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# Structure-Based Discovery of SD-36 as a Potent, Selective and Efficacious PROTAC Degrader of STAT3 Protein

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Figure S1. FP assay for the binding of STAT3 SH2 domain inhibitors to purified recombinant STAT3 protein. (A). Fluorescently labeled compound SD-45FL. (B). Binding isotherm of SD-45FL to STAT3. Fluorescence polarization (FP) saturation binding curve of SD-45FL (5 nM) incubated with serial diluted recombinant STAT3 (0.006 to 6  $\mu$ M). The data are normalized to the highest value for each experiment. The estimated Kd is shown. One representative saturation curve is shown. (C). Competitive binding curves and IC<sub>50</sub> values of compounds SI-109, 9, 10 and 11 to STAT3 as determined using the FP-based binding assay.

Cmpds	IC <sub>50</sub> (nM)	<i>K</i> <sub>i</sub> (nM)
1 (CJ-887)	$240\pm12$	$47 \pm 35$
2	$105 \pm 5$	25 ± 13
3	$2809 \pm 155$	$761\pm230$
4	$20 \pm 1$	$7\pm1$
5	$44 \pm 11$	$14 \pm 3$
6	$40\pm0$	$14\pm0$
7	$34 \pm 1$	$12 \pm 1$
SI-109 (8)	$42\pm15$	$14 \pm 4$
9	$92\pm12$	$33 \pm 5$
10	$1628 \pm 112$	$584 \pm 40$
11	$459\pm82$	$164 \pm 30$

**Table S1.** Binding affinities of previously reported compound CJ-887 and new STAT3 SH2 inhibitors in a competitive FP-based binding assay.



Figure S2. Computational model of compound 4 in complex with STAT3.

Data Collection	STAT3-SI109	
PDBID	6NUQ	
Space Group	P41212	
Unit Cell (Å)	84.19 84.19 206.37	
Wavelength (Å)	1.07812	
Resolution (Å) <sup>1</sup>	3.15 (3.2-3.15)	
Rsym <sup>2</sup>	0.109 (0.746)	
<l σl="">3</l>	2 (10)	
Completeness (%) <sup>4</sup>	94.9 (100)	
Redundancy	11.9 (12.0)	
Refinement		
Resolution (Å)	3.15	
R-Factor <sup>5</sup>	0.233	
Rfree <sup>6</sup>	0.260	
Protein atoms	4126	
Ligands	1	
Water Molecules	26	
Unique Reflections	12837	
R.m.s.d. <sup>7</sup>		
Bonds	0.008	
Angles	0.99	
MolProbity Score <sup>8</sup>	1.51	
Clash Score <sup>8</sup>	2.67	
RSCC <sup>9</sup>	0.92	
RSR <sup>9</sup>	0.20	

 Table S2. Crystallography Data Collection and Refinement Statistics

<sup>1</sup>Statistics for highest resolution bin of reflections in parentheses.

 ${}^{2}R_{sym} = \Sigma_{h}\Sigma_{j} | I_{hj} - \langle I_{h} \rangle | /\Sigma_{h}\Sigma_{j}I_{hj}$ , where  $I_{hj}$  is the intensity of observation j of reflection h and  $\langle I_{h} \rangle$  is the mean intensity for multiply recorded reflections.

<sup>3</sup>Intensity signal-to-noise ratio.

<sup>4</sup>Completeness of the unique diffraction data.

<sup>5</sup>R-factor =  $\Sigma_h$  | IF<sub>o</sub>I – IF<sub>c</sub>I | /  $\Sigma_h$ |F<sub>o</sub>|, where F<sub>o</sub> and F<sub>c</sub> are the observed and calculated structure factor amplitudes for reflection h.

<sup>6</sup>R<sub>free</sub> is calculated against a 5% random sampling of the reflections that were removed before structure refinement.

<sup>7</sup>Root mean square deviation of bond lengths and bond angles.

<sup>8</sup>Chen et al. (2010) <u>MolProbity: all-atom structure validation for macromolecular</u>

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<sup>9</sup>wwPDB Validation Server.



**Figure S3.** STAT3 degraders with various linker lengths. (A) and (B) Western blotting analysis of total STAT3 and p-STAT3<sup>Y705</sup> proteins in Molm-16 cells treated with indicated compounds for 4 h.



**Figure S4.** Western blotting analysis of total STAT3 and p-STAT3<sup>Y705</sup> proteins in Molm-16 cells treated with indicated compounds for 4 h.



**Figure S5.** Western blotting analysis of total STAT3 and p-STAT3<sup>Y705</sup> proteins in Molm-16 cells treated with indicated compounds for 4 h.



**Figure S6.** Western blotting analysis of total STAT3 and p-STAT3<sup>Y705</sup> proteins in Molm-16 cells treated with indicated compounds for 4 h.



**Figure S7.** Western blotting analysis of total STAT3 and p-STAT3<sup>Y705</sup> proteins in Molm-16 cells treated with indicated compounds for 4 h.



**Figure S8.** Western blotting analysis of total STAT3 and p-STAT3<sup>Y705</sup> proteins in Molm-16 cells treated with SD-36Me for 4 h.





**Figure S9.** Western blotting analysis of total STAT3 and p-STAT3<sup>Y705</sup> proteins in SU-DHL-1cell line treated with treated with representative STAT3 degraders for 16 h.

### <sup>1</sup>H NMR for compound **5**.



### UPLC-MS analysis for compound 5.

	SAMPLE	INFORMAT	ΙΟΝ
Sample Name:	ZH-SD-21I	Acquired By:	System
Sample Type:	Unknown	Date Acquired:	3/25/2019 7:30:26 PM EDT
Vial:	1:C,6	Acq. Method Set:	10to100% Bin 10 min_Delay5min
Injection #:	1	Date Processed:	3/28/2019 6:30:31 PM EDT
Injection Volume:	3.00 ul	Processing Method:	Bruce
Run Time:	10.0 Minutes	Channel Name:	230.0nm@1
Sample Set Name:	3	Proc. Chnl. Descr.:	PDA Spectrum PDA 230.0 nm (PDA





Peak Results				
RT	Area	Height	% Area	
1.333	2436390	1921951	100.00	
	<b>RT</b> 1.333	RT         Area           1.333         2436390	RT         Area         Height           1.333         2436390         1921951	

Peak			
Results			
	Base		
	Peak		
	(m/z)		
1	732.44		

### <sup>1</sup>H NMR for compound **7**.



# UPLC-MS analysis for compound 7.

	SAMPLE	INFORMAT	ΙΟΝ
Sample Name:	zh-si101	Acquired By:	System
Sample Type:	Unknown	Date Acquired:	12/21/2018 2:30:11 PM EST
Vial:	1:A,7	Acq. Method Set:	10to100% Bin 10 min_Delay5min
Injection #:	1	Date Processed:	12/21/2018 2:47:46 PM EST
Injection Volume:	8.00 ul	Processing Method:	Bruce
Run Time:	10.0 Minutes	Channel Name:	230.0nm
Sample Set Name:	aa	Proc. Chnl. Descr.:	PDA Spectrum PDA 230.0 nm (PDA



	Peak Results				
	RT	Area	Height	% Area	
1	2.624	4182693	2803694	100.00	
Peak					

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R	Results			
	Base			
	Peak			
	(m/z)			
1	808.46			

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR for SI-109 (8).



# UPLC-MS analysis for SI-109 (8).

	SAMPLE	INFORMAT	ΙΟΝ
Sample Name:	zh-si-109	Acquired By:	System
Sample Type:	Unknown	Date Acquired:	12/21/2018 1:19:31 PM EST
Vial:	1:A,5	Acq. Method Set:	10to100% Bin 10 min_Delay5min
Injection #:	1	Date Processed:	12/21/2018 2:15:32 PM EST
Injection Volume:	8.00 ul	Processing Method:	Bruce
Run Time:	10.0 Minutes	Channel Name:	230.0nm
Sample Set Name:	aa	Proc. Chnl. Descr.:	PDA Spectrum PDA 230.0 nm (PDA



	RT	Area	Height	% Area
1	2.931	7675966	904157	100.00

#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR for compound **12**.



### UPLC-MS analysis for compound 12.

	SAMPLE	INFORMAT	ΙΟΝ
Sample Name: Sample Type: Vial: Injection #: Injection Volume: Run Time:	ZH-SD-51 Unknown 1:E,5 1 3.00 ul 10.0 Minutes	Acquired By: Date Acquired: Acq. Method Set: Date Processed: Processing Method Channel Name:	System 9/6/2018 11:34:14 AM EDT 10to100% Bin 10 rð <i>ið_[2</i> 0ell&y5ifr4in49 PM EDT I: Bruce 230.0nm
Sample Set Name	e:Shilin	Proc. Chnl. Descr.:	PDA Spectrum (210-500)nm



	RT	Area	Height	% Area	Base Peak (m/z)
1	3.777	935129	146756	100.00	565.96

#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR for SD-36 (**14**).



### UPLC-MS analysis for SD-36 (14).

	SAMPLE	INFORMAT	1 O N
Sample Name: Sample Type: Vial: Injection #: Injection Volume Run Time:	ZH-SD-36 Unknown 1:F,7 1 : 3.00 ul 10.0 Minutes	Acquired By: Date Acquired: Acq. Method Set: Date Processed: Processing Method Channel Name:	System 7/16/2018 6:39:40 PM EDT 10to100% Bin 10 min <u>6/26038</u> 55m4n:00 PM EDT : Bruce 230.0nm@1
Sample Set Name:Shilin		Proc. Chnl. Descr.:	PDA Spectrum (210-500)nm





1	3.907	18527168	1674564	100.00	1158.60

### <sup>1</sup>H NMR for compound **19**.



#### UPLC-MS analysis for compound 19.



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#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR for compound **22**.



### UPLC-MS analysis for compound 22.

	SAMPLE	INFORMAT	ΙΟΝ
Sample Name: Sample Type:	XRQ-SD-356-2 Unknown	Acquired By: Date Acquired:	System 10/16/2018 9:46:12 PM EDT
Vial:	1:A,1	Acq. Method Set:	10to100% Bin 10
Injection #:	1	Date Processed:	mi07 <u>1</u> 6)/210/96/mi0n19:10 PM EDT
Injection Volume:	3.00 ul	Processing Method	: Bruce
Run Time:	10.0 Minutes	Channel Name:	254.0nm@1
Sample Set Name:Shilin		Proc. Chnl. Descr.:	PDA Spectrum (210-500)nm

0.20 4.354 - 1199.48 0.18 0.16 0.14 0.12 ₹ 0.10 80.0 0.06 0.04 0.02 0.00 7.00 0.00 1.00 2.00 3.00 4.00 5.00 6.00 8.00 9.00 10.00 Minutes Peak Results

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	RT	Area	Height	% Area	Base Peak (m/z)			
1	4.354	1169135	202098	100.00	1199.48			

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### <sup>1</sup>H NMR for compound **26**.



### UPLC-MS analysis for compound 26.

SAMPLE	INFORMATION
Sample Name: XRQ-SD-55	Acquired By: System
Sample Type: Unknown	Date Acquired: 9/6/2018 12:05:32 PM EDT
Vial: 1:E,7	Acq. Method Set: 10to100% Bin 10
Injection #: 1	Date Processed: r0/6/200ellay51rt6r25 PM EDT
Injection Volume: 3.00 ul	Processing Method: Bruce
Run Time: 10.0 Minutes	Channel Name: 230.0nm



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	RT Area		Height	% Area	Base Peak (m/z)
1	3.954	4619107	556371	100.00	582.65

### <sup>1</sup>H NMR for compound **27**.



# UPLC-MS analysis for compound 27.

		SAMPLE	INFORMATIO	N
Sample Name:	SD-87HPLC		Acquired By:	System
Sample Type:	Urknown		Date Acquired:	8/9/2018 3:01:42 PMEDT
Vial:	1:A,8		Acq. Method Set:	10to100%Bin 10 min_Delay5min
Injection#:	1		Date Processed:	8/9/2018 4:26:41 PMEDT
Injection Volume:	3.00 u		Processing Method:	Bruce
Run Time:	10.0 Mnutes		Channel Name:	230.0mm
Sample Set Name:	SHLIN		Proc. Chrl. Desor.:	PDA Spectrum PDA 2:30.0 mm(PDA Spectrum



	RT	Area	Height	%Area	Base Peak (m/z)			
1	4.438	8206444	760771	100.00	1172.29			

#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR for compound **30**.



# UPLC-MS analysis for compound 30.

	SAMF	PLE I	NFORMAT	ΙΟΝ
Sample Name:	zh-sd-63		Acquired By:	System
Sample Type:	Unknown		Date Acquired:	9/6/2018 4:09:22 PM EDT
Vial:	1:A,3		Acq. Method Set:	10to100% Bin 10
Injection #:	1		Date Processed:	r <b>9/n<u>0</u>/2æ)a9/5hr60</b> :38 PM EDT
Injection Volume:	3.00 ul		Processing Method	: Bruce
Run Time:	10.0 Minutes		Channel Name:	230.0nm
Sample Set Name	e:aa		Proc. Chnl. Descr.:	PDA Spectrum (210-500)nm

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	Peak Results							
	RT	Area	Height	% Area	Base Peak (m/z)			
1	3.442	1023610	123259	100.00	1082.42			

#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR for compound **32**.



### UPLC-MS analysis for compound 32.

	SAMPLE	INFORMAT	ΙΟΝ
Sample Name: Sample Type: Vial: Injection #:	ZH-SD-222 Unknown 1:E,6 1	Acquired By: Date Acquired: Acq. Method Set: Date Processed:	System 3/15/2019 2:51:07 PM EDT 10to100% Bin 10 min_Delay5min 3/25/2019 1:23:08 PM EDT
Run Time:	10.0 Minutes	Channel Name:	230.0nm
Sample Set Name:	3	Proc. Chnl. Descr.:	PDA Spectrum PDA 230.0 nm (PDA



Peak Results					
	RT	Area	Height	% Area	
1	4.069	2069216	270698	100.00	
F	Peak Results	5			
	Base Peak (m/z)				

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1 563.17

# <sup>1</sup>H NMR for compound **33**.



### UPLC-MS analysis for compound 33.

	SAMPLE	INFORMAT	ΙΟΝ
Sample Name:	ZH-SD-223	Acquired By:	System
Sample Type:	Unknown	Date Acquired:	3/15/2019 3:42:59 PM EDT
Vial:	1:E,8	Acq. Method Set:	10to100% Bin 10 min_Delay5min
Injection #:	1	Date Processed:	3/25/2019 1:23:36 PM EDT
Injection Volume:	3.00 ul	Processing Method:	Bruce
Run Time:	10.0 Minutes	Channel Name:	230.0nm
Sample Set Name:	3	Proc. Chnl. Descr.:	PDA Spectrum PDA 230.0 nm (PDA



	Peak Results							
	RT	Area	Height	% Area				
1	4.189	2439539	356947	100.00				
F	Peak Results	6						
	Base Peak							
	(m/z)							

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1 561.97

### <sup>1</sup>H NMR for compound **34**.



### UPLC-MS analysis for compound 34.

	SAMPLE	INFORMAT	ΙΟΝ
Sample Name:	ZH-SD-224	Acquired By:	System
Sample Type:	Unknown	Date Acquired:	3/29/2019 10:15:55 AM EDT
Vial:	1:E,6	Acq. Method Set:	10to100% Bin 10
Injection #:	1	Date Processed:	rô/@ <u>9/2£0</u> #\$95/rôi@5:01 AM EDT
Injection Volume:	3.00 ul	Processing Method	I: Bruce
Run Time:	10.0 Minutes	Channel Name:	230.0nm
Sample Set Nam	e:111	Proc. Chnl. Descr.:	PDA Spectrum (210-500)nm



Peak Results						
	RT	Area	Height	% Area		
1	4.117	4286274	626716	100.00		
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	Base	
	Peak	
	(m/z)	
1	1159.64	

#### <sup>1</sup>H NMR for SD-36Me (**35**).

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# UPLC-MS analysis for SD-36Me (35).

		SAMPLE	INFORMATIO	NC
Sample Name:	zhsd-36m3-hplc		Acquired By:	System
Sample Type:	Urknown		Date Acquired:	8/1/2018 4:00:34 PMEDT
Vial:	1:B,8		Acq. Method Set:	10to100%Bin 10 min_Delay5min
Injection#:	1		Date Processed:	8/2/2018 2:04:05 PMEDT
InjectionVolume:	3.00 ul		Processing Method:	Bruce
Run Time:	10.0 Mnutes		Channel Name:	220.0nm
Sample Set Name:	3		Proc. Chrl. Desor.:	PDA Spectrum PDA 220.0 nm(PDA Spectrum

Auto-Scaled Chromatogram

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	RT	Area	Height	%Area	Base Peak (m/z)
1	4.496	23457871	1430384	100.00	1172.45