

1 **Supplementary Figures**

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4 **STRUCTURE-BASED DESIGN OF JOC-X, A CONJUGATABLE TUMOR TIGHT**  
5 **JUNCTION OPENER TO ENHANCE CANCER THERAPY**

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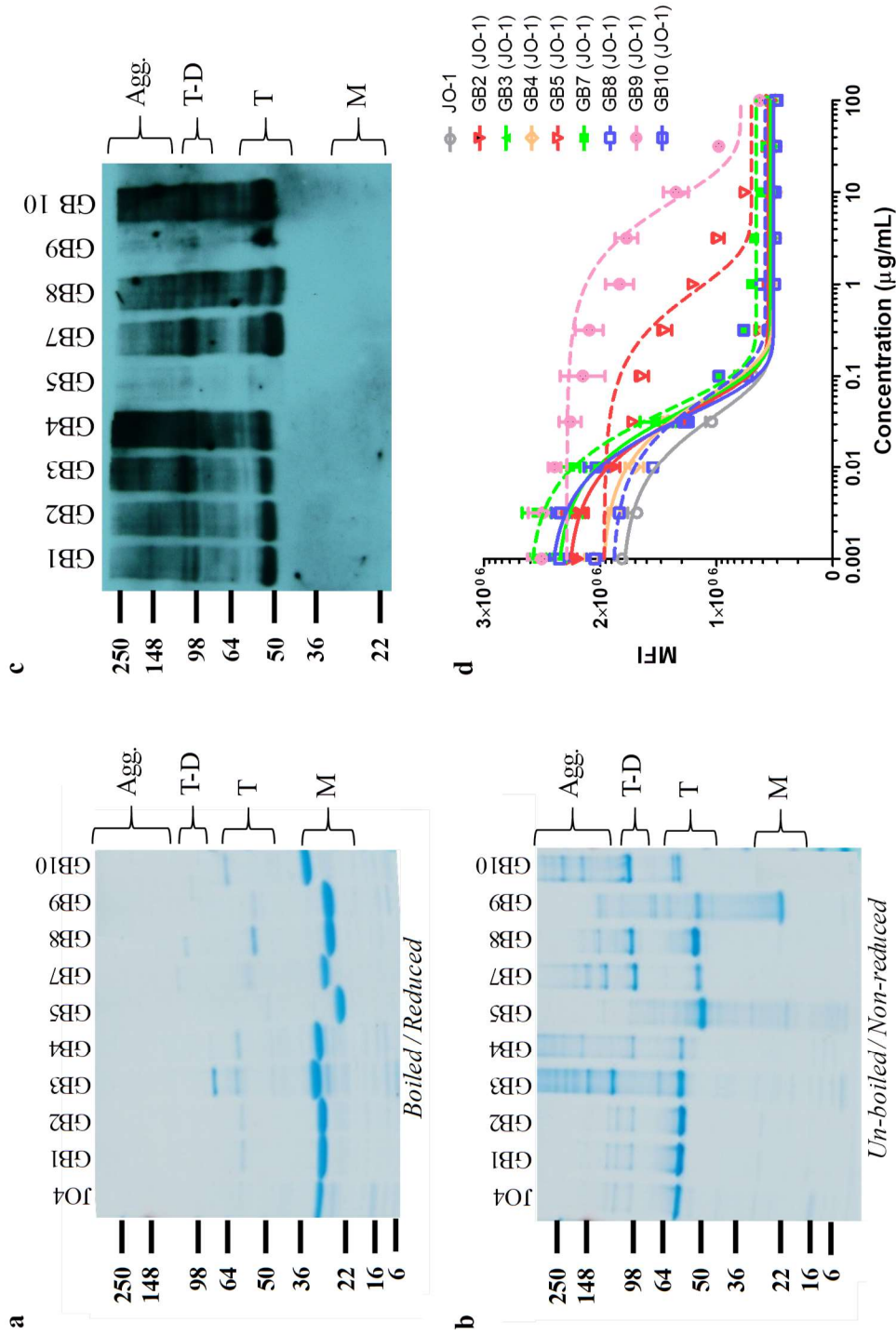
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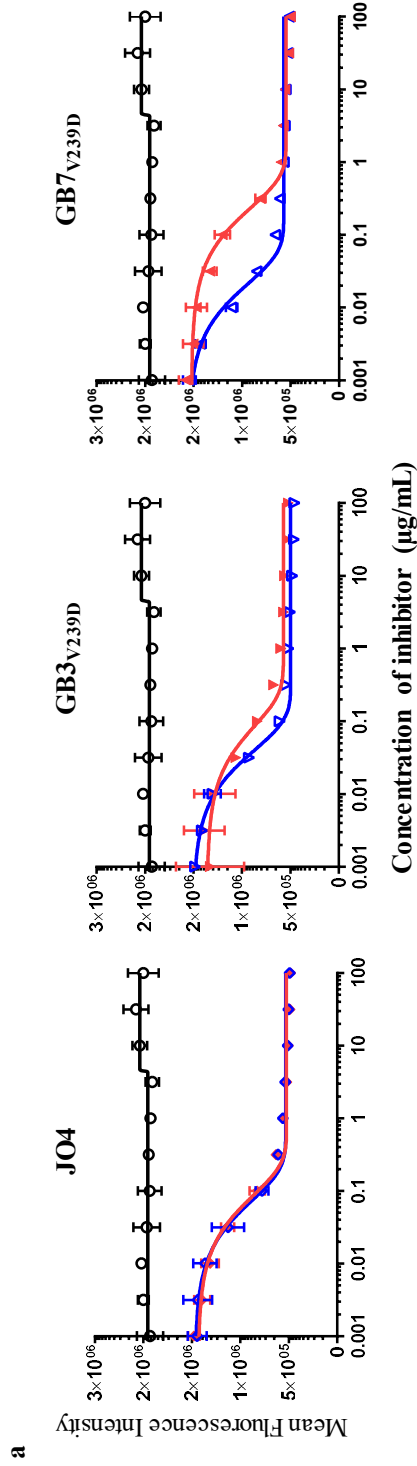
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Designation	Schematic	V239D mutation?	Dimerization domain?	Wild-type cysteines	Location of newly inserted cysteine?
JO-4		Yes	Yes	Yes	No
GB1		No	Yes	Yes	No
GB2		No	Yes	No	No
GB3		With and without	Yes	No	Following C-terminal G4S linker
GB4		No	Yes	No	Preceding 6x-his tag
GB5 (ADD)		No	No	No	No
GB6		No	Yes	No	Within the H-I loop
GB7 (ADD)/JOC-x		With and without	No	No	Following C-terminal G4S linker
GB8 (ADD)		No	No	No	Following 6x-his tag
GB9 (ADD)		No	No	No	Within the H-I loop
GB10		No	Yes	No	Following 6x-his tag within dimerization domain

**Supplementary Figure 1. Schematic representation of JO-derived protein constructs.** On the top is a crude representation of the affinity enhanced JO-4 protein with key features indicated below. Letters and numbers indicate locations and specific amino acids that were altered for this analysis. The affinity enhancing V239D mutation (V or D) is shown in yellow type, native cysteines (C) are shown in white type, serines introduced by mutation of native cysteines are shown as (S) in white type, and newly inserted cysteines for directed conjugation are shown as (C) in red type. Only GB3 and GB7 were constructed and analyzed with both the low affinity valine (V) and high-affinity aspartic acid (D) mutations. Key changes to each protein construct are summarized by the table to the right of the pictorial image.



**Supplementary Figure 2. Production and characterization of JO-1 derived proteins.** Panels (a) shows the boiled and reduced analysis of the GB proteins on Coomassie stained SDS-PAGE. Panel (b) shows the non-reduced and un-boiled analysis of the same proteins. Panel (c) shows a DSG2 binding Western blot of the GB proteins. In panels a, b, and c the multimeric forms are indicated to the right of the gel/blot whereby M= monomers, T= trimers, T-D= trimer-dimers, and Agg.= aggregates/multimers. Panel (d) shows the viral inhibition curves for each protein. The  $\text{IC}_{50}$  values are shown in Table 1.



**Supplementary Figure 3. Viral inhibition mediated by reduced and non-reduced proteins.** Panel (a) shows the viral inhibition curves for reduced (red lines) and non-reduced (blue lines) JO-4, GB3<sub>V239D</sub>, and GB7<sub>V239D</sub> proteins. Black lines show the VIA curves for the BSA control. Panel (b) reports the IC<sub>50</sub> values for each of the VIA curves approximating the fold change in viral inhibition activity following reduction.