Supporting Information

Small molecule ligands of the BET-like bromodomain, *Sm***BRD3, affect** *Schistosoma mansoni* **survival, oviposition, and development**

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Figure S-1. A visual representation of the plasmid cloning and expression vector, pNIC28-Bsa4.¹ which is drawn to scale. All other expression plasmids used in this study share the same vector backbone. The vector contains in-frame hexa-histidine (His $_6$) codons, located directly after the initiation start (ATG), for protein purification by immobilized metal affinity chromatography. The T7 promoter is used for transcribing target gene, and T7tt is the T7 transcriptional terminator for terminating gene transcription. The *Nco*I and *Bam*HI restriction sites for linearizing the vector for Gibson assembly 2 are shown. The *sac*B gene allows negative selection of plasmid without gene insert on 5% sucrose. Protein expression can be initiated by addition of IPTG (isopropyl β-D-1 thiogalactopyranoside), which removes transcriptional repression exerted by the LacI repressor (encoded by the constitutively expressed *lacI* gene). The locations of the *lacO* (lac operator, the site bound by the LacI repressor) and TEV site (protease cleavage site for removal of the His $_6$ tag) are indicated. DNA replication origins, pBR322 origin (for double-stranded DNA replication of plasmid in *E. coli*) and f1 (for single stranded replication in presence of a helper phage), are shown. The kanamycin selectable marker gene, *aph*, is labelled, which encodes aminoglycoside 3' phosphotransferase. The plasmid map was generated and annotated using CLC Main Workbench 7.6.4.

Table S-1. Primers for the production of H6-SmBRD3(9..378aa) and H6-SmBRD3(241..368aa):

Cloning of pSmBRD3(9..378aa):

Vector: pNIC28-Bsa4 (7,283 bp) → *NcoI*-HF + *BamHI*-HF (CutSmart) → linearized vector (5,337 bp)

Synthetic fragment: SmBRD3_9_to_378aa (1,156 bp)

PCR: SmBRD3 9 to 378aa (1,156 bp)+ GA $f + GA$ $r \rightarrow p2$ (1,156 bp)

Gibson assembly: Linearized vector + $p2 \rightarrow pSmBRD3(9..378aa)$ (6,455 bp)

Sequencing primer(s): T7F or T7R

Remark: The synthetic gene (i.e SmBRD3_9_to_378aa with codons optimized for protein expression in *E. coli*) encodes the SmBRD3(9..378aa) fragment (GenBank ID: CCD76183.1).

>H6-SmBRD3(9..378aa)

MHHHHHHSSGVDLGTENLYFQSSEANLDSSNSIKSEPHAAKSHSSKITTNQLEYIKKEVVGRLFKE KIVWPFTKPVDHQRLNLPDYPKIIKHPMDLGTIKQRLNLKFYHSSSECLDDLFTMFRNCYIFNKPGD DVVAMAMKLEQIARERLKFMPTPETEICPQKTPKSIRPIGAPLQVHPPIEPIHTAASTNHTEGLNGS AVSVDQTTLPFRPSVTSTSTKKASKKKSDSTIDELPSTPQSYDDLSRDRRQIKKPKREYEERNVGK RLRLSEALKACSNILKDISSQRYRDLNHFFLKPVDVVALGLHDYYDVVKKAMDLSTIKTKLESGQYH TKYDFADDVRLMFNNCYKYNGEDSEVARVGKQLQAIFDENFAKVPDDESDPAASPDGRP

Cloning of pSmBRD3(241..368aa):

Vector: pNIC28-Bsa4 (7,283 bp) *NcoI*-HF + *Bam*HI-HF (CutSmart) → linearized vector (5,337 bp)

PCR: $pSmBRD3(9..378aa)$ (6,455 bp) + SmBRD3(2) $f1 + SmBRD3(2)$ $r1 \rightarrow p24$ (430 bp)

Gibson assembly: Linearized vector $+$ $p24 \rightarrow pSmBRD3(241..368aa)$ (5,729 bp)

Sequencing primer(s): T7F or T7R

Remark: Native SmBRD3 (GenBank ID: CCD76183.1).

>H6-SmBRD3(241..368aa)

MHHHHHHSSGVDLGTENLYFQSPKREYEERNVGKRLRLSEALKACSNILKDISSQRYRDLNHFFL KPVDVVALGLHDYYDVVKKAMDLSTIKTKI FSGQYHTKYDFADDVRLMFNNCYKYNGFDSFVARV GKQLQAIFDENFAKVPDDES

Figure S-2. Purification of H6-*Sm*BRD3(1,2) (9..378aa). **A.** IMAC profile; **B.** SEC profile. **C.** SDS-PAGE gel (M = marker, SEC1/2 = different fractions from size exclusion chromatography, IMAC = eluate of immobilized metal ion affinity chromatography, CL = cell lysate); **D**. Protein mass spectrum.

Figure S-3. Purification of H6-*Sm*BRD3(2) (241..368aa). **A.** IMAC profile; **B.** SEC profile; **C.** SDS-PAGE gel ($M =$ marker, $L =$ lysate, IMAC = collected eluate from immobilized metal ion affinity chromatography, SEC = collected eluate from size exclusion chromatography); **D.** Protein mass spectrum.

Figure S-4. Purification of TEV Protease (pRK793). **A.** IMAC profile; **B.** SEC profile; **C.** SDS-PAGE gel (M = marker, L = lysate, IMAC = collected eluate from immobilized metal ion affinity chromatography, SEC = collected eluate from size exclusion chromatography); **D.** Protein mass spectrometry.

Figure S-5. Purification of *Sm*BRD3(2) (241..368aa). **A.** IMAC profile before TEV cleavage; **B.** IMAC profile after TEV cleavage; **C.** SEC profile; **D.** SDS-PAGE gel (M = marker, L = lysate, IMAC(1) = collected eluate from immobilized metal ion affinity chromatography prior to TEV cleavage, TEV = incubation with TEV protease (pRK793, Mr = 28617.5 Da), substrate/TEV ratio = 2:1, 4 °C, 16 h), IMAC(2) = collected eluate of immobilized metal ion affinity chromatography after TEV cleavage, SEC = collected eluate of size exclusion chromatography); **E.** Protein mass spectrum.

Figure S-6.A. The structure of the full length *Sm*BRD3 protein (Uniprot ID: A0A5K4EQL3) predicted by AlphaFold.² Helix 12 (gold) is located between *Sm*BRD3(1) (green) and *Sm*BRD3(2). **B.** It is proposed that the absence of the hydrophobic intraprotein interactions between *Sm*BRD3(1) (green) and helix 12 (gold) are responsible for difficulties in identifying a stable construct for the individual *Sm*BRD3(1) bromodomain. We suggest that these hydrophobic interactions are compensated for in the *Sm*BRD3(1,2) construct. As *Sm*BRD3(2) (white) forms fewer hydrophobic interactions with helix 12 (gold) this bromodomain can be produced as a stable construct.

Figure S-7. The detection of binding of BI2536 (**7**) to *Sm*BRD3(2) and *Sm*BRD3(1,2) using a differential scanning fluorimetry (DSF) assay at concentrations of 50 μM or 150 μM, and DMSO at percentages of 0.5% or 1.5%. **A**. Detection of melting temperatures (Tm) of *Sm*BRD3(2) and *Sm*BRD3(1,2) in the presence of BI2536 (**7**) (50 μM or 150 μM, 0.5% or 1.5% DMSO) or DMSO (0.5% or 1.5%) (n=3). **B.** Thermal shifts of the melting temperatures (ΔTm) of *Sm*BRD3(2) and *Sm*BRD3(1,2) in the presence of BI2536 (**7**) (50 μM or 150 μM, 0.5% or 1.5% DMSO) compared to DMSO (0.5% or 1.5%) (n=3).

Differential Scanning Fluorimetry (Thermal Shift) Screening Against *Sm***BRD3(2)**

Figure S-8. Plate 1. Binding of compounds (50 μM) of the PPInet library to *Sm*BRD3(2) monitored using a differential scanning fluorimetry (DSF) assay (n=2). BI2536 (**7**, 50 μM) was used as a positive control. Mean values ± standard deviation are shown.

Figure S-9. Plate 2. Binding of compounds (50 μM) of the PPInet library to *Sm*BRD3(2) monitored using a differential scanning fluorimetry (DSF) assay (n=2). BI2536 (**7**, 50 μM) was used as a positive control. Mean values ± standard deviation are shown.

Thermal Shift Values (ΔT_m) PPI-Net Plate 3

Figure S-10. Plate 3. Binding of compounds (50 μM) of the PPInet library to *Sm*BRD3(2) monitored using a differential scanning fluorimetry (DSF) assay (n=2). BI2536 (**7**, 50 μM) was used as a positive control. Mean values ± standard deviation are shown.

Thermal Shift Values (ΔT_m) PPI-Net Plate 4

Figure S-11. Plate 4. Binding of compounds (50 μM) of the PPInet library to *Sm*BRD3(2) monitored using a differential scanning fluorimetry (DSF) assay (n=2). BI2536 (**7**, 50 μM) was used as a positive control. Mean values ± standard deviation are shown.

Figure S-12. Plate 5. Binding of compounds (50 μM) of our in-house library to *Sm*BRD3(2) monitored by means of a differential scanning fluorimetry (DSF) setup (n = 2). BI2536 (**7**, 50 μM) was used as a positive control. Mean values ± standard deviation are shown.

Thermal Shift Values (ΔT_m) In-house BRD Ligand Library

Figure S-13. Plate 6. Binding of compounds (50 μM) of our in-house library to *Sm*BRD3(2) monitored by means of a differential scanning fluorimetry (DSF) setup (n = 2). BI2536 (**7**, 50 μM) was used as a positive control. Mean values ± standard deviation are shown.

Figure S-14. Plate 7. Binding of compounds (50 μM) of our in-house library to *Sm*BRD3(2) monitored by means of a differential scanning fluorimetry (DSF) setup (n = 2). BI2536 (**7**, 50 μM) was used as a positive control. Mean values ± standard deviation are shown.

Thermal Shift Values (ΔT_m) Maybridge Fragment Library Plate 8

Figure S-15. Plate 8. Binding of compounds (150 μM) from the Maybridge Fragment Library to *Sm*BRD3(2) monitored by means of a differential scanning fluorimetry (DSF) setup (n = 2). BI2536 (**7**, 150 μM) was used as a positive control. Mean values ± standard deviation are shown.

Thermal Shift Values (ΔT_m) Maybridge Fragment Library Plate 9

Figure S-16. Plate 9. Binding of compounds (150 μM) from the Maybridge Fragment Library to *Sm*BRD3(2) monitored by means of a differential scanning fluorimetry (DSF) setup (n = 2). BI2536 (**7**, 150 μM) was used as a positive control. Mean values ± standard deviation are shown.

Thermal Shift Values (ΔT_m) Maybridge Fragment Library Plate 10

Figure S-17. Plate 10. Binding of compounds (150 μM) from the Maybridge Fragment Library to *Sm*BRD3(2) monitored by means of a differential scanning fluorimetry (DSF) setup (n = 2). BI2536 (**7**, 150 μM) was used as a positive control. Mean values ± standard deviation are shown.

compound codes **Figure S-18.** Plate 11. Binding of compounds (150 μM) from the Maybridge Fragment Library to *Sm*BRD3(2) monitored by means of a differential scanning fluorimetry (DSF) setup (n = 2). BI2536

(**7**, 150 μM) was used as a positive control. Mean values ± standard deviation are shown.

Thermal Shift Values (ΔT_m) In-house BRD Ligand Library Plate 12

Figure S-19. Plate 12. Binding of compounds (50 μM) of our in-house library to *Sm*BRD3(2) monitored by means of a differential scanning fluorimetry (DSF) setup (n = 2). BI2536 (**7**, 50 μM) was used as a positive control. Mean values ± standard deviation are shown.

Figure S-20. Plate 13. Binding of compounds (150 μM) from the Maybridge Fragment Library to *Sm*BRD3(2) monitored by means of a differential scanning fluorimetry (DSF) setup (n = 2). BI2536 (**7**, 150 μM) was used as a positive control. Mean values ± standard deviation are shown.

Figure S-21. Plate 14. Binding of compounds (150 μM) from the Maybridge Fragment Library to *Sm*BRD3(2) monitored by means of a differential scanning fluorimetry (DSF) setup (n = 2). BI2536 (**7**, 150 μM) was used as a positive control. Mean values ± standard deviation are shown.

Figure S-22. Plate 15. Binding of compounds (150 μM) from the Maybridge Fragment Library to *Sm*BRD3(2) monitored by means of a differential scanning fluorimetry (DSF) setup (n = 2). BI2536 (**7**, 150 μM) was used as a positive control. Mean values ± standard deviation are shown.

Thermal Shift Values (ΔT_m) Maybridge Fragment Library Plate

Figure S-23. Plate 16. Binding of compounds (150 μM) from the Maybridge Fragment Library to *Sm*BRD3(2) monitored by means of a differential scanning fluorimetry (DSF) setup (n = 2). BI2536 (**7**, 150 μM) was used as a positive control. Mean values ± standard deviation are shown.

Figure S-24. Plate 17. Binding of compounds (150 μM) from the Maybridge Fragment Library to *Sm*BRD3(2) monitored by means of a differential scanning fluorimetry (DSF) setup (n = 2). BI2536 (**7**, 150 μM) was used as a positive control. Mean values ± standard deviation are shown.

Figure S-25. Plate 18. Binding of compounds (150 μM) from the Maybridge Fragment Library to *Sm*BRD3(2) monitored by means of a differential scanning fluorimetry (DSF) setup (n = 2). BI2536 (**7**, 150 μM) was used as a positive control. Mean values ± standard deviation are shown.

Table S-2. K_d values and N numbers of compounds tested for binding to *SmBRD3(1,2)* and *SmBRD3(2)* using Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC). Values are n=1 ± error of the curve of fit.

Figure S-26. A. Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC) trace of OXFBD02 (**1**) and *Sm*BRD3(1,2) (*K*^d = 683 ± 166 nM). **B.** ITC trace of OXFBD02 (**1**) and *Sm*BRD3(2) (No detectable binding).

Figure S-27. A. Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC) trace of OXFBD03 (**2**) and *Sm*BRD3(1,2) (*K*^d = 675 ± 97.6 nM). **B.** ITC trace of OXFBD03 (**2**) and *Sm*BRD3(2) (No detectable binding).

Figure S-28. A. Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC) trace of 3 and *SmBRD3(1,2)* (K_d = 1750 ± 301 nM). **B.** ITC trace of **3** and *Sm*BRD3(2) (No detectable binding).

Figure S-29. A. Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC) trace of OXFBD04 (4) and *SmBRD3(1,2)* (K_d = 2950 ± 261 nM). **B.** ITC trace of OXFBD04 (**4**) and *Sm*BRD3(2) (No detectable binding).

Figure S-30. A. Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC) trace of (+)-JQ1 (5) and *SmBRD3(1,2)* (K_d = 445 ± 106 nM) **B.** ITC trace of (+)-JQ1 (**5**) and *Sm*BRD3(2) (No detectable binding).

Figure S-31. A. Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC) trace of I-BET151 (**6**) and *Sm*BRD3(1,2) (*K*^d $= 2830 \pm 283$ nM). **B.** ITC trace of I-BET151 (6) and *SmBRD3(2)* ($K_d = 6160 \pm 785$ nM).

Figure S-32. A. Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC) trace of BI-2536 (7) and *Sm*BRD3(1,2) (K_d = 1990 ± 277 nM). **B.** ITC trace of BI-2536 (7) and *SmBRD3(2)* (K_d = 3810 ± 576 nM).

Figure S-33. A. Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC) trace of I-BET726 (8) and *Sm*BRD3(1,2) (K_d $= 1520 \pm 520$ nM). **B.** ITC trace of I-BET726 (8) and *SmBRD3(2)* ($K_d = 1850 \pm 361$ nM).

Figure S-34. A. Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC) trace of 9 and $SmBRD3(2)$ (K_d = 753 ± 176 nM). **B.** ITC trace of 9 and *SmBRD3(2)* (K_d = 572 ± 103 nM). **C.** ITC trace of 9 and *SmBRD3(2)* $(K_d = 778 \pm 179 \text{ nM}).$

Figure S-35. A. Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC) trace of **10** and *Sm*BRD3(1,2) (No detectable binding). **B.** Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC) trace of **10** and *Sm*BRD3(2) (No detectable binding).

Figure S-36. A. Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC) trace of 11 and *SmBRD3(2)* (K_d = 1060 ± 164 nM). **B.** ITC trace of **11** and *SmBRD3(2)* (K_d = 1300 ± 236 nM).

Figure S-37. A. Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC) trace of 12 and *SmBRD3(2)* (K_d = 562 ± 79.1 nM). **B.** ITC trace of **12** and $SmBRD3(2)$ ($K_d = 543 \pm 60.3$ nM).

Figure S-38. A. Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC) trace of 13 and *SmBRD3(2)* (K_d = 628 ± 94.9 nM). **B.** ITC trace of **13** and *Sm*BRD3(2) (K_d = 652 ± 78.5 nM). **C.** ITC trace of **13** and *Sm*BRD3(2) (K_d = 672 ± 76.0 nM).

Figure S-39. A. Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC) trace of 14 and *SmBRD3(2)* (K_d = 1010 ± 160 nM). **B.** ITC trace of **14** and *Sm*BRD3(2) (K_d = 1270 ± 779 nM). **C.** ITC trace of **14** and *SmBRD3(2) (K_d = 1270 ± 349 nM).*

Figure S-40. A. Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC) trace of 15 and *SmBRD3(2)* (K_d = 320 ± 82.8 nM). **B.** ITC trace of **15** and *Sm*BRD3(2) (K_d = 361 \pm 70.2 nM). **C.** ITC trace of **15** and *Sm*BRD3(2) (K_d = 411 ± 60.4 nM).

Figure S-41. Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC) trace of **16** and *Sm*BRD3(2) (No detectable binding).

Figure S-42. Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC) trace of **17** and *Sm*BRD3(2) (No detectable binding).

Figure S-43. Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC) trace of **18** and *Sm*BRD3(2) (No detectable binding).

Figure S-44. Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC) trace of **19** and *Sm*BRD3(2) (No detectable binding).

Figure S-45. Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC) trace of **20** and *Sm*BRD3(2) (No detectable binding).

Figure S-46. Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC) trace of **21** and *Sm*BRD3(2) (No detectable binding).

Figure S-47. Isothermal Titration Calorimetry (ITC) trace of **22** and *Sm*BRD3(2) (No detectable binding).

Figure S-48. The effect of compounds **1**–**5** and **8**–**22** on the (**A**) phenotype and (**B**) motility of schistosomula tested at 10 µM in 0.625% DMSO, following 72 h incubation. Negative (0.625% DMSO) and positive (10 µM auranofin in 0.625% DMSO) controls are included in each drug screen (4-5 in total, two technical replicates each). The compound score is shown as grey dot and whiskers represent the average score and standard deviation across the screens. Hit threshold is delineated by the vertical dashed red lines in the graphs; −0.15 and −0.35 for phenotype and motility scores, respectively.

Figure S-49. Differential activity of compounds **1**–**5** (**A**), **8**–**14** (**B**), and **15**–**22** (**C**) on *ex vivo* miracidia to sporocyst transformation. Miracidia were exposed to the selected compounds in a dose response titration (CBSS containing 25, 10, 5, 2, or 0.5 µM in 1% DMSO). Dead parasites (in grey), transforming miracidia (in blue) and fully transformed sporocysts (in brown) were enumerated after 48 h (scored as percentage of parasite population - % Parasite). Each titration point was measured in triplicate and compared to parasites cultured in CBSS with 1% DMSO (controls) at a constant temperature of 26 °C, in the dark.

Figure S-50. Graphical display of the experimental set up for the compound accumulation assay: 5 male worms per treatment were incubated with 20 µM of **1**, **2**, **15,** or **22**, in 0.2% DMSO or 0.2% DMSO only, as indicated, in 2 mL of media for 24 hours. Wells containing media and compound only (no worms) were also incubated. Following incubation, the worms were washed 3 times (by sequential transfer) in wells containing 2 mL of fresh media only (no compound). Worms were then transferred to a 1.5 mL Eppendorf and frozen. 1 mL aliquots of the media from all wells were also collected.

Figure S-51A. Schematic representation of the worm permeability experiments conducted. **B**. Estimation of the amounts of compounds **1, 2**, **15** or **22** found in the lysate of adult male *S. mansoni* lysate following 24 h incubation with compounds **2** (red), **15** (green) and **22** (blue), using the experimental set up shown in Figure S50. The estimated amounts were calculated as a mean (n = 3) from the analysis of lysate from male adult worms, 5 worms per well, with error bars representing the s.e.m.

Figure S-52. A. Estimation of the concentration of **15** and **22** in media after incubation with **22** in the presence and absence of *S. mansoni*. The concentration estimations were calculated as an average (presence of worm n=3, no worm n=2) from the analysis media in the presence (5 worms per well) or absence of worms, with error bars representing the s.e.m. **B**. Estimation of the concentration of **1** and **2** in media after incubation with **2** in the presence and absence of *S. mansoni*. The concentration estimations were calculated as an average (presence of worm n=2, no worm n=1) from the analysis of media in the presence (5 worms per well) or absence of worms with error bars representing the s.e.m.

Table S-4. Aqueous solubility in phosphate buffered saline at pH 7.4 and chromLogD values for compounds **9**, **14**, **16** and **22.** Details of the solubility and chromLog D assays can be found in the General Chemistry Experimental.

Scheme S-1. Synthesis of primary amine intermediate **S7a**, described by Gosmini *et al.*³ and using work form Shadrick *et al*. ⁴ *Reagents and conditions:* i) TFA, *ⁱ* PrOH, NaOCN, rt, 79%; ii) Crotonoyl chloride, LiHMDS, THF, -78 °C, 61%; iii) (R)-BINAP(OTf)₂(H₂O)₂Pd, 4-bromoaniline, toluene, rt, 95%; iv) NaBH₄, EtOH, MgCl₂⋅6H₂O, H₂O, <0 °C to rt, 98%; v) Pyridine, AcCl, CH₂Cl₂, 90%; vi) {4- $[(Ethyloxy)carbonyll-phenyll-boronic acid, Pd(Ph₃)₄, Na₂CO_{3(aq)}, DME, 105 °C, 91%; vii) AICl₃,$ CH2Cl2, 0 °C, 84%.

Scheme S-2. Synthesis of primary amine intermediate **S7b**. *Reagents and conditions:* i) (*S*)- BINAP(OTf)₂(H₂O)₂Pd, 4-bromoaniline, toluene, rt, 90%; ii) NaBH₄, EtOH, MgCl₂⋅6H₂O, H₂O, <-10 °C, 93%; iii) Pyridine, AcCl, CH₂Cl₂, 88%; iv) {4-[(Ethyloxy)carbonyl]-phenyl}boronic acid, Pd(Ph₃)₄, Na₂CO_{3(aq)}, DME, 105 °C, 80%; v) AlCl₃, CH₂Cl₂, 0 °C, 82%.

Scheme S-3. General synthetic scheme for compounds **9**–**12, 14**–**19** and **21**–**22**; The ligand, R-Br, catalyst, ligand, temperature and yields for the synthesis of compounds **16**–**19**, **21** and **22** are shown in Table S5**.** Synthesis of **9**–**12**, **14** and **15**. *Reagents and conditions*: NaOH(aq), EtOH, rt, 20–87%.

Table S-5. The ligand, R-Br, catalyst, ligand, temperature and yields for the syntheses of compounds **16**–**19**, **21** and **22.** NaO*^t* Bu was used as the base for all reactions for the syntheses of **16**–**19**, **21** and **22.**

Compound	$R-Br$	Pd Cat.	Ligand	Temperature $(^{\circ}C)$	Yield (%)
16	6-Bromobenzothiophene	BrettPhos Pd G3	BrettPhos	70	87
17	6-Bromobenzotiophene	BrettPhos Pd G3	BrettPhos	70	69
18	6-Bromobenzofuran	BrettPhos Pd G3	BrettPhos	70	68
19	5-Bromobenzothiophene	BrettPhos Pd G3	BrettPhos 70		66
21	6-Bromobenzothiazole	BrettPhos Pd G ₃	BrettPhos	70	
22	6-Bromoquinoline	Pd(OAc) ₂	CyJohnPhos	100	30

Scheme S-4. A. Synthesis of intermediate S8. *Reagents and conditions*: i) (Boc)₂O, DMAP, MeCN, rt, 49%; **B.** Synthesis of compounds **20** and **13**. *Reagents and conditions*: **S8**, Cu(OAc)2, NEt3, CH₂Cl₂, 3 Å molecular sieves, rt, 53%; ii) TFA, CH₂Cl₂, rt, 46%; iii) NaOH_(aq), EtOH, 32%.

General biology experimental and biology methods

Biologically tested compounds: compounds **9**-**22** were synthesised by Darius McArdle using procedures outlined above. OXFBD02 (**1**), OXFBD03 (**2**), OXFBD02-F (**3**) and OXFBD04 (**4**) were synthesised by Lily-Latimer Smith, Oliver Stratton, Charles Evans, and Darius McArdle, respectively, using previously published procedures.5,6 I-BET726 (**8**) was purchased from Cambridge Bioscience Ltd, BI-2536 (**7**) and I-BET151 (**6**) from MedChemExpress and (+)-JQ1 (**5**) from Stratech Scientific Ltd. The Maybridge Fragment library was obtained from Fisher Scientific. We wish to thank the EPSRC funded network, PPI-net (EP/I037210/1 and EP/I037172/1) and GSK for making the PPInet screening collection available.

All other biological materials were obtained from commercial sources.

All biological solutions are aqueous, unless otherwise stated.

Purified (Milli-Q) water: obtained from a Millipore Elix® Reverse Osmosis system which was further purified by a Millipore Milli- Q° . Synthesis system with a 0.22 μ m filter on the outlet. Reagent quantities given as weight per volume (*w/v*) correspond to g/mL unless otherwise stated.

pH measurements: performed using an VWR pH 100 pH meter or a Jenway pH meter 3305, with an Aldrich glass/calomel combination electrode or an Oakton PH 550 Benchtop pH Meter Kit, with an Oakton pH electrode with temperature sensor. Calibration was carried out between pH 4.0–7.0 or 7.0–10.0 immediately before use, with buffer solutions of phthalate (pH 4.0), phosphate (pH 7.0) and borate (pH 10.0) from Fischer Scientific, or using pH 4.0, pH 7.0, pH 10.0 buffer solutions from Cole-Palmer. Electrodes were stored in a 4 M aqueous potassium chloride solution.

Protein concentration was estimated by measuring the absorbance at 280 nm using a Nanodrop[®] ND-1000 spectrophotometer (Nanodrop® Technologies Inc.) with the 'Protein A280' program module according to the manufacturer's instructions, or NanoDrop Lite spectrophotometer (Nanodrop® Technologies Inc.), using the Beer-Lambert law and corresponding extinction coefficients.

Protein molecular weight and molar extinction coefficient were calculated using ProtParam on the ExPASy Bioinformatics Resource Portal.

Centrifugation: Protein samples of up to 10.0 mL were centrifuged in a Beckman Allegra-X30R Centrifuge (3082 ×g) at 4 °C. Cell growth media and cell lysates were centrifuged in a Beckman Coulter J-25 (11,325 ×*g*: JSP F500 rotor; 9605 ×*g*: JLA-16.250 rotor and 7741 ×*g*: JA-25.50 rotor, respectively).

Gibson Assembly (GA):

Cloning was performed using a one-step isothermal *in vitro* recombination reaction consisting of T5 exonuclease, Phusion DNA polymerase and Taq DNA ligase. Linear vectors (~0.03 pmol) and gene inserts (~0.1 pmol) with complementary regions were incubated at 50 °C for 15-60 min in a 1:3 ratio with Gibson Assembly master mix (NEB): 20 μL reaction volume, 10 μL 2 × GA master mix. 2 μL of the reaction mixture was used directly to transform NEB 5-alpha (#C2987) competent cells, or diluted 1:3 to transform BL21 (DE3) Gold competent cells.

Competent cells: *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) strains of the following genotypes were used:

- BL21 (DE3) Gold: F- ompT hsdSB (rB-mB-) gal dcm (DE3). DE3 denotes a chromosomal copy of the T7 RNA polymerase gene.

Competent cells were thawed on ice for 20 min before 1-5 μL of plasmid DNA (from an 80–140 ng/μL stock solution) was added to 20 μL of the competent cells in pre-chilled 1.5 mL Eppendorf tubes. The tubes were left on ice for 30 min before incubation at 42 °C for 30 sec. The tubes were returned to ice for 5 min, 500 μL of 2-TY media was added gently to each tube, which was then incubated at 37 °C for 1 h before 100-200 µL of the transformation mixture was plated onto agar plates containing kanamycin (50 μg/mL) and incubated overnight.

Fermentation and purification conditions for bromodomain containing proteins

For the expression and purification of the human and schistosomal bromodomain containing proteins we followed a previously published procedure.⁷ Single colonies of transformed *E. coli* BL21(DE3) were transferred under aseptic conditions to 100 mL of 2× TY medium containing a final concentration of 50 μg/mL of kanamycin. The cultures were incubated overnight at 37 °C and 180 rpm. 10 mL of the overnight cultures were added to 1 L of 2× TY medium containing a final concentration of 50 μg/mL of kanamycin. The cultures were incubated overnight at 37 °C and 180 rpm. When the OD₆₀₀ reached a value of 0.6, the cultures were cooled down to 16 °C and IPTG was added to the culture at a final concentration of 0.1 mM. OD $_{600}$ values were measured in 1.6 mL cuvettes against a reference of 2× TY medium, using a Novaspec® II spectrometer measuring at 600 nm. Subsequently, the cells were fermented at 16 °C, 180 rpm, overnight. Cells were harvested by centrifugation (8000 rpm, 4 °C, 10 min). The cell pellet was re-suspended in Extraction buffer (100 mL per 20 g cell mass), 25 Units (U) of Benzoase was added, then the cells were lysed by sonication using thirty 5 sec bursts interrupted by 5 to 10 sec pauses. Polyethyleneimine (PEI, 0.15% *v/v*) was added, and the cells were incubated on ice for 15 min. The lysate was clarified using centrifugation and the supernatant decanted, filtered through a 0.45 μm filter, and applied to a purification column. Immobilised metal affinity chromatography (IMAC) was performed with a HisTrapTM (5 mL) column (GE Healthcare) charged with 4 CV of 100 mM NiSO₄ and washed with 10 CV of binding buffer prior to loading the cell lysate at 1 mL/min. The column was then washed with approximately 20 CV binding buffer. When all residual products of bacterial fermentation were eluted from the column by binding buffer, the protein of interest was batch-eluted with elution buffer (step gradient elution, 5 – 500 mM imidazole). Eluted protein was collected and fractionated; fractions containing the highest levels of pure protein (as determined by SDS-PAGE gels and UV trace) were concentrated using 5k or 10k concentrators (GE Healthcare) in a Beckman Allegra™ 21R centrifuge. Further purification was achieved by gel filtration chromatography. Concentrated fractions (<2 mL) were loaded on a 120/300 mL Superdex 75 size exclusion chromatography column (Amersham). Eluted protein was collected and fractionated; fractions containing the highest levels of pure protein (as determined by SDS-PAGE gels) were concentrated as described before.

Table S-6. Components of 2× TY media

Buffer	Reagent	Mass per litre $\left(\mathbf{gl}^{-1}\right)$		
$2x$ TY	Trypton	16.0		
	Yeast Extract	10.0		
	NaCl	5.0		

Table S-7. Buffer type and composition for purification of H6-*Sm*BRD3(1,2) and H6-*Sm*BRD3(2).

Buffer	Reagent	Concentration			
Binding buffer	HEPES	50 mM			
$(pH = 7.6)$	NaCl	500 mM			
	Imidazole	5 mM			
Extraction buffer	HEPES	50 mM			
$(pH = 7.6)$	NaCl	500 mM			
	Imidazole	5 mM			
	SigmaFAST ^a	1 Tbl/20 g pellet			
Elution buffer	HEPES	50 mM			
$(pH = 7.6)$	NaCl	500 mM			
	Imidazole	500 mM			
Strip buffer	HEPES	50 mM			
$(pH = 7.6)$	NaCl	500 mM			
	EDTA	100 mM			
Gel filtration buffer	HEPES	50 mM			
$(pH = 7.6)$	NaCl	500 mM			

^aSigmaFAST Protease Inhibitor Cocktail Tablet, EDTA Free (Sigma-Aldrich)

Fermentation and purification conditions for TEV protease pRK793

The plasmid for pRK793 was kindly provided by the group of Prof. Christopher Schofield, University of Oxford, as a glycerol stock of transfected *E. coli* BL21 (DE3) cells. Single colonies of transformed *E. coli* BL21(DE3) were transferred under aseptic conditions to 100 mL of 2× TY medium containing a final concentration of 50 μg/mL of kanamycin. The cultures were incubated overnight at 37 °C and 180 rpm. 10 mL of the overnight cultures were added to 1 L of 2× TY medium containing a final concentration of 50 μg/mL of Kanamycin. The cultures were incubated overnight at 37 °C and 180 rpm. When OD_{600} reached a value of 0.7, the cultures were cooled to 18 °C, and IPTG was added to the culture at a final concentration of 0.5 mM. Subsequently the cells were fermented at 18 °C, 180 rpm, overnight. Cells were harvested by centrifugation (8000 rpm, 4 °C, 10 min). The cell pellet was lysed by sonication according to our standard lab protocols and the lysate was loaded on a pre-equilibrated 5 mL Ni²⁺-NTA column. The protein was eluted during a gradient elution from 5 mM to 500 mM of imidazole. Protein containing fractions were combined and concentrated using a Pierce™ Protein Concentrator PES (10k MWCO, 5-20 mL). 2 mL of the concentrated sample was injected in a S200 130 mL gel filtration column. Purity of the fractions was monitored using SDS-PAGE and pure fractions were combined and concentrated using a PierceTM Protein Concentrator PES (10 K MWCO, 5-20 mL) to a concentration of approximately 15 mg/mL. Glycerol was added to a final concentration of 15% prior to snap freezing the samples using liquid nitrogen.

Buffer	Reagent	Concentration			
Binding buffer	HEPES	25 mM			
$($ pH = 7.6)	NaCl	500 mM			
	Glycerol	5% (v/v)			
	Imidazole	5 mM			
	TCEP	$0.5 \text{ }\mathrm{mM}$			
Gel filtration buffer	HEPES	25 mM			
$(pH = 7.6)$	NaCl	500 mM			
	Glycerol	5% (v/v)			
	TCEP	0.5 mM			
Elution buffer	HEPES	25 mM			
$(pH = 7.6)$	NaCl	500 mM			
	Glycerol	5% (v/v)			
	Imidazole	500 mM			
	TCEP	0.5 mM			

Table S-8. Buffer type and composition for purification of TEV protease pRK793.

Purification conditions for *Sm***BRD3 bromodomain for crystallisation trials**

Fermentation and cell lysis was performed as described above for the other bromodomain containing proteins. Immobilised metal affinity chromatography (IMAC) was performed with a HisTrapTM (5 mL) column (GE Healthcare) charged with 4 CV of 100 mM NiSO4 and washed with 10 CV of binding buffer prior to loading the cell lysate at 1 mL/min. The column was then washed with approximately 20 CV binding buffer. When all residual products of bacterial fermentation were eluted from the column by binding buffer, the protein of interest was batch-eluted with elution buffer (step gradient elution, 5 – 500 mM imidazole). Eluted protein was collected and fractionated; fractions containing the highest levels of pure protein (as determined using SDS-PAGE gels and UV traces) were concentrated using 5k spin-concentrators (GE Healthcare) in a Beckman Allegra™ 21R centrifuge to approximately 5 mL. 15 mL of TEV cleavage buffer (50 mM HEPES, 500 mM NaCl, 1 mM β-mercaptoethanol, pH 7.6) were added and the mixture was again concentrated to approximately 5 mL using 5k concentrators (GE Healthcare) in a Beckman Allegra™ 21R centrifuge. After determination of the concentration of H6-SmBRD3(2), TEV protease (pRK793) was added in a molar ratio of 2:1 (H6-SmBRD3(2)/TEV protease). TEV cleavage buffer was added to give a total volume 20 mL. The mixture was incubated overnight at 4 °C. After sufficient digestion of the substrate protein (monitored using SDS-PAGE), the mixture was concentrated to approximately 2 mL using 5k concentrators (GE Healthcare) in a Beckman Allegra™ 21R centrifuge. To separate cleaved substrate protein (*Sm*BRD3(2)) from the H6-tag that has been cleaved off and the H6-tagged TEV protease, a second immobilised metal affinity chromatography (IMAC) was performed with a HisTrapTM (5 mL) column (GE Healthcare) charged with 4 CV of 100 mM NiSO₄ and washed with 10 CV of binding buffer prior to loading the cell lysate at 1 mL/min. The column was then washed with approximately 20 CV binding buffer. *Sm*BRD3(2) was detected in the flow-through and H6-tagged components were subsequently eluted with elution buffer (step gradient elution, $5 - 500$ mM imidazole). Eluted protein was collected and fractionated; fractions containing the highest levels of pure protein (as determined by SDS-PAGE gels and UV trace) were concentrated using 5k concentrators (GE Healthcare) in a Beckman Allegra™ 21R centrifuge to approximately 2 mL. Further purification was achieved using gel filtration chromatography. Concentrated fractions (<2 mL) were loaded on a 120/300 mL Superdex 75 size exclusion chromatography column (Amersham). Please note, for this gel filtration we used a modified gel filtration buffer with a reduced amount of NaCl (see table below). Eluted protein was collected and fractionated; fractions containing the highest levels of pure protein (as determined by SDS-PAGE gels) were concentrated to a final concentration of 12.31 mg/mL and 24.89 mg/mL, respectively.

Table S-9. Buffer type and composition for purification of *Sm*BRD3(2).

a SigmaFAST Protease Inhibitor Cocktail Tablet, EDTA Free

Sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE)

Samples obtained from milli-scale expression were analysed by SDS-PAGE. Gels were prepared using 70 mm × 100 mm glass plates, with 0.75 mm spacers. Tetramethylethylenediamine (TEMED) and freshly prepared ammonium persulfate were added just prior to pouring the gels. The resolving gel was cast with the addition of a separate layer of isopropyl alcohol (to ensure a level surface). Once the resolving layer had polymerised, isopropyl alcohol was removed, and the stacking gel was cast. For protein denaturation samples were prepared by mixing with sample loading buffer (4×) and incubation at 100 °C for 10 min. All gels were loaded with one of the following molecular weight ladders: blue protein standard, broad range (NEB); colour protein standard, broad range (NEB). Gels were run on a mini-PROTEAN Tetra Electrophoresis System (Bio-Rad) at a constant potential of 100 V. Following electrophoresis, gels were stained for 30 min with InstantBlue™ Coomasie[®] stain (Expedeon) and afterwards destained for 5 h.

Table S-10. Gel compositions (quantities for 1 gel) for SDS-PAGE.

Table S-11. Buffer composition for SDS-PAGE.

Differential scanning fluorimetry assay

The differential scanning fluorimetry (DSF) or thermal stability assays were carried out following the protocol described by Niesen *et al*. and data were analysed as described previously.⁸ Thermal melting experiments were carried out using the Mx3005p real-time PCR machine (Agilent) and employing a protein concentration of 5 μM for the schistosomal bromodomains [*Sm*BRD3(2), *Sm*BRD3(1,2)]. If not otherwise stated, inhibitors were adjusted to a concentration of 150 μM and the DMSO content was 0.5% (*v/v*). Buffer conditions were 50 mM HEPES buffer, pH 7.5, 500 mM NaCl and a 1:500 dilution of SYPRO[®] Orange (Invitrogen, CA) was used. The 96-well PCR plates were sealed and centrifuged for 2 min at 1000 rpm at 25 °C before measurement. The temperature was raised with a step of 1 °C per 30 s from 25 °C to 85 °C, and fluorescence readings were taken at each interval. Excitation and emission filters for the SYPRO® Orange dye were set to 465 and 590 nm, respectively. The observed temperature shifts, ΔT_m , for each inhibitor was recorded as the difference between the transition midpoints of sample and reference wells containing protein without inhibitor in the same plate. Reported ΔT_m values are the mean of two replicates.

Isothermal Titration Calorimetry

Isothermal titration calorimetry experiments were performed on a MicroCal PEAQ-ITC Automated or Manual (Malvern) and analysed with the MicroCal PEAQ-ITC Analysis software (Malvern 1.1.0.1262) using a single binding site model. For each experiment, the first data point was removed from the analysis. The proteins were dialysed at 4 °C overnight in a Slide-A-LyzerR MINI Dialysis Device (2000 MWCO; Thermo Scientific Life Technologies) into 50 mM HEPES, 150 mM NaCl containing 0.2% DMSO; pH 7.4. Proteins were centrifuged to remove aggregates (3 min, 3000 rpm, 25 °C). Compounds were dissolved as a DMSO stock solution and diluted to the required concentration using dialysis buffer (DMSO free) and to a final DMSO concentration of 0.2% (unless otherwise specified). The cell was stirred at 750 rpm, reference power set to 5 µcal/s and temperature held at 25 °C. After an initial delay of 60 s, 19 x 2 μL injections (first injection 0.4 μL) were performed with a spacing of 180 s. Small molecule solutions in the calorimetric cell (250 μL for manual, 400 μL for auto, 10 to 30 μM) were titrated with the protein solutions in the syringe (40 μL for manual, 120 μL for auto, 100 to 300 μM).

Determination of compound parasite permeability

Male adult schistosomes were seeded into 24-well tissue culture plates (5 worms/well), dosed with compounds (20 µM in 0.2% DMSO *v/v*) and incubated for 24 h at 37 °C in 5% CO₂. Following the incubation period, parasites were washed three times by sequentially transferring the worms to 2 mL of fresh media lacking any compound treatment. Worms were blotted dry to remove excess media between transfers. Parasites were then snap frozen and stored at −80 °C. When ready for processing, worms were removed from the −80 °C and subject to 3 rounds of repeated snap freeze:thawing. After the final thaw step a sterile 3 mm stainless steel bead was added to each tube

along with 200 µL HPLC grade MeOH and samples were homogenised with a TissueLyser (Qiagen) $(3 \times 3 \text{ min}, 50 \text{ Hz})$. Finally, samples were centrifuged at 14,000 rpm for 30 min at 4 °C and the supernatant removed to a fresh tube for analysis. For the LCMS analysis of media samples, 1 mL of media was removed and lyophilised. The residue was then resuspended in 200 µL of HPLC grade MeOH and centrifuged at 14,000 rpm for 30 min at 4 °C. The supernatant was removed to a fresh tube for analysis.

Samples were analysed using a Q-Exactive Plus (Thermo Scientific) with an HESI II source coupled to a Dionex Ultimate 3000 Ultra High Performance Liquid Chromatography (UHPLC) system (Thermo Scientific). Chromatographic separation was performed on a Hypersil Gold 1.9 µm, 2.1 × 200 mm column (Thermo Scientific) using water 0.1 % formic acid (mobile phase A) and methanol 0.1% formic acid (mobile phase B) at a flow rate of 0.6 mL/min and column oven temperature at 60 °C. Each sample (5 μL) was analysed following a gradient of 0% B to 100 % B in 9 min. The flow was held at 100% B for 2.5 min and the column re-equilibrated for 1.5 min. Data were acquired in positive ESI mode. Each experiment consisted of a full scan (65-975 mass-to-charge ratio (*m/z*) at 140k resolution (AGC target 2×10⁵ at 100 ms maximum injection time, IT) and MS² scans (*PRM multiplexed, 4* stepped, HCD normalised collision energies (nce) of 50 % and 17.5k Orbitrap mass resolution) using selected targeted mass properties for either positive or negative ionisation mode, with an AGC target of 2×10^5 and isochronous IT enabled over 13 min runtime (**Table S12**). The spray voltage was 3.5 kV for positive and 2.5 kV for negative ionisation modes. The temperatures of the ion transfer capillary and vaporiser were 350 °C and 360 °C respectively with sheath and auxiliary gas set at 30 and 15 arbitrary units, respectively. The data were acquired using Thermo Scientific Xcalibur version 4.2.47. Mass calibration was performed regularly according to the manufacturer's recommendations. Targets were quantified using quadratic models to 1) avoid preconcentration and 2) account for low concentrated targets within a sample outside the inherent linear range. Data were extracted as absolute area of the quantified ion using Xcalibur peak integration for the target masses of the following transitions: **2.6**: Q1 452.1969 - Q3 145.05; OXFBD02 (**1.4**): Q1 296.1282 - Q3 148.08; **2.31**: Q1 480.2282 - Q3 145.05; OXFBD03 (**1.37**): Q1 338.1387 - Q3 235.10. Concentrations and peak area of compound standard solutions for a calibration curve were $log₁₀$ tranformed and plotted as a two-point calibration curve. This was used to estimate compound concentration from samples.

Mass	Formula			Specie CS Polarity		Start End	(N)C	MS	Number
[m/z]	[M]	[z]				$[min]$ $[min]$		ID	
	452.19687 $C_{28}H_{25}N_3O_3$ +H 1			Positive	0.1	13.0	50	-1	15
	480.22817 $C_{30}H_{29}N_3O_3$ +H 1			Positive	0.1	13.0	50	\mathcal{P}	22
	296.12812 $C_{18}H_{17}NO_3$ +H		$\mathbf{1}$	Positive	0.1	13.0	50	3	1
	338.13868 C ₂₀ H ₁₉ NO ₄ +H		$1 \quad$	Positive	0.1	13.0	50	4	$\mathbf{2}$

Table S-12: Inclusion list for parallel reaction monitoring (PRM) on Q-Exactive Plus.

 $CS =$ charge state; (N)CE = normalised collision energy

Crystallisation of *Sm***BRD3(2)**

Initially, *Sm*BRD3(2) (241..368aa, 6xHis-tag cleaved) was co-crystallised with I-BET726 (**8**) by the sitting drop vapor diffusion method using high throughput (HT) crystallisation screening methods. All HT screens were performed in CrystalMation Intelli-Plate 96-3 low-profile plates (Hampton Research, HR3-119). Reservoirs and drops were dispensed using an Art Robbins Phoenix automatic liquid handler. Reservoirs contained 80 μL of sparse matrix precipitant solution and crystallisation drops (200 – 300 nL total volume) were placed in each of the three subwells; subwell 1, 200 nL protein : 100 nL well solution; subwell 2, 100 nL protein : 100 nL well solution ; subwell 3, 100 nL protein : 200 nL well solution. Plates were sealed using optically clear Xtra-Clear Advanced Polyolefin StarSeal (StarLab) seals and incubated at 19 °C. Three commercially available precipitant kits (JCSG-plus MD1-37 (Molecular Dynamics), Crystal Screen (HR2-110, 1-50, Hampton), and Crystal Screen 2 (HR2-112, 1-46, Hampton)) were screened for suitable crystallization conditions.

Crystals of the *Sm*BRD3(2):I-BET726 complex were grown by co-crystallisation in conditions containing 25% *w/v* PEG 3350, 0.1 M Bis-TRIS, pH 5.5 (sitting drop, protein to-well ratio 1:2) at a protein concentration of 12.31 mg/mL and a final I-BET726 (**8**) concentration of 2 mM added directly to the protein prior to crystallization from a 100 mM stock solution in DMSO. Crystals formed within 5 weeks (maximum crystal size $300 \times 150 \times 150 \mu m$).

For *Sm*BRD3(2):**9** co-crystallisation, an optimisation screen based on the initial *Sm*BRD3(2):I-BET726 (**8**) complex crystallisation conditions were carried out using component ranges of 19% to 30% PEG 3350 and pH 5.5 to 6.9 0.1M Bis-TRIS.

The resultant crystals were cryoprotected by soaking crystals in reservoir solution diluted with 25% (*v/v*) glycerol before being flash cooled in liquid nitrogen.

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Data collection and processing

Data were collected using single crystals at Diamond Light Source beamlines i24 (*Sm*BRD3(2):I-BET726 (**8**)) or i04-1 (*Sm*BRD3(2):**9**) equipped with Dectris Eiger R 4M or Pilatus 6M-F detectors, respectively. Diffraction data for *Sm*BRD3(2):I-BET726 (**8**) were processed using HKL20009 and data for *Sm*BRD3(2):**9** were autoprocessed by the beamlines autoprocessing pipeline using the DIALS strategy.¹⁰ ²Both crystals processed in Space Group C222₁ with similar unit cell constants (Table S13).

Structure solution and refinement

SmBRD3(2) structures were solved by molecular replacement (MR) using PHASER¹¹ with a structure of mouse BRD4 as the search model (PDB ID 3JVL). Two molecules were identified in the asymmetric unit. Visual inspection of initial electron density maps indicated that each chain contained bound inhibitor. Inhibitor was fit to the density and iterative cycles of model fitting in COOT¹² and refinement using PHENIX¹³ were carried out until the converging R_{work} and R_{free} no longer decreased. Data collection and refinement statistics for all structures can be found in Table S13.

Table S-13. Protein crystallography data collection and refinement statistics.

⌘Values in brackets indicate the outermost shell.

 $R_{\text{merge}} = \sum_{j} \sum_{h} |I_{hj} - \langle I_{h} \rangle| / \sum_{j} \sum_{h} \langle I_{h} \rangle \times 100$.

 $R_{work} = \sum_{r=1}^{n} |Fobs| - |Fcalc|/|Fobs| \times 100.$

Rfree, based on 7.45% (*Sm*BRD3(2)-I-BET726 (**8**)), 4.59% (*Sm*BRD3(2)-**9**) of the total reflections.

Structures have been deposited in the RSCB as PDB ID 7AMC and 7AMH. We thank the staff at Diamond Light Source beamline i24 visit mx18069-64 and i04-1 visit mx23459-11 for providing beamtime.

NMR spectra of novel compounds

1H NMR ethyl 4-{(2*S*,4*R*)-1-acetyl-4-[(1-benzothiophen-6-yl)amino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl}benzoate (**16**)

1H NMR 4-{(2*S*,4*R*)-1-acetyl-4-[(1-benzothiophen-6-yl)amino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl}benzoic acid (**9**)

13C NMR 4-{(2*S*,4*R*)-1-acetyl-4-[(1-benzothiophen-6-yl)amino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl}benzoic acid (**9**)

1H NMR ethyl 4-{(2*R*,4*S*)-1-acetyl-4-[(1-benzothiophen-6-yl)amino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl}benzoate (**17**)

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1H NMR 4-{(2*R*,4*S*)-1-acetyl-4-[(1-benzothiophen-6-yl)amino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl}benzoic acid (**10**)

13C NMR 4-{(2*R*,4*S*)-1-acetyl-4-[(1-benzothiophen-6-yl)amino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl}benzoic acid (**10**)

1H NMR ethyl 4-{(2*S*,4*R*)-1-acetyl-4-[(1-benzofuran-6-yl)amino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl}benzoate (**18**)

13C NMR ethyl 4-{(2*S*,4*R*)-1-acetyl-4-[(1-benzofuran-6-yl)amino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl}benzoate (**18**)

1H NMR 4-((2*S*,4*R*)-1-acetyl-4-[(1-benzofuran-6-yl)amino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl)benzoic acid (**11**)

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13C NMR 4-((2*S*,4*R*)-1-acetyl-4-[(1-benzofuran-6-yl)amino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl)benzoic acid (**11**)

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1H NMR ethyl 4-{(2*S*,4*R*)-1-acetyl-4-[(1-benzothiophen-5-ylamino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl}benzoate (**19**)

13C NMR ethyl 4-{(2*S*,4*R*)-1-acetyl-4-[(1-benzothiophen-5-ylamino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl}benzoate (**19**)

1H NMR 4-((2*S*,4*R*)-1-acetyl-4-[(1-benzothiophen-5-yl)amino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl)benzoic acid (**12**)

13C NMR 4-((2*S*,4*R*)-1-acetyl-4-[(1-benzothiophen-5-yl)amino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl)benzoic acid (**12**)

1H NMR *tert*-butyl 5-{(2*S*,4*R*)-(1-acetyl-6-[4-(ethoxycarbonyl)phenyl]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-4-yl)amino}-1*H*-indole-1-

13C NMR *tert*-butyl 5-{(2*S*,4*R*)-(1-acetyl-6-[4-(ethoxycarbonyl)phenyl]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-4-yl)amino}-1*H*-indole-1-

carboxylate **(S9)**

1H NMR ethyl 4-{(2*S*,4*R*)-1-acetyl-4-[(1*H*-indol-5-yl)amino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl}benzoate (**20**)

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1H NMR 4-{(2*S*,4*R*)-1-acetyl-4-[(1*H*-indol-5-yl)amino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl}benzoic acid (**13**)

13C NMR ethyl 4-{(2*S*,4*R*)1-acetyl-4-[(1,3-benzothiazol-6-yl)amino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl}benzoate (**21**)

1H NMR 4-{(2*S*,4*R*)1-acetyl-4-[(1,3-benzothiazol-6-yl)amino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl}benzoic acid (**14**)

13C NMR 4-{(2*S*,4*R*)1-acetyl-4-[(1,3-benzothiazol-6-yl)amino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl}benzoic acid (**14**)

1H NMR ethyl 4-{(2*S*,4*R*)-1-acetyl-2-methyl-4-[(quinolin-6-yl)amino]-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl}benzoate (**22**)

13C NMR ethyl 4-{(2*S*,4*R*)-1-acetyl-2-methyl-4-[(quinolin-6-yl)amino]-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl}benzoate (**22**)

1H NMR 4-{(2*S*,4*R*)-1-acetyl-2-methyl-4-[(quinolin-6-yl)amino]-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl}benzoic acid (**15**)

13C NMR 4-{(2*S*,4*R*)-1-acetyl-2-methyl-4-[(quinolin-6-yl)amino]-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl}benzoic acid (**15**)

HPLC traces of biologically tested compounds

HPLC data 3-(3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)-5-(hydroxy(phenyl)methyl)phenol (**1**)

HPLC data 3-(3,5-dimethylisoxazol-4-yl)-5-(hydroxy(phenyl)methyl)phenyl acetate (**2**)

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HPLC data 3-(3,5-dimethyl-1,2-oxazol-4-yl)-5-[(4-fluorophenyl)(hydroxyl)methyl]phenol (**3**)

HPLC data 3-(3,5-dimethyl-1,2-oxazol-4-yl)-5-[hydroxy(pyridine-3-yl)methyl]phenol (**4**)

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HPLC data 4-{(2*S*,4*R*)-1-acetyl-4-[(1-benzothiophen-6-yl)amino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4 tetrahydroquinolin-6- yl}benzoic acid (**9**)


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HPLC data 4-{(2*R*,4*S*)-1-acetyl-4-[(1-benzothiophen-6-yl)amino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4 tetrahydroquinolin-6- yl}benzoic acid (**10**)

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HPLC 4-((2*S*,4*R*)-1-acetyl-4-[(1-benzofuran-6-yl)amino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6 yl)benzoic acid (**11**)

Acquisition Method Purity short run @254 nm 8/2/2021 11:27 am **Acquisition Date/Time Injection Volume** 20 DM-C-04_254 Sample Name Sample Description **Batch Description**

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HPLC data 4-((2*S*,4*R*)-1-acetyl-4-[(1-benzothiophen-5-yl)amino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4 tetrahydroquinolin-6- yl)benzoic acid (**12**)

Acquisition Method Purity short run @254 nm **Acquisition Date/Time** 7/29/2021 12:36 pm 10 **Injection Volume** Sample Name DM-C-35_254 Sample Description **Batch Description**

1,150,590.9

9.974

Total

DM-C-35_254 : Injection 1

4,025,535.8

O 12 100.00

HPLC data 4-{(2*S*,4*R*)-1-acetyl-4-[(1*H*-indol-5-yl)amino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6 yl}benzoic acid (**13**)

Acquisition Method Purity short run @254 nm 4/16/2021 12:29 pm **Acquisition Date/Time** 30 **Injection Volume** Sample Name DM-C-14_RPCol_TFA_254 Sample Description **Batch Description**

 13

HPLC data 4-{(2*S*,4*R*)-1-acetyl-4-[(1,3-benzothiazol-6-yl)amino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4 tetrahydroquinolin-6- yl}benzoic acid (**14**)

Acquisition Method Purity short run @254 nm 4/26/2021 5:06 pm **Acquisition Date/Time Injection Volume** 10 DM-C-15_TFA_254 Sample Name Sample Description **Batch Description**

Total

100.00

7,126,748.8

HPLC data 4-{(2*S*,4*R*)-1-acetyl-2-methyl-4-[(quinolin-6-yl)amino]-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6 yl}benzoic acid (**15**)

100.00

6,319,715.2

Total

HPLC data ethyl ethyl 4-{(2*S*,4*R*)-1-acetyl-4-[(1-benzothiophen-6-yl)amino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4 tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl}benzoate (**16**)

Acquisition Method Acquisition Date/Time Injection Volume Sample Name Sample Description **Batch Description**

Purity short run @254 nm 8/2/2021 1:19 pm 10 DM-C-30_dil_254

HPLC data ethyl 4-{(2*R*,4*S*)-1-acetyl-4-[(1-benzothiophen-6-yl)amino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4 tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl}benzoate (**17**)

Acquisition Method Acquisition Date/Time Injection Volume Sample Name **Sample Description Batch Description**

Purity short run @254 nm 8/2/2021 2:15 pm 10 DM-C-34_dil_254

HPLC data ethyl 4-{(2*S*,4*R*)-1-acetyl-4-[(1-benzofuran-6-yl)amino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4 tetrahydroquinolin-6- yl}benzoate (**18**)

Acquisition Method Acquisition Date/Time Injection Volume Sample Name Sample Description **Batch Description**

Purity short run @254 nm 7/30/2021 12:43 pm 20 DM-C-38_254

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HPLC data ethyl 4-{(2*S*,4*R*)-1-acetyl-4-[(1-benzothiophen-5-ylamino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4 tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl}benzoate (**19**)

Acquisition Method Purity short run @254 nm **Acquisition Date/Time** 8/2/2021 12:23 pm **Injection Volume** 10 Sample Name DM-C-29_dil_254 Sample Description **Batch Description**

HPLC data ethyl 4-{(2*S*,4*R*)-1-acetyl-4-[(1*H*-indol-5-yl)amino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6- yl}benzoate (**20**)

Purity short run @254 nm **Acquisition Method** 4/2/2021 11:33 am **Acquisition Date/Time Injection Volume** 20 Sample Name DM-C-06_wash_254 Sample Description **Batch Description**

 $3,123.3$

11.313

Total

DM-C-06_wash_254 : Injection 1

12,951.6

1,785,680.8

 0.73

 100.00

HPLC data ethyl 4-{(2*S*,4*R*)1-acetyl-4-[(1,3-benzothiazol-6-yl)amino]-2-methyl-1,2,3,4 tetrahydroquinolin-6-yl}benzoate (**21**)

Acquisition Method Purity short run @254 nm **Acquisition Date/Time** 3/12/2021 12:10 pm 10 **Injection Volume** Sample Name $DM-B-73$ Sample Description **Batch Description**

HPLC data ethyl 4-{(2*S*,4*R*)-1-acetyl-2-methyl-4-[(quinolin-6-yl)amino]-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolin-6 yl}benzoate (**22**)

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