Supplemental data

The FKBP38 catalytic domain binds to Bcl-2 via a charge-sensitive loop

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residue	Ν	HN	Ηα	Ηβ	other H	Cα	Cβ	other C	
Leu119			3.71	1.54/1.51	1.55γ; 0.91/0.90δ	55.2	44.4	26.8γ; 24.8/24.1δ	
His120			4.69	3.08/3.02	6.96δ2; 7.71ε1	56.3	31.3	119.6δ2; 138.8ε1	
Leu121	125.1	8.48	4.42	1.63/1.54	1.55γ; 0.93/0.86δ	54.9	42.5	26.8γ; 24.8/23.4δ	
Thr122			4.60	4.20	1.24γ2	59.7	69.7	21.4γ2	
Pro123 (trans)			4.37	2.24/1.76	1.95γ; 3.68/3.83δ	63.4	32.1		
Phe124	120.7	8.42	4.61	3.10	7.25δ; 7.34ε; 7.30ζ	58.2	39.5	131.8δ; 131.5 ε; 129.9ζ	
Thr125		8.01	4.24	4.14	1.18γ2	67.7	70.1	21.6γ2	
Ala126	126.9	8.36	4.25	1.41		52.6	19.1		
Arg127	120.3	8.36	4.31	1.87/1.78	1.67/1.64γ; 3.19δ	56.3	30.8	27.1γ; 43.3δ	
Gly128	110.1	8.47	3.93			45.2			
Arg129	120.9	8.26	4.23	1.66	1.42γ; 3.11δ	56.4	30.7	26.9γ; 43.3δ	
Phe130	121.7	8.44	4.65	3.18/3.04	7.27δ; 7.35ε; 7.30ζ	57.5	39.5	131.9δ; 131.5 ε; 129.9ζ	
Ala131	127.4	8.30	4.23	1.35		52.4	19.4		
NH ₂		7.08/7.02							

Table S1: ¹H, ¹³C and ¹⁵N resonance assignment of the Bcl-2¹¹⁹⁻¹³¹ peptide at pH 7.5 and 10 °C.

Figure S1: FKBP38 binding to matrix-bound Bcl-2 peptides. The peptides corresponding to Bcl-2 segments 20-34, 87-102, 167-181, 185-200, 195-210 and 119-131 were loaded onto a streptavidin matrix via biotin labels. The matrix was incubated with *E. coli* lysate containing FKBP38 (50 μ g total protein) with CaM/Ca²⁺ (10 μ M) in the absence and presence of Bcl-2¹⁻²¹¹ (5 μ M). Input and matrix-bound fractions were subsequently analyzed by Western blotting using polyclonal rabbit anti-FKBP38 antibodies. Specific binding of peptide Bcl-2¹¹⁹⁻¹³¹ is shown by the competition between soluble Bcl-2 and matrix-bound peptide.



Figure S2: Reverse competition assay. Maltose beads loaded with a maltose binding protein/Bcl-2 fusion protein (MBP/Bcl-2) were incubated with FKBP38 (5 μ M) and CaM/Ca²⁺ (10 μ M). Competition to the interaction between FKBP38 and Bcl-2¹⁻²¹¹ was tested by addition of the peptides Bcl-2⁵¹⁻⁸⁰ (i.e., the core region of the long flexible Bcl-2 loop) and Bcl-2¹¹⁹⁻¹³¹ (i.e., the specific FKBP38-binding epitope), with subsequent analysis by Western blotting using polyclonal rabbit anti-FKBP38 antibodies. Only the peptide Bcl-2¹¹⁹⁻¹³¹ released FKBP38 from the Bcl-2 loaded matrix. (Empty beads served as control.)



Figure S3: FKBP38 binding to Bcl- $2^{119-131}$. The peptide Bcl- $2^{119-131}$ was loaded onto a streptavidin matrix via a biotin label. The matrix was incubated with FKBP38 (5 µM) in absence and presence of CaM/Ca²⁺ (10 µM) and matrix-bound fractions were subsequently analyzed by Western blotting using polyclonal rabbit anti-FKBP38 antibodies. Specific binding of Bcl- $2^{119-131}$ is shown by the competition between soluble and matrix-bound peptide. On the other hand, the peptide Bcl- 2^{51-80} , corresponding to the core region of the flexible Bcl-2 loop, did not compete with the matrix-bound peptide Bcl- $2^{119-131}$ for binding of FKBP38. Involvement of the putative FKBP38 active site is indicated by a FK506-induced inhibition of the FKBP38/Bcl- $2^{119-131}$ interaction. (Unloaded matrix served as control.)

Bcl-2119-131	-	-	-	-	-	+	
Bcl-2 ⁵¹⁻⁸⁰	-	-	-	-	+	-	
FK506	-	-	-	+	-	-	
CaM/Ca ²⁺	-	-	+	+	+	+	
Biot-Bcl-2119-131	-	+	+	+	+	+	
FKBP38			_	-	_		

Figure S4: Isothermal titration calorimetry data of FKBP38/CaM/Ca²⁺ titrated with Bcl-2¹¹⁹⁻¹³¹. The experiment was performed at 25 °C using a MicroCal VP-ITC microcalorimeter. FKBP38/CaM/Ca²⁺ (35 μ M) was dialyzed in 10 mM MES buffer (pH 6.8, 100 mM NaCl, 0.05% NaN₃, 2 mM CaCl₂) and placed in the calorimeter cell. Bcl-2¹¹⁹⁻¹³¹, solubilized in the same MES buffer to 0.20 mM concentration, was loaded into the syringe injector. The titrations were carried out in 510 μ l aliquots, with a 240 s delay between each injection. The calorimetric titration data were fitted using the Origin 5.0 program supplied with the instrument. The best fit of the titration curve was obtained with a one-binding-site model, revealing a 1:1 binding stoichiometry (n = 1.014 ± 0.006) and a binding affinity in the lower micromolar range (K_d = 3.17 ± 0.37 μ M, Δ H = -34.2 kJ/mol, -T Δ S = -24.8 kJ/mol).



Figure S5: Overlay of ${}^{1}\text{H}/{}^{15}\text{N}$ -HSQC spectra of FKBP38 ${}^{35\text{-}153}$ in absence (red contours) and presence (blue contours) of the peptide Bcl-2 ${}^{119\text{-}131}$. CSP effects are most pronounced in the region of the β 5- α 1 loop and also around K62, which had been shown previously to be affected by cation binding to the β 5- α 1 loop (Maestre-Martínez et al. 2011, *J. Mol. Recognit.* **24**, 23-34).



Figure S6: Section of the ¹H/¹⁵N-HSQC spectrum which includes the amide signals of residues T89, C93 and D94 in the β 5- α 1 loop of FKBP38. Superposed are the spectra of FKBP38³⁵⁻¹⁵³ in the absence of peptide Bcl-2¹¹⁹⁻¹³¹ (black contours) as well as in presence of the peptides Bcl-2¹¹⁹⁻¹³¹ R127Q/R129Q (blue contours), Bcl-2¹¹⁹⁻¹³¹ R127Q (violet contours), Bcl-2¹¹⁹⁻¹³¹ R129Q (magenta contours), and Bcl-2¹¹⁹⁻¹³¹ (red contours).





Figure S7: Overlay of ${}^{1}\text{H}/{}^{15}\text{N}$ -HSQC spectra of the Bcl- $2^{119-131}$ peptide Npep1 in absence (black contours) and presence (red contours) of FKBP38³⁵⁻¹⁵³.

Figure S8: ${}^{1}\text{H}/{}^{15}\text{N}$ -HSQC of Npep2 in absence (blue contours) and presence (red contours) of nonlabelled FKBP38³⁵⁻¹⁵³. The side-chain N_eH signals of R127 and R129, which were not detected in absence of FKBP38³⁵⁻¹⁵³, became observable in the complex.



Figure S9: Overview of the chemical shift changes ($\Delta\delta$) observed in ¹⁵N-labelled FKBP38³⁵⁻¹⁵³ upon addition of a 3-fold molar excess of various Bcl2¹¹⁹⁻¹³¹ peptide variants. CSP effects in the β 5- α 1 loop region were observed with all peptide variants except Bcl2¹¹⁹⁻¹³¹ R127Q/R129Q, corroborating the electrostatic character of the FKBP38³⁵⁻¹⁵³/Bcl2¹¹⁹⁻¹³¹ interaction.



Figure S10: Section of the ${}^{1}\text{H}/{}^{15}\text{N}$ -HSQC spectrum which includes the amide signals of residues T89, C93 and D94 in the β 5- α 1 loop of FKBP38. Superposed are the spectra of FKBP38 $^{35-153}$ in the absence (black contours) and presence (red contours) of Bcl- 2^{1-211} .



Figure S11: Graphic representation of all arginine residues (yellow sticks) in the Bcl-2 molecule (PDB ID code 1GJH). The arrow on the left marks the long flexible loop between the BH4 and BH3 domains, which is truncated in this structure (i.e. residues S51-P91 are missing).

