



## $\alpha$ -Synuclein oligomers ...

... are widely accepted to be cytotoxic species in Parkinson's disease. There is debate as to whether they are intermediate species of fibril formation or the end product of aggregation. In their Communication on page 7560 ff., D. Otzen, T. J. D. Jørgensen, and co-workers show that both are correct, and two types of  $\alpha$ -synuclein oligomers are formed: one that can be elongated by monomers to form fibrils and a second that stacks together to form more amorphous structures.

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