

1 Fragment Binding to the Nsp3 Macrodome of SARS-CoV-2 Identified Through 2 Crystallographic Screening and Computational Docking

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3 ABSTRACT

4 The SARS-CoV-2 macrodomain (Mac1) within the non-structural protein 3 (Nsp3) counteracts host-mediated
5 antiviral ADP-ribosylation signalling. This enzyme is a promising antiviral target because catalytic mutations
6 render viruses non-pathogenic. Here, we report a massive crystallographic screening and computational
7 docking effort, identifying new chemical matter primarily targeting the active site of the macrodomain.
8 Crystallographic screening of diverse fragment libraries resulted in 214 unique macrodomain-binding
9 fragments, out of 2,683 screened. An additional 60 molecules were selected from docking over 20 million
10 fragments, of which 20 were crystallographically confirmed. X-ray data collection to ultra-high resolution and
11 at physiological temperature enabled assessment of the conformational heterogeneity around the active site.
12 Several crystallographic and docking fragment hits were validated for solution binding using three biophysical
13 techniques (DSF, HTRF, ITC). Overall, the 234 fragment structures presented explore a wide range of
14 chemotypes and provide starting points for development of potent SARS-CoV-2 macrodomain inhibitors.
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16 INTRODUCTION

17 Macrod domains are conserved protein domains found in all kingdoms of life and certain viruses (1). Viral
18 macrodomains have been found to recognize and remove host-derived ADP-ribosylation, a post-translational
19 modification of host and pathogen proteins (2–4). The innate immune response involves signalling by ADP-
20 ribosylation, which contributes to the suppression of viral replication (4–9). Upon viral infection, ADP-
21 ribosylation is catalyzed by an interferon-induced subset of mammalian ADP-ribosyltransferases (ARTs),
22 collectively termed ‘antiviral poly(ADP-ribosyl) polymerases’ (PARPs) (4, 10). These enzymes transfer the
23 ADP-ribose (‘ADPr’) moiety of NAD⁺ onto target proteins (4, 10). For example, during coronavirus infection,
24 PARP14 stimulates interleukin 4 (IL-4)-dependent transcription, which leads to the production of pro-
25 inflammatory, antiviral cytokines (11). Viral macrodomains, which are found primarily in corona-, alpha-, rubi-
26 and herpes-viruses, can counteract this host defense mechanism via their (ADP-ribosyl)hydrolase activity,
27 contributing to the host-viral arms race for control of cell signalling (12).
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29 Coronaviruses (CoVs) are important pathogens of livestock and humans. Three strains out of seven known
30 to infect humans have caused major outbreaks within the last two decades: the severe acute respiratory
31 syndrome (SARS) coronavirus, causing the SARS epidemic from 2002-2004, the Middle East respiratory
32 syndrome (MERS) coronavirus, causing outbreaks in 2012, 2015 and 2018, and SARS-CoV-2, causing the
33 current COVID-19 pandemic (13, 14). The coronaviral conserved macrodomain (called ‘Mac1’ here; also
34 known as ‘S2-MacroD’ or ‘X domain’) is encoded as part of the non-structural protein 3 (Nsp3), a 200 kDa
35 multi-domain protein (15, 16). While cell culture experiments suggest that SARS Mac1 is dispensable for
36 viral replication in some cell lines (6, 7, 17, 18), animal studies have shown that its hydrolytic activity promotes
37 immune evasion and that it is essential for viral replication and pathogenicity in the host (8, 9). The critical
38 role of macrodomains is further supported by experiments using catalytic null mutations of the murine
39 hepatitis virus (MHV), which render that virus essentially non-pathogenic (6–8, 19). Collectively, these
40 findings lend strong support to the idea that SARS-CoV-2 Mac1 is a promising drug target for disrupting the
41 viral life-cycle.
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43 A barrier for macrodomain inhibitor discovery has been the lack of well-behaved inhibitors for this domain.
44 Making matters worse, there are few biochemical assays suitable for screening for such inhibitors. Thus far,
45 PDD00017273, an inhibitor of the poly(ADP-ribose)glycohydrolase (PARG), a macrodomain-type (ADP-

1 ribosyl)hydrolase, remains the only well-characterized inhibitor with convincing on-target pharmacology and
2 selectivity (20). The initial hit was discovered by a homogeneous time-resolved fluorescence (HTRF)-based
3 assay which measures PARG activity, and renders the assay unsuitable for macrodomains that lack this
4 activity (21). A selective allosteric inhibitor targeting PARP14 was identified in an AlphaScreen-based high-
5 throughput screen (HTS) (22). While this inhibitor showed on-target activity in cells, its unique allosteric
6 binding site is difficult to translate to other macrodomains. While potential Mac1 inhibitors have emerged with
7 the advent of SARS-CoV-2 (23–27), their binding mechanisms and efficacy remain unclear. The lack of a
8 biochemical assay specific for Mac1 has hindered their development. Furthermore, structures of the new
9 inhibitors bound to Mac1 have not yet been reported, making optimization of initial hits, however promising,
10 difficult.

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12 To address the lack of chemical matter against Mac1, we turned to fragment-based ligand discovery using
13 crystallography as a primary readout (**Fig. 1**). Fragment screens can efficiently address a large and relatively
14 unbiased chemical space (28). Despite having generally weak overall binding affinity, fragments often have
15 high ligand efficiency, and can provide templates for further chemical elaboration into lead-like molecules
16 (29, 30). Crystallography can be used as a primary screening method for fragment discovery (31), and recent
17 automation and processing software at synchrotron radiation sources has made this routinely possible at
18 facilities like the XChem platform at Diamond Light Source (32–37). As part of Diamond’s contribution toward
19 efforts to combat COVID-19, fragment screening expertise and infrastructure was made immediately
20 available to any users working on SARS-CoV-2 targets (38). Similarly, synchrotron access for essential
21 COVID-19-related research was also made available at the US Department of Energy light sources.

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23 Because crystallographic fragment screens can generate hits that bind anywhere on the protein surface, we
24 wanted to supplement those screens with molecular docking intentionally targeting the active site. Docking
25 has the additional benefit of exploring a much larger chemical space than an empirical fragment library. While
26 an empirical library of ~1000-to-2000 fragments can represent a chemical space as large as, or larger, than
27 that of a classic HTS library of several million compounds, exploration of chemotypes, including those that
28 are well-suited to a particular target subsite, will inevitably be limited (39). Conversely, docking a much larger
29 virtual library allows finer grained sampling around many chemotypes. A potential drawback of molecular
30 docking is doubt about its ability to predict weakly-binding fragment geometries with high fidelity. While
31 docking has identified potent ligands from libraries of lead-like molecules (250 to 350 amu) (40–46), such
32 molecules offer more functional group handles for protein matching than do most fragments (150 to 250
33 amu), and docking is thought to struggle with the smaller, less complex, and geometrically more promiscuous
34 fragments (47, 48). Thus, the pragmatism of this approach has been uncertain (49, 50).

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36 Here, we present a combination of experimental crystallographic-based and computational docking-based
37 fragment screens performed against Nsp3 Mac1 of SARS-CoV-2 (**Fig. 1**). Using X-ray crystallography, we
38 screened fragment libraries of 2,683 compounds, yielding 214 unique fragment-bound Mac1 structures at
39 atomic resolution. Docking of more than 20 million compounds prioritized 60 molecules for structure
40 determination, yielding the structures of 20 additional compounds bound to Mac1. Additional X-ray data
41 collection to ultra-high resolution and at physiological temperature illuminated the conformational
42 heterogeneity in the Mac1 active site. We were able to confirm the binding of several fragments with
43 differential scanning fluorimetry (DSF), isothermal titration calorimetry (ITC), and an ADPr-peptide
44 displacement assay (HTRF), validating the activity of these molecules and providing a foundation for their
45 optimization. The new fragments explore a wide range of chemotypes that interact with the catalytic site of
46 the macrodomain. Together, these results create a roadmap for inhibitor development against Mac1, which
47 may help to combat the pathogenicity of SARS-CoV-2.

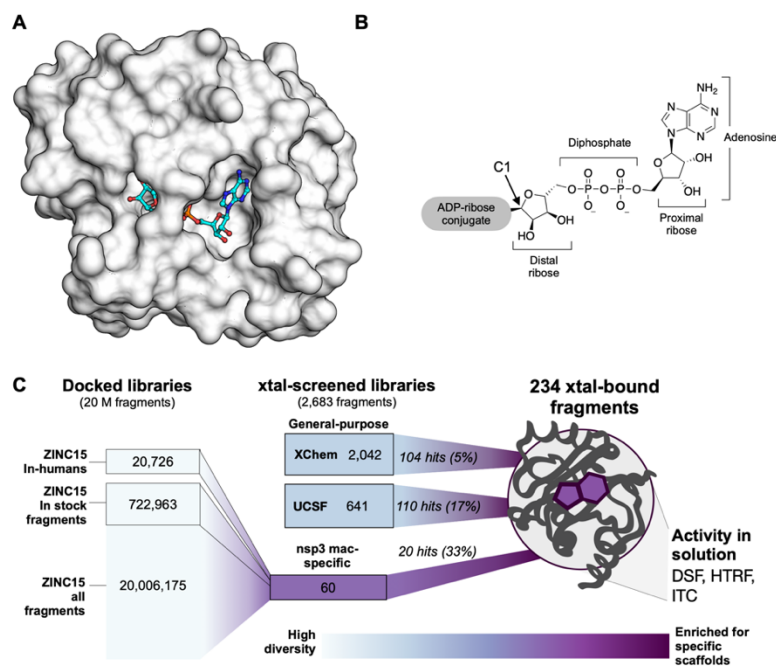


Figure 1. Overview of the fragment discovery approach for SARS-CoV-2 Nsp3 Mac1 presented in this study. **A)** Surface representation of Nsp3 Mac1 with ADP-ribose bound (cyan) in a deep and open binding cleft. **B)** Nsp3 Mac1 possesses ADP-ribosylhydrolase activity which removes ADP-ribosylation modifications attached to host and pathogen targets. ADP-ribose is conjugated through C1 of the distal ribose. **C)** Summary of the fragment discovery campaign presented in this work. Three fragment libraries were screened by crystallography: two general-purpose (XChem and UCSF), and a third bespoke library of 60 compounds, curated for Mac1 by molecular docking of over 20M fragments. Crystallographic studies identified 214 unique fragments binding to Mac1, while the molecular docking effort yielded in 20 crystallographically confirmed hits. Several crystallographic and docking fragments were validated by ITC, DSF, and an HTRF-based ADPr-peptide displacement assay.

1 RESULTS

2 Two crystal forms of Nsp3 Mac1 reveal differences in active site accessibility

3 We sought a crystal system that enabled consistent ligand soaking for fragment screening and for testing
4 docking predictions. Six Mac1 crystal forms have previously been reported (**Supplementary data set 1**).
5 Initially, we designed a construct based on PDB entry 6VXS (25). This construct has been reported to
6 crystallize in P1, C2 and P2₁ with either 1 or 2 molecules in the asymmetric unit (ASU) (**Supplementary data**
7 **set 1**). This construct crystallized reproducibly in C2 with microseeding and diffracted to a maximum
8 resolution of 0.77 Å (**Supplementary data set 1, Fig. S1, Fig. S2A**). This high resolution data yielded
9 electron density maps at true atomic resolution with abundant alternative conformations (**Fig. S1**). The
10 electron density maps also revealed features that are rarely observed in macromolecular crystallography,
11 such as explicit hydrogen atoms, and covalent bond density (**Fig. S1**). Although the active site appears
12 accessible (**Fig. S3**), efforts to soak ADP-ribose into the crystals were unsuccessful. Additionally, soaking
13 revealed that this crystal form suffers from inconsistent DMSO tolerance (**Fig. S2**), which is problematic for
14 fragment soaking. In attempts to overcome this problem, we experimented with lysine methylation (51), which
15 unfortunately increases the occlusion of the active site, and dehydration, which increased DMSO tolerance
16 at the cost of non-isomorphism (**Fig. S2**).

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18 In parallel, we designed a new Mac1 construct that crystallized in P4₃ with two molecules in the ASU
19 (**Supplementary data set 1**). This construct crystallized reproducibly with microseeding and diffracted to a
20 maximum resolution of 0.85 Å (**Supplementary data set 1**). The sequence differences between the two
21 constructs were slight (**Supplementary data set 1**), yet resulted in substantially different crystal packing
22 (**Fig. S3**). Although the active site of protomer B was obstructed, the active site of protomer A was accessible
23 (**Fig. S3**), and we were able to soak ADP-ribose into the crystals (**Fig. S4B,C**). This new structure also
24 revealed a notable difference compared to previously reported Mac1-ADPr structures: the α -anomer of the
25 terminal ribose was observed instead of the β -anomer (**Fig. S4B-E**). Despite this, alignment of ADP-ribose

1 is excellent between all Mac1-ADPr structures (**Fig. S4A**). The DMSO tolerance of the P4₃ crystals was
2 excellent (**Fig. S2**). Accordingly, most of our fragment soaking work proceeded with this construct.

3 Identifying new ligands for Nsp3 Mac1 using crystallographic fragment screening and docking

4 *Characterization of experimental and virtual screening libraries*

5 Crystal soaking screens at the XChem facility were performed with the P4₃ crystals and a collection of
6 fragment libraries (e.g. Diamond, SGC and iNEXT (DSI)-poised Library including 768 molecules (34) and the
7 EU Open screen containing 969 molecules (52)) accumulating to 2,126 molecules (**Fig. S5, Supplementary**
8 **data set 1**). Crystals were screened at the Diamond Light Source. At UCSF, a fragment library composed of
9 Enamine's Essential Fragment library with 320 compounds, augmented by an additional 91 molecules from
10 an in-house library (UCSF_91), was screened against both the P4₃ and C2 crystal forms at the Advanced
11 Light Source (ALS), the Stanford Synchrotron Radiation Lightsource (SSRL) and the National Synchrotron
12 Light Source-II (NLS-II). On average, molecules across the X-Chem and UCSF collections had molecular
13 weights of 192 ± 47 amu, cLogP -1.8 - 3.8, 13 ± 3 heavy atoms, and on average 2 rotatable bonds (**Fig. S5**).
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15 Two fragment libraries were computationally docked against the structure of the macrodomain (PDB 6W02):
16 a library of 722,963 fragments "in-stock" at commercial vendors, and the entire ZINC15 fragment library of
17 20,006,175 mainly make-on-demand fragments that have not been previously synthesized, but can readily
18 be made, available predominantly from Enamine and Wuxi (25). Molecules from the ZINC15 fragment library
19 had molecular weights ≤ 250 amu, cLogP ≤ 3.5, with an average of 4 rotatable bonds, and typically 4-19
20 heavy atoms (**Fig. S5**). In addition, an "in-human" library of 20,726 drugs also comprising investigational new
21 drugs, and metabolites beyond the fragment chemical space, that have been tested in humans were included
22 into the docking screen, with a view to potential repurposing opportunities. All three sets can be downloaded
23 from ZINC15 (<http://zinc15.docking.org>) (53).
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25 We investigated the fragment libraries for their diversity and their representation of chemotypes likely to bind
26 at the adenine recognition site of the macrodomain (**Fig. S5**). Bemis-Murcko (BM) scaffold analysis revealed
27 179 unique scaffolds in the UCSF libraries, and 809 distinct scaffolds in the XChem fragment libraries. The
28 in-stock fragment docking library contained 69,244 distinct scaffolds, while 803,333 scaffolds were present
29 in the entire ZINC15 20M fragment collection. Taken together, the experimentally screened libraries
30 contained roughly two compounds per BM scaffold, while the docking libraries contained approximately 10
31 fragments per scaffold, consistent with the expected higher granularity of the docking libraries afforded by
32 their much larger size.
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34 Since adenine-containing compounds are the only structurally characterized binders of Mac1 and fragment
35 libraries are intended to cover a wide chemotype space, we assessed the prevalence of pyrimidines in the
36 libraries. We observed pyrimidines in 12 of the 411 fragments in the UCSF libraries and 72 of the 2,126
37 XChem fragments (3.39% of the physically-screened fragments (**Fig. S5**). Pyrimidines were found in 41,531
38 of the 722,963 (5.74%) in-stock fragments and in 890,199 molecules of the 20,006,175 compound fragment
39 library (4.44%). While the percentages of molecules carrying the pyrimidine substructure were similar
40 between the physical and docked fragments, the absolute numbers in the latter sets were far higher. Aside
41 from bearing a pyrimidine substructure, they were otherwise diverse: among the 890,199 pyrimidine-
42 containing docking fragments, 60,919 distinct BM scaffolds were identified. Adenine was present in 5,457
43 fragments (582 different scaffolds). Furthermore, as ADP-ribose is negatively charged, anionic compounds
44 were considered to exhibit favorable properties to bind to the macrodomain by targeting the diphosphate
45 region. Fortuitously, a substantial fraction (35%) of the UCSF fragment libraries is anionic (**Fig. S5**).

1 *Hit rates and Mac1 interaction sites of fragments*

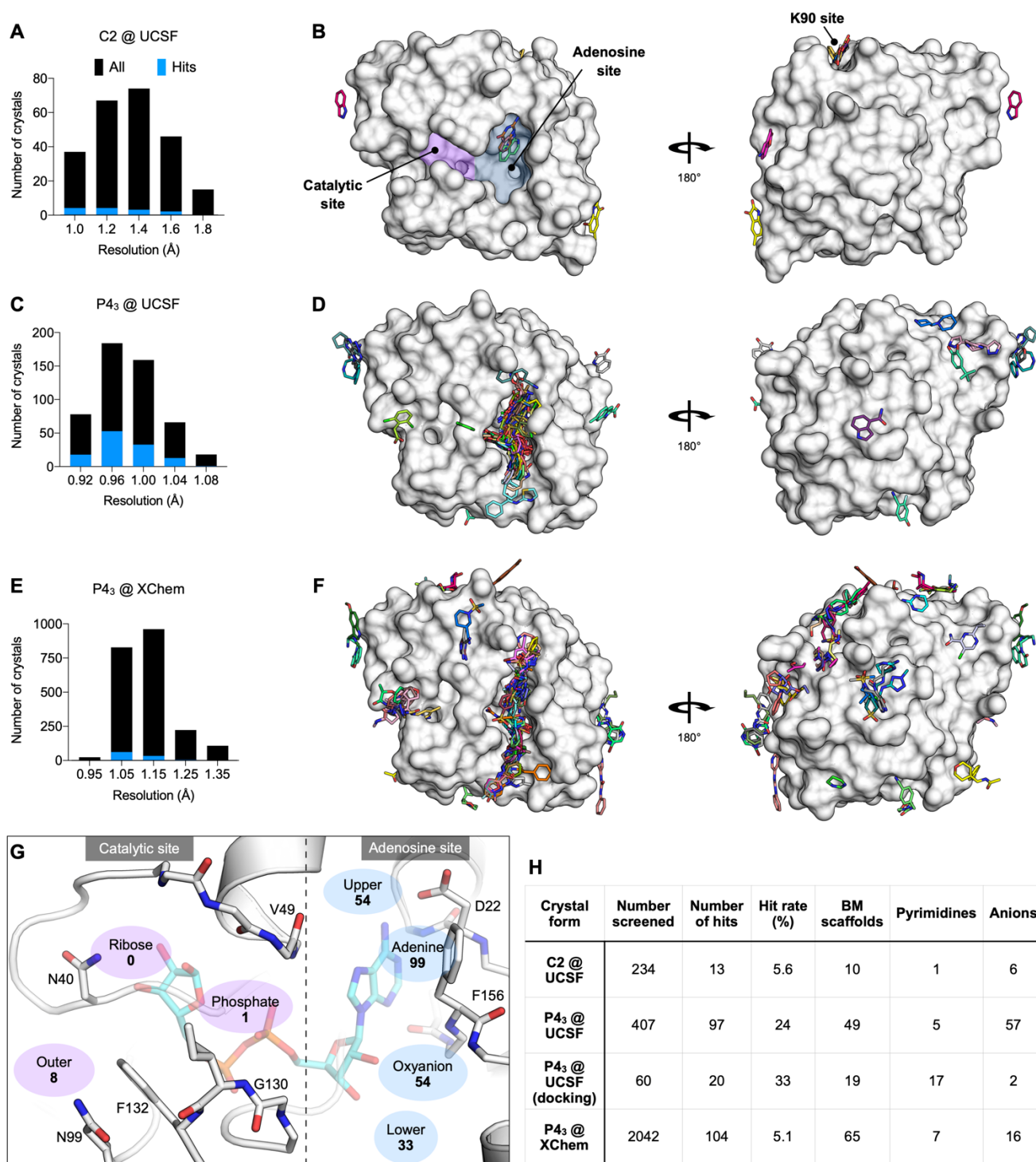
2 Across both crystal forms and facilities, we collected diffraction data for Mac1 crystals soaked with 2,850
3 fragments (**Fig. 2**). The diffraction characteristics of the P4₃ crystals were excellent: the average resolution
4 was 1.1 Å, and 98% of crystals diffracted beyond 1.35 Å (**Fig. 2C,E**). Although diffraction data was collected
5 for 368 fragments soaked into the C2 crystals at UCSF, data pathologies meant that only 234 datasets could
6 be analysed. The datasets collected from C2 crystals had a mean resolution of 1.4 Å and ranged from 1.0 to
7 1.8 Å (**Fig. 2A**). In total, we identified 234 unique fragments binding to Mac1 using the PanDDA method
8 (**Fig. 2, Supplementary data set 2**) (54). Of these, 221 were identified using P4₃ crystals (hit rate of 8.8%)
9 and 13 using C2 crystals (hit rate of 5.6%). 80% of the fragments were identified in the Mac1 active site, near
10 to or overlapping with the regions occupied by the nucleotide (the adenosine site) or the phospho-ribose (the
11 catalytic site) (**Fig. 2G**). Additional fragments were scattered across the surface of the enzyme, with an
12 enrichment at a distal macrodomain-conserved pocket near lysine 90 (the 'K90 site', 14 fragments) and with
13 many others stabilized by crystal contacts (**Fig. 2B,D,F, Fig. S6**). Coordinates, structure factors, and
14 PanDDA electron density maps for all the fragments have been deposited in the Protein Data Bank (PDB)
15 and are available through the Fragalysis webtool (<https://fragalysis.diamond.ac.uk>).

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17 The unusually high hit rate for the adenosine site in the P4₃ form with the Enamine Essential library (21%)
18 was in contrast to the relatively low hit rate with this library with the C2 form (1.3%). Of the five pairs of
19 fragments identified in both crystal forms, two pairs were identified in the adenine subsite in both crystal
20 forms, two in the adenine site in P4₃ crystals but in the K90 site in C2 crystals, and the remaining pair bound
21 to a surface site in the P4₃ crystals and in the K90 site in the C2 crystals (**Supplementary data set 1**).
22 Additional paired high quality datasets were available for 54 fragments that were bound within the P4₃
23 crystals, but all showed no density for fragments in the C2 crystals (**Supplementary data set 1**). It is possible
24 that competition for binding with the N-terminal residues may have contributed to the relatively low hit rate
25 for the C2 form (**Fig. S3**).

26 *Docking hits mimic the adenine recognition pattern*

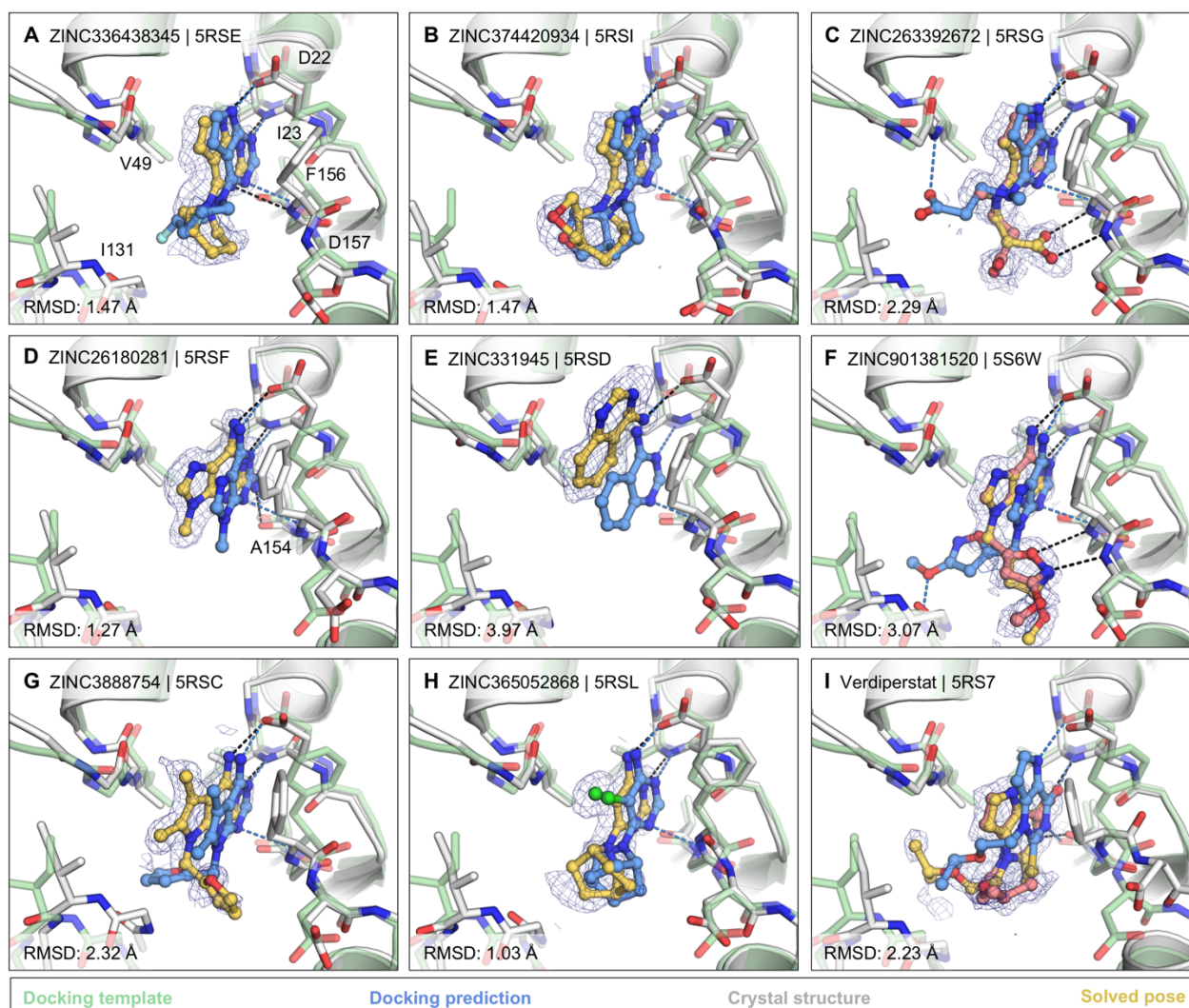
27 Docking the entire (20 million) ZINC15 fragment library, after careful calibration of docking parameters using
28 different control calculations (see Methods) (53, 55), was completed in just under 5 hours of elapsed time on
29 a 500 core cluster. The 20,006,175 fragments were sampled in over 4.4 trillion complexes. Top-ranked
30 molecules were inspected for their ability to form hydrogen bonds similar to adenine (e.g. with the side chain
31 of Asp22 and with the backbones of Ile23 and Phe156) while molecules with internal molecular strain or
32 unsatisfied hydrogen bond donors were deprioritized. Ultimately, we selected 54 fragments from the entire
33 ZINC15 fragment library screen, 9 of which were immediately available for purchase from Enamine and 33
34 of 45 make-on-demand molecules were successfully synthesized *de novo*. Furthermore, 8 fragments were
35 purchased from the ZINC15 in-stock fragment library screen, and an additional 10 compounds were sourced
36 based on the 'in-human' library docking (**Supplementary Table 1**).

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38 Of the 60 molecules tested for complex formation by crystal soaking, 20 were observed with unambiguous
39 electron density in complex with Mac1 (**Supplementary data set 1**). Here too, the crystals diffracted to
40 exceptionally high resolution, between 0.94 and 1.01 Å. The predicted docking poses typically superposed
41 well on the observed crystallographic results (Hungarian method root mean square deviations (56) ranging
42 from 1-to-5 Å) and 19 out of the 20 docking hits bound to the adenosine sub-pocket of the Mac1, as targeted
43 by docking (**Fig. 3 and Fig. S7**).



1 **Figure 2. Crystallographic screening identified 234 fragments bound to Mac1.** A,C,E) Histograms
 2 showing the resolution of the crystallographic fragment screening data. The resolution of datasets where
 3 fragments were identified are shown with blue bars. B,D,F) Surface representation of Mac1 with fragments
 4 shown as sticks. G) The Mac1 active site can be divided based on the interactions made with ADP-ribose.
 5 The 'catalytic' site recognizes the distal ribose and phosphate portion of the ADP-ribose, and harbours the
 6 catalytic residue Asn40 (12). The 'adenosine' site recognizes adenine and the proximal ribose. The number
 7 of fragments binding in each site is indicated. H) Summary of the fragments screened by X-ray
 8 crystallography, including the number of Bemis-Murcko (BM) scaffolds and anionic fragments identified as
 9 hits in each screen.

1 The most commonly observed scaffold among the docking hits was 7H-pyrrolo(2,3-d)pyrimidine occupying
2 the adenine-binding pocket for ADP-ribose (**Fig. 3A-C**). This ring system is typically hydrogen bonded with
3 Asp22, Ile23 and Phe156. Fragments with this scaffold revealed high fidelity between the docking results
4 and the high resolution structures (RMSD 1.5 - 2.3 Å). Different substituents can be attached to this
5 headgroup e.g. piperidine, adding a hydrophobic segment to the scaffold (e.g. ZINC336438345 (PDB
6 5RSE)), occupying most of the adenosine binding pocket as shown in **Fig. 3A,B** and **Fig. S7A,B**. In addition
7 to hydrophobic variations, ZINC263392672 (PDB 5RSG) attaches an anionic substituent to the
8 pyrrolopyrimidine scaffold, offering additional hydrogen bonds within the binding pocket (**Fig. 3C**).
9 Interestingly, while docking predicted the carboxylic acid of compound ZINC263392672 to insert into the
10 phosphate binding tunnel, forming a hydrogen bond to Val49, the crystal structure instead revealed hydrogen
11 bonds to the backbone amines of Phe156 and Asp157 which we defined as the 'oxyanion site' within the
12 adenosine sub-pocket. Interactions with this backbone-defined oxyanion site were also observed for many
13 other hits from both the docking and the crystallographically screened libraries (e.g. **Fig. 3F, Fig. S7E**).



14 **Figure 3. Docking hits confirmed by high-resolution crystal structures.** The protein structure (PDB
15 6W02) (25), prepared for virtual screens is shown in green, predicted binding poses are shown in blue, the
16 crystal protein structures are shown in grey, the solved fragment poses are shown in yellow, with alternative
17 conformations shown in light pink. PanDDA event maps are shown as a blue mesh. Protein-ligand hydrogen
18 bonds predicted by docking or observed in crystal structures are colored light blue or black, respectively.
19 Hungarian RMSD values are presented between docked and crystallographically determined ligand poses
20 (binding poses for additional docking hits are shown in **Fig. S7**).

1 For a set of smaller, mainly adenine-like docking hits, modeled to only occupy the adenine subpocket of the
2 targeted adenosine binding site (**Fig. 3D,E, Fig. S7C,D**), the comparison between docked and experimental
3 poses revealed deviations between 1.3 and 4 Å. Making these somewhat larger deviations harder to interpret
4 was that for several fragments the crystallographically observed pose, e.g. ZINC331945 (RMSD 3.97 Å, **Fig.**
5 **3E**) and ZINC763250 (RMSD 3.78 Å, **Fig. S7D**), is partially stabilized by interactions with the symmetry mate
6 (*vide infra*).

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8 Another group of docking hits was selected as they mimicked the adenosine scaffold more closely (see **Fig.**
9 **3F,G** and **Fig. S7I-L**). For these, the ultra-high resolution of the crystal structures was crucial, revealing that
10 for four of these, initially the wrong purine isomer had been inadvertently synthesized, with alkyl derivatives
11 from the N3 rather than the intended N9 nitrogen corresponding to the alkylation of adenine in ADP-ribose
12 (**Fig. S7I-L**). Characterization of the original compound samples by HPLC/MS and NMR confirmed that the
13 delivered compounds were >95% pure, mis-assigned positional isomers. For ZINC901381520 (**Fig. 3F**), both
14 N3 (PDB 5RSK) and N9 (PDB 5S6W) isomers were synthesized in different batches and confirmed to bind
15 to the targeted adenosine binding pocket forming equal hydrogen-bond interactions with the protein (**Fig.**
16 **S7I**). ZINC3888754 (PDB 5RSC) (**Fig. 3G**) contains an adenine-like heterocycle extended by methyl-groups
17 at the C7 and C8 positions, revealing opportunities for expanding purine scaffolds beyond the adenine
18 subsite to achieve Mac1 selectivity over other adenine-binding proteins.

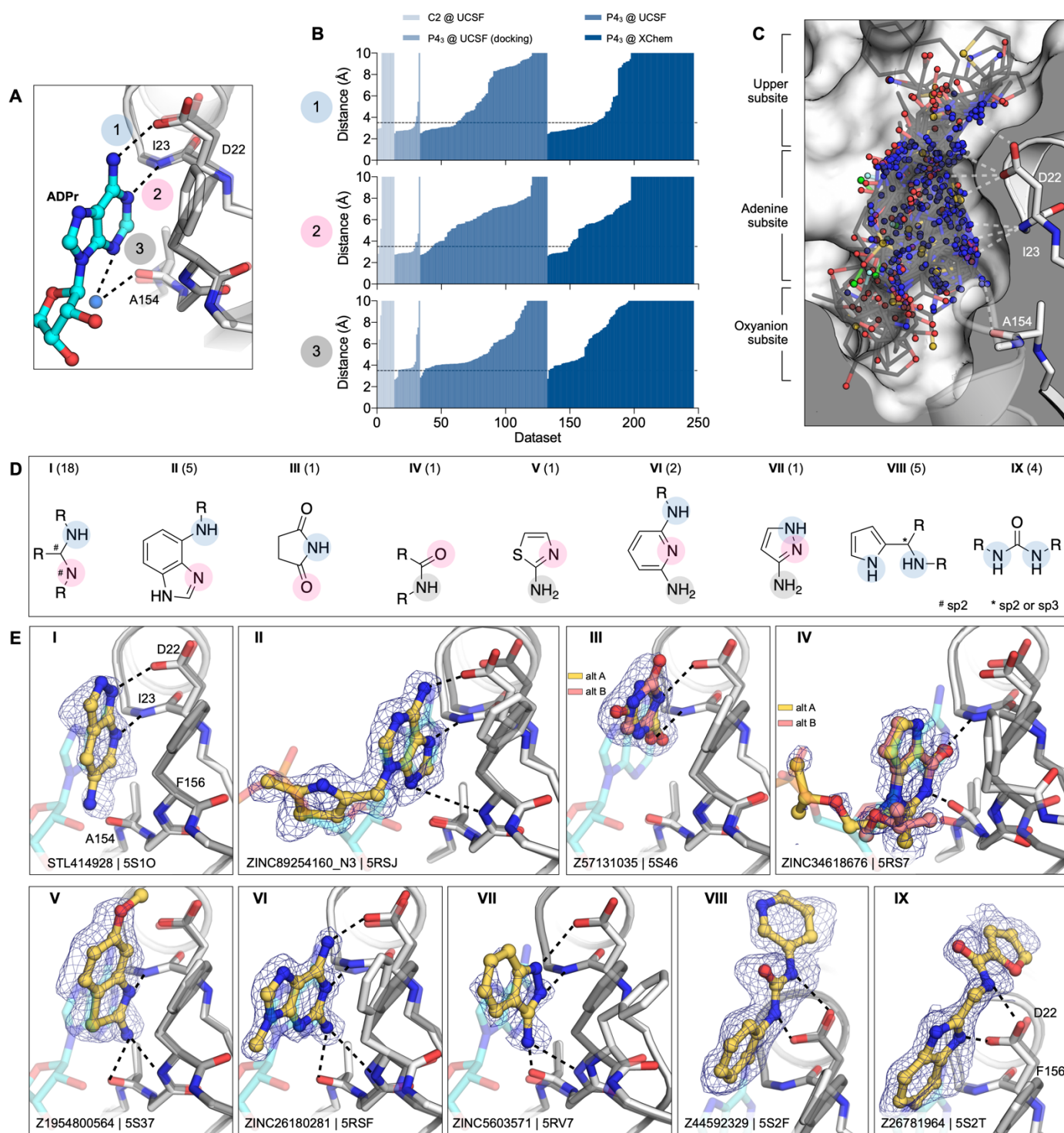
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20 In addition to hydrogen-bonding with residues involved in the adenine recognition of ADP-ribose, several
21 docking hits hydrogen bond to the backbone carbonyl group of Ala154 (see **Fig. 3D,I** and **Fig. S7G**), thereby
22 revealing an intriguing accessory polar contact within this sub-pocket. While most residues surrounding the
23 adenosine-binding subpocket adopted similar conformations in the fragment-bound crystal structures as in
24 the ADP-ribose-bound template protein structure used for docking (PDB 6W02) (25), Asp22 and Phe156 had
25 increased dynamics in the electron density. In most fragment-bound crystal structures, Phe156 rotated by
26 approximately 90° degrees, enabling improved π - π stacking (face-to-face) against the aromatic moieties in
27 the bound fragments, as shown in **Fig. 3C-G**. However, the docking template orientation of Phe156 was
28 retained for other pyrimidine-containing fragment-bound crystal structures (**Fig. 3B,H**).

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30 Overall, two characteristics stand out from the docking screen: first, despite some important differences,
31 there was high fidelity between the docking-predicted poses and those observed, to ultra-high resolution, by
32 crystallography. The docking hits explored the adenine subsite to which they were targeted. Second, these
33 hits did so with relatively dense variations around several chemotypes, something afforded by the granularity
34 of a >20 million fragment library. This density can be explored further, for example, 9,170 fragments (888
35 unique BM scaffolds) in the ZINC15 fragment library contained 7H-pyrrolo(2,3-d)pyrimidines, the functional
36 group repeatedly observed in crystallographically confirmed docking hits (**Fig. 3A-C**).

37 Analysis of key interactions between Mac1 and fragments from the crystallographic screen

38 *Fragments binding to the adenine subsite*

39 While docking was successful in targeting the adenine binding pocket, crystallographic fragment screening
40 has the advantages of being binding site agnostic and the potential to identify novel chemotypes at that site.
41 Crystallographic screening identified 96 adenine-site binding fragments that form subsets of the three
42 hydrogen bonds found between Mac1 and ADP-ribose (**Fig. 4A-C**). Fragments that formed at least two
43 hydrogen bonds to the adenine subsite were separated into nine classes based on the number, nature and
44 connectivity of atoms involved in such hydrogen bonding (**Fig. 4D**). The most common class consisted of a
45 1,3-hydrogen bond donor/acceptor motif (**Fig. 4D,E,I**). This is reminiscent of the hinge binding motifs



1 **Figure 4. Fragments binding to the adenine subsite.** **A)** Stick representation showing the interaction of
2 the adenosine moiety of ADP-ribose with Mac1. The key interactions are shown as dashed lines. **B)** Plot of
3 the distances shown in **(A)** for all fragment hits. The distances, truncated to 10 Å, are for the closest non-
4 non-carbon fragment atom. **C)** Stick representation showing all fragments interacting with Asp22-N, Ile23-N or
5 Ala154-O. The surface is 'sliced' down a plane passing through Asp22. **D)** Structures of the nine unique
6 motifs that make at least two hydrogen bonds to the adenine site. Colored circles match the interactions
7 listed in **(A)** and **(B)**. The number of fragments identified for each motif are listed in parentheses. **E)** Example
8 for the nine structural motifs. The fragment is shown with yellow sticks and the PanDDA event map is shown
9 as a blue mesh. ADP-ribose is shown as cyan transparent sticks. The apo structure is shown with dark gray
10 transparent sticks.

1 observed in kinases, with the difference being the engagement of a side chain oxygen rather than the
2 backbone carbonyl oxygen (**Fig. S8B**) (57). While 7 out of 18 fragments in this class were 4-amino-
3 pyrimidine derivatives, other moieties were featured, including two 2-amino-thiazole-based fragments and
4 several purine derivatives (**Supplementary data set 2**). We also observed an unusual adenine-binding mode
5 with an H-bond formed between Ile23 and N7 instead of N1 (**Fig. 4D,E.II**). The alternative binding mode can
6 be explained by the N3 substitution of adenine on this fragment, which prevents formation of the canonical
7 N1-Ile23 H-bond. This pattern of hydrogen bonds to the protein has not been previously observed in adenines
8 linked through N9 (58).

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10 We also observed diverse fragments without adenine-like motifs binding at this site, including succinimides,
11 amides, thiazoles, diamino-pyridines, pyrazoles, pyrroles, and ureas (**Fig. 4D,E.III-VIII**). These exploited,
12 separately and together, Asp22 and Ile23, Ala154, and occasionally all three adenine-defining hydrogen-
13 bonding residues. Several fragments π - π stacked with Phe156, while those bearing a urea hydrogen-bonded
14 with the carboxylate of Asp22 (**Fig. 4D,E.VIII**). These interactions were reproduced by a series of
15 benzimidazole-based fragments (**Fig. 4D,E.IX**). These classes occupied what might be classified as an
16 'upper subsite', above that defined by the adenine-ribose axis, and may provide an opportunity to grow
17 fragments away from the canonical site.

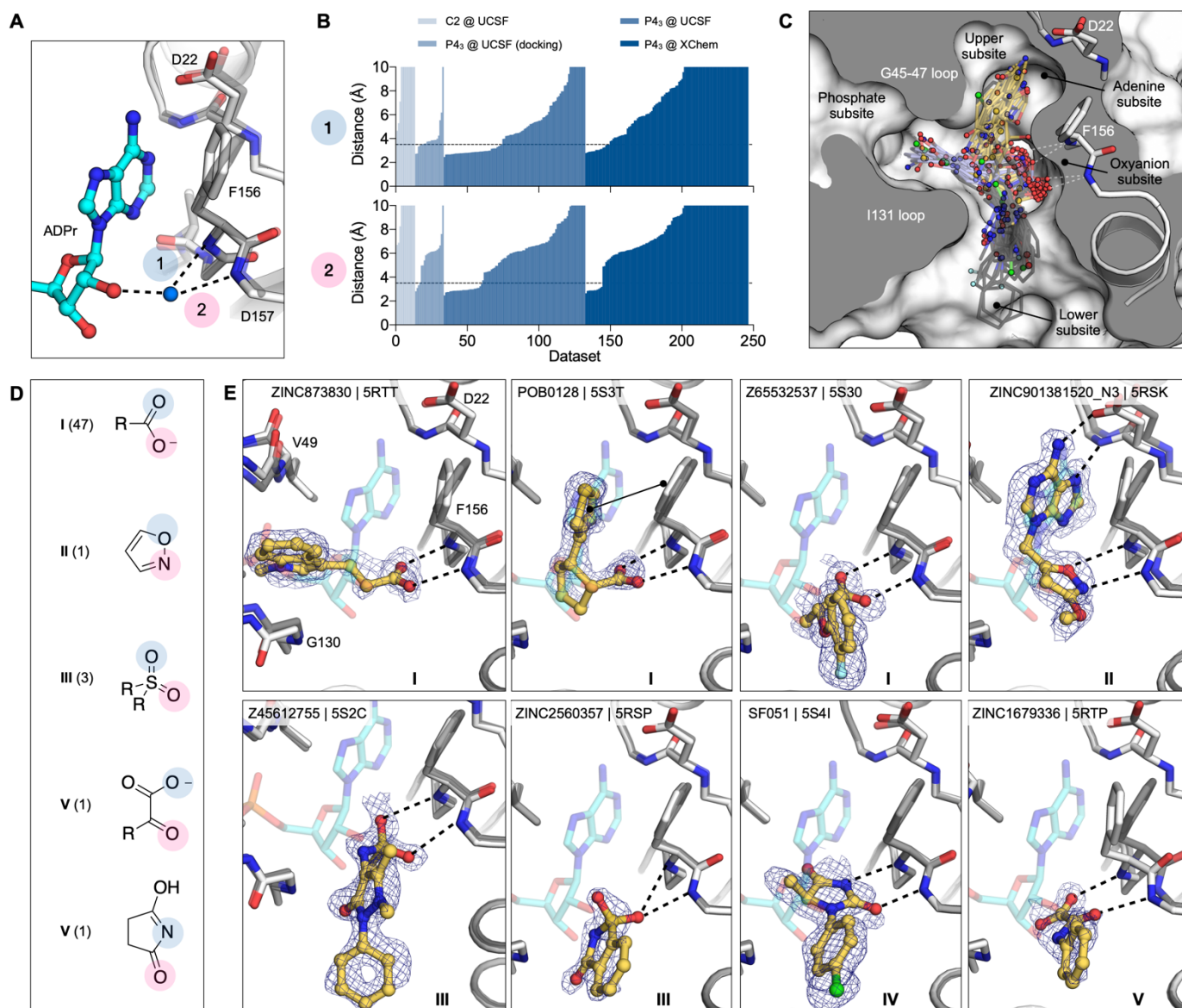
18 *Fragments binding to the oxyanion subsite*

19 As was true of several of the docking hits, 54 fragments formed interactions with an unexpected 'oxyanion
20 site', defined by the backbone nitrogens of Phe156 and Asp157 adjacent to the adenine site (**Fig. 2G**). As
21 suggested by its name, most of these fragments (48/56) were anionic (**Supplementary data set 1**).
22 Intriguingly, the defining backbone nitrogens adopted a similar orientation to those defining the classic
23 oxyanion hole of serine hydrolases such as acetylcholinesterase and trypsin (**Fig. S8**). In the ADPr-Mac1
24 structure, the C2 hydroxyl (2'OH) of the proximal ribose interacts with the oxyanion subsite via a bridging
25 water (**Fig. 5A**). In total, 54 fragments formed at least one H-bond to the oxyanion subsite (**Fig. 5B**). Here
26 too, the fragments were both geometrically (**Fig. 5C**) and chemically diverse (**Fig. 5D**): orienting groups either
27 toward the phosphate tunnel, the lower site, or wrapped around toward the upper adenine site, providing
28 multiple points of departure for further elaboration. Chemically, they interacted with the site using not only a
29 carboxylate, but also sulfones, and isoxazole, α -keto acid, and a succinimide (**Fig. 5E**). We suspect that the
30 presence of the oxyanion subsite explains the higher hit rate for the Enamine Essential library versus the
31 other crystallographic fragment libraries screened (27% versus 6%), as this library contained a greater
32 proportion of acids than the others (41% versus 4%) (**Fig. S5**).

33 *Fragments binding to the catalytic and other potential allosteric sites*

34 There were substantially fewer hits against the catalytic site (**Fig. 2G**) compared to the adenosine site (eight
35 versus >100), though both appear to be accessible (**Fig. S3**). The catalytic site consists of three subsites:
36 the phosphate tunnel, which is occupied by the diphosphate of the ADPr-diphosphate, the ribose site, which
37 is occupied by the terminal ribose of the molecule, and the outer site, which sits between Asn40 and Asn99
38 (**Fig. 6, 2G**). Of the eight fragments binding in the overall catalytic site, seven bound in the outer subsite and
39 one bound in the phosphate tunnel. Binding to the outer site was often defined by hydrophobic packing
40 between the Tyr42 and Lys102 side chains, although POB0135 (PDB 5S3W) and POB0128 (PDB 5S3T)
41 formed a salt bridge to Lys102 (e.g. **Fig. 6A.I**). Interestingly, the latter fragment was also found to bind in the
42 adenosine-binding site. Other molecules, including Z2234920345 (PDB 5S2L) and Z955123498 (PDB 5S4A)
43 stabilize an alternative conformation of Lys102 (**Fig. 6A.II**). Three of the fragments, including Z85956652
44 (PDB 5S2U), positioned a halogen atom in the outer subsite (**Fig. 6A.III**). The only fragment identified in the
45 phosphate subsite was ZINC84843283 (PDB 5RVI). This fragment was wedged between the Gly47/Ile131

1 loops, and increased the gap between the two loops by 1.6 Å (**Fig. 6A.IV**). The absence of fragments binding
 2 to the ribose subsite, and the sparsity of fragments in the phosphate subsite, means that designing a Mac1
 3 inhibitor to occupy the catalytic site will rely more heavily on fragment growing than on fragment merging.



4 **Figure 5. Fragments binding to the oxyanion subsite of the adenosine site.** **A)** Stick representation
 5 showing the interaction of the adenosine portion of ADP-ribose bound to Mac1. The water molecule bridging
 6 the ribose moiety and the oxyanion site is shown as a blue sphere. **B)** Plot of the distances highlighted in **(A)**
 7 for all fragment hits. Distances were calculated as described for Figure 4B. **C)** Stick representation showing
 8 all fragments interacting with Phe156-N and Asp157-N. Fragments are colored by secondary binding site
 9 with blue = phosphate, black = lower and yellow = adenine. The surface is “sliced” across a plane passing
 10 through Phe156 (white surface, grey interior). **D)** Structures of the five unique motifs that bind the oxyanion
 11 site. **E)** Example for the five structural motifs. Three examples for motif I are shown, where the fragment also
 12 interacts with the phosphate, adenine or lower subsites. The fragment is shown with yellow sticks and the
 13 PanDDA event map is shown for reference as a blue mesh. ADPr is shown with transparent cyan sticks. The
 14 apo structure is shown with transparent gray sticks.

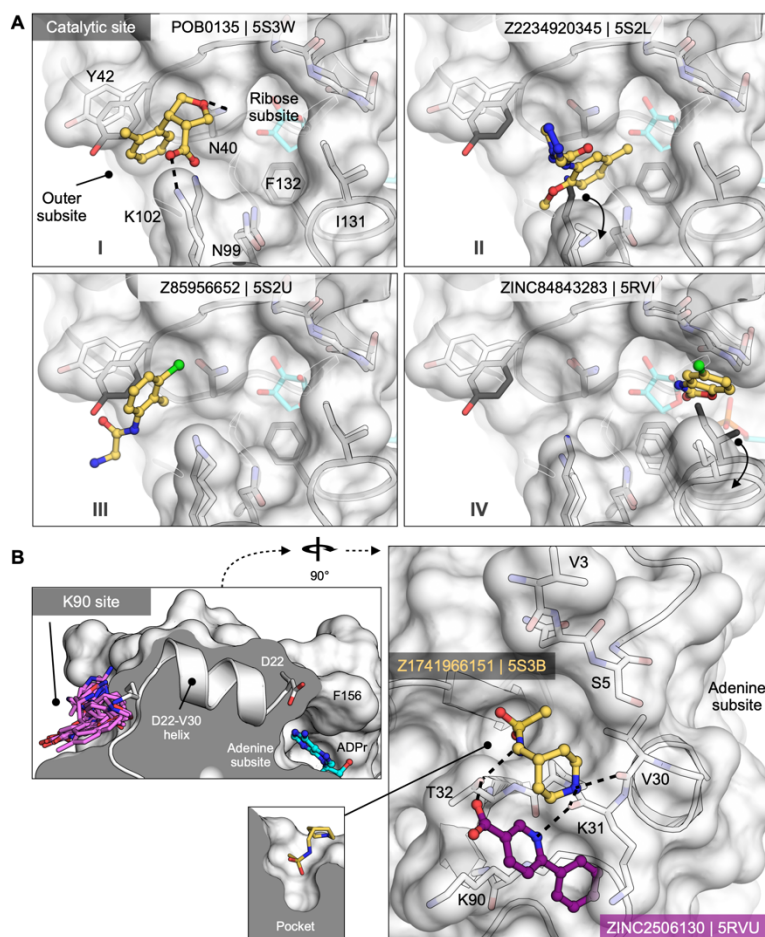


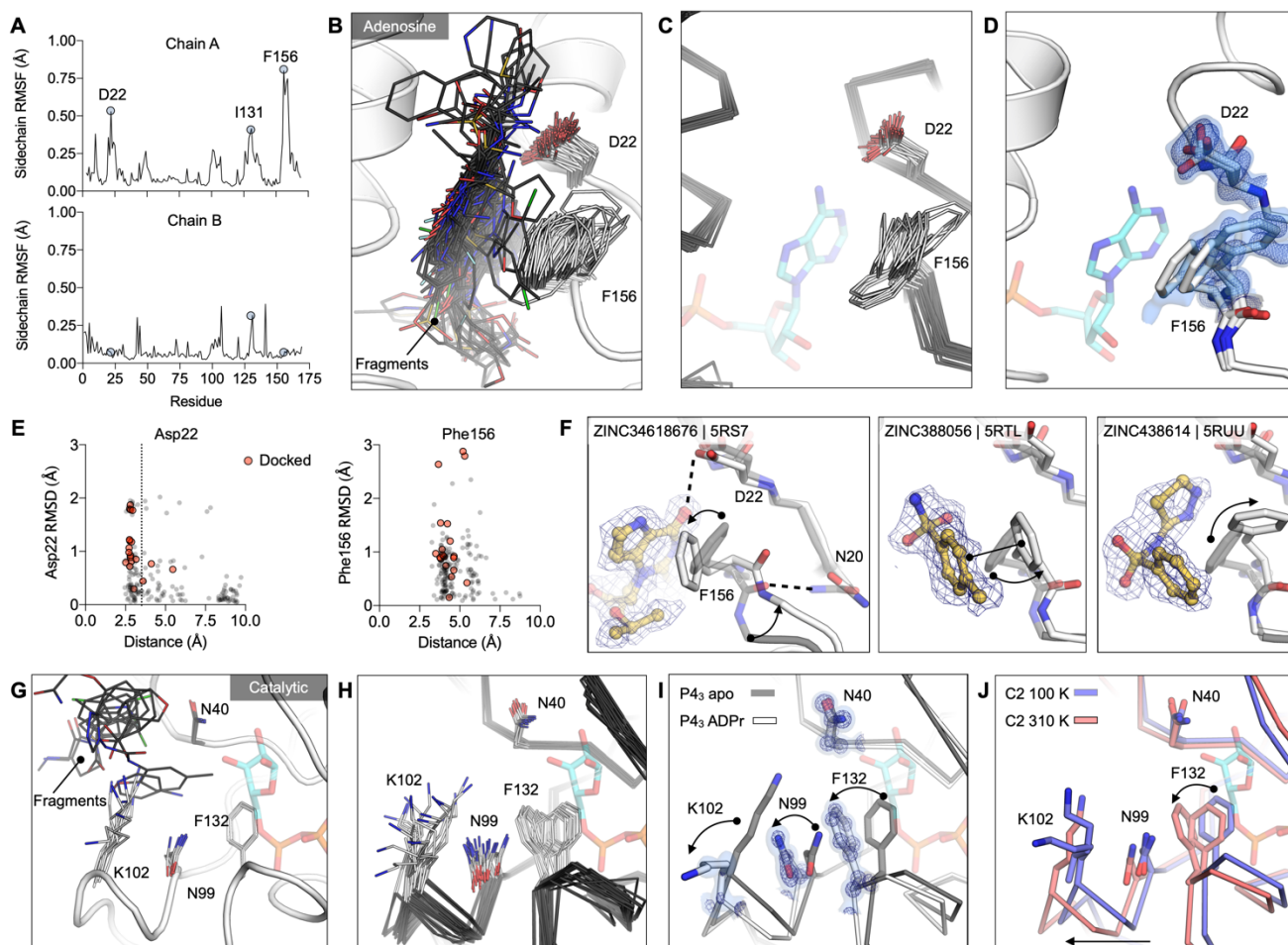
Figure 6. Fragments targeting the catalytic and potential allosteric sites are sparsely populated compared to the adenosine site.

A) Surface representation showing fragments that bind near the catalytic site. The fragment POB0135 (PDB 5S3W) bridges the gap between Asn40 and Lys102 via a hydrogen bond and a salt bridge, respectively. Although eight fragments bind in the outer site, the fragment POB0135 makes the highest quality interactions. No fragments bind in the ribose subsite. The fragment in ZINC331715 (PDB 5RVI) inserts into the phosphate subsite between Ile131 and Gly47. **B)** Left: the K90 site is connected to the adenosine site via the D22-V30 alpha-helix. Right: surface representation showing two fragments that bind to the K90 site. Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed black lines. The fragment in Z1741966151 (PDB 5S3B) is partially inserted in a nearby pocket (insert).

3 Both crystallographic screens also identified fragments binding to the 'K90 site', which is formed by a cleft
 4 between Lys31, Thr32 and Lys90 (**Fig. 6B**). We identified seven fragments from the C2 crystal form and six
 5 from the P4₃ crystal form; intriguingly, none of the C2-derived fragments were found again when the UCSF
 6 libraries were rescreened in the P4₃ crystal condition. Although the K90 site is 15 Å from the adenosine
 7 subsite, it is connected to that subsite via a single alpha-helix (**Fig. 6B**). Although there is no biochemical
 8 evidence for allosteric communication between these sites, the fragments provide starting points for
 9 designing chemical probes to test this possibility.

10 Fragment binding exploits protein conformational flexibility

11 To identify Mac1 flexibility associated with molecular recognition, we calculated the root-mean-square
 12 fluctuation (RMSF) of side-chain atoms across the P4₃ fragment-bound structures. Residues lining the
 13 adenosine site, especially Asp22 and Phe156, are the most flexible (**Fig. 7A,B**). The flexibility of both
 14 residues is paralleled in previously reported crystal structures (**Fig. 7C, Fig. S4A**) and also in the 0.77 Å apo
 15 structure, where multiple alternative conformations are clearly defined in electron density maps (**Fig. 7D** and
 16 **Fig. S1A-C**). In the high resolution structure, residues 155-159 are modeled as a combination of two distinct
 17 backbone conformations that diverge substantially at Phe156, which requires three distinct conformations of
 18 this residue to satisfy the observed density (**Fig. 7D, Fig. S1C**). Despite this flexibility, hydrogen bonds to
 19 Asp22 are present in many fragments, even docking compounds that were chosen based on interactions
 20 with a static receptor. Similarly, the flexibility of the aromatic side-chain of Phe156 enables adaptable stacking
 21 interactions with fragments (**Fig. 7F**), with 46 fragments binding within 4 Å to Phe156. As with Asp22, the
 22 nature and geometry of these interactions are maintained for many soaked and docked fragments even as
 23 the residue moves relative to the rest of the protein.



1 **Figure 7. Experimentally observed conformational heterogeneity is sampled by various fragments.**
 2 **A)** Plots of side-chain RMSF for the 117 fragment structures from the UCSF screen using P4₃ crystals. **B)**
 3 Stick representation showing all fragments (black sticks) within 3.5 Å of the Asp22 carboxylate and 4 Å of
 4 of the Phe156 ring (white sticks). **C)** Structural heterogeneity in the previously reported Mac1 structures. **D)** The
 5 Phe156 side-chain is captured in three conformations in C2 apo structure. Electron density maps (2mF_O-
 6 DF_C) are contoured at 0.5 σ (blue surface) and 1 σ (blue mesh). For reference, ADP-ribose is shown with
 7 blue sticks. **E)** Plots of side-chain RMSD for Asp22 and Phe156 from the Mac1 apo structure as a function of
 8 of ligand-protein distance. Structures were aligned by their C_α atoms, before RMSDs were calculated for the
 9 Asp22 carboxylate and the Phe156 aromatic carbons. **F)** Fragment binding exploits preexisting
 10 conformational heterogeneity in the Phe156 side-chain. The apo structure is shown with dark transparent
 11 gray sticks in each panel and the conformational changes are annotated with arrows. **G)** Stick representation
 12 showing all fragments (black sticks) in the outer subsite of the catalytic site. **H)** Conformational heterogeneity
 13 of residues in the catalytic site of the previously reported Mac1 crystal structures. **I)** ADP-ribose binding
 14 induces a coupled conformational change in the Phe132, Asn99 and Lys102 side-chain, as well as a 2 Å
 15 shift in the Phe132 loop. Electron density maps (2mF_O-DF_C) are contoured at 1.5 σ (blue surface) and 4 σ
 16 (blue mesh). **J)** Mac1 structures determined at 100 K and 310 K.

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 18 In contrast to the adenosine site, little conformational heterogeneity is observed at the catalytic site, with only
 19 minimal changes in Lys102 and Tyr42 conformations (**Fig. 7G**). Still, even in this site, there is more
 20 conformational heterogeneity observed in previously published structures (**Fig. 7H**, **Fig. S4A**). In particular,
 21 a network of flexible side-chains encompassing Phe132, Asn99, and Lys102 is stabilized in a distinct
 22 conformation upon ADP-ribose binding (**Fig. 7I**). To further probe the flexibility of the Phe132-Asn99-Lys102
 23 network, we determined structures of Mac1 using the C2 crystal at human physiological temperature (37°C,
 24 310 K) to 1.5 Å resolution (**Fig. 7J**). As observed in other systems (59, 60), we noticed that the cryogenic

1 structure appeared more compact than the structure at higher temperatures. Specifically, we observed
2 substantial loop displacements near the ribose-binding pocket of the active site, which are coupled to a global
3 hinge-bending motion involving correlated motion of helices about the central β -sheet (**Fig. S4G**). The
4 structure at physiological temperature more closely resembles the structure with ADPr-bound, with the
5 backbone adopting a more open conformation (**Fig. 7J**). However, the side-chain rotamers of Phe132, Asn99
6 and Lys102 do not undergo the larger rearrangements. This temperature-dependent change in the width of
7 the active site cleft can provide alternative, potentially more relevant, conformations for future ligand-
8 discovery efforts targeting the catalytic site around the distal ribose.

9 Changes in water networks upon fragment binding

10 To assess the role of water networks in fragment binding, we examined changes in water networks upon
11 ADP-ribose binding. In the 0.85 Å P4₃ apo structure, the catalytic site contains 14 water molecules arranged
12 in an ordered network that connects the Gly47 loop and the Ile131 loop, with an arc formed around the
13 Phe132 side-chain (**Fig. 8A**). In contrast, waters were more disordered in the adenosine site, with more
14 diffuse electron density and with waters modelled with higher B-factors (**Fig. 8E**). Upon ADP-ribose binding,
15 six waters were displaced from the catalytic site and the water network was disrupted (**Fig. 8B**). This
16 disruption is partly caused by altered conformation of the Phe132 and Asn99 side-chains, which break the
17 network between residues Asn40 and Asn99. Conversely, the network in the adenosine site was stabilized
18 in the Mac1-ADPr complex (**Fig. 8B**). The average B-factor decreased from 24 to 10, and two networks
19 connect the phosphate tunnel with the adenine/oxyanion subsites (**Fig. 8C**). Although the adenine moiety
20 only forms two direct hydrogen bonds to protein, it has four additional contacts via bridging water molecules
21 (**Fig. 8B**). Similar bridging waters were observed for fragments binding in the adenosine site including
22 ZINC2055 (PDB 5RSV), which forms only one direct H-bond to the protein, but has an extensive H-bond
23 network via water molecules (**Figure 8D**). Visualizing all water molecules within 3.5 Å of fragment atoms
24 shows clusters near protein hydrogen bond acceptors and donors (**Fig. 8E**). Of particular interest is the
25 cluster near the backbone carbonyl of Ala154 (**Fig. 8**). This site is occupied by a water molecule in the ADPr-
26 Mac1 structure, and is bridged by adenine derivatives such as ZINC340465 (PDB 5RSJ) (**Fig. 8D**). In
27 addition, four fragments occupy this site directly (**Fig. 4E**), including the C2-amino-substituted adenine
28 present in ZINC26180281 (PDB 5RSF, **Fig. 3D**). Extending fragments to displace the water molecules at
29 other frequently populated sites could help to quantify the contribution of water networks to Mac1, and to
30 provide a test set for computational methods that seek to exploit solvent dynamics for ligand optimization
31 (61–63).

32 Characterization of in-solution binding of fragment hits

33 To buttress the crystallographic studies, selected compounds were biophysically screened using differential
34 scanning fluorimetry (DSF) (64–66), isothermal titration calorimetry (ITC) (67–69), and a homogeneous time-
35 resolved fluorescence (HTRF) ADPr-peptide displacement assay (**Fig. 9, Supplementary Table 1,**
36 **Supplementary data set 2**). Because of their ready availability in useful amounts, most of these experiments
37 focused on the docking hits. For DSF, in agreement with previous reports for this domain (24), we observed
38 substantial elevation of the apparent melting temperature (T_{m_a}) of Nsp3 Mac1 upon addition of its known
39 binding partner, ADP-ribose (**Fig. 9C,D,G**). When tested in concentration-response from 0.188 to 3 mM, 10
40 of 54 docked fragments also induced small, but statistically significant and dose-responsive T_{m_a} elevation
41 (**Fig. 9C,D,G, Supplementary Table 1, Supplementary data set 2**). All 10 of these were also observed to
42 bind in the crystallographic studies, providing relatively good agreement between these assays. However,
43 the correlation was incomplete, as the remaining fragments observed in crystallography either decreased the
44 T_{m_a} or had no significant effect (**Supplementary Table 1**). Despite this, the results suggest that DSF is a
45 rapid way to corroborate the fragment hits from crystallography and docking.

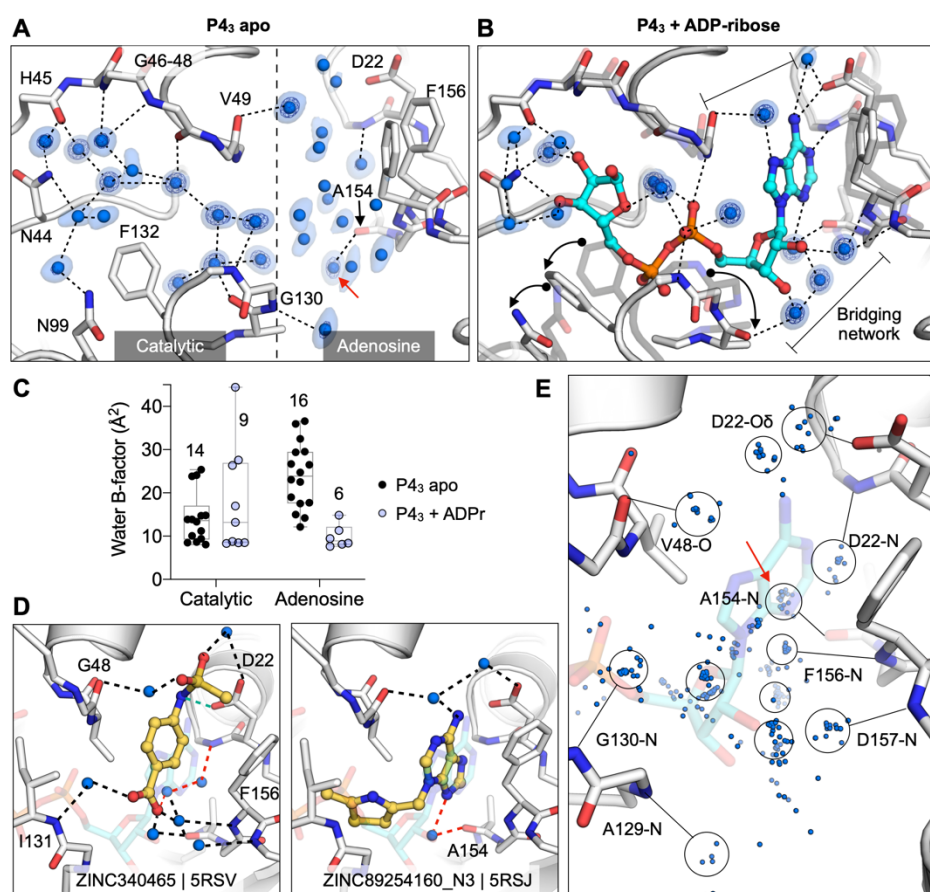


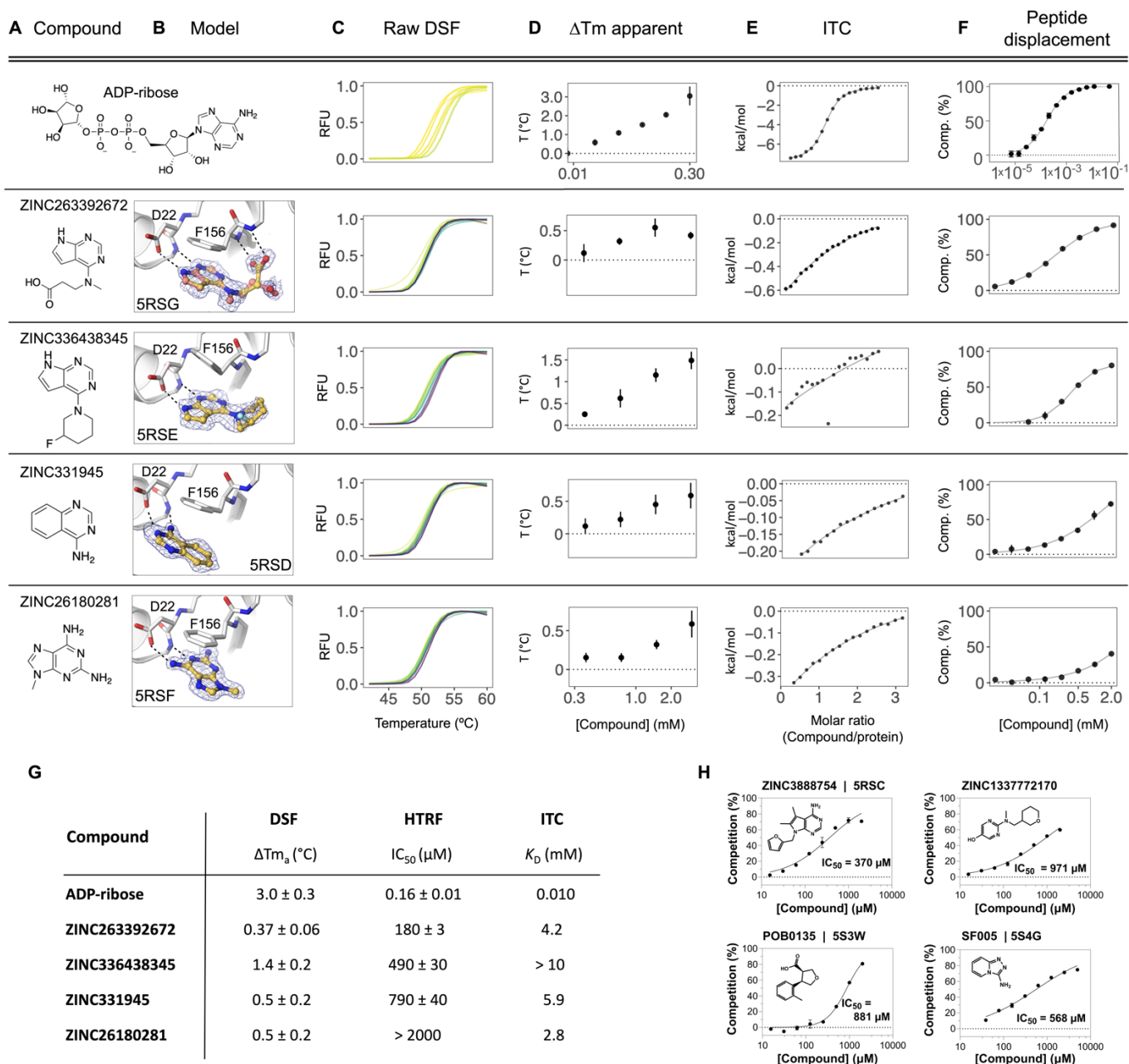
Figure 8. Water networks in the active site are displaced as well as used by fragments for bridging interactions. A) Water networks in the apo enzyme (P₄₃ crystal form). Waters are shown as blue spheres, with electron density contoured at 5 σ (blue mesh) and 1.5 σ (blue surface). Hydrogen bonds are shown as dashed lines (distances are 2.6-3 Å). **B)** Water networks in the Mac1-ADPr complex. ADP-ribose is shown as cyan sticks. Conformational changes upon ADP-ribose binding are highlighted with black arrows. **C)** Comparison of crystallographic B-factors of water molecules in the catalytic site and adenosine site. The range and 95% confidence interval are shown. **D)** Examples of the role of water networks in fragment binding. Right: ZINC340465 (PDB 5RSV) makes a single hydrogen bond to the protein (green dashed line), but makes five hydrogen bonds

via water molecules. Although few fragments hydrogen bond directly to the backbone oxygen of Ala154 (Figure 4E), several fragments interact with this residue via bridging water molecules (red dashed line) including ZINC89254160_N3 (PDB 5RSJ). **E)** Plot showing all water molecules that lie within 3.5 Å of a non-carbon fragment atom. Water molecules are shown as blue spheres, with the major clusters circled. The cluster in a red circle bridges fragments and the Ala154 backbone oxygen.

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2 To identify fragments with the most promising binding affinity for optimization, we tested the 19
3 crystallographically observed docking hits using ITC. Due to their small size, most of these fragments have
4 low binding affinity and release little heat upon binding versus ADP-ribose. Thus, we only observed reliable
5 thermodynamic measurements for four of the 19 fragments. These could be fit to a 1:1 binding stoichiometry
6 with affinities in the low mM range (Fig. 9E, Supplementary Table 1, Supplementary data set 2),
7 consistent with the DSF results. Furthermore, the compounds measured by ITC that released the greatest
8 amount of heat also induced the most significant T_m shifts in DSF, highlighting the complementarity between
9 these two biophysical assays.

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11 Finally, we tested 57 docking-derived fragments and 18 crystallographic hits from the XChem library in a
12 HTRF-based peptide displacement assay, which monitors displacement of a fluorescently labeled ADPr-
13 conjugated peptide from the active site of Mac1 by the fragment (Fig. 9F,G, Supplementary Table 1,
14 Supplementary data set 2). Eight of 57 docking hits (14%) and three of 18 crystallographic hits (17%)
15 inhibited the enzyme with IC₅₀ values generally between 200 μ M-1 mM, with the most potent fragment being
16 the docking-derived ZINC263392672 (PDB 5RSG) with an IC₅₀ of 183 μ M in this assay. Only five
17 (ZINC3888754 (PDB 5RSC), ZINC331945 (PDB 5RSD), ZINC263392672 (PDB 5RSG), ZINC336438345
18 (PDB 5RSE) and ZINC6180281(PDB 5RSF), Fig. 3) of the 10 docking hits that stabilized the macrodomain

1 observed by DSF proved also inhibitory in the ADPr-peptide displacement assay. Interestingly, two docking
 2 hits which were not identified as binders by DSF or crystallography, ZINC133772170 ($IC_{50} = 971 \mu M$) and
 3 pterin ($IC_{50} = 790 \mu M$), were found to be macrodomain inhibitors in this assay (**Fig. 9H**). This result might be



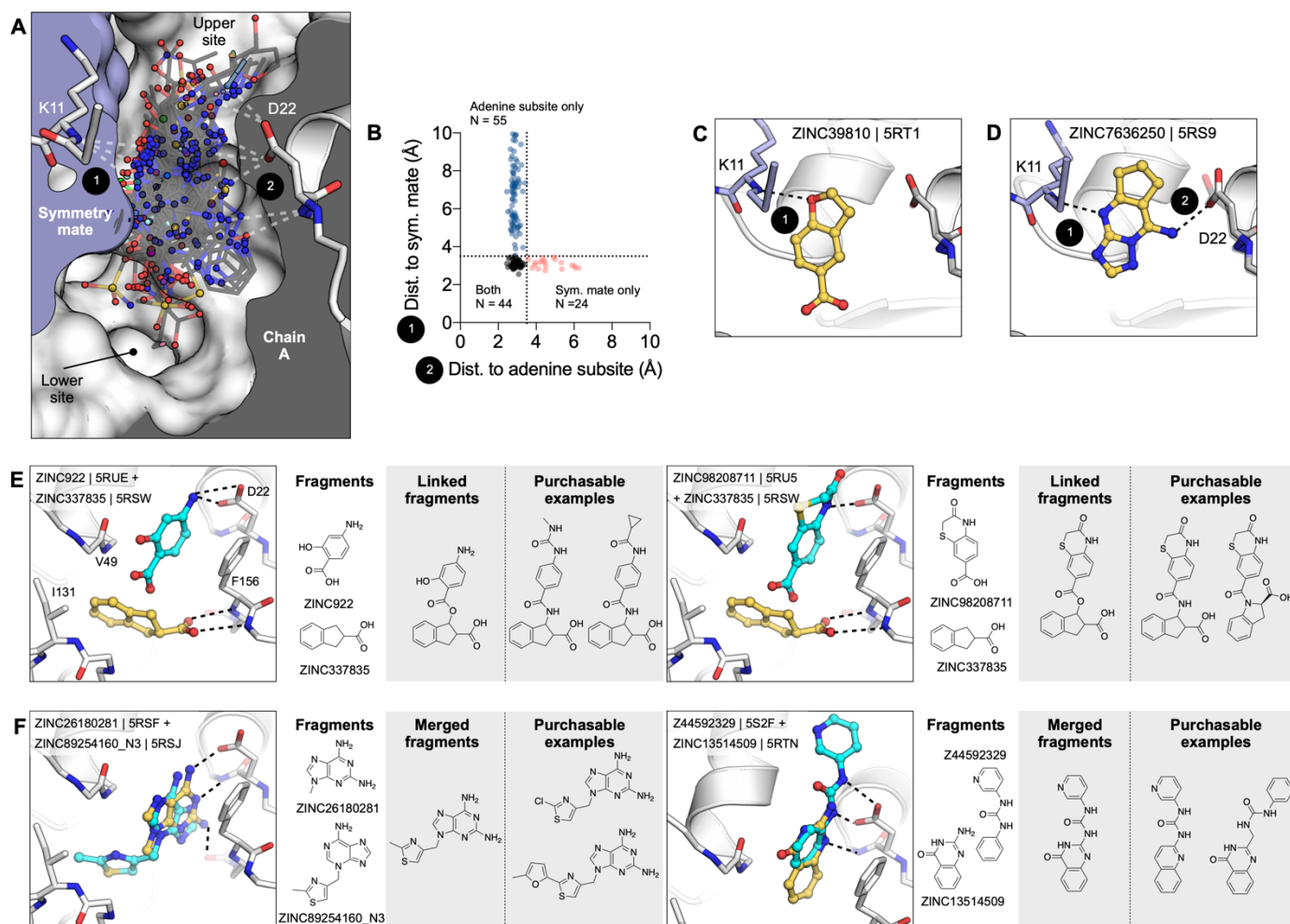
4 **Figure 9. Biophysical corroboration of solution binding of crystallographic fragment hits by DSF, ITC**
 5 **and ADPr-peptide displacement assay.** Top panel (**A-F**) shows performance of the most potent fragment
 6 hits in DSF, ITC, and ADPr-peptide displacement assay compared to ADP-ribose. **C,D**) Normalized raw DSF
 7 RFU demonstrates canonical unfolding curves and minimal compound-associated curve shape aberrations.
 8 T_m elevation reveals Mac1 stabilization through fragment binding. Gradient color scale: 0 mM = yellow; 3
 9 mM = purple. **E**) Integrated heat peaks measured by ITC as a function of binding site saturation. The black
 10 line represents a non-linear least squares (NLLS) fit using a single-site binding model. **F**) Peptide
 11 displacement assay measures ADPr-peptide displacement (i.e. % competition) from Mac1 by ligand. **G**)
 12 Summary of solution binding data for fragments from top panel. ΔT_m are given for the highest compound
 13 concentration in this assay. **H**) Additional fragment hits showing Mac1 peptide competition.

1 explained with the use of a detergent-based buffer in the peptide displacement assay that could increase
2 compound solubilization for what appear to be low-solubility compounds. With its ability to detect specific
3 inhibition of the macrodomain, this ADPr-peptide displacement assay proved to be a sensitive and
4 complementary strategy for further characterization of the fragment hits obtained from the docking and
5 crystallographic screens. Assuming that the HTRF-based peptide displacement assay produced the most
6 reliable affinity data, we estimated ligand efficiencies from IC_{50} values for hits for which we obtained
7 reasonable dose-response curves. ADP-ribose with an IC_{50} of 161 nM and 36 heavy atoms indicates a ligand
8 efficiency (LE) of 0.26 kcal/mol per non-hydrogen atom. The docking hits ZINC3888754 (PDB 5RSC,
9 LE=0.26), ZINC336438345 (PDB 5RSE, LE=0.28), ZINC263392672 (PDB 5RSG, LE=0.32) and
10 ZINC331945 (PDB 5RSD, LE=0.38) reveal similar or slightly improved ligand efficiencies, while the highest
11 LE was calculated for the XChem library hit SF005 (PDB 5S4G, **Fig. 9H**) with 0.44 kcal/mol per heavy atom.
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13 In summary, all crystallographically confirmed docking hits were tested using three complementary in-
14 solution binding techniques - DSF, ITC, and an HTRF-based peptide displacement assay (**Fig. S9**,
15 **Supplementary Table 1, Supplementary data set 2**) (70). ZINC336438345 (PDB 5RSE), ZINC331945
16 (5RSD), ZINC263392672 (5RSG) and ZINC26180281 (5RSF) were the only four fragment hits for which
17 binding data could be obtained by all three techniques (**Fig. 9**). All of these fragments have key hydrogen
18 bonds in the adenine site and display π - π stacking with Phe156. Furthermore, ZINC263392672 (PDB 5RSG)
19 can additionally interact via its carboxyl group with the oxyanion site of Mac1. Finally, we note that
20 crystallography, DSF, ITC all monitor binding, but do not measure function. The peptide displacement assay
21 is thus of particular value for fragment characterization, since it measures specific displacement of an analog
22 of the natural Mac1 substrate.

23 Opportunities for fragment linking and merging to optimize Mac1 inhibitors

24 Typically, one might be reluctant to speculate on optimization from fragment structures alone, but the
25 unusually large number of structures, perhaps supports some cautious inference here. Prior to modifying,
26 linking, or merging fragments, it is important to consider the crystalline environment. In the macrodomain
27 crystal, the active site forms a bipartite enclosed pocket with a symmetry mate (**Fig. 10A**). In particular, 24
28 fragments only hydrogen bond to Lys11 of the symmetry mate, and do not hydrogen bond with any residues
29 in the adenosine site, indicating that these molecules should not be considered for fragment elaboration
30 (**Fig. 10C,D**). Based on the solved binding poses of remaining compounds, fragment pairs were linked into
31 hypothetical scaffolds. These were used as templates to search the make-on-demand chemical space of the
32 Enamine REAL database employing the smallworld similarity (<http://sw.docking.org>) and arthor substructure
33 (<http://arthor.docking.org>) search engines (**Fig. 10E,F**) (71). In a second approach, fragments with
34 overlapping binding poses were merged into larger scaffolds, e.g. the purine of ZINC89254160_N3 (PDB
35 5RSJ) interacting in the adenine binding pocket was replaced by ZINC26180281 (PDB 5RSF) adding an
36 additional hydrogen bond to Ala154 (**Fig. 10F**). Whereas it remains speculative whether the suggested linked
37 or merged molecules are indeed active against the macrodomain, the scaffolds observed here, and the key
38 interactions they make with the enzyme, indicate a fruitful chemical space to further explore. Naturally, many
39 of the fragments described here also merit investigation by alternative fragment growing or analoging
40 strategies.



1 **Figure 10. Fragments bridging multiple adenosine subsites provide direct merging opportunities. A)**
2 Sliced view of the adenosine site (white surface, grey interior) and a symmetry mate (blue surface and
3 interior) showing the deep pocket created by crystal packing in the P4₃ crystals. The 66 fragments that H-
4 bond with the Lys11 backbone nitrogen are shown as sticks. **B)** Plot showing distances between the
5 symmetry mate (Lys11-N) and the adenosine subsite (Asp22-O δ , Ile23-N, Ala154-O) for all fragments identified
6 in the adenosine site. Dashed lines show the 3.5 Å cut-off used to classify H-bonds. **C)** An example showing
7 one of the 24 fragments that bound in the adenosine site, yet only formed an H-bond with the sym-
8 metry mate. **D)** An example of one of the fragments that bridged the 9-11 Å gap between the adenosine
9 site and the symmetry mate. **I, J)** Opportunities for fragment linking and merging. Adjacent or overlapping
10 fragments were initially merged into a single new compound. Examples of readily available make-on-demand
11 compounds are shown.

12 DISCUSSION

13 Three key observations emerge from this study. Most noteworthy is the sheer number and the unusually high
14 resolution of the 234 fragment-bound Mac1 structures reported here, including 192 fragments identified in
15 the active site. The fragments cover both stereotyped interactions (such as adenine-like hydrogen bonding
16 to the Asp22 side chain/ Ile23 backbone and stacking interaction with Phe156) as well as chemical diversity
17 exploiting flexibility in the active site (for instance targeting of the oxyanion-subsite). This abundance and
18 diversity afford robust starting points for future elaboration into lead-like molecules. Second, the high fidelity
19 of docked poses to the subsequent crystallographic results supports the use of docking to explore the
20 adenine recognition site, and importantly, demonstrates an ability of docking to prioritize fragments in this
21 case, an approach still debated in the field. Finally, with 234 diverse fragment structures determined, it should

1 be possible to exploit the fortuitous juxtaposition of pairs of fragments to design joined ligands that combine
2 the affinities of both, leading to robust starting points with the low micromolar affinity needed for initiating hit-
3 to-lead optimization of inhibitors. One clear strategy involves extending molecules bound to the adenine site
4 and with biophysically measurable binding affinities into the phosphate and ribose recognition regions.

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6 In contrast to the large number of chemically diverse hits binding to the adenine site, the lack of fragments
7 bound to the catalytic site is notable and may inform models of how the ADP-ribosylated peptide may bind
8 to the macrodomain. This result also suggests that this is not likely to be a productive region for growing
9 fragments which are binding in the adenine site. This paucity of fragments is especially surprising given that
10 three crystal environments (the A and B chains in the P4₃ crystal and the C2 crystal) were screened and that
11 the site appears accessible in all lattices (**Fig. S2**). The two major models for peptide-macrodomain
12 interactions are either that the peptide binds along the widened cleft defined by Tyr42 and Lys102, or that it
13 extends into solution through the flexible Gly46-48 loop (72). Indeed, we observe fragments that bind in both
14 locations (**Fig. 6A**). Regardless of the binding mode, which could be distinct depending on the identity of the
15 modified residue and target substrate, the lack of binding at this site suggests that the binding energy comes
16 almost exclusively from the ADP-ribose and not from the amino acids on the ADPr-conjugated protein. This
17 hypothesis is also supported by the fact that Mac1 can hydrolyse a wide range of ADP-ribosylated substrates
18 (2, 3). Docking of larger 'lead-like' molecules, perhaps enabled by the expanded catalytic site revealed by
19 the physiological temperature structure, and detailed description of solvent may help to identify molecules
20 exploiting this site.

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22 The success of the fragment docking campaign contrasts, perhaps, with expectations of the field that
23 fragments have too few functional-group handles to accurately dock or prioritize (73, 74). Not only were hit
24 rates high (33%), so too was the fidelity of most docking poses to the crystallographic results. Even judged
25 by potency, the most active fragment to emerge from this study, the 183 μ M inhibitor ZINC263392672 (PDB
26 5RSG) (**Fig. 3 and 9**), was a docking hit. Also, it was the docking hits that were most readily available for
27 such functional testing, as they were sourced as 10 mg of dry powder, while the crystallographic screening
28 compounds were often in short supply. This is a purely mechanical advantage of docking, and it is
29 counterbalanced by the small numbers tested versus the crystallographic screens; still, having substantial
30 material to work with is a pragmatic advantage. Admittedly, weaknesses also emerged from the docking.
31 Intriguingly, the oxyanion site that featured so prominently among the crystallographic screening hits were
32 not to be found among the docking predictions. This gap reflects both a failure of the docking scoring function
33 to prioritize anions binding to this site (as they were at least sampled), and to some extent a failure of the
34 docking group to pick the few molecules that did dock well to this site as likely candidates. More broadly, as
35 we docked against a single rigid structure of the protein, the subsequent conformational changes that the
36 protein underwent, and the changes in the water network, were not captured in the docking predictions, and
37 this was sometimes reflected in the larger RMSD differences between predicted and observed fragment
38 poses. These caveats, important as they are, should not obscure a central observation from this study: the
39 docking hit rate was not only high, but the hits were typically right for the right reasons; this may be something
40 to build on for the field.

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42 From the docked compounds, the most promising hits identified by in-solution binding experiments were also
43 crystallographically confirmed. However, as expected, the majority of soaking hits did not show appreciable
44 activity in the orthogonal biophysical assays within the tested concentration range (up to 10 mM in ITC,
45 **Supplementary Table 1**). The macrodomain ADPr-peptide displacement assay also identified two docking
46 hits not previously observed in soaking (ZINC1337772170 and pterin), which suggests that the crystal
47 environment limited the ability of some fragments to bind. Yet, between solution experiments good consensus

1 across all assays was observed for ZINC263392672 (PDB 5RSG), ZINC336438345 (PDB 5RSE) and
2 ZINC331945 (PDB 5RSD). While we are aware that obtaining high-quality binding data remains particularly
3 challenging to determine for weak binders such as fragments, the dose-response results obtained in the
4 complementary assays for many of the identified hits provided convincing evidence for their true binding to
5 the macrodomain. The inconsistency of fragment binding is apparent when comparing fragments that
6 resulted in high quality data sets in both the P4₃ and C2 crystal systems. Surprisingly, only five of 59 possible
7 fragments were observed in both systems, with three fragments binding with equivalent poses in the adenine
8 subsite. This observation points to the value of having multiple measurements, and even multiple crystal
9 systems when they are available, in fragment-based drug discovery approaches.

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11 Overall, this study has three main implications for inhibitor discovery of SARS-CoV-2 Nsp3 macrodomain,
12 and for antiviral efforts targeting this domain more broadly. First, we describe not only the first new chemical
13 matter for this target, but map its hot spots at high resolution. This provides a template for future inhibitor
14 discovery and development against this enzyme. Such efforts will need to navigate selectivity over human
15 macrodomains but also ATP-binding proteins including kinases (**Fig. S8**) and consider breadth across other
16 viral macrodomains (16) (**Fig. S4**). Second, the specific fragments that we describe may lend themselves
17 directly to optimization: several examples are discussed explicitly, amenable to make-on-demand chemistry
18 (**Fig. 10**); and the 234 structures should provide inspiration for countless other molecules. Finally, important
19 technical advances emerged from this study: a crystal form that lends itself to ready structure determination,
20 the creation of a reliable peptide-displacement assay for the macrodomain, and evidence supporting the
21 ability of structure-based screening, such as molecular docking, to predict effective fragments. The ability to
22 position explicit hydrogen atoms experimentally, and to resolve electron density on a subatomic scale, makes
23 Mac1 an attractive candidate for in-depth computational dissection of its catalytic mechanism using
24 approaches that integrate both classical and quantum calculations. Taken together, these advances will
25 speed progress throughout the community to help validate this target and create effective antivirals.

1 MATERIALS AND METHODS

2 Fragment libraries

3 We screened 2,126 molecules from the XChem facility at Diamond Light Source and 411 molecules from
4 UCSF against Mac1 crystallised in P₄₃ crystal form (**Supplementary data set 1**). The fragment library at
5 XChem combined molecules from multiple fragment libraries: the Diamond, SGC and iNEXT (DSI)-poised
6 Library (768 molecules, (34)), the Edelris fragment collection (280 molecules, (75)), the MiniFragments Probing
7 Library (80 molecules, (76)), the FragLites collection (31 compounds, (77)), the PepLite library (25 molecules,
8 (38)), the SpotFinder (~100 compounds, (78)), and the York3D (106 molecules, (79)) and the EU Open
9 screen (969 molecules, (52)).

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11 The UCSF fragment library was composed of Enamine's Essential Fragment library (320 compounds) and
12 91 additional compounds from an in-house library (UCSF_91). To assemble the UCSF_91 library, we
13 selected topologically diverse molecules having over 10,000 commercially available analogs in at least three
14 points of substitution, allowing for rapid and extensive analog-by-catalog without having to resort to flask
15 synthesis. We picked molecules that were also Bemis-Murcko scaffolds (80), stripped of acyclic terminal
16 substituents. We thought simple, unsubstituted frameworks would be easier to optimize by adding chemical
17 matter during analoging. From among these, we prioritized by eye scaffolds with various ring sizes and
18 combinations including fused rings, spiro systems, with linkers of varying lengths between rings, in an attempt
19 to sample a diverse range of compact shapes and properties. We added anions where the anionic moiety
20 was a small acyclic substituent on the scaffold, again picking by eye for shape diversity. We chose molecules
21 with 11-21 heavy atoms, with molecular weights between 200-300 amu and with a logP < 2.5 for solubility.
22 Physical properties of all screened libraries are shown in **Fig. S5**.

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24 Analyses of scaffolds and specific chemotypes in the employed chemical libraries are shown in **Fig. S5E**.
25 Bemis-Murcko (BM) scaffold analysis was performed with the molinspiration mib engine
26 (<http://www.molinspiration.com>) (81). Pyrimidines were identified using RDKit (<http://www.rdkit.org>) (82) and
27 molecular charges at pH 7.4 were approximated using ChemAxon Jchem version 2019.15
28 (<http://www.chemaxon.com>) to identify anionic fragments (83).

29 C2 crystals at UCSF

30 *Protein expression and purification*

31 SARS-CoV-2 Nsp3 Mac1 (residues 2-170) was cloned into a pET22b(+) expression vector with an N-terminal
32 His₆-tag and a TEV protease recognition site for removal of the tag (GenScript; Piscataway, NJ). In addition,
33 a short linker (Asn-Ala-Gly) was included between the TEV recognition site and the Mac1 gene
34 (**Supplementary data set 1**). To express Mac1, plasmid DNA was transformed into BL21(DE3) *E. coli*. After
35 overnight growth on LB agar supplemented with carbenicillin (100 ug/ml), starter cultures (10 ml LB) were
36 grown at 37°C for 8 hours. Large scale cultures (1 l TB) were grown at 37°C until an optical density of 0.8.
37 Cultures were cooled at 4°C for 15 minutes, before protein expression was induced with 1 mM IPTG, and
38 the cultures were shaken at 20°C for 12 hours. Cells were collected by centrifugation and frozen at -80°C.

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40 All purification steps were performed at 4°C using an AKTA FPLC system (Cytiva). Cells were resuspended
41 in Ni-NTA binding buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 500 mM NaCl, 10 mM imidazole, 5% glycerol, 2 mM βME
42 supplemented with 5 units/ml TurboNuclease (Sigma, T4330)) and lysed by sonication. Cell debris was
43 collected by centrifugation and the lysate was applied to a 5 ml HisTrap HP column (Cytiva, 17524802). The
44 column was washed with 25 ml binding buffer followed by 25 ml 5% Ni-NTA elution buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl

1 pH 8.0, 500 mM NaCl, 500 mM imidazole, 5% glycerol, 2 mM β -ME), and then eluted with 100% elution
2 buffer. Eluted protein was exchanged into TEV reaction buffer (50 mM Tris pH 8.0, 100 mM NaCl, 1 mM DTT
3 and 1% glycerol) using a HiPrep 26/10 desalting column (Cytiva, 17508701). To cleave the His₆ tag, Mac1
4 was diluted to 1.5 mg/ml using TEV reaction buffer and incubated with recombinant TEV protease (84) at a
5 1:20 ratio (Mac1:TEV) for 16 hours at 4°C. Cleaved Mac1 was separated from the uncleaved protein and
6 TEV protease by re-running the sample over a HisTrap HP column (pre-equilibrated with TEV reaction buffer)
7 and collecting the flow-through. The flow-through was supplemented with 10 mM DTT and concentrated to
8 2.5 ml using a 10 kDa molecular weight cut-off (MWCO) centrifugal concentrator (Amicon, UFC901024). The
9 sample was further purified by size-exclusion chromatography (SEC) using a HiLoad 16/600 Superdex 75
10 pg column (Cytiva, 28989333) and SEC buffer (20 mM Tris pH 8.0, 150 mM NaCl, 5% glycerol, 2 mM DTT).
11 Eluted fractions were concentrated to 15 mg/ml and flash-frozen in liquid nitrogen, and stored at -80°C.
12 Protein used for ITC was purified in the same manner, but SEC was run with 150 mM NaCl, 20 mM Tris pH
13 8.0. Protein was concentrated to 10.8 mg/ml prior to flash freezing in liquid nitrogen and storage at -80°C.

14 *Crystallization*

15 Crystals were grown at 19°C using sitting-drop vapor diffusion with a reservoir solution containing 100 mM
16 Tris pH 8.5, 100 mM sodium acetate and 28% PEG 4000. Crystallization drops were set up with 200 nl
17 protein and 200 nl reservoir. Initially, crystals were grown in MRC 2-well plates (SwissCI, MRC96TUV) with
18 a reservoir volume of 40 μ l. Crystals grew to a maximum size after 1-2 days, and were vitrified in liquid
19 nitrogen without additional cryoprotection. For diffraction experiments at physiological temperatures, crystals
20 were mounted using ALS-style goniometer bases (Mitegen, GB-B3S) and sealed with plastic capillary and
21 vacuum grease (Mitegen, RT-T1). The capillary contained 4 μ l reservoir solution to prevent crystal
22 dehydration.

23 Fragment soaking was performed using crystals grown with SwissCI 3-well plates (SwissCi, 3W96T-UVP).
24 Microseeding was required to achieve consistent nucleation. Several large crystals grown in 100 mM Tris pH
25 8.5, 100 mM sodium acetate and 28% PEG 4000 were transferred to a drop containing 5 μ l seed storage
26 buffer (100 mM Tris pH 8.5, 100 mM sodium acetate, 32% PEG 4000, 2 mM DTT) on a silicon coverslip
27 (Hampton Research, HR3-233). Crystals were crushed using a flattened glass rod and transferred to 200 μ l
28 of seed storage buffer, before being serially diluted 1:10 with seed storage buffer. Consistent nucleation was
29 achieved with seeds at a 1:100 dilution, with crystallization drops containing 200 nl reservoir, 100 nl seed
30 stock and 300 nl protein with 30 μ l in each reservoir.

31 *Crystal dehydration and fragment soaking*

32 Fragments were added to crystallization drops using acoustic dispensing with an Echo 650 liquid handler
33 (Labcyte) (35). Two libraries were soaked at UCSF: the Enamine Essential fragment library (Enamine, 320
34 fragments), and the UCSF_91 library (91 fragments) (**Supplementary data set 1**). To limit DMSO-induced
35 crystal damage, fragments were targeted to crystallization drops as far away from crystals as possible (35).
36 Initial DMSO tolerance tests indicated that the C2 crystals were sensitive, rapidly disintegrating upon soaking
37 with 10% DMSO (**Fig. S2**). To enhance DMSO tolerance, 300 nl of a solution containing 35% PEG 400, 100
38 mM Tris pH 8.5 and 50 mM sodium acetate was added to drops containing crystals using the Echo. Plates
39 were resealed and incubated at 19°C for 6 hours. Fragment solutions (120 nl, 10% of the drop volume) were
40 added using the Echo, and plates were re-sealed and incubated at 20°C for 3-8 hours. Crystals were vitrified
41 directly from crystallization drops without additional cryoprotection..

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1 *Lysine methylation*

2 Lysine methylation is a routine strategy for altering the crystallization properties of a protein (51). All reagents
3 were added with the protein on ice and incubation steps were performed at 4°C with gentle shaking. First,
4 20 mg Mac1 was exchanged into lysine methylation buffer (50 mM HEPES pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl, 5%
5 glycerol) using a HiPrep 26/10 desalting column (Cytiva, 17508701). The protein was diluted to 1 mg/ml with
6 lysine methylation buffer, and 400 µl 1 M dimethylamine borane (DMAB, prepared in water) (Sigma, 180238)
7 and 800 µl 1 M formaldehyde (prepared in water) (Sigma, F8775) were added to initiate the methylation
8 reaction. The reaction was left to proceed for 2 hours, then 400 µl 1 M DMAB and 800 µl 1 M formaldehyde
9 was added. After an additional 2 hours, 200 µl 1 M DMAB was added and the reaction was left for a further
10 16 hours. To consume any remaining formaldehyde, and to cleave any intermolecular disulfide bonds, 2.5
11 ml of 1 M glycine (prepared in water) and 2.5 ml of 50 mM DTT (prepared in water) was added and the
12 reaction was incubated for an additional 2 hours. Next, the sample was concentrated to 2.5 ml using a 10
13 kDa MWCO concentrator, and purified by SEC. The methylated protein was concentrated to 15 mg/ml before
14 flash freezing in liquid nitrogen and storage at -80°C.

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16 To test the extent of lysine methylation, the purified sample was analysed by liquid chromatography-mass
17 spectrometry (LC-MS), using a Waters Acquity LC connected to a Waters TQ detector with electrospray
18 ionization. The sample was separated on a C4 column held at 40°C using water with 0.1% formic acid as
19 solvent A and acetonitrile with 0.1% formic acid as solvent B. After sample injection (5 µl at 10 µM diluted in
20 150 mM NaCl, 20 mM Tris pH 8.0), an isocratic elution was run with 95% solvent A and 5% solvent B for 1.5
21 min. Then, a linear gradient elution was run for 6.5 min to 95% solvent B. Finally, an isocratic elution was run
22 with 95% solvent B for 2 min. The flow rate was 0.2 ml/min.

23 *Crystallization of methylated Mac1*

24 Crystals grew readily in the same conditions as the non-methylated protein (100 mM Tris pH 8.5, 100 mM
25 sodium acetate, 28% PEG 4000). Consistent nucleation was achieved using microseeding with the same
26 protocol as the non-methylated protein. Crystallization drops were set up with 100 nl reservoir, 100 nl seed
27 stocks and 200 nl protein using SwissCI 3-well plates. The methylated crystals displayed increased DMSO
28 tolerance, so DMSO/fragment soaks were performed directly with 40 nl DMSO (10% of the drop volume).

29 *Ultra high resolution data collection, refinement and modelling*

30 To measure the diffraction at such high resolution, we employed a multi-pass, multi-crystal data collection
31 strategy. We collected ultra high resolution X-ray diffraction data for Mac1 (C2 crystal form) by performing
32 sequential high-energy (17000 eV) and low-energy (11111 eV) runs to accurately measure reflection
33 intensities at high and low scattering angles respectively. The same data collection strategy (wedge,
34 oscillation angle, exposure) was implemented for multiple crystal specimens, each held in different
35 orientations relative to the X-ray beam and phi rotation axis.

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37 The data sets were individually indexed and integrated with XDS (85). During data processing, we merged
38 the high and low resolution datasets from multiple crystals in different orientations to maximize our coverage
39 of reciprocal space given a square detector surface. A low-resolution cutoff of 2.5 Å was applied to the high-
40 resolution (high energy) data sets, because this cutoff simultaneously excludes potentially overlapping
41 reflections at low scattering angles and allows for a significant number of shared observations between high
42 and low resolution data sets, which facilitates robust scaling. Scaling and merging were performed using
43 XSCALE, and the merged intensities were converted to structure factor magnitudes using XDSCONV (85).
44 We calculated phases by the method of molecular replacement, using the program Phaser (86) and a
45 previous structure of Mac1 (PDB 6WCF) as the search model. The model was manually adjusted in Coot to

1 fit the electron density map calculated from molecular replacement, followed by automated refinement of
2 coordinates, atomic displacement parameters, and occupancies using phenix.refine (87) with optimization of
3 restraint weights. Following two initial rounds of iterative model building and refinement using the
4 aforementioned strategy, we began introducing additional parameters into the model, enabled by the
5 extraordinarily high resolution of our diffraction data. First we implemented anisotropic atomic displacement
6 parameters for heavy atoms (C,N,O,S), followed by refinement of explicit hydrogen atom positions. During
7 early rounds of model building, we noticed mF_o-DF_c difference density peaks appearing between heavy
8 atom positions, suggesting that we are able to resolve covalent bonding densities (**Fig. S1**). Indeed, atomic
9 refinement that included a model for inter-atomic scatterers (IAS) was able to account for these densities
10 (88). Final refinement was performed without geometry or ADP weights (unrestrained).

11 *Data collection at physiological temperature, refinement and modelling*

12 We used a low-dose X-ray data collection strategy to acquire diffraction data from macrodomain crystals (C2
13 crystal form) at human physiological temperature (37°C, 310 K), which is the temperature most relevant to
14 studies of SARS-CoV infection. Using this strategy, we acquired data sets using an X-ray exposure of only
15 50 kGy - less than 1% of the total dose used at 100K, which is essential to mitigate the rapid rate of radiation
16 damage at 310 K compared to 100 K. The lower overall X-ray dose resulted in data with a lower overall
17 resolution, extending to 1.5 Å.

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19 Diffraction data from multiple crystals were merged using xia2 (89), implementing DIALS (90) for indexing
20 and integration, and Aimless (91) for scaling and merging. We calculated phases by the method of molecular
21 replacement, using the program Phaser (86) and our high resolution 100K structure as the search model.
22 The model was manually adjusted in Coot (92) to fit the electron density map calculated from molecular
23 replacement, followed by automated refinement of coordinates, atomic displacement parameters, and
24 occupancies using phenix.refine (87) with optimization of restraint weights.

25 *Fragment data collection, refinement and modelling*

26 Diffraction data was collected at ALS beamline 8.3.1 and SSRL beamlines 12-1 and 12-2. The data collection
27 strategy is summarized in **Supplementary data set 1**. Fragment datasets were indexed, integrated and
28 scaled using XDS (85) run through xia2 (89). Based on the space group and unit cell dimensions, six crystal
29 forms were present (**Fig. S2**). For each of the three C2 isoforms with one molecule in the ASU (isoform A, B
30 and C), a single, high resolution dataset was selected to create a representative model for each isoform.
31 Phases were obtained via molecular replacement with Phaser (86), using the ultra-high resolution C2
32 coordinates as the search model (PDB 7KR0). Coordinates were refined with iterative rounds of manual
33 model building in Coot (92) and refinement with phenix.refine (87). Default refinement parameters were used,
34 except five refinement macrocycles carried out per iteration and water molecules were automatically added
35 to peaks in the 2mF_o-DF_c electron density map higher than 3.5 σ . The minimum model-water distance was
36 set to 1.8 Å and a maximum model-water distance to 6 Å. For later rounds of refinement, hydrogens were
37 added to riding positions using phenix.ready_set, and B-factors were refined anisotropically for non-hydrogen
38 and non-water atoms. Although these datasets were obtained from crystals soaked with fragments, three
39 was no evidence for fragment binding in the mF_o-DF_c difference density maps, therefore the datasets were
40 deemed acceptable as representative DMSO-only models for each isoform.

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42 For the fragment datasets, molecular replacement was performed with Phaser (86) and initial refinement with
43 Refmac (93), both run through the DIMPLE pipeline (91). The search model used for molecular replacement
44 was selected to match the isoform of the dataset. Waters were included in the initial refinement by changing
45 the HOH records in the PDB file to "WWW". After refinement, waters were stripped from models and electron

1 density maps were analyzed for fragment binding using PanDDA (54). Electron density maps from 31
2 datasets were used to calculate the background electron density map for the A isoform, and 24 datasets
3 were used for isoforms B and C (**Supplementary data set 1**). Datasets selected for background map
4 calculation had the highest resolution and lowest R_{free} values. After PanDDA was run with default parameters,
5 the threshold used to classify a hit was decreased by adjusting the Z-map analysis settings (contour_level =
6 2, min_blob_volume = 5, min_blob_z_peak = 2.5). Although there was a substantial increase in false
7 positives, the decreased threshold allowed an additional seven fragments to be identified. Fragments were
8 modelled into PanDDA event maps with COOT, using restraints generated by phenix.elbow from a SMILES
9 string. Changes in protein conformation and solvation were also modeled. Because PanDDA can identify
10 fragments binding with low occupancies, any changes in protein coordinates will have similar, low
11 occupancies. If un-restrained refinement is performed on these low occupancy models, changes supported
12 by PanDDA event maps are often reverted to the ground state model. In the past, this has been overcome
13 by refining both ground-state (apo) and changed-state (fragment bound) structures simultaneously, with the
14 changed state coordinates restrained. However, these multi-state models can be difficult to interpret. As an
15 alternative, we modeled and refined the changed-state only. To prevent reversion of the model into ground
16 state density, coordinate refinement was switched off after fragments were modelled. Hydrogens were added
17 with phenix.ready_set, waters were updated automatically and B-factors were refined anisotropically for non-
18 hydrogen and non-water atoms. After one round of refinement, waters added into ground state electron
19 density were removed. This was achieved by aligning the DMSO-only model to the refined model, and
20 removing any water molecules within 2.2 Å of the DMSO-only model. A final round of refinement was
21 performed without updating water molecules.

22 P4₃ crystals at UCSF

23 *Protein expression and purification*

24 The C2 sequence in pET22b(+) was converted into the P4₃ sequence by removal of Glu170 and replacement
25 of the N-terminal Asn-Ala-Gly-Glu motif with a methionine. Additionally, a Ser-Ser-Gly-Val-Asp-Leu-Gly-Thr
26 linker was introduced between the His₆ tag and the TEV recognition sequence (**Supplementary data set 1**).
27 All cloning steps were performed by PCR with overlapping primers and Gibson assembly (94). Protein was
28 purified using the same protocol as the C2 protein, except that after SEC, the protein was concentrated to
29 40 mg/ml prior to flash freezing in liquid nitrogen.

30 *Crystallization*

31 Initially, crystals were grown by hanging-drop vapour diffusion with a reservoir solution containing 34% PEG
32 3000 and 100 mM CHES pH 9.5. Screens were performed using pre-greased VDX plates (Hampton
33 Research, HR3-142) with 0.5 ml reservoir solution in each well. Crystallization drops were set up on silicon
34 coverslips (Hampton Research, HR3-233) with 2 µl Mac1 at 10 mg/ml and 2 µl reservoir. Crystals grew after
35 2-4 days at 19°C. As with the C2 crystals, microseeding was required to achieve consistent nucleation. Seed
36 stocks were prepared as described previously, except the seed storage buffer used was 35% PEG 3000,
37 100 mM CHES pH 9.5 and 2 mM DTT. Crystals for fragment soaking were grown using SwissCI 3-well sitting
38 drop plates with reservoirs containing 30 µl 28% PEG 3000, 100 mM CHES pH 9.5. Crystallization drops
39 were set-up with 100 nl reservoir solution, 100 nl seed stocks (1:100,000 dilution) and 200 nl Mac1 at 40
40 mg/ml. Crystals were grown at 19°C and reached a maximum size after 24 hours.

41 *Fragment and ADP-ribose soaking*

42 Fragment soaks were performed using the same protocol as the C2 crystals, with soak times between 2-6
43 hours. ADPr soaks were performed similarly, except that ADP-ribose was prepared in water to 100 mM, and

1 crystals were soaked with 80 nL ADPr (20 mM final concentration). Crystals were vitrified directly after soaking
2 using a Nanuq cryocooling device (Mitegen).

3 *Fragment data collection, processing, modelling and refinement*

4 Diffraction data was collected at ALS beamline 8.3.1, SSRL beamline 12-1 and NSLS-II beamline 17-ID-2.
5 The data collection summary is summarized in **Supplementary data set 1**. Fragment datasets were indexed,
6 integrated and scaled using XDS (85) and merged with Aimless (91). In addition to the fragment soaks, we
7 collected diffraction data for 40 crystals soaked only with DMSO. To generate a DMSO-only model, a single
8 high resolution dataset was selected and phases were obtained by molecular replacement using the 0.77 Å
9 C2 structure as a search model. Refinement and model building was performed as described previously for
10 the C2 crystals. The fragment datasets were prepared for PanDDA analysis using the DIMPLE pipeline.
11 Fragments were identified using PanDDA, with the background electron density map generated using 35
12 DMSO-only datasets (**Supplementary data set 1**). As with the analysis of C2 electron density maps,
13 PanDDA was re-run with a decreased Z-map threshold (contour_level = 2.5, min_blob_volume = 5,
14 min_blob_z_peak = 2.5). This strategy identified an additional 24 fragments. Fragment modeling and
15 refinement was carried out using the same protocol as the experiment with C2 crystals.

16 *P4₃ crystals at Oxford/XChem*

17 *Protein expression and purification*

18 SARS-CoV-2 Nsp3 Mac1 (residues 3-169) was cloned into a pNIC28-Bsa4 expression vector which adds an
19 N-terminal His₆-tag and a TEV protease recognition site for removal of the tag. For expression of protein
20 used for crystallisation, the constructs was transformed into the *E. coli* Rosetta strain BL21(DE3)-R3 and
21 cells were grown at 37°C in LB medium (Miller) supplemented with 50 µg/ml of kanamycin and 35 µg/ml of
22 chloramphenicol. After reaching an OD₆₀₀ of 0.5–0.6, the temperature was lowered to 18°C prior to induction
23 of protein expression overnight by adding 0.5 mM isopropyl 1-thio-D-galactopyranoside. Harvested cells
24 were resuspended in lysis buffer (50 mM HEPES (pH 7.5), 500 mM NaCl, 5% glycerol, 20 mM imidazole, 10
25 mM βME, cComplete EDTA-free protease inhibitors (Roche)) and stored at -20°C until purification. For protein
26 purification, pellets were gently thawed in lukewarm water and lysed by high-pressure homogenisation. DNA
27 was digested using Benzonase. Proteins were purified by immobilised metal affinity chromatography (IMAC)
28 using Ni-Sepharose resin (GE Healthcare) and eluted stepwise in binding buffer containing 40–500 mM
29 imidazole. A high salt wash with 1 M NaCl was combined with the first elution step including 40 mM imidazole.
30 Removal of the hexahistidine tag was carried out by addition of recombinant TEV protease during overnight
31 dialysis into buffer without imidazole, followed by purification on a second IMAC column and finally by size-
32 exclusion chromatography (SEC) (Superdex 75, GE Healthcare) in a buffer consisting of 20 mM HEPES (pH
33 8.0), 250 mM NaCl and 2 mM DTT. Macrodomein protein used for HTRF assay was not subjected to TEV
34 cleavage and purified after the IMAC step by SEC in a buffer consisting of 25 mM HEPES pH 7.4, 300 mM
35 NaCl, 5% glycerol and 0.5 mM TCEP. Proteins were characterised by SDS-PAGE, then flash frozen in liquid
36 nitrogen and stored at -80°C until required.

37 *Crystallographic fragment screening*

38 SARS-CoV-2 Nsp3 Mac1 was concentrated to a final concentration of 47 mg/ml and *apo* crystals were grown
39 in crystallization solution containing 100 mM CHES pH 9.5 and 30% PEG3000. Fragments were soaked into
40 crystals as previously described (35) by adding dissolved compounds directly to the crystallisation drops
41 using an ECHO liquid handler (final concentration 10% DMSO); drops were incubated for approximately 1-3
42 hours prior to mounting and flash freezing in liquid nitrogen.

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1 Data was collected at the beamline I04-1 at 100K and automatically processed with Diamond Light Source's
2 auto-processing pipelines using XDS (85) and either xia2 (95), autoPROC (96) or DIALS (90) with the default
3 settings. Most Nsp3 macrodomain data processed to a resolution of approximately 1.1 Å. Further analysis
4 was performed with XChemExplorer, (36), electron density maps were generated with Dimple (97) and
5 ligand-binding events were identified using PanDDA (54). Ligands were modelled into PanDDA-calculated
6 event maps using Coot (98), restraints were calculated with AceDRG (99) or GRADE (100), and structures
7 were refined with BUSTER (101). Coordinates, structure factors and PanDDA event maps for the structures
8 discussed are deposited in the Protein Data Bank. Data collection and refinement statistics are summarised
9 in the Supplementary Data File 1.

10 Molecular Docking Screens

11 Docking was performed against the crystal structure of SARS-CoV-2 Nsp3 Mac1 bound to ADP-ribose (PDB
12 6W02). Chain B and all water molecules except for HOH324, HOH344, HOH384, and HOH406 were
13 removed. These water molecules were included in the docking template structure since they were buried
14 within the ADP-ribose binding site and formed bridging hydrogen bonds between ADP-ribose and the protein.
15 The protein structure in complex with ADP-ribose and the 4 selected water molecules was capped at N- and
16 C-termini and prepared for docking following the prepwizard protocol in Maestro (Schrödinger; (102)).
17 Accordingly, protons were added using Epik and protonation states were optimized with PropKa at pH 7.
18 Finally, the structure was energetically minimized using the OPLS3e force field, thereby, the maximum
19 heavy-atom deviation from the initial structure was 0.3 Å (102).

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21 Docking was performed with DOCK3.7 using pre-calculated scoring grids for rapid evaluation of docked
22 molecules (103). AMBER united atom charges (104) were assigned to the minimized protein structure and
23 water molecules. Partial atomic charges of backbone amides for residues Ile23 and Phe156 were increased
24 by 0.2 elementary charge units without changing the net charge of the residues, as described previously
25 (105). The low dielectric constant of the protein environment was extended outwards from the protein surface
26 by 1.9Å using spheres generated by SPHGEN. Electrostatic potentials at the ligand-binding pocket were
27 calculated by numerical solution of the Poisson-Boltzmann equation using QNIFFT (106), scoring grids for
28 van der Waals potentials were generated with CHEMGRID. Ligand desolvation scoring grids were calculated
29 by SOLVMAP (107), thereby, the volume of the low protein dielectric was extended out 0.4 Å from the protein
30 surface, as described previously (55).

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32 Since we specifically targeted the adenosine binding site of the full ADP-ribose binding pocket, atomic
33 coordinates of adenosine rather than the whole ADP-ribose molecule were used to generate 45 matching
34 spheres, representing favorable positions for placing ligand atoms with docking (103).

35 As ADP-ribose was the only known ligand for the viral macrodomain when we started the docking campaign,
36 the generated scoring grids and matching spheres were judged for their ability to place and score adenosine,
37 adenine and ribose at the adenosine binding site of the ligand binding pocket compared to 250 property-
38 matched decoys, generated following the DUD-EZ method (108). Decoys share similar physical properties
39 as the control molecules but are topologically different, hence unlikely to ligate the binding pocket.
40 Furthermore, an "extrema" set (108) of approximately 500,000 molecules including anionic, neutral and
41 cationic compounds with molecular weights ranging from 250-350 Da was screened to ensure similar
42 enrichments for monovalent anions and neutral molecules. We note that the lack of experimentally confirmed
43 ligands for the macrodomain did not allow exhaustive control calculations.

44
45 Virtual compound libraries were downloaded from ZINC15 (www.zinc15.docking.org) (53). From the set of
46 722,963 in-stock fragments, 696,092 compounds were successfully docked, exploring on average 2,355

1 orientations and 63 conformations per compound in the binding pocket. Roughly 58 billion complexes were
2 sampled in 88 core hours, or roughly 10 minutes on a 500 core cluster. Screening the entire 20 million
3 ZINC15 fragment library resulted in the evaluation of ca. 4.4 trillion complexes within 2,342 core hours, or
4 4.7 hours on 500 cores. In that screen, 19,130,798 compounds were scored and sampled in ca. 2,145
5 orientations and 180 conformations each. From the relatively small “in-human” library, containing 20,726
6 molecules, 17,362 compounds were scored, and sampling was increased to roughly 16,615 orientations per
7 compound. 84 billion complexes were evaluated within 27 core hours.

8
9 Compounds with DOCK scores < -20 (top 500,000 compounds from the entire fragment screen), were
10 subsequently filtered for those with strained conformations, and inspected for their ability to form hydrogen
11 bonds to residues Asp22, Ile23, Gly48, Val49, Gly130 or Phe156. Compounds with unsatisfied hydrogen
12 bond donors or more than three unsatisfied hydrogen bond acceptors were deprioritized. From both fragment
13 screens, 17 in-stock compounds (8 selected from the ZINC15 in-stock library docking screen) were
14 purchased, and 45 make-on-demand fragments were ordered of which 33 were successfully synthesized,
15 both from Enamine. The following compounds were selected from the “in-human” collection docking screen
16 and purchased from different vendors: Pterin (Sigma-Aldrich, P1132), Verdiperstat (MedChem Express, HY-
17 17646), Kinetin (Cayman Chemical, 20712), Irsogladine (Cayman Chemical, 30223), Diaveridine (Cayman
18 Chemical, 29427), N6-Benzyladenine (Cayman Chemical, 21711), PP2 (Cayman Chemical, 13198),
19 Temozolomide (Cayman Chemical, 14163), Chrysophanol (Cayman Chemical, 19870), Isoxanthopterin
20 (Cayman Chemical, 17564).

21 Fragment linking and merging

22 Fragment mergers and linkers were generated using Fragmenstein
23 (<https://github.com/matteoferla/Fragmenstein>) (109), a python module that automatically joins inspiration hits
24 or places compounds based on inspiration hits in way that is as faithful to the positions of the inspiration hits
25 as possible in a conformation that is energy acceptable. For merging, using RDKit (110) rings are temporarily
26 collapsed into pseudo-atoms, one-to-one spatial overlapping atoms are identified, pseudo-atoms expanded
27 with appropriate bonds to nearby atoms and various chemical corrections applied. For the constrained energy
28 minimisation, Pyrosetta is used (111). Interactive online summary of mergers was made in
29 <https://michelangelo.sgc.ox.ac.uk> (112, 113).

30 Purity and structure determination of initial fragment samples ZINC901381520, ZINC82473428 and 31 ZINC89254160 provided by Enamine

32 Samples of ZINC901391520, ZINC82473428 and ZINC89254160 obtained from Enamine were expected to
33 be N₉-alkylated isomers but electron density of compounds in X-ray co-crystal structures indicated these
34 samples were N₃-alkylated isomers instead (ZINC901391520_N3, ZINC82473428_N3 and
35 ZINC89254160_N3, see **Fig. S7I-L**). The original samples of ZINC901391520, ZINC82473428 and
36 ZINC89254160 used in fragment screening by X-ray crystallography were analyzed by HPLC-MS and ¹H
37 NMR to confirm sample purity and corroborate structure.

38
39 There is no reported characterization data to be used as reference for structure confirmation for N₉- or N₃-
40 alkylated compounds ZINC901391520 and ZINC89254160. The N₉-alkylated structure ZINC82473428 is a
41 previously prepared compound with tabulated NMR data reported by Rad *et al.* (114).

42 A re-supplied sample of ZINC901391520 from a new batch synthesized at Enamine was confirmed by ¹H
43 NMR to be >95% purity and a different isomer than the original sample of ZINC901391520. The X-ray crystal
44 structure of this fragment in complex with Mac1 revealed the fragment to be N₉-alkylated isomer (**Fig. S7I**).

1 Original samples of ZINC901391520, ZINC82473428 and ZINC89254160 from Enamine used in fragment
2 screen were evaluated for purity by HPLC on an Agilent 1200 Binary SL system with diode array detection
3 and mass spectrometric detection on an Agilent 6135B Quadrupole system in electrospray ionization mode
4 (positive ion detection). One of two HPLC Methods A or B were used to determine sample purity using mobile
5 phase linear gradients of acetonitrile with 0.1% TFA in water with 0.1% TFA detailed below at 1.000 ml/min
6 flow rate through a Phenomenex Gemini 3 mm C18 110 Å LC column (4.6 mm dia. x 150 mm length).

7
8 HPLC Method A mobile phase gradient: Gradient time points (minutes): 1.0-1.5-10.5-11.0-12.5-13.0-15.0; %
9 acetonitrile at gradient time points: 5-5-20-95-95-5-5

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11 HPLC Method B mobile phase gradient: Gradient time points (minutes): 1.0-7.0-8.0-10.0-10.5-12.0; %
12 acetonitrile at gradient time points: 5-30-95-95-5-5

13 *NMR Experiments for Samples ZINC901391520, ZINC82473428 and ZINC89254160*

14 Original samples of ZINC901391520, ZINC82473428 and ZINC89254160 from Enamine used in the
15 fragment screen were dissolved in d_6 -DMSO and analyzed by ^1H and ^{13}C NMR on a Bruker 400 MHz
16 instrument with Avance III electronics. Data was obtained at ambient temperature (ca. 25°C) collecting 64
17 scans for proton experiments and 1024 scans for carbon experiments. Raw data was processed and reports
18 created using ACD Spectrus software.

19 *Original sample ZINC901391520*

20 A sample of 5.5 mg ZINC901391520 was dissolved in 0.75 ml d_6 -DMSO for NMR analysis and from this
21 solution 50 μl was diluted in 0.45 ml acetonitrile to make up the analytical sample for HPLC-MS using HPLC
22 Method A. The sample chromatogram from HPLC revealed a single peak with UV absorbance at both 214
23 and 254 nm at $t_R = 5.272$ minutes. Aside from a very strong UV₂₁₄ peak at $t_R = 2.00$ minutes attributed to
24 DMSO co-solvent in the sample, no other peaks were observed at these UV wavelengths and sample purity
25 estimated >98% based on UV peak area. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO, 25 °C) δ ppm 8.49 (s, 1H), 7.91-
26 8.26 (br d, 2H), 7.76 (s, 1H), 6.30 (s, 1H), 5.63 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, d_6 -DMSO, 25 °C)
27 δ ppm 172.05, 167.57, 155.01, 152.46, 149.39, 143.55, 120.18, 94.85, 57.13, 44.32. LRMS (ESI⁺) for peak
28 at $t_R = 5.272$ minutes: observed $m/z = 247.3$ [MH]⁺ for C₁₀H₁₀N₆O₂ exact mass = 246.09.

29 *Second batch sample ZINC901391520*

30 A sample was dissolved in 0.75 ml d_6 -DMSO for NMR analysis. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO, 25 °C) δ ppm
31 8.24 (s, 1H), 8.16 (s, 1H), 7.31 (br s, 2H), 6.22 (s, 1H), 5.49 (s, 2H), 3.86 (s, 3H).

32 *Sample ZINC82473428*

33 A sample of 3.9 mg ZINC82473428 was dissolved in 0.75 ml d_6 -DMSO for NMR analysis and from this
34 solution 50 μl was diluted in 0.45 ml acetonitrile to make up the analytical sample for HPLC-MS using HPLC
35 Method B. The sample chromatogram from HPLC revealed a single peak with UV absorbance at both 214
36 and 254 nm at $t_R = 3.766$ minutes. Aside from a very strong UV₂₁₄ peak at $t_R = 2.00$ minutes attributed to
37 DMSO cosolvent in the sample no other peaks were observed at these UV wavelengths and sample purity
38 estimated >98% based on UV peak area. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO, 25 °C) δ ppm 8.31 (s, 1H), 8.01 (br
39 s, 2H), 7.86 (s, 1H), 4.44 (dd, $J=13.18, 3.39$ Hz, 1H), 4.31-4.40 (m, 1H), 4.20-4.30 (m, 1H), 3.75-3.87 (m,
40 1H), 3.58-3.70 (m, 1H), 1.93-2.07 (m, 1H), 1.75-1.92 (m, 2H), 1.58-1.73 (m, 1H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, d_6 -
41 DMSO, 25 °C) δ ppm 154.78, 151.53, 149.56, 144.30, 75.35, 67.24, 52.54, 40.44, 28.23, 25.03. LRMS (ESI⁺)
42 for peak at $t_R = 3.766$ minutes: observed $m/z = 220.3$ [MH]⁺ for C₁₀H₁₃N₅O exact mass = 219.11.

1 Reported NMR data for compound ZINC82473428_N9 from Rad et al., 2015 (114): ^1H NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -
2 DMSO, 25 °C) δ ppm 7.91 (s, 1H), 7.83 (s, 1H), 7.01 (br s, 2H), 3.87-3.99 (m, 3H), 3.34-3.52 (m, 2H), 1.30-
3 1.54 (complex m, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, d_6 -DMSO, 25 °C) δ ppm 156.6, 152.9, 149.2, 144.7, 117.2, 80.6,
4 67.9, 57.8, 29.1, 25.1.

5 *Sample ZINC89254160*

6 A sample of 3.2 mg ZINC89254160 was dissolved in 0.75 ml d_6 -DMSO for NMR analysis and from this
7 solution 50 μl was diluted in 0.45 ml acetonitrile to make up the analytical sample for HPLC-MS using HPLC
8 Method A. The sample chromatogram from HPLC revealed a major peak and a minor peak with UV
9 absorbances at both 214 and 254 nm: major peak t_R = 6.530 minutes and minor peak t_R = 6.751 minutes.
10 Relative peak area calculated as percentage of combined UV peak area at 254 nm was 93.3% major peak
11 and 6.7% minor peak (corresponds to ca. 14:1 ratio). Aside from a very strong UV₂₁₄ peak at t_R = 2.00 minutes
12 attributed to DMSO cosolvent in the sample no other peaks were observed at these UV wavelengths.
13 Tabulated NMR data reported here for major peaks only. ^1H NMR (400 MHz, d_6 -DMSO, 25 °C) δ ppm 8.47
14 (s, 1H), 7.95 (br s, 2H), 7.73 (s, 1H), 7.47 (s, 1H), 5.55 (s, 2H), 2.60 (s, 3H). ^{13}C NMR (101 MHz, d_6 -DMSO,
15 25 °C) δ ppm 166.21, 154.93, 152.47, 149.63, 149.51, 143.63, 120.43, 117.69, 48.08, 18.66. LRMS (ESI⁺)
16 for major peak at t_R = 6.530 minutes: observed m/z = 247.3 [MH]⁺ for C₁₀H₁₀N₆S exact mass = 246.07. LRMS
17 (ESI⁺) for minor peak at t_R = 6.751 minutes: observed m/z = 247.3 [MH]⁺ for C₁₀H₁₀N₆S exact mass = 246.07.
18 Major peak and minor peak have the same observed mass peak in LRMS and are presumed to be different
19 N-alkylated isomers.

20 *Conclusions Based on HPLC-MS and NMR Characterization of Samples ZINC901391520, ZINC82473428* 21 *and ZINC89254160*

22 HPLC-MS data confirmed that samples ZINC901391520 and ZINC82473428 are single compounds >98%
23 purity with mass peak corresponding to either N₉- or N₃-alkylated isomers. Both ^1H and ^{13}C NMR data
24 corroborated initial samples ZINC901391520 and ZINC82473428 are >98% single compound. The very high
25 purity determined for these two samples strongly rules out the possibility that X-ray co-crystals obtained were
26 the result of protein complexed to trace amount of alternative isomer in the samples. For ZINC89254160,
27 HPLC-MS data confirmed that there was a 13:1 ratio of isomers in this sample and it is possible the X-ray
28 co-crystal obtained with ZINC89254160 was the result of protein complexed to trace/minor amounts of the
29 alternative isomer (N₃-alkylated).

30
31 The NMR data obtained for sample ZINC82473428 used in crystallographic fragment screen does not match
32 NMR data reported in the literature for the N₉-alkylated ZINC82473428 and thus this sample is presumed
33 not to be N₉-alkylated isomer. NMR data is not sufficient to unambiguously assign N₃- or N₉-alkylated
34 structures for ZINC901391520, ZINC82473428 or ZINC89254160 and the unambiguous structure
35 assignment of ZINC901391520, ZINC82473428 and ZINC89254160 as N₃-alkylated isomers in this work
36 was provided by the electron density observed for these fragments in X-ray co-crystal structures obtained.
37 The crystal structure with ZINC400552187 additionally revealed the N₃-alkylated structure instead of the
38 requested N₉-alkylated form. Using DSF and ITC, ZINC901391520, ZINC82473428, ZINC89254160,
39 ZINC400552187 were initially screened as the N₃-alkylated isomer (ZINC901391520_N3 (PDB 5RSK),
40 ZINC82473428_N3 (PDB 5RVF), ZINC89254160_N3 (PDB 5RSJ), ZINC400552187_N3 (PDB 5RVG)). In
41 addition the N₉-alkylated ZINC901391520 (PDB 5S6W) was tested in DSF and the peptide-competition assay
42 (HTRF) (**Supplementary Table 1**).

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1 Differential Scanning Fluorimetry (DSF)

2 *Compound handling*

3 Compounds were dissolved in DMSO to a final concentration of 100 mM, and placed in a 384-well Echo
4 source plate (Labcyte PP0200). Using a LabCyte Echo. Each compound was dispensed into a 384-well
5 storage plate (Greiner BioOne 781280) in five stock concentrations in two-fold serial dilutions (compounds:
6 6.25-100 mM; ADP-ribose: 0.625-10 mM) and a final volume of 750 nL in triplicate. Two identical plates were
7 created, with the second plate used to provide protein-free controls for all tested conditions. Echo dispensing
8 instructions were created by an in-house script (https://gestwickilab.shinyapps.io/echo_layout_maker/).

9 *Experimental set-up*

10 DSF buffer was prepared by adding 10 μ l of SYPRO Orange (Thermo Scientific, Product #S6650) to 10 ml
11 buffer (50 mM Tris HCl pH 7.50, 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, 1 mM DTT, 0.01% Triton X-100), for a final dye
12 concentration of 5X (10 μ M) SYPRO Orange. A compound plate (see above) was resuspended by the
13 addition of 20 μ l of DSF buffer, and set aside for 20 minutes in the dark. Purified Nsp3 Mac1 domain was
14 diluted to 10 μ M in DSF buffer, and 2 μ l of either protein solution or protein-free buffer was added to each
15 well a 384-well white PCR plate (Axygen PCR-384-LC480WNFBC, Lot #23517000) using an E100 ClipTip
16 p125 Matrix Pipette. 8 μ l of resuspended compound was transferred to each well of the protein- and buffer-
17 containing PCR plate using an Opentrons OT-2 liquid handling system, yielding the following final conditions:
18 2 μ M Nsp3 Mac1, 5X (10 μ M) SYPRO Orange, 3% DMSO, 0.1-3 mM fragments, and 0.1-1 mM ADP-ribose.
19 The PCR plate was spun briefly in a salad spinner to remove bubbles, and sealed with optically clear film
20 (Applied Biosystems, MicroAmp Optical Adhesive Film, Product #4311971). In an Analytik Jena qTower
21 384G qPCR instrument, plate was continuously heated from 25 - 94°C at a rate of 1°C/minute, and
22 fluorescence was measured at each degree in the TAMRA channel (535 nm / 580 nm). 53 of 54 fragments
23 could be tested up to 3 mM without assay interference in these conditions (**Supplementary data set 2,**
24 **Supplementary Table 1**).

25
26 Raw DSF data for the Nsp3 Mac1 construct used in this work was characterized by a major transition at 50.8
27 +/- 0.3°C, with a minor second transition at 67.0 +/- 3.6°C (**Fig. 9, Supplementary data set 2,**
28 **Supplementary Table 1**); results described refer to the major transition. Significance was defined as
29 compounds with ANOVA p-values < 0.005 for T_{m_a} over the tested concentration regime.

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31 Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC)

32 All ITC titrations were performed on a MicroCal iTC 200 instrument (GE Healthcare, IL). All reactions were
33 performed in 20 mM Tris pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl using 300 - 600 μ M of Mac1 at 25°C. Titration of 4 mM ADP-
34 ribose (Sigma-Aldrich A0752) or 4-10 mM fragment contained in the stirring syringe included a single 0.2 μ l
35 injection, followed by 18 consecutive injections of 2 μ l. Data analysis of thermograms was analyzed using
36 one set of binding sites model of the [RITC package](#) to obtain all fitting model parameters for the experiments.

37 Homogeneous Time-Resolved Fluorescence (HTRF)-based Peptide Displacement Assay

38 Fragment inhibitory activity on Mac1 was assessed by the displacement of an ADP-ribose-conjugated biotin
39 peptide from the His₆-tagged Nsp3 Mac1 domain using HTRF with a Eu³⁺-conjugated anti-His₆ antibody
40 donor and streptavidin-conjugated acceptor. Compounds were dispensed into ProxiPlate-384 Plus
41 (PerkinElmer) assay plates using an Echo 525 Liquid Handler (Labcyte). Binding assays were conducted in
42 a final volume of 16 μ l with 12.5 nM Nsp3 Mac1 domain, 400 nM peptide ARTK(Bio)QTARK(Aoa-RADP)S,
43 1:125 Streptavidin-XL665, 1:20000 Anti-His₆-Eu³⁺ cryptate in assay buffer (25 mM HEPES pH7.0, 20 mM

1 NaCl, 0.05% BSA, 0.05% Tween20). Assay reagents were dispensed into plates using a Multidrop combi
2 (Thermo Scientific) and incubated at room temperature for 1 h. Fluorescence was measured using a
3 PHERAstar microplate reader (BMG) using the HTRF module with dual emission protocol (A = excitation of
4 320 nm, emission of 665 nm, and B = excitation of 320 nm, emission of 620 nm). Raw data were processed
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