

SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURE LEGENDS

Figure S1. Affinities of wild-type BECN1 BH3 and BECN1 BH3 p-T108 peptides for BCL2 pro-survival proteins. Binding of wild-type and p-T108 BECN1 BH3 peptides to (A and B) BCL2L1 and (C and D) BCL2 as determined by solution competition assay using surface plasmon resonance. (E and F) Direct binding to BCL2L1 was also determined by microscale thermophoresis. The curves and IC_{50}/K_D values represent the average \pm SD for $n=4-5$ separate assays for the SPR experiments and $n=3$ separate assays for the MST experiments.

Figure S2. Composite omit maps of BCL2L1 complexes. (A) BECN1 BH3 p-T108 and (B) BECN1 BH3 D108. Maps were created using Phenix (contoured at 1 sigma) and indicate no obvious density associated with His 113.

Figure S3. Comparison of BCL2 and BCL2L1 BH3 protein complexes. (A) Overlay of the NMR structure of apo-BCL2 (white, PDB code 1GJH) and the crystal structure of BCL2 (yellow) in complex with the BECN1 BH3 domain (orange) (PDB code 5VAU). Binding of BECN1 BH3 causes a widening of the hydrophobic binding groove on BCL2 as a consequence of movement of the $\alpha 3$ helix. (B) This is in contrast to when BECN1 BH3 (orange) binds to BCL2L1 (white) (PDB code 2P1L) where both the $\alpha 3$ and $\alpha 4$ helices move to the BECN1 BH3 ligand as compared to apo-BCL2L1 (white, PDB code 1PQ0).

Figure S4. Interaction maps of all hydrophobic and polar interactions between residues in different pro-survival proteins: BH3 domain complexes. (A) BECN1 BH3:BCL2 (PDB code 5VAU) (B) BECN1 BH3:BCL2L1 (PDB code 2P1L) and (C) BAX BH3:BCL2 (PDB code 2XA0). Maps were created with LIGPLOT. Interactions shown are for residues within 4 Å of each other. Red lines: electrostatic interactions, black lines: hydrophobic interactions, green lines: hydrogen bonds. Residues in yellow are the conserved hydrophobic residues found in all BH3 domains, whilst the conserved aspartic acid is indicated in red.

Figure S5. Binding of wild-type and BECN1 BH3 p-T108 peptides to BCL2L1 in the presence and absence of detergents. Binding of wild-type and p-T108 BECN1 BH3 peptides to BCL2L1 as determined by microscale thermophoresis either (A and B) without detergent, or in the presence of (C and D) Triton X-100 or (E and F) CHAPS. The assays all use fluorescently-labelled BCL2L1 protein. The curves and K_D values represent the average \pm SD for $n=3$ separate assays.









