## Supporting Information

Suppressing nonspecific binding in biolayer interferometry experiments for weak ligand-analyte interactions

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Figures S1 – S7.

Figure S1



**Figure S1**. Superimposed BLI sensorgram showing NSB of  $p85\beta$  (40 µM) in the presence of 50mM imidazole (blue), 0.6 M trehalose (green), 0.6 M sucrose (red), and 0.6 M glucose (black). All buffers also contained 1% BSA.

Figure S2



**Figure S2**. (A) Superimposed sensorgrams of NSB in the presence of 0.6 M sucrose (blue), 0.6 M sucrose, 20 mM imidazole (red), 0.6 M trehalose (green), 0.6 M trehalose and 20 mM imidazole (brown), 0.6 M glucose (black), 0.6 M glucose and 20 mM imidazole (gray). (B) Superimposed sensorgram of NSB in the presence of 1% BSA and 20 mM imidazole (black), 0.6 M sucrose, and 20 mM imidazole (blue), and of 1% BSA, 0.6 M sucrose, and 20mM imidazole (red). (C) Superimposed sensorgram of NSB in the presence of 1% BSA and 0.6 M sucrose (blue) and 1% BSA, 0.6 M sucrose, and 20mM imidazole (red). RSB in the presence of 1% BSA and 0.6 M sucrose (blue) and 1% BSA, 0.6 M sucrose, and 20mM imidazole (red). RSB in the presence of 1% BSA and 0.6 M sucrose (blue) and 1% BSA, 0.6 M sucrose, and 20mM imidazole (red). RSB (40  $\mu$ M) is used to monitor NSB.





**Figure S3**. (**A**) Raw sensorgram showing the interaction between NS1(ligand) and 40  $\mu$ M (red) p85 $\beta$  (analyte) in the presence of 1% BSA, 0.6 M sucrose, and 20mM imidazole. Reference data (0  $\mu$ M p85 $\beta$ ) is shown in black. (**B**) Raw sensorgram showing NSB of 40  $\mu$ M p85 $\beta$  in the presence of 1% BSA (black) and in the presence of 1% BSA, 0.6 M sucrose, and 20mM imidazole (red).

Figure S4



**Figure S4**. BLI sensorgram of NSB (40  $\mu$ M p85 $\beta$ ) in the presence of 0.1% BSA and 0.005% Tween (black) and 1% BSA, 0.6 M sucrose, and 20 mM imidazole (red).

Figure S5



**Figure S5**. Raw sensorgram of the NS1-p85 interaction showing the process from the ligand (NS1) capture to the dissociation step in the presence of 50mM imidazole and 1% BSA.





Figure S6. Binding isotherm of wild-type NS1 and  $p85\beta$  in the presence of 1% BSA, 0.6 M sucrose, and 20mM imidazole.

Figure S7



**Figure S7**. Estimation of limit of detection (LOD) and limit of quantitation (LOQ) for binding of p85 to NS1. LOD ( $^{3.3\sigma/slope}$ ) and LOQ ( $^{10\sigma/slope}$ ) were estimated to be 1.48 µM and 4.48 µM, respectively.  $\sigma$  and slope are the standard deviation of the response and the slope of the curve, respectively.