

Supplemental Figure S1: Cerberus ligand binding affinities. (A) BMP-7 wtCer-Fc binding. wtCer-Fc was immobilized on the SPR sensor chip and different concentrations of BMP-7 were injected as shown. *(B)* BMP-7-mutCer-Fc binding. mutCer-Fc was immobilized and BMP-7 was injected as shown. *(C)* BMP-7-CerS-Fc binding. CerS-Fc was immobilized and BMP-7 was injected. Overall, the binding rate constant for BMP-7 is faster than BMP-6, but slower than Activin B. The dissociation rate constant is faster. Data fitting was more problematic for BMP-7, likely due to fast association and fast dissociation rates. Therefore only lower concentrations of BMP-7 were used in evaluation. Fitted curves are superimposed and shown as black lines. *(D)* Comparison of BMP-7 binding to wtCer-Fc, mutCer-Fc, CerS-Fc. Equal amounts of wtCer-Fc, mutCer-Fc and CerS-Fc were immobilized on the SPR sensor chip, and 80 nM BMP-7 were injected. wtCer-Fc (red curves), mutCer-Fc (blue curves) and CerS-Fc (green curves) show similar binding profiles, the binding rate of mutCer-Fc is faster.

Supplemental Figure S2: Cerberus inhibition of Nodal. A) Cerberus inhibition of Nodal-Cripto-1 binding. *(B)* Cerberus inhibition of Nodal-BMPRII binding. BMPRII-Fc, or Cripto-1-Fc were immobilized on a sensor chip and 80 nM Nodal pre-incubated with 4 µM Fc free Cerberus (Nodal alone, red; Nodal + wtCer, black; Nodal + mutCer, green; Nodal + CerS, blue) was injected.

Supplemental Figure S3: Inhibition of MDA-MB-231 breast cancer cell migration. MDA-MB-231 breast cancer cells were plated in Ibidi insert dishes and grown to 80% confluence. Inserts were removed to create a gap and medium was exchanged with complete medium containing 2.5 µg/ml Mitomycin C and **(A)** 0 mg/ml (control) or 10 mg/ml (approximately 15 nM) *(B)* wtCer-Fc, *(C)* TGFβRII-Fc, *(D)* ActRIIA-Fc, *(E)* ActRIIB-Fc, *(F)* BMPRII-Fc, *(G)* **0.**5 µM SB-431542, and *(H)* 5 µM SB-431542. Images were taken after insert removal (0 h) and after 24 h incubation with inhibitors (24 h).

Supplemental Figure S4: Inhibition of MDA-MB-231 breast cancer cell migration with Fc free Cerberus. MDA-MB-231 breast cancer cells were plated in Ibidi insert dishes and grown to 80% confluence. Inserts were removed to create a gap and medium was exchanged with complete medium containing 2.5 µg/ml Mitomycin C and *(A)* wtCer, *(B)* mutCer, *(C)* CerS. Images were taken after insert removal (0 h) and after 24 h incubation with Fc-free Cerberus constructs (24 h).

Rate equations used in biaevaluation for fitting of mass transport limited models

- (1) $A + B \leftrightarrow AB$ (1:1 reaction model)
- (2) Asol $\xleftrightarrow{k_t}$ Asur + B $\xleftrightarrow{k_s}$ AB (1:1 reaction model with mass transport) *kt ka kd*
- (3) $dA/dt = k_t * (A_{SOL} A_{SUR}) (k_a * A_{SUR} * B k_d * AB)$ $A[t_0] = 0$ (M)

dB/d*t* = - (*ka** ASUR*B - *kd**AB) $B[t_0]$ = Rmax (Maximum analyte binding capacity)

 $dAB/dt = (k_a^* A_{SUR}^* B - k_d^* AB)$ $AB[t_0] = 0$ (M)

 A_{SOL} = Bulk concentration analyte (A) in solution (M) A_{SUR} = Concentration of analyte (A) near the surface (M) k_a = Association rate constant (M⁻¹s⁻¹) k_d = Dissociation rate constatnt (s⁻¹) k_t = Rate constant for mass transfer (RU M⁻¹s⁻¹) k_m = Mass transport coefficient (s⁻¹) RI = Bulk refractive index contribution (RU)

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k_t = k_m^* M W^* 10^{-9}
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A 1:1 Langmuir interaction model (eq. 1) with a simplified expression for mass transfer limitation (eqs. 2, 3) as implemented in biaevaluation software was used. This model introduces an expression for dA/d*t*, the rate of change in concentration of analyte A, where A_{SUR} represents the concentration of analyte near the surface that can bind ligand (Cerberus) and A_{SOL} represents the bulk concentration of analyte in solution (Activin B, BMP-7, BMP-6 or Nodal). The model produces a mass transfer rate constant *kt*, which is related to the mass transport coefficient k_m (eq. 4).