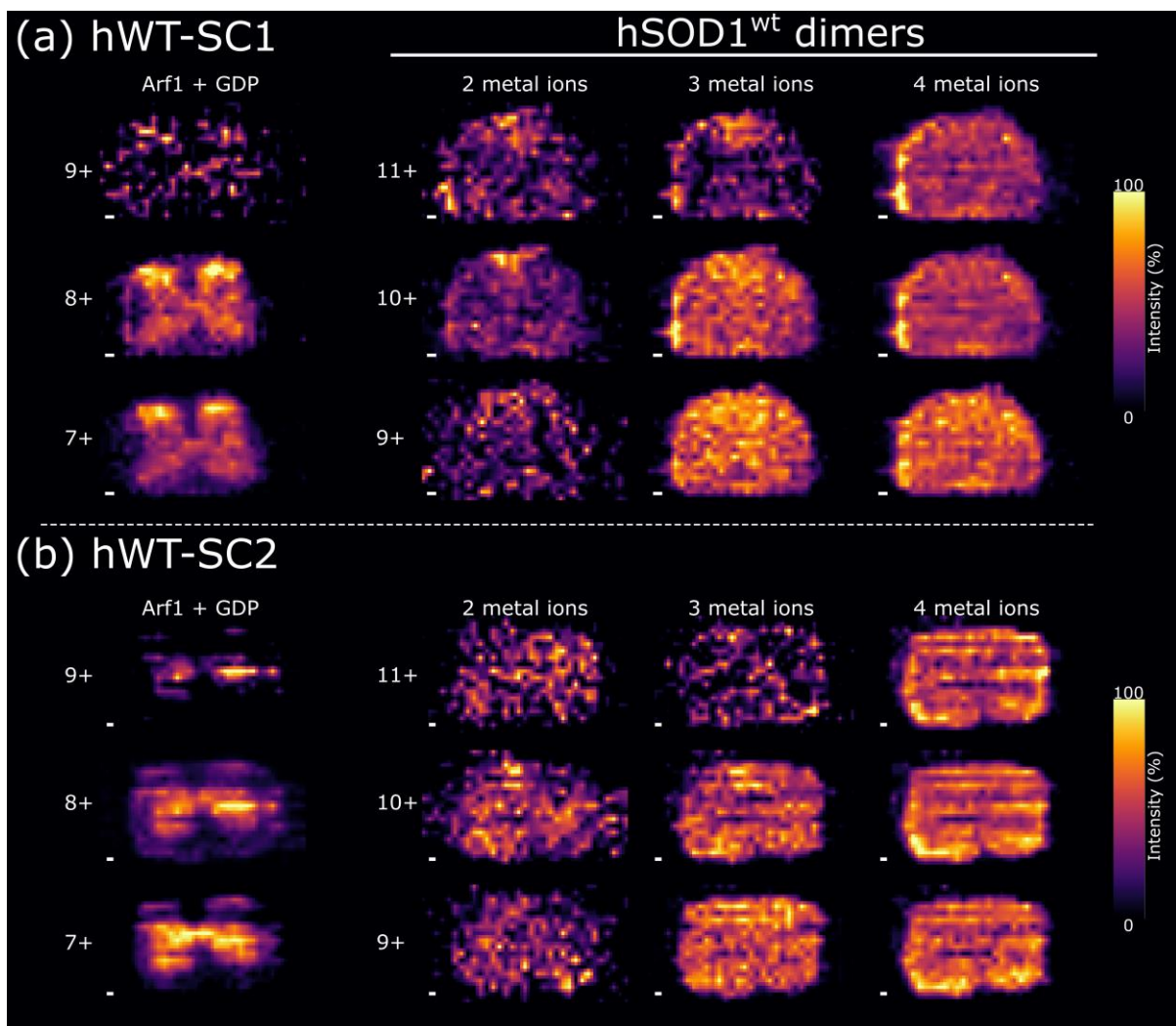


Figure S16: Ion images for proteins in individual charge states for the two hSOD1wt spinal cords (a) hWT-SC1 (b) hWT-SC2. Scale bar: 100 μ m.

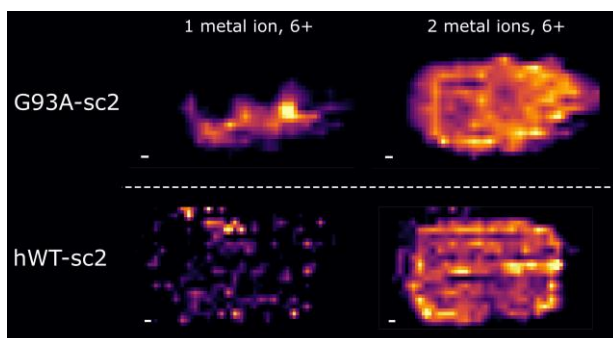


Figure S17: Ion images for hSOD1 monomer (6+ charge state) in biological replicates of spinal cord. Localisation was only detected for the hSOD1G93A monomer with 1 metal ion. Scale bar = 100 μ m.

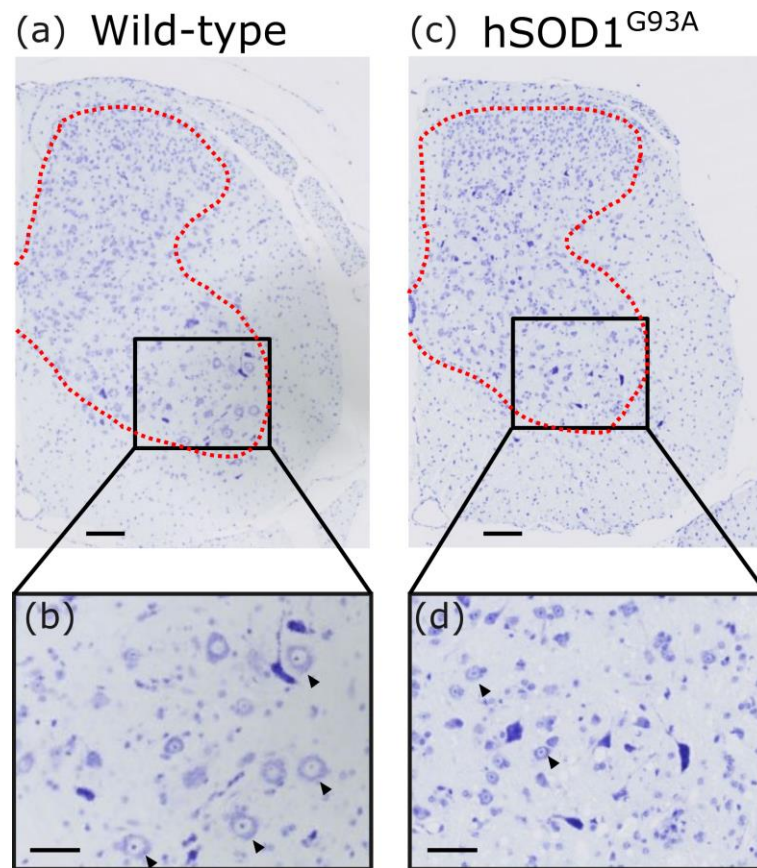


Figure S18: representative FFPE lumbar spinal cord sections from mSOD1^{wt} (representative of 36 sections) and hSOD1^{G93A} (representative of 28 sections) mice at 120 days of age. Motor neurons indicated by black arrows. Scale bar (a, c) = 100 μ m, (b, d) 50 μ m.

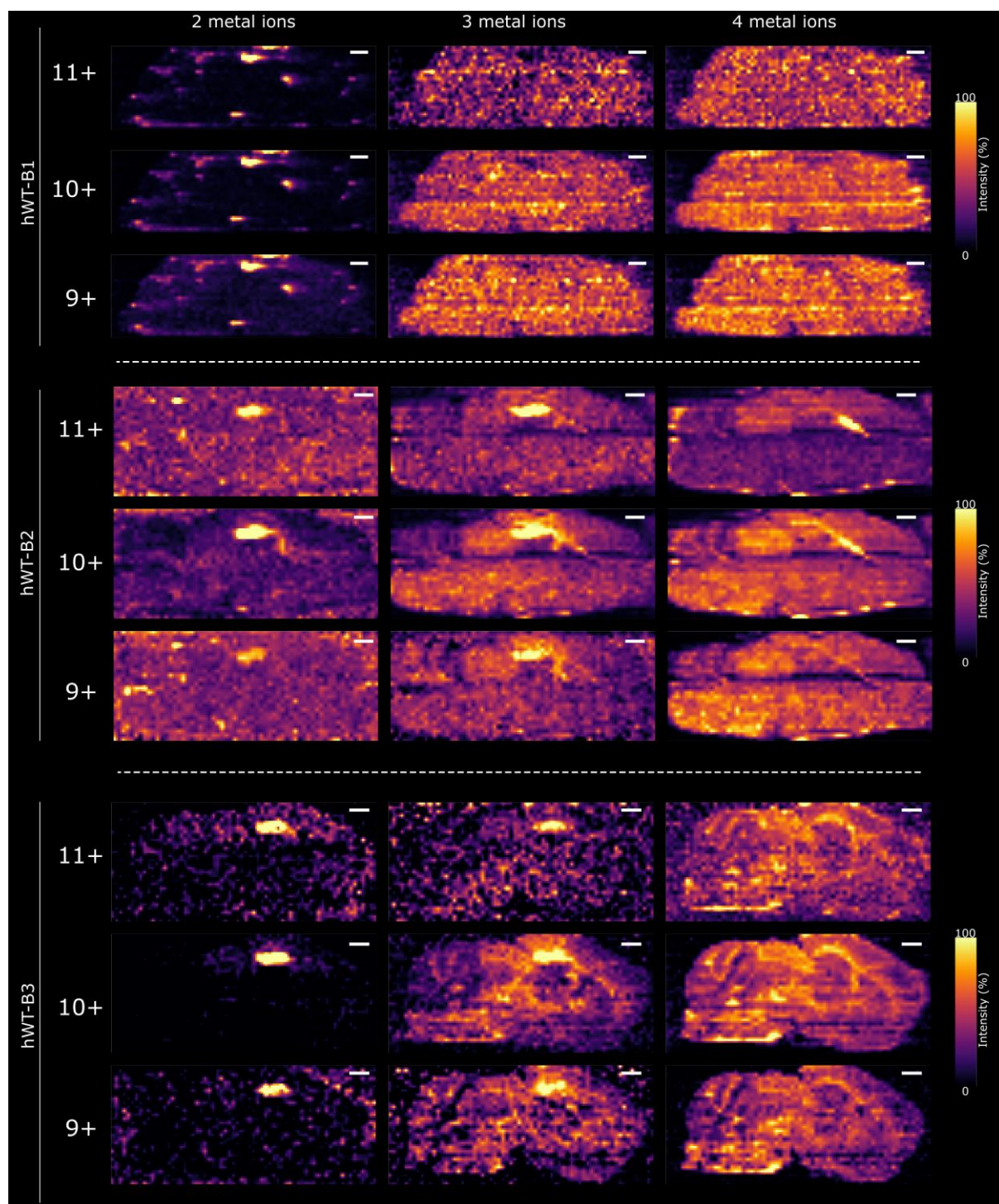


Figure S19: Ion images for hSOD1^{wt} dimers in charge states 11+ - 9+, for the three hSOD1^{wt} mouse brains. Scale bar: 1 mm

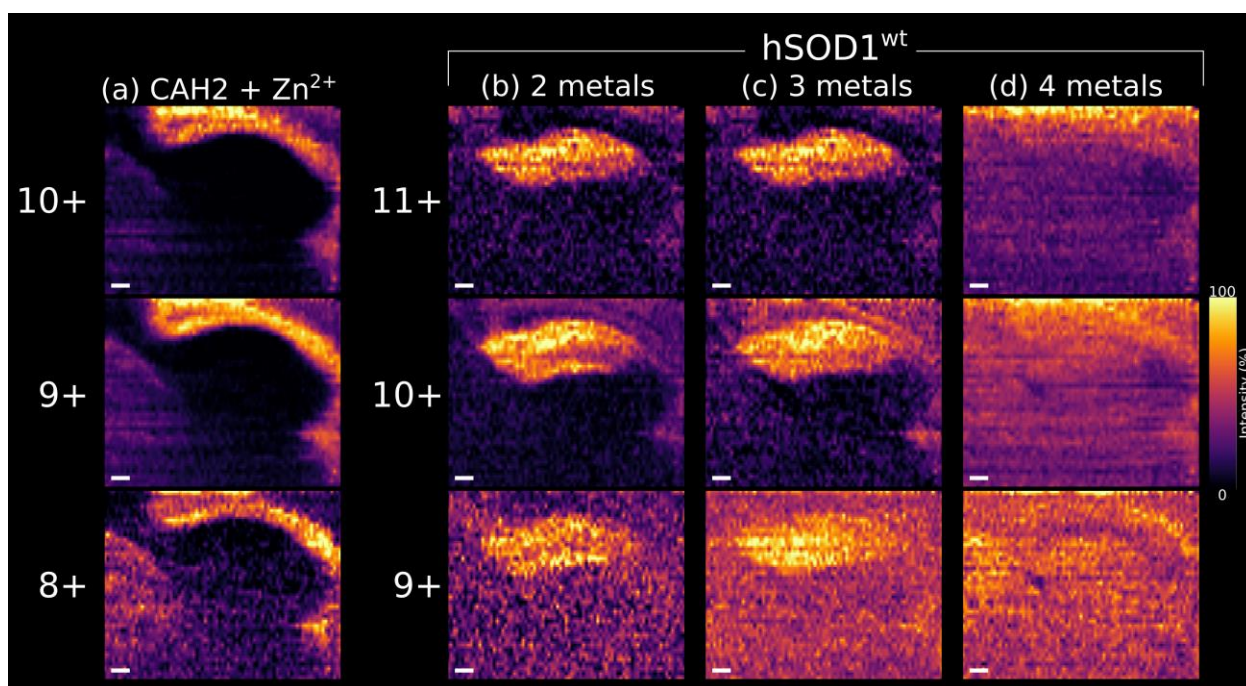


Figure S20: Ion images for each charge state of (a) CAH2 and (b, c, d) three metal-bound states of hSOD1^{wt} dimers analyzed from hWT-B2, which comprise high-resolution ion images presented in Figure 3. Scale bar = 200 μ m.

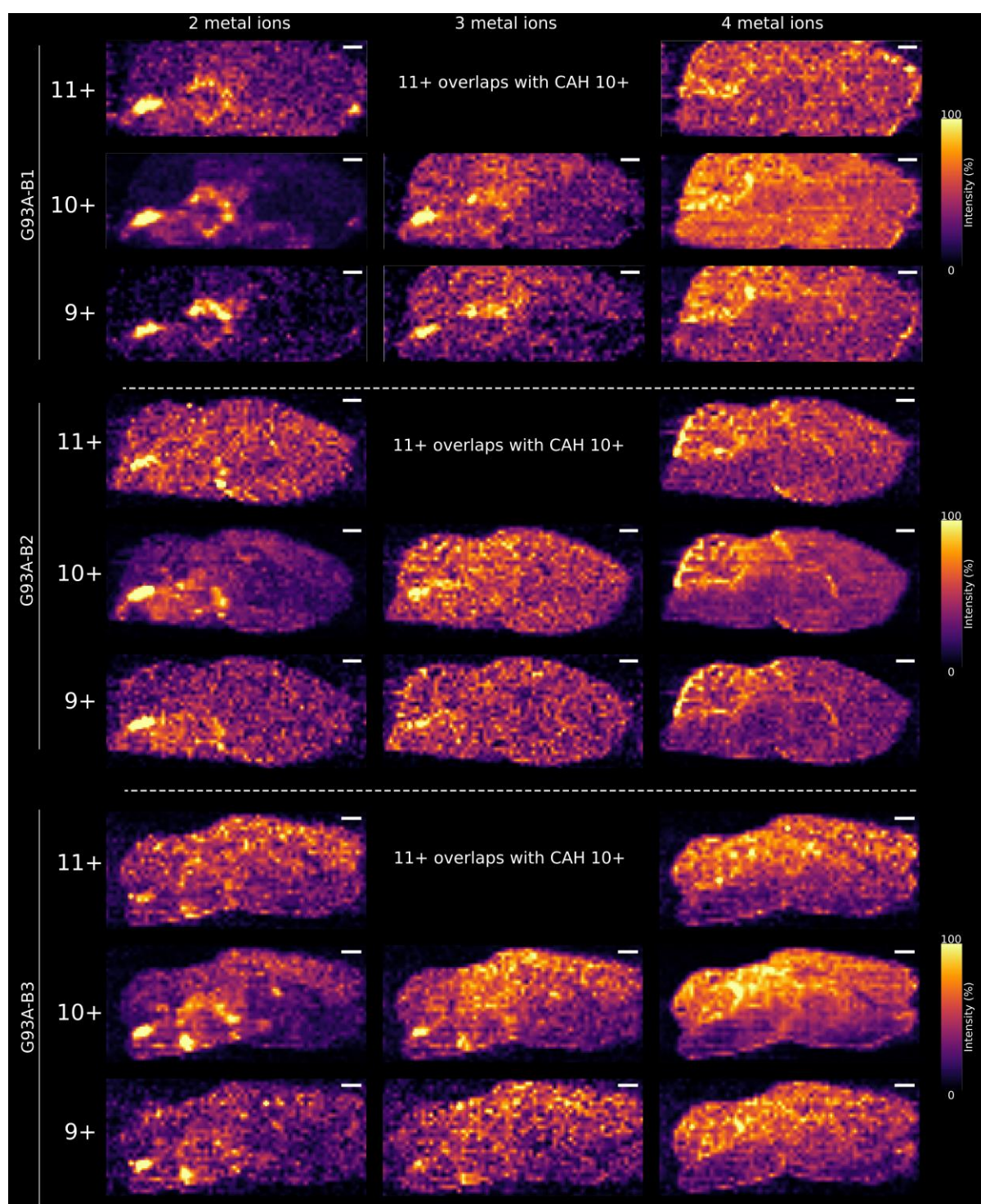
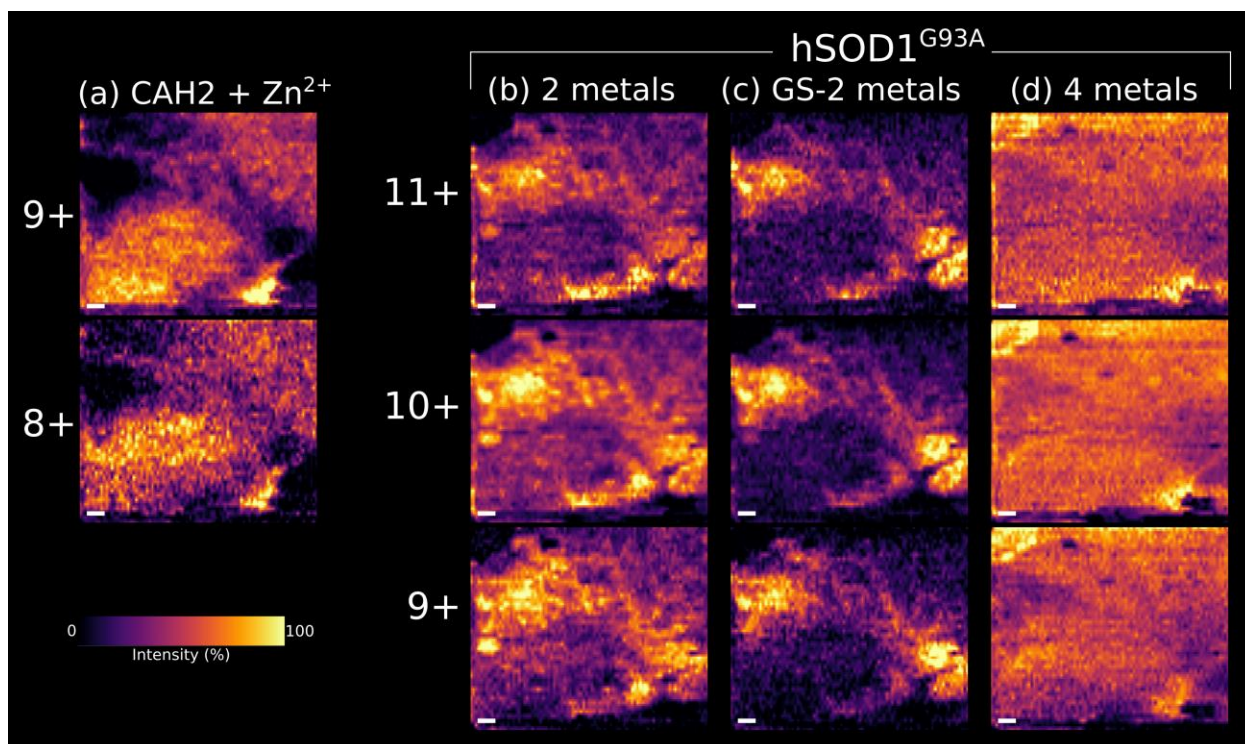


Figure S21: Ion images for hSOD1^{G93A} dimers in charge states 11+ - 9+, for the three G93A mouse brains. Scale bar: 1 mm



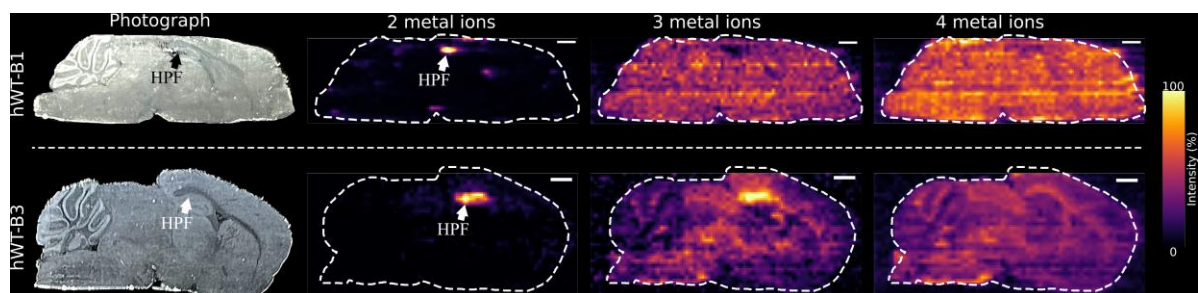


Figure S23: photographs and ion images for hSOD1^{wt} dimers in brains hWT-B1 and hWT-B3. Ion images are composed of signals from 11+ - 9+ charge states. HPF; hippocampal formation.

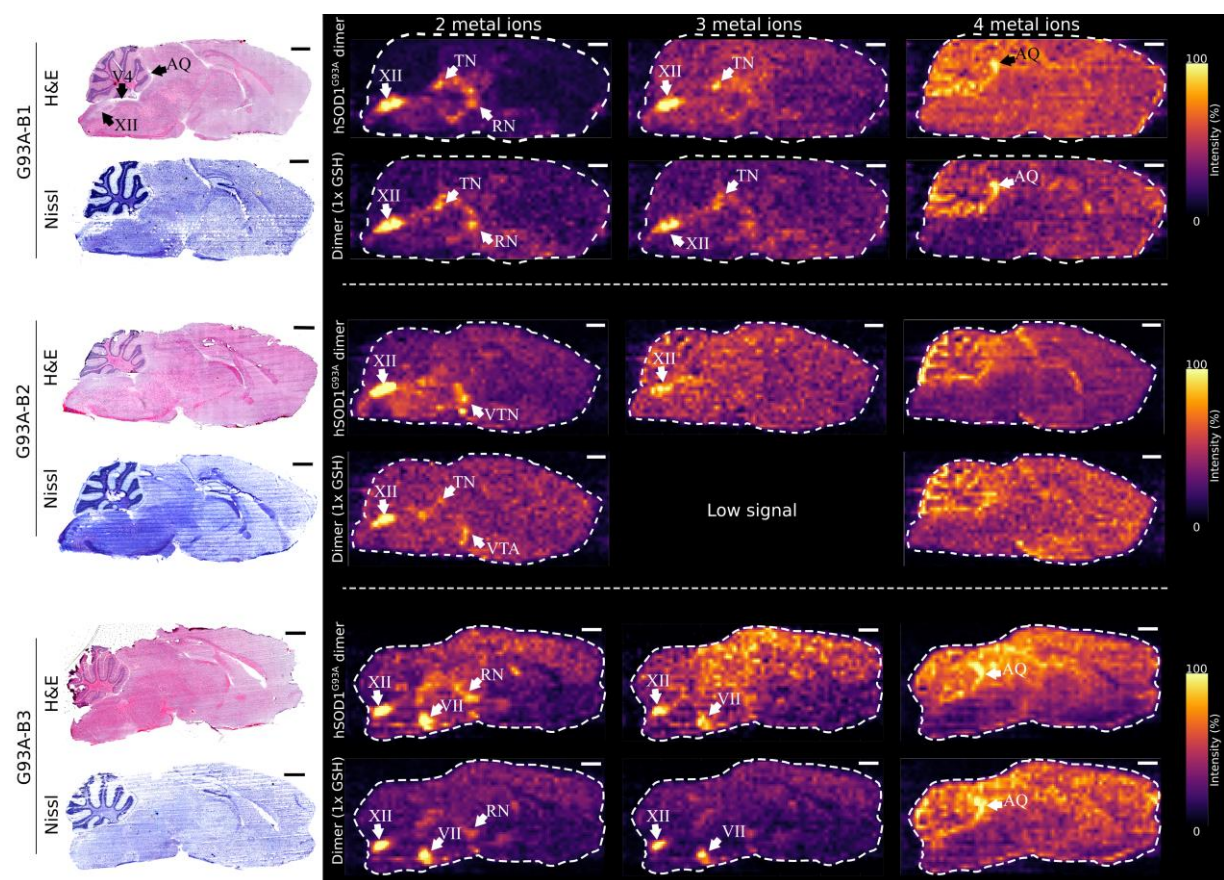


Figure S24: H&E stain, Nissl stains and ion images of hSOD1^{G93A} dimers in G93A-B1, B2 and B3 tissue sections. Ion images are composed of signals from 11+ - 9+ charge states. XII; hypoglossal nucleus, TN; tegmental nuclei, RN; red nucleus, VTA; ventral tegmental area, VII; facial nucleus. Scale bar: 1 mm.

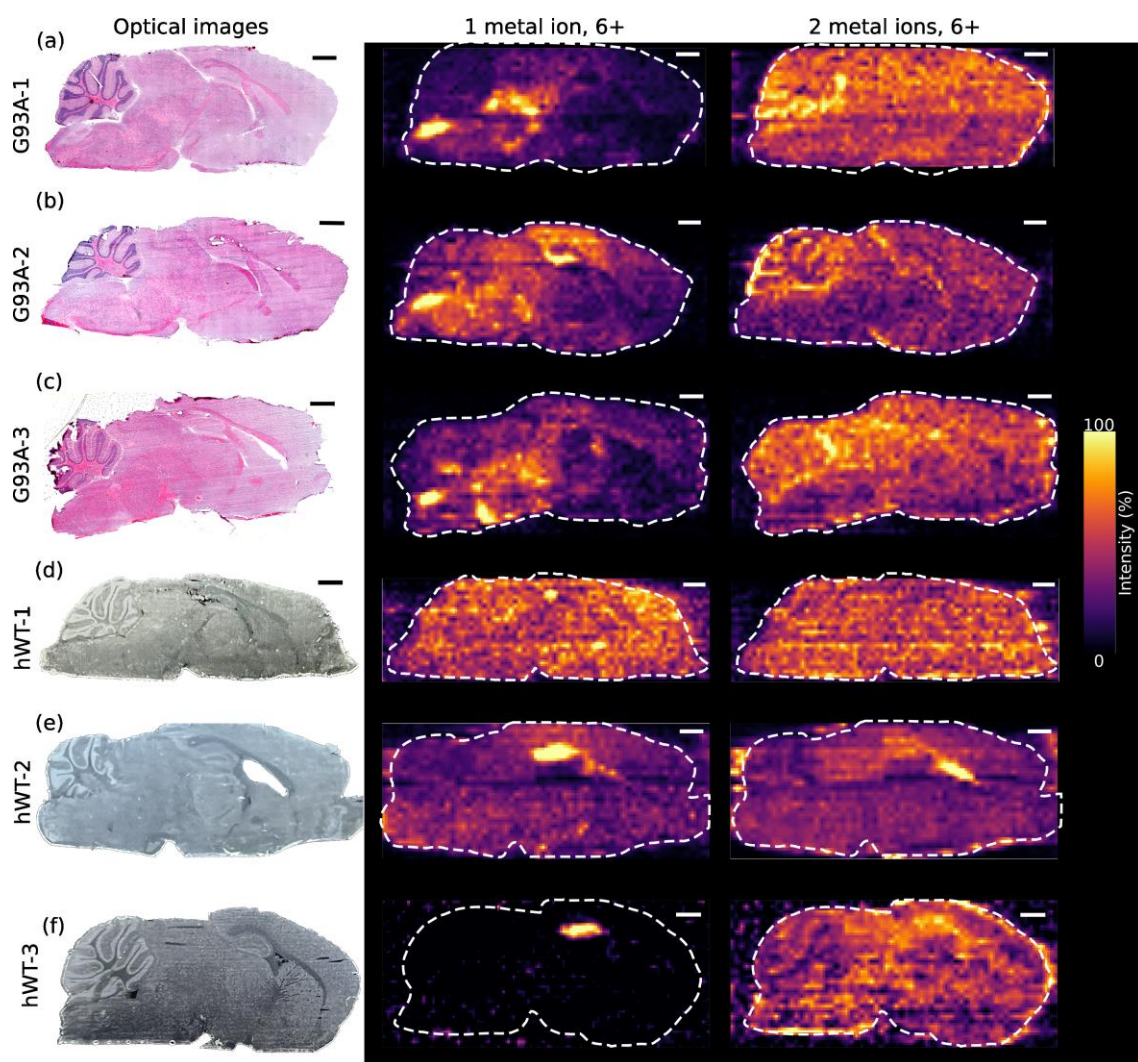


Figure S25: Optical images and ion images for the monomeric 6+ charge state of hSOD1 in (a) G93A-1 (b) G93A-2, (c) G93A-3, (d) hWT-1, (e) hWT-2 and (f) hWT-3.

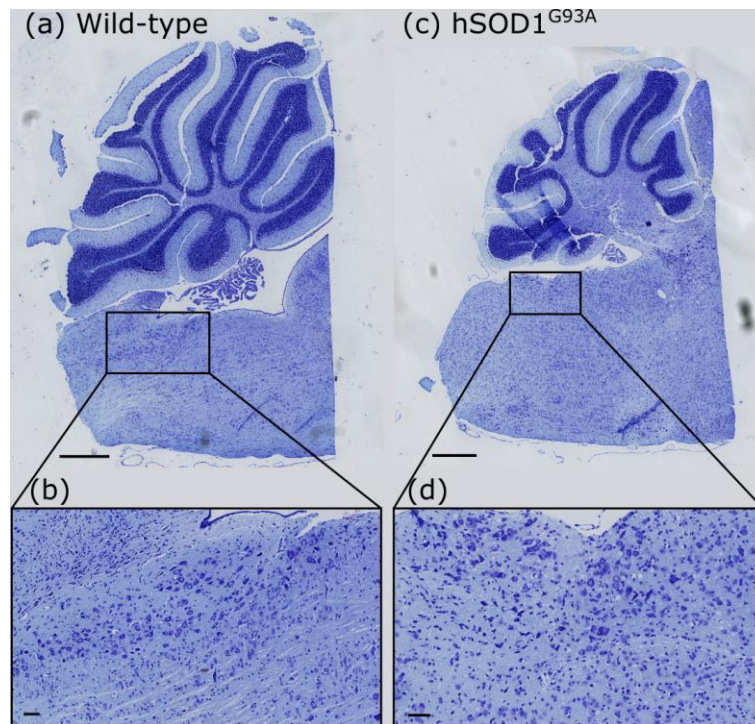


Figure S26: representative FFPE brain sections from mSOD1^{wt} (representative of 12 sections) and hSOD1^{G93A} (representative of 15 sections) mice at 120 days of age. Scale bar (a, c) = 500 μm, (b, d) 50 μm.

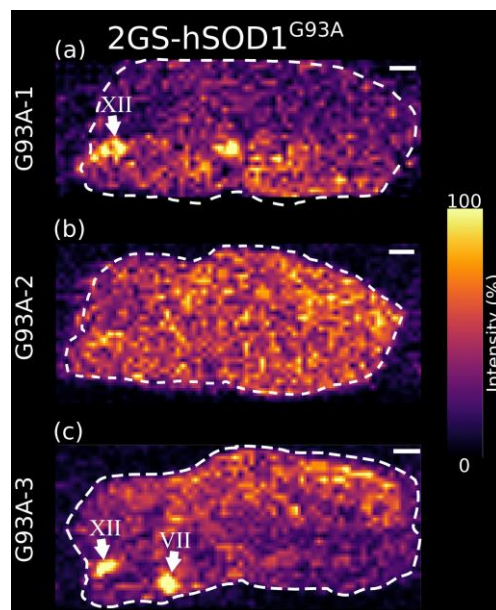


Figure S27: ion images for dimers containing two GS-hSOD1^{G93A} subunits in the 10+ charge state in G93A brains. (a) G93A-1, (b) G93A-2 and (c) G93A-3. A distribution within motor-associated regions was not detected for B2 because of low signal intensity. XII; hypoglossal nucleus, VII; facial nucleus. Scale bar 1 mm.

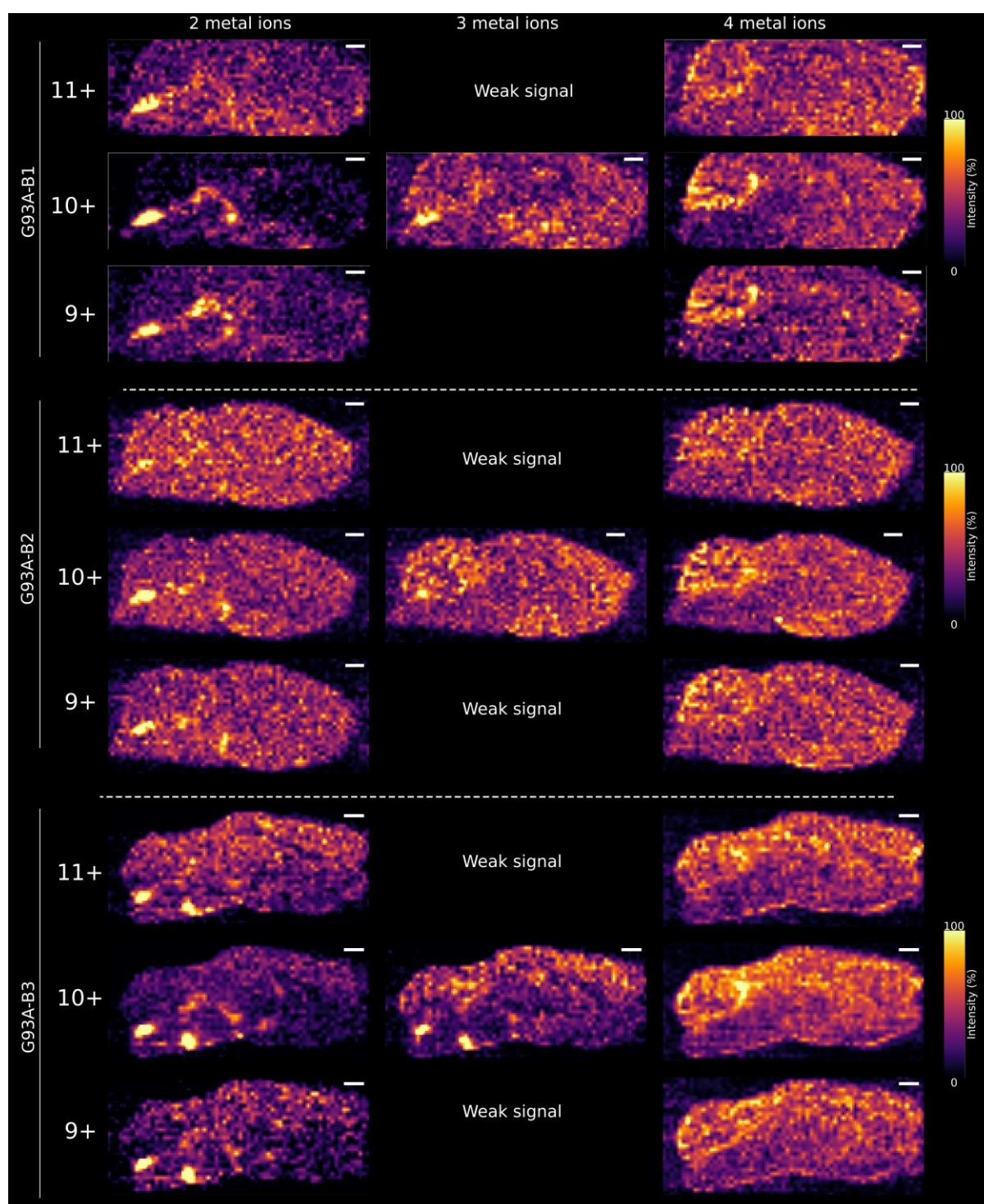


Figure S28: Ion images for 1GS-hSOD1^{G93A} dimers in charge states 11+ - 9+, which include one glutathionylated subunit, for the three G93A mouse brains. Scale bar: 1 mm

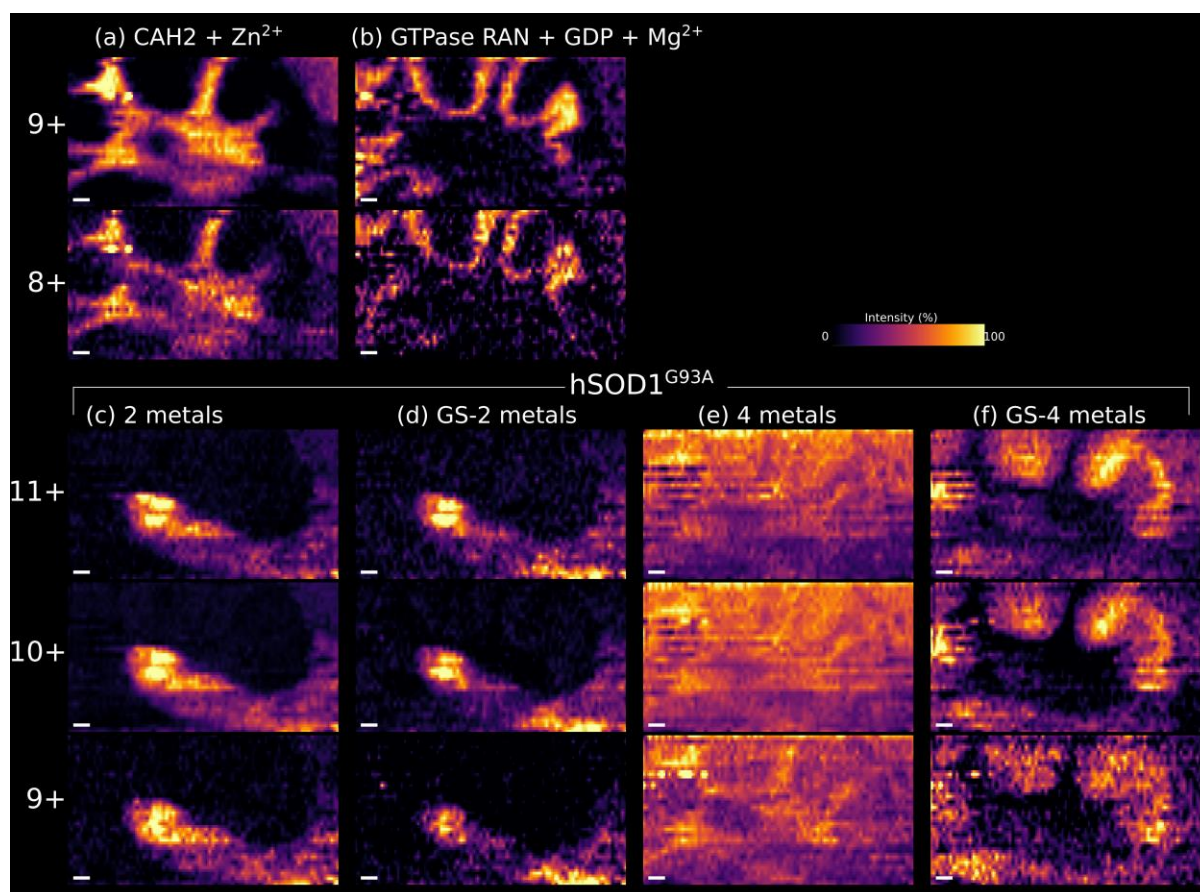


Figure S29: ion images for each charge state of the proteins in the high-resolution MSI of the cerebellum. (a) CAH2 + Zn²⁺ complex and (b) GTPase Ran + GDP + Mg²⁺ complex. hSOD1^{G93A} dimers with (c) 2 metal ions, (d) 2 metal ions and one glutathionylated subunit, (e) 4 metal ions and (f) 4 metal ions and one glutathionylated subunit. Scale bar: 200 μ m.

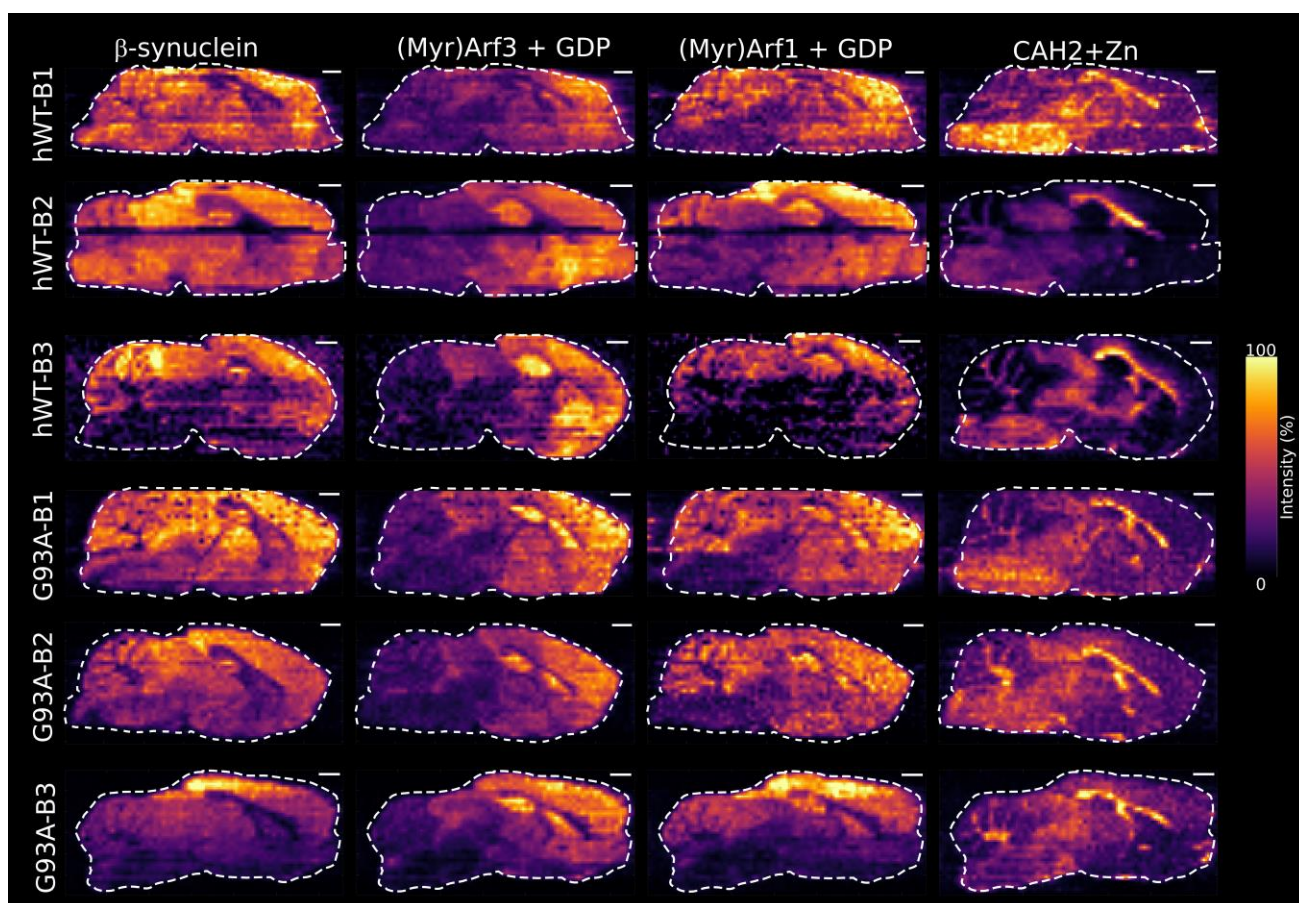


Figure S30: protein for non-SOD1 proteins verify similar performance across experiments. B-synuclein, myristoylated Arf3 bound to guanidine diphosphate (GDP), Myristoylated Arf1 + GDP and carbonic anhydrase 2 bound to Zn^{2+} .

Table S7: Parameters for deconvolution with UniDec.

UniDec parameter	Value
m/z range	2545.87 – 3862.62 (full)
Background subtraction	Yes
Charge range	1-12
Mass range	20,000-35,000
Sample Mass Every (Da)	1.0
Peak detection range (Da)	10.0
Peak detection threshold	0.06

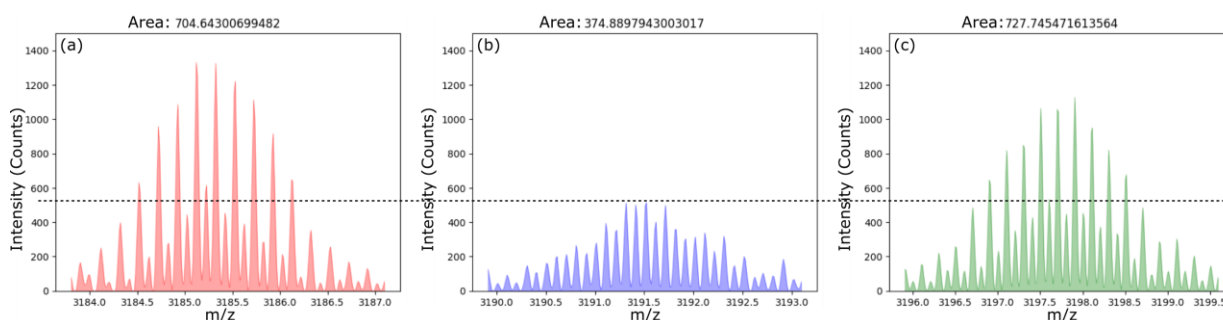


Figure S31: nano-DESI high-resolution MS (orbitrap resolution = 240,000 FWHM at m/z 200) of hSOD1^{G93A} dimer/monomer overlap (10+/5+ charge states). (b) The three-metal dimer has no overlap; the area of this signal was used to estimate the contribution of 10+ dimers ((a) 2 metals and (c) 4 metals) with respect to the total area of their peaks, approx. 52%.

Data availability

The mass spectrometry and optical imaging data generated in this study have been deposited in the University of Birmingham Institutional Research Archive under accession code [[10.25500/edata.bham.00001123](https://doi.org/10.25500/edata.bham.00001123)]. Processed data are also available in the same archive. Mass spectrometry data have also been deposited to the ProteomeXchange Consortium via the PRIDE partner repository with the dataset identifier PXD053247. The signal intensity and motor neuron count data generated in this study are provided in the Source Data file.

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