

Electronic Supplementary Information

**TBA loop mapping with 3'-inverted-deoxythymidine for a fine-tuning of the binding affinity
for α -thrombin**

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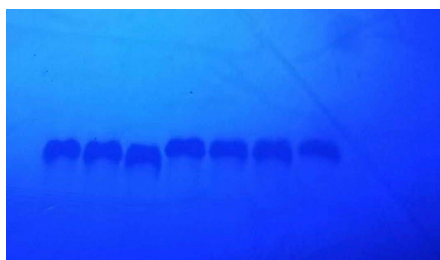
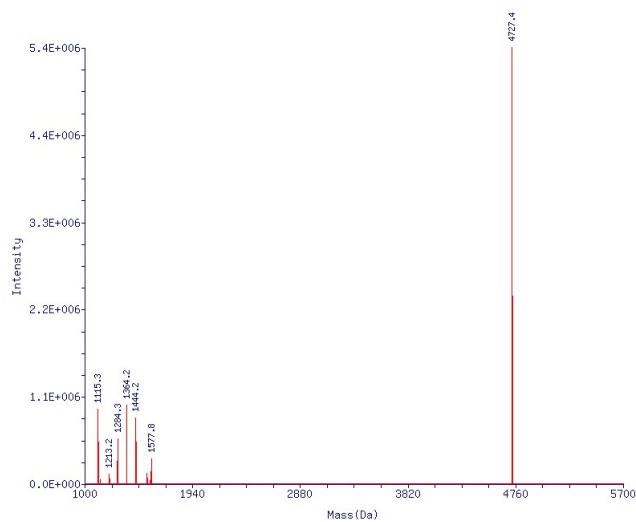
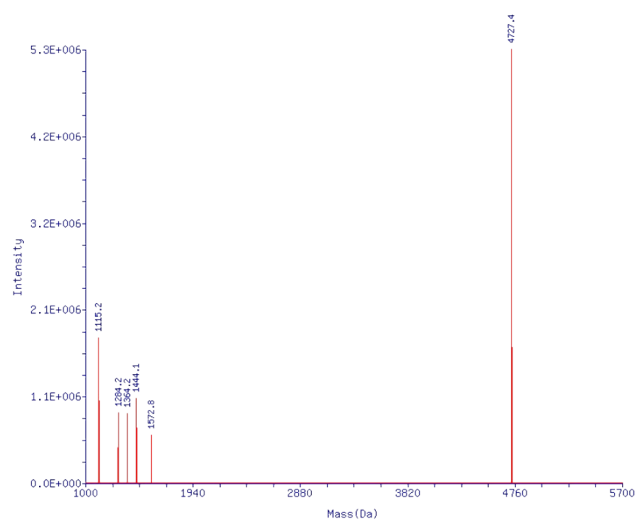


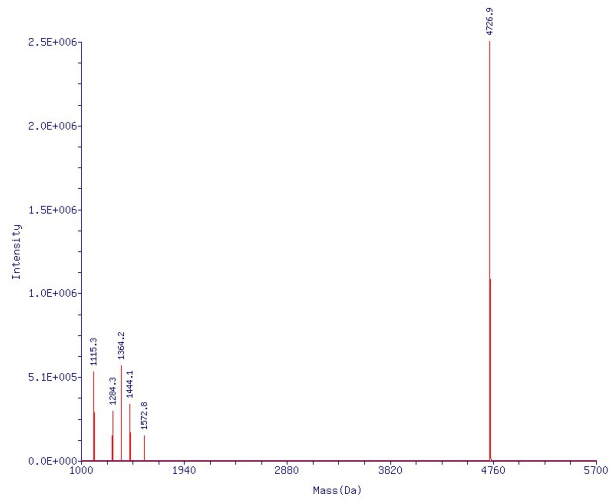
Fig. S1 The purity of TBA analogues by denaturing PAGE (20%, 8 M urea). The bands were shown under UV ($\lambda = 254$ nm), TBA-ⁱT3, TBA-ⁱT4, TBA-ⁱT7, TBA-G8-ⁱT8, TBA-ⁱT9, TBA-ⁱT12, and TBA-ⁱT13 were presented, respectively from left to right.



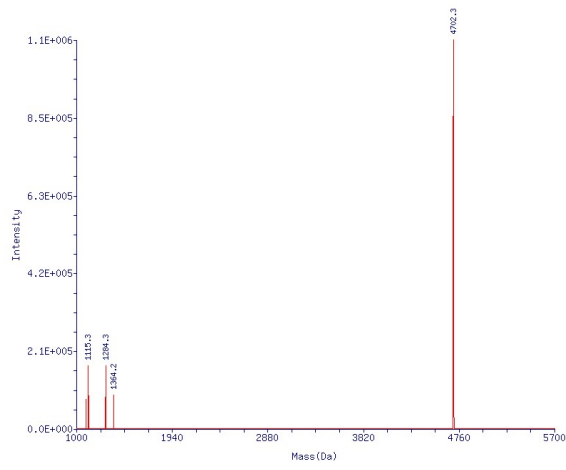
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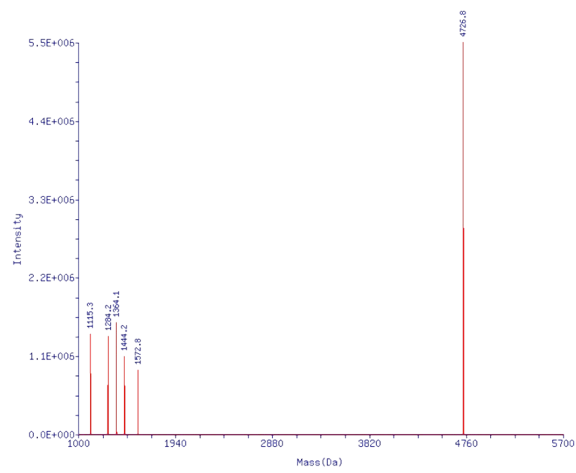
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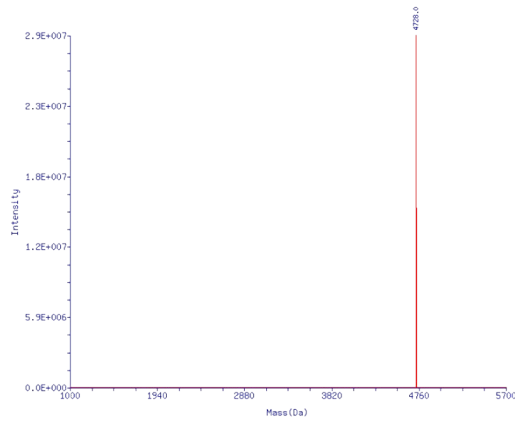
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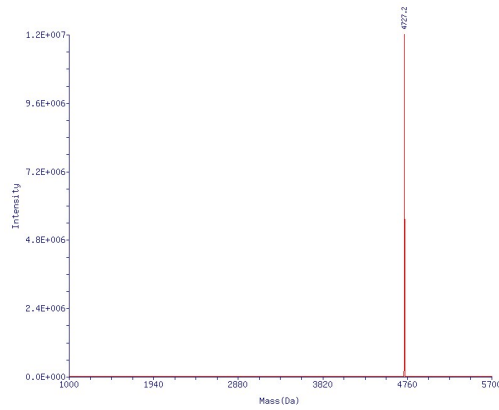
TBA-G8-iT8



TBA-iT9



TBA-iT12



TBA-iT13

Fig. S2 Mass spectra of TBA and its modified analogues. ESI-MS was measured with on a HTCS Oligo LC/MS system (Thermo Finnigan, Somerset, NJ, USA).

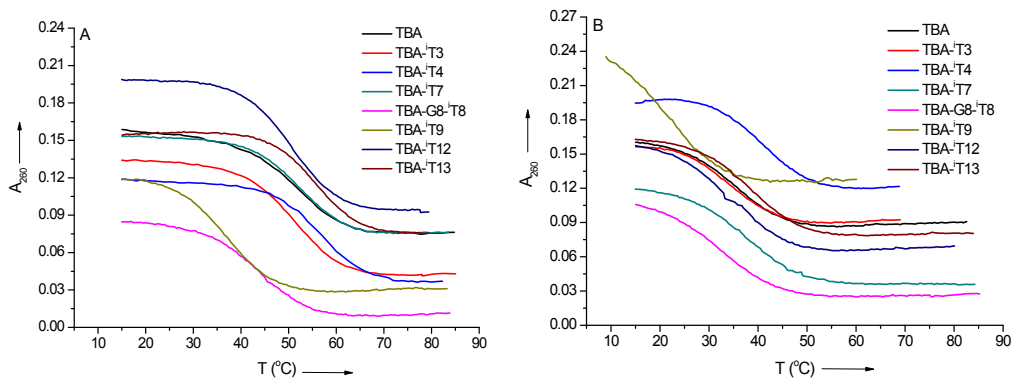


Fig. S3 Melting curves of TBA and its modified analogues. A, TBA analogues in K^+ -buffer (100 mM KCl); B, TBA analogues in Na^+ -buffer (138 mM NaCl, 2.7 mM KCl, 10 mM Na_2HPO_4 , and 1.76 mM KH_2PO_4 , pH 7.4)

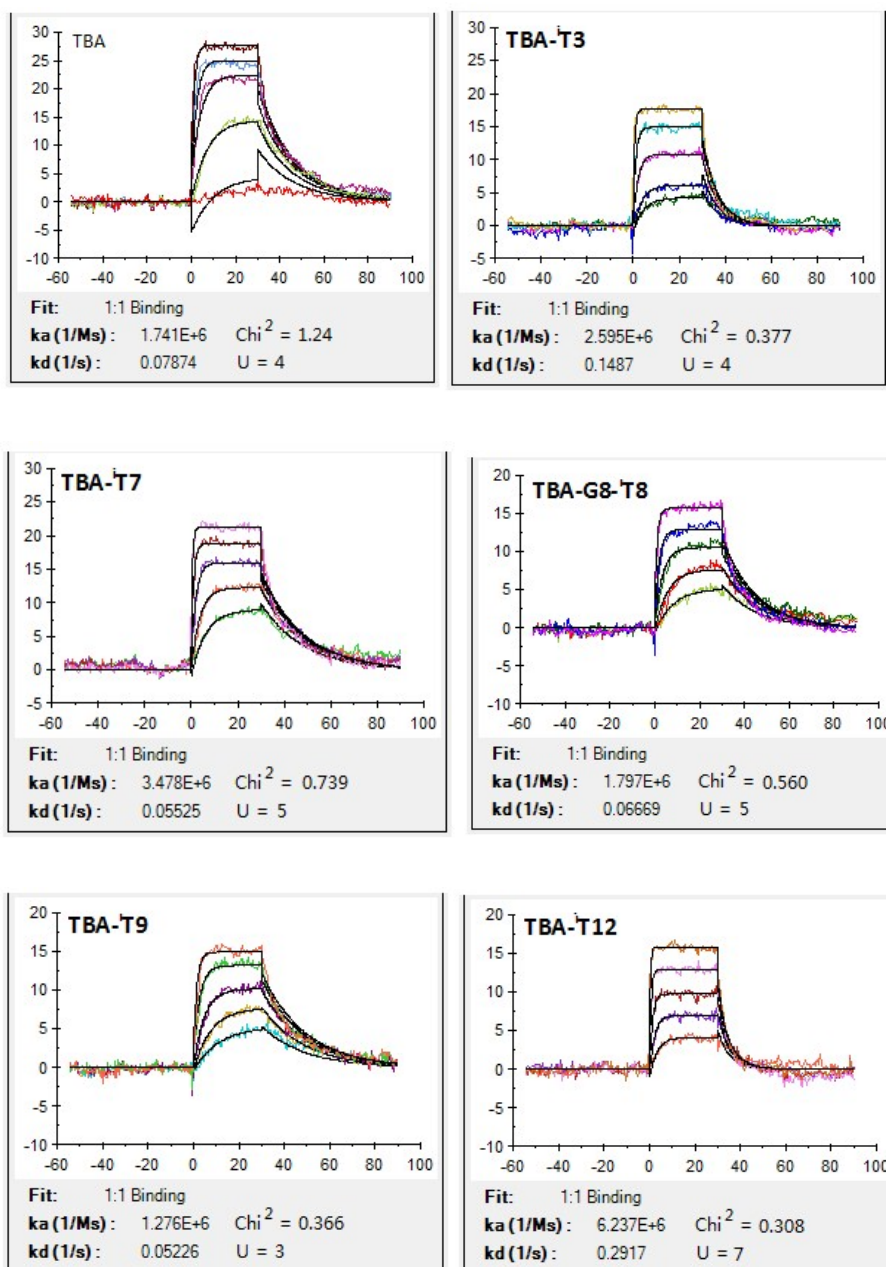


Fig. S4 MCK curves of TBA analogues in Na^+ -buffer (138 mM NaCl, 2.7 mM KCl, 10 mM Na_2HPO_4 , and 1.76 mM KH_2PO_4 , pH 7.4).

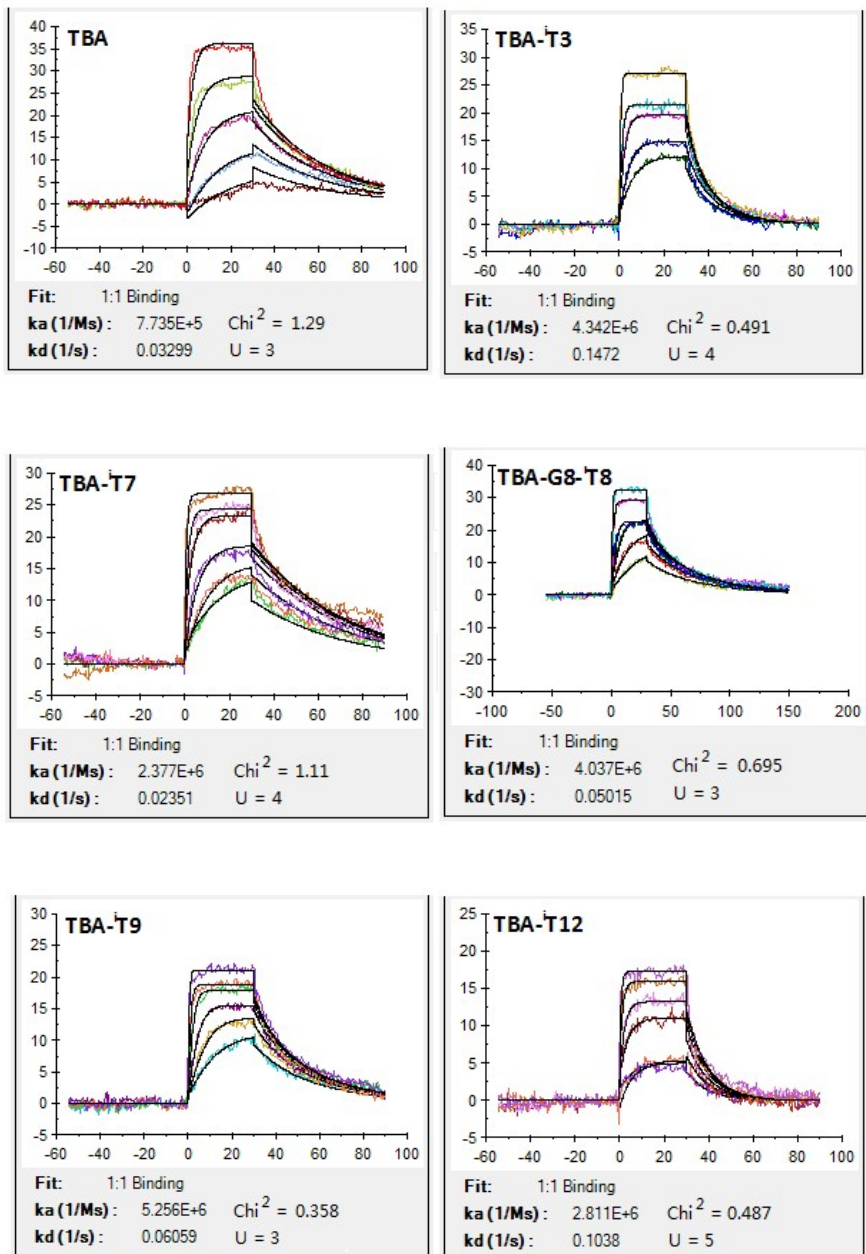


Fig. S5 MCK curves of TBA analogues in K⁺-buffer (100 mM KCl).

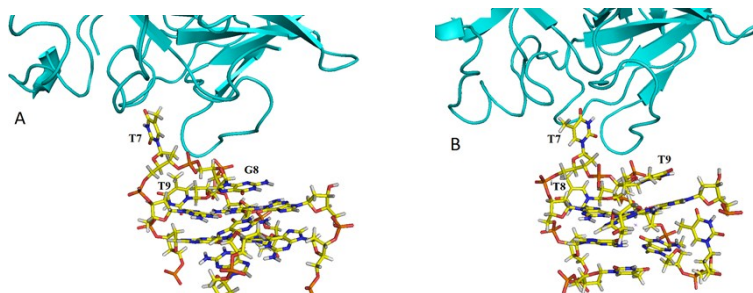


Fig. S6 Molecular dynamics simulation results of aptamer-thrombin complexes. TBA-thrombin (A) and TBA-G8-T9-thrombin (B) complexes were calculated on the base of 1HAP. Thrombin molecule is presented as cartoon, and aptamer molecule is presents as sticks.

Table S1 Interactions between aptamer-thrombin exosite I by molecular dynamic simulation

interactions	TBA-thrombin		TBA-G8- ⁱ T8-thrombin	
	TBA	thrombin	TBA-G8- ⁱ T9	thrombin
H-bond	T7	GLY38		
H-bond	T9	ASN103		
H-bond	T9	ARG102	T9	ARG102
H-bond			T7	GLU101
H-bond			ⁱ T8	ARG99
H-bond			G10	ARG102
Electrostatic	G8	ARG99	ⁱ T8	ARG99
Electrostatic			G10	ASN103
Hydrophobic	T7	ILE37	T7	ILE37