### **Supplementary Figure 1**

#### Effect of the SH2-N-lobe interaction on Abl activity after pre-phoshorylation by Hck

Kinase activities of the pre-phosphorylated KD, SH2-KD, and two mutated variants thereof referenced to the activity of the isolated, unphosphorylated kinase domain (see Figure 2). Preincubation with Hck does not significantly enhance the activity of the isolated kinase domain, but slightly increases the activities of the three SH2-KD constructs (by a maximum factor of ~ 1.7). The relative activities of the pre-phosphorylated constructs are similar to what was seen without pre-phosphorylation (Figure 2). Perturbation of the SH2-N-lobe interface by the mutation I164E reduces the stimulating effect of the SH2 domain, while the mutation T231R enhances it.

#### Supplementary Figure 2

#### **Detail of the active site in the crystal structure of the SH2-KD construct with dasatinib** Cartoon representation of the active site in the crystal structure of the SH2-KD construct

(chain B, grey) in complex with dasatinib (cyan, ball-and-stick representation). The DFG motif is colored orange and shown in ball-and–stick representation. The Fo-Fc omit electron density (contoured at  $3.0 \sigma$ ) for the DFG motif and dasatinib is shown.

#### **Supplementary Figure 3**

### Model of how Abl dimerization might promote processive substrate phosphorylation

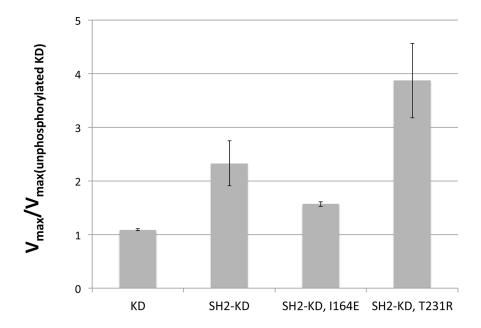
(A) Two peptides were modeled onto the structure of the AbI dimer observed in our crystal: A phosphotyrosine-containing peptide was modeled onto the SH2 domain of AbI subunit II based on the crystal structure of a peptide-bound SH2 domain of Src (PDB ID: 1SPS) [1]. The substrate peptide bound to the active site of AbI subunit I was modeled based on a crystal structure of the kinase domain with an ATP-peptide conjugate (PDB ID: 2G2I) [2]. In our model the two peptides have the same directionality and could, in principle, represent two parts of a substrate with multiple tyrosine residues that spanning across the dimer interface. (B) Detail of the crystallographic dimer interface shown in (A). The interface is centered on a key aromatic stacking interaction between Tyr 158 of the SH2 domain of subunit II (yellow) and Tyr 468 in helix  $\alpha$ C of the C-lobe of subunit I (light blue).

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# SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES

## Supplementary figure 1



Supplementary figure 2

