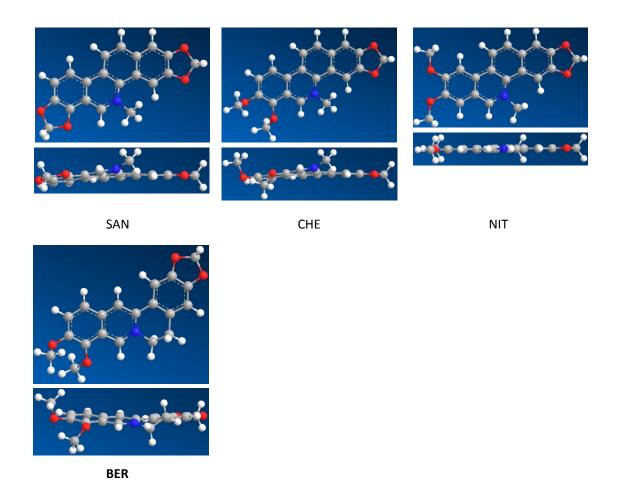
## Structuring polarity-inverted TBA to Gquadruplex for selective recognization of planarity of natural isoquinoline alkaloids

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**Scheme S1.** Top-viewed (up) ans side-viewed (down) structures of IAs. For PAs, only BER is presented because of the structure similarity to show the saturated ring B induced non-planarity.

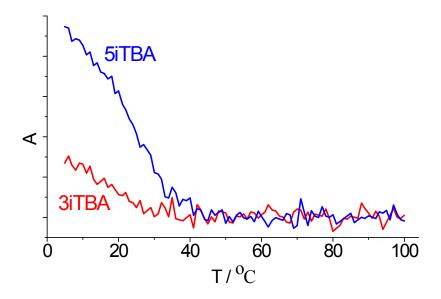
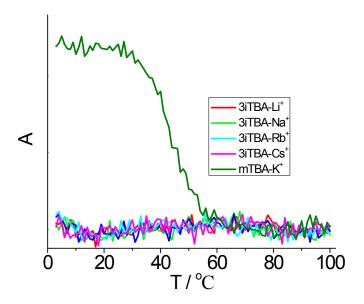
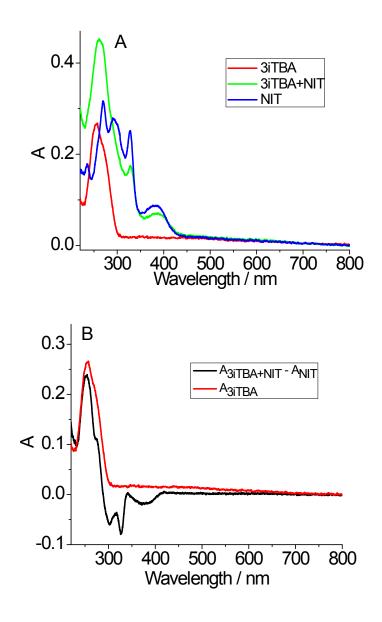


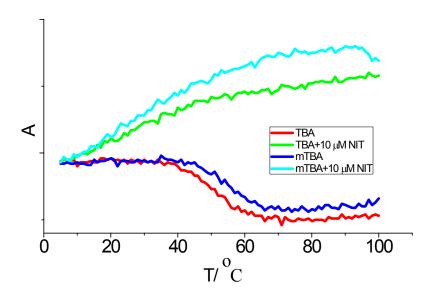
Figure S1. Melting curves of 3  $\mu M$  3iTBA and 5iTBA in 0.05 M Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.0) containing 0.1 M  $K^{+}.$ 



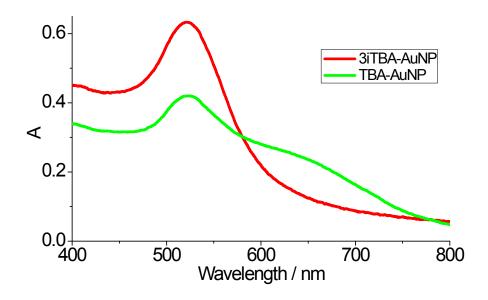
**Figure S2.** Melting curves of 3  $\mu$ M 3iTBA in 0.05 M Tris-HCl buffer (pH 7.0) containing 0.1 M Li<sup>+</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup>, Rb<sup>+</sup>, and Cs<sup>+</sup>, respectively. That of mTBA in K<sup>+</sup> is also shown as a control.



**Figure S3.** (A) Absorption spectra of 3iTBA (2  $\mu$ M), NIT (10  $\mu$ M), and their mixture in 0.1 M PBS buffer (pH 7.0). (B) Absorption difference spectra of 3iTBA in the presence of NIT after subtracting that of NIT alone. Also shown is that of 3iTBA alone for a comparison to show the 3iTBA folding upon the NIT addition.



**Figure S4.** Melting curves of TBA and mTBA (3  $\mu$ M) in the absence and presence of NIT (10  $\mu$ M) in 0.1 M PBS buffer (pH 7.0, K<sup>+</sup>). The absorbance at the starting temperature of 3 °C was normalized for comparison.



**Figure S5.** Absorption spectra of AuNPs in PBS buffer (pH 7.0, 35 mM  $K^+$ ) containing 3iTBA and TBA, respectively.