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M1 variant ribozyme

A Wild-type ribozyme

Figure S1

Sequences and secondary structures of the *Tetrahymena* group I ribozymes and their structural elements used for modular engineering in this study.

- (A, B) Secondary structures of the wild-type *Tetrahymena* ribozyme (A) and its variant (M1 type) ribozyme (B). Lines with two arrowheads indicate tertiary interactions. Nucleotides shown in red in A and green in B participate directly in tertiary interactions between the P5abc module and ΔP5 module. Nucleotides shown in bold are structural elements (P3, P6b, and P13) that differ between the wild-type and M1 type.
- (C) Nucleotide sequences of the parent P5-P5a linker region and a rigid variant used in RzM.
- (D) Nucleotide sequences of RNA motifs involved in J6a/6b-L5b and L2-L5b tertiary interactions. Corresponding icons used for indication of RzM:RzM interfaces are also shown.



Scheme of rational redesign of unimolecular *Tetrahymena* ribozymes to generate kUrd **1-K-1'**. (A) Stepwise redesign of wild-type and M1 type ribozymes to construct kUrd **1-K-1'**. (B) Formation of kUrd **1-K-1'** through assembly of its α - and β -chains.



Kink-turn unit ribozyme dimers (kUrds) employed in this study.

(A) Five distinct pairs of RzM:RzM interfaces used in this study.

(B) Nucleotide sequences of RNA motifs involved in J6a/6b-L5b and L2-L5b tertiary interactions. Corresponding icons used for indication of RzM:RzM interfaces are also shown.

(C) Structural organization of kUrds employed in this study. Each kUrd is formed by the assembly of two RNA-chains (α - and β -chains), identity of which is shown in parentheses by the number used in Table S1.



Formation of kUrds through the assembly of their α -chain and β -chain RNAs. EMSA of α -chain RNA, β -chain RNA and their equimolar mixture of each kUrds used for homopolymerization (top), diblock copolymerization (top), and triblock copolymerization (bottom). EMSA were performed with 0.125 μ M each RNA chain in the presence of 15 mM Mg²⁺. RNAs were visualized by ethidium bromide staining.

A 10 mM Mg²⁺ [0.125 μ M RNA chain each]



Figure S5

Oligomerization of 1-K-1' and its mutants.

(A) EMSA of **1-K-1'** homopolymers formed in the presence of 10 mM Mg²⁺. Asterisks indicate RNA chains labeled with BODIPY fluorophore.

(B) Relative amounts of monomers and open oligomers of kUrds in the presence of different concentration of Mg^{2+} . Relative amounts were calculated from lanes 3 and 7 of Figures S5A, 2B, and 2C.

(C) Relative amounts of monomeric and closed oligomers of kUrds in the presence of different concentration of Mg^{2+} . Relative amounts were calculated from lanes 4 and 8 of Figures S5A, 2B, and 2C.



4-K-3' α-chain label

4x-K-3x' (α+β)		+*	—	—	-		*+	—	—	—	4x-K-3x' (α+β)
4-Κ-3x' (α+β)		—	+*	-	+*		—	*	—	*	4x-Κ-3' (α+β)
2x-Κ-4' (α+β)		—	+	—	-		—	+	—	—	3-Κ-2 x' (α+β)
4-Κ-3' (α+β)		-	—	+*	-		—	—	*+	—	4-Κ-3' (α+β)
3-Κ-2' (α+β)		-	_	+	-		—	—	+	+	3-Κ-2' (α+β)
2-Κ-4' (α+β)		—	-	+	+		—	—	+	—	2-Κ-4' (α+β)
3x-Κ-2' (α+β)		-	—	-	+		—	—	—	+	2-Κ-4 x' (α+β)
4x-K-3x' B-chain	+*					*+					4x-K-3x' α-chain
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В 3-K-2' β-chain label 3-K-2' α-chain label **3x-K-2x'** (α+β) +* *+ **3x-K-2x'** (α+β) **3-Κ-2x'** (α+β) +* +* **3x-K-2'** (α+β) *+ **4x-Κ-3'** (α+β) **2-Κ-4x'** (α+β) + _ + **4-Κ-3'** (α+β) + **4-Κ-3'** (α+β) + 4 **3-Κ-2'** (α+β) _ **3-Κ-2'** (α+β) **2-Κ-4'** (α+β) + **2-Κ-4'** (α+β) + **2x-Κ-4'** (α+β) + **4-K-3x'** (α+β) 3x-K-2x' β-chain +* *+ 3x-K-2x' α-chain ◄ oligomer closed trimer ► open dimer ► open trimer . monomer▶ β-chain **∢**α-chain 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



Figure S6

EMSA of triblock kUrd copolymers formed in the presence of 20 mM Mg²⁺. Asterisks indicate RNA chains labeled with BODIPY fluorophore.

(A) EMSA of triblock kUrd copolymers labeled with β -chain (left) or α -chain (right) of **4-K-3'**. (B) EMSA of triblock kUrd copolymers labeled with β -chain (left) or α -chain (right) of **3-K-2'**.

(C) EMSA of triblock kUrd copolymers labeled with β -chain (left) or α -chain (right) of **2-K-4'**.

kUrd closed heterotrimer



B kUrd closed heterodimer



Figure S7

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AFM images of the closed heterotrimer and heterodimer and their cross sections. (A) AFM images of the closed heterotrimer (indicated by an yellow arrow) with 17.5 mM Mg²⁺ and their cross sections.

(B) AFM images of the closed heterodimer (indicated by an yellow arrow) with 17.5 mM Mg^{2+} and their cross sections.



AFM images of the closed heterodimer and its mutant monomers (A) EMSA of kUrds in the presence of 17.5 mM Mg²⁺. RNAs were visualized by ethidium bromide staining.

(B) AFM imaging of a mixture of equal amounts of 1-K-5' and 5-K-1' in the presence of 17.5 mM Mg^{2+} .

(C) AFM imaging of 1-K-5x' in the presence of 17.5 mM Mg^{2+} . (D) AFM imaging of 1x-K-5' in the presence of 17.5 mM Mg^{2+} .



Α kUrds with 15bp / 10 bp linker

Figure S9

Complex formation of L7Ae proteins with KT-15 kink-turn motifs in a closed kUrd heterotrimer. (A) EMSA of a closed kUrd heterotrimer in the absence and presence of L7Ae protein.

(B) EMSA of a closed kUrd heterotrimer in the absence and presence of L7Ae protein and L7Ae-EGFP fusion protein. Orange arrows indicate bands corresponding to open forms of kUrd dimer and trimer.



Closed kUrd trimers and their partial dimers used for analysis of the trans-splicing reaction.

(A) Formation of **1-K-1'** possessing the 5' exon and 3' exon in its α -chain and β -chain, respectively, to provide the wild-type $\Delta P5$ ribozyme unit.

- (B) Formation of 1-K-1' possessing the 5' exon and 3' exon in its β -chain and α -chain, respectively, to provide the M1 type $\Delta P5$ ribozyme unit.
- (C) Formation of kUrd monomers used in analysis of *trans*-splicing reaction promoted by ribozyme unit 2 in triblock kUrd copolymer.

Table S1

Nucleotide sequences of α - and β -chain RNAs employed for EMSA, AFM imaging, and activity assays

NNNNN: thick underline: wavy underline:	P1 substrate recognition element, type-a: 5'GGAGGG3', type-b: 5'GUGGCU3' sequence for KT-15 motif sequence for the two linker duplexes connecting KT-15 motif and two RzM units
dashed underline:	sequence for M1 ribozyme unit
bold italic:	nucleotides removed in modulation of the length of the two linker duplexes
<mark>AG<mark>CU</mark>AG</mark> CU:	nucleotides forming RNA motifs that specify RzM:RzM interfaces

01 α-chain for 1-K-1', 1-K-1x', 1-K-5 and 1-K-5x', which provides type-a P1 to 1 NNNNNAAAAGUUAUCAGGCACUCACCUGGUAGCUAGUCUUUAAACCAAUAGAUUG CAUCGGUUUAAAAGGCAAGACCGUCAAAUUGCGGGAAAGGGGUCAUGCUACGUCCG UCAGUACCAAGUCUCAGGGGAAACUUUGAGAUGGCCUUGCAAAGGGUAUGGUAAUA AGCUGACGGACGUAGCAUGGUCCUAACCACGCAGCCAAGUCCUGUGU GUAAUCUGCAAUGUGGAACAGAUCUGCAUUACUACACAUAUGGAUGCAGUUCACAG ACUAAAUGUGAACGGGGGAAGAUGUAUUCUUCUCAUAAGAUAUAGUCGGACCUCUC CUUAAUGGGAGCUAGCGGAUGAAGUGAUCGAACACUGGAGCCGCUGGGAACUAAUU UGUAUGCGAAAGUAUAUUGAUUAGUUUUGGAGU

01x α-chain of 1x-K-1'and 1x-K-1x', which provides type-a P1 to 1x

02 α-chain of 2-K-4' and 2-K-4x', which provides P1 to 2

NNNNNAAAAGUUAUCAGGCA<mark>UGCA</mark>CCUGGUAGCUAGUCUUUAAACCAAUAGAUUG CAUCGGUUUAAAAGGCAAGACCGUCAAAUUGCGGGAAAGGGGUCAUGCUACGUCCG UCAGUACCAAGUCUCAGGG<mark>GAAA</mark>CUUUGAGAUGGCCU<mark>UGAG</mark>AAGGGUAUGGUAAUA AGCUGACGGACGUAGCAUGGUCCUAACCACGCAGCCAAGU<mark>CCUGUGU</mark>UCAACAG<u>GAC</u> GUAAUCU<u>GCAAUGUGG</u>AACAGAUCUGCAUUACUACACA<mark>UAUGG</mark>AUGCAGUUCACAG ACUAAAUGUGAACGGGGGAAGAUGUAUUCUUCUCAUAAGAUAUAGUCGGACCUCUC CUUAAUGGGAGCUAGCGGAUGAAGUGAUCGAACACUGGAGCCGCUGGGAACUAAUU UGUAUGCGAAAGUAUUUUGAUUAGUUUUGGAGU

02x α-chain of 2x-K-4' and 2x-K-4x', which provides type-a P1 to 2x

03 α-chain of 3-K-2' and 3-K-2x', which provides P1 to 3

NNNNNNAAAAGUUAUCAGGCA<mark>CCCA</mark>CCUGGUAGCUAGUCUUUAAACCAAUAGAUUG CAUCGGUUUAAAAGGCAAGACCGUCAAAUUGCGGGAAAGGGGUCAUGCUACGUCCG UCAGUACCAAGUCUCAGGG<mark>GAAA</mark>CUUUGAGAUGGCCU<mark>UGCA</mark>AAGGGUAUGGUAAUA AGCUGACGGACGUAGCAUGGUCCUAACCACGCAGCCAAGU<mark>CCUGUGU</mark>UCAACAG<u>GAC</u> <u>GUAAUCUGCAAUGUGGAACAGAUCUGCAUUACUACACAUAUGG</u>AUGCAGUUCACAG ACUAAAUGUGAACGGGGGAAGAUGUAUUCUUCUCAUAAGAUAUAGUCGGACCUCUC CUUAAUGGGAGCUAGCGGAUGAAGUGAUCGAACACUGGAGCCGCUGGGAACUAAUU UGUAUGCGAAAGUAUAUUGAUUAGUUUUGGAGU

03x α-chain of 3x-K-2' and 3x-K2x', which provides type-a P1 to 3x

04 α-chain of 4-K-3' and 4-K3x', which provides P1 to 4

NNNNNAAAAGUUAUCAGGCACUCACCUGGUAGCUAGUCUUUAAACCAAUAGAUUG CAUCGGUUUAAAAGGCAAGACCGUCAAAUUGCGGGAAAGGGGUCAUGCUACGUCCG UCAGUACCAAGUCUCAGGGGAAACUUUGAGAUGGCCU<mark>UGGG</mark>AAGGGUAUGGUAAUA AGCUGACGGACGUAGCAUGGUCCUAACCACGCAGCCAAGU<mark>CCUGUGU</mark>UCAACAG<u>GAC GUAAUCUGCAAUGUGGAACAGAUCUGCAUUACUACACAUAUGG</u>AUGCAGUUCACAG ACUAAAUGUGAACGGGGGAAGAUGUAUUCUUCUCAUAAGAUAUAGUCGGACCUCUC CUUAAUGGGAGCUAGCGGAUGAAGUGAUCGAACACUGGAGCCGCUGGGAACUAAUU UGUAUGCGAAAGUAUAUUGAUUAGUUUUGGAGU

04x α-chain of 4x-K-3' and 4x-K-3x', which provides type-a P1 to 4x

05 α-chain of 5-K-1', which provides type-a P1 to 5

GGAGGGAAAAGUUAUCAGGCAUGCACCUGGUAGCUAGUCUUUAAACCAAUAGAUUG CAUCGGUUUAAAAGGCAAGACCGUCAAAUUGCGGGAAAGGGGUCAUGCUACGUCCG UCAGUACCAAGUCUCAGGGGAAAACUUUGAGAUGGCCUUGGGAAGGGUAUGGUAAUA AGCUGACGGACGUAGCAUGGUCCUAACCACGCAGCCAAGUCCUGUGUUCAACAGGAC GUAAUCUGCAAUGUGGAACAGAUCUGCAUUACUACACAUAUGGAUGCAGUUCACAG ACUAAAUGUGAACGGGGGGAAGAUGUAUUCUUCUCAUAAGAUAUAGUCGGACCUCUC CUUAAUGGGAGCUAGCGGAUGAAGUGAUCGAACACUGGAGCCGCUGGGGAACUAAUU UGUAUGCGAAAGUAUAUUGAUUAGUUUUUGGAGU

05x α-chain of 5x-K-1', which provides type-a P1 to 5

UAUGCGAAAGUAUAUUGAUUAGUUUUGGAGU

06 β-chain of 1-K-1', 1x-K-1', 5-K-1' and 5x-K-1', which provides type-a P1 to 1'

06x β-chain of 1-K-1x' and 1x-K-1x', which provides type-a P1 to 1x'

07 β-chain of 3-K-2' and 3x-K-2' which provides P1 to 2'

NNNNNAAAAGUUAUCAGGCACUCACUGGUAGCUAGUCUUUAAACCAAUAGAUUC GAUCGGUUUAAAAGGCAACGUUCUCAAAUUGCGGGAAAGGGGUCAUGCUACGUCCG UCAGUACCAAGUCUCAGGG<mark>GGAA</mark>CUUUGAGAUGGCCU<mark>UGCA</mark>AAGGGUAUGGUAAUA AGCUGACGGACGUAGCAUGGUCCUAACCACGCAGCCAAGUCCUAAGU GCAGAUCUGUUCCGAAGCAGAUUACGUCCUGUUGAAAUCUGG UAAAUGUCGGUCGGGGAAGAUGUAUUCUUCUCAUAAGAUAUAGUCGGACCUCUCCU UAAUGGGAGCUAGCGGAUGAAGUGAUGCAACACUGGAGCCGCUGGGAACUAAUUUG UAUGCGAAAGUAUAUUGAUUAGUUUUGGAGU

07x β-chain of 3-K-2'x and 3x-K-2x' which provides type-a P1 to 2x'

08 β-chain of 4-K-3' and 4x-K-3', which provides P1 to 3'

NNNNNAAAAGUUAUCAGGCA<mark>UGCA</mark>CCUGGUAGCUAGUCUUUAAACCAAUAGAUUC GAUCGGUUUAAAAGGCAACGUUCUCAAAUUGCGGGAAAGGGGUCAUGCUACGUCCG UCAGUACCAAGUCUCAGGG<mark>GGAA</mark>CUUUGAGAUGGCCU<mark>UGGG</mark>AAGGGUAUGGUAAUA AGCUGACGGACGUAGCAUGGUCCUAACCACGCAGCCAAGU<mark>CCUAAG</mark>UGUGUAGUAAU GCAGAUCUGUUCCGAAGCAGAUUACGUCCUGUUGA<mark>AAUCUGG</mark>AUGCAGUUCACAGAC UAAAUGUCGGUCGGGGAAGAUGUAUUCUUCUCAUAAGAUAUAGUCGGACCUCUCCU UAAUGGGAGCUAGCGGAUGAAGUGAUGCAACACUGGAGCCGCUGGGAACUAAUUUG UAUGCGAAAGUAUAUUGAUUAGUUUUGGAGU

08x β-chain of 4-K-3x' and 4x-K-3x', which provides type-a P1 to 3x' GGAGGGAAAAGUUAUCAGCUUCGGCUGGUAGCUAGUCUUUAAACCAAUAGAUUCGA

09 β-chain for 2-K-4' and 2x-K-4', which provides P1 to 4'

NNNNNAAAAGUUAUCAGGCA<mark>CCCA</mark>CCUGGUAGCUAGUCUUUAAACCAAUAGAUUC GAUCGGUUUAAAAGGCAACGUUCUCAAAUUGCGGGAAAGGGGUCAUGCUACGUCCG UCAGUACCAAGUCUCAGGG<mark>GGAA</mark>CUUUUGAGAUGGCCU<mark>UGAG</mark>AAGGGUAUGGUAAUA AGCUGACGGACGUAGCAUGGUCCUAACCACGCAGCCAAGU<mark>CCUAAGU</mark>GUGUAGUAAU GCAGAUCUGUUCCGAAGCAGAUUACGUCCUGUUGAAAUCUGG UAAAUGUCGGUCGGGGAAGAUGUAUUCUUCUCAUAAGAUAUAGUCGGACCUCUCCU UAAUGGGAGCUAGCGGAUGAAGUGAUGCAACACUGGAGCCGCUGGGAACUAAUUUG UAUGCGAAAGUAUAUUGAUUAGUUUUGGAGU

09x β-chain for 2-K-4x' and 2x-K-4x', which provides type-a P1 to 4x'

10 β-chain of 1-K-5', which provides type-a P1 to 5'

GGAGGGAAAAGUUAUCAGGCACCCACCUGGUAGCUAGUCUUUAAACCAAUAGAUUC GAUCGGUUUAAAAGGCAACGUUCUCAAAUUGCGGGAAAGGGGUCAUGCUACGUCCG UCAGUACCAAGUCUCAGGGGGAACUUUGAGAUGGCCUUGCAAAGGGUAUGGUAAUA AGCUGACGGACGUAGCAUGGUCCUAACCACGCAGCCAAGUCCUAAGUGUGUAGUAAU GCAGAUCUGUUCCGAAGCAGAUUACGUCCUGUUGAAAUCUGGAUGCAGUUCACAGAC UAAAUGUCGGUCGGGGGAAGAUGUAUUCUUCUCAUAAGAUAUAGUCGGACCUCUCCU UAAUGGGAGCUAGCGGAUGAAGUGAUGCAACACUGGAGCCGCUGGGAACUAAUUUG UAUGCGAAAGUAUAUUGAUUAGUUUUGGAGU

10x β-chain of 1-K-5x', which provides type-a P1 to 5'

Table S2

Nucleotide sequences of α - and β -chain RNAs employed for *trans*-splicing reaction to yield Spinach aptamer

black letters:	nucleotides belonging			
red letters:	nucleotides belongin			
GAGUGU GCACUC :	5' splice-site recogn			
thick underline:	sequence for KT-15			

nucleotides belonging to kUrd nucleotides belonging to Spinach aptamer 'splice-site recognition elements forming P1 duplex equence for KT-15 motif

α-chain of 2-K-4' to provide 5'-exon to 2

GGGACGCGACUGAAUGAAAUGGUGAAGGACGGGUCCAGUAGUUCGCUACUGUUGAG UA<mark>GAGUGU</mark>AAAUAGCAAUAUUGGAGUUA

GCACUCAAAAGUUAUCAGGCAUGCACCUGGUAGCUAGUCUUUAAACCAAUAGAUUGC AUCGGUUUAAAAGGCAAGACCGUCAAAUUGCGGGAAAGGGGUCAUGCUACGUCCGU CAGUACCAAGUCUCAGGGGAAACCUUUGAGAUGGCCUUGAGAAGGGUAUGGUAAUAA GCUGACGGACGUAGCAUGGUCCUAACCACGCAGCCAAGUCCUGUGU UAAUCU<u>GCAAUGUGG</u>AACAGAUCUGCAUUACUACACAUAUGGAUGCAGUUCACAGA CUAAAUGUGAACGGGGGAAGAUGUAUUCUUCUCAUAAGAUAUAGUCGGACCUCUCC UUAAUGGGAGCUAGCGGAUGAAGUGAUCGAACACUGGAGCCGCUGGGAACUAAUUU GUAUGCGAAAGUAUAUUGAUUAGUUUUGGAGU

α-chain of 2-K-4' to provide 5'-exon to 2 and 3'-exon to 4'

GGGACGCGACUGAAUGAAAUGGUGAAGGACGGGUCCAGUAGUUCGCUACUGUUGAG UA<mark>GAGUGU</mark>AAAUAGCAAUAUUGGAGUUA

GCACUCAAAAGUUAUCAGGCAUGCACCUGGUAGCUAGUCUUUAAACCAAUAGAUUGC AUCGGUUUAAAAGGCAAGACCGUCAAAUUGCGGGAAAGGGGUCAUGCUACGUCCGU CAGUACCAAGUCUCAGGGGAAACUUUGAGAUGGCCUUGAGAAGGGUAUGGUAAUAA GCUGACGGACGUAGCAUGGUCCUAACCACGCAGCCAAGUCCUGUGUUCAACAGGACG UAAUCU<u>GCAAUGUGG</u>AACAGAUCUGCAUUACUACACAUAUGGAUGCAGUUCACAGA CUAAAUGUGAACGGGGGAAGAUGUAUUCUUCUCAUAAGAUAUAGUCGGACCUCUCC UUAAUGGGAGCUAGCGGAUGAAGUGAUCGAACACUGGAGCCGCUGGGAACUAAUUU GUAUGCGAAAGUAUAUUGAUUAGUUUUGGAGUACUCGGAGCUCCGUAACUAGUCGC GUC

α-chain of 3-K-2' to provide 3'-exon to 2'

GGAGGGAAAAGUUAUCAGGCACCCACCUGGUAGCUAGUCUUUAAACCAAUAGAUUG CAUCGGUUUAAAAGGCAAGACCGUCAAAUUGCGGGAAAGGGGUCAUGCUACGUCCG UCAGUACCAAGUCUCAGGGGAAACUUUUGAGAUGGCCUUGCAAAGGGUAUGGUAAUA AGCUGACGGACGUAGCAUGGUCCUAACCACGCAGCCAAGUCCUGUGU UCAACAGGACGUAGCAUGGUCCUAACCACGCAGCCAAGUCCUGUGU UCAACAGGA GUAAUCU<u>GCAAUGUGG</u>AACAGAUCUGCAUUACUACACAUAUGGAUGCAGUUCACAG ACUAAAUGUGAACGGGGGAAGAUGUAUUCUUCUCAUAAGAUAUAGUCGGACCUCUC CUUAAUGGGAGCUAGCGGAUGAAGUGAUCGAACACUGGAGCCGCUGGGAACUAAUU UGUAUGCGAAAGUAUAUUGAUUAGUUUUGGAGU ACUCGGAGCUCCGUAACUAGUCGCGUC

β-chain of 2-K-4' to provide 3'-exon to 2

GGAGGGAAAAGUUAUCAGGCACCCACCUGGUAGCUAGUCUUUAAACCAAUAGAUUC GAUCGGUUUAAAAGGCAACGUUCUCAAAUUGCGGGAAAGGGGUCAUGCUACGUCCG UCAGUACCAAGUCUCAGGGGGAACUUUGAGAUGGCCUUGAGAAGGGUAUGGUAAUA AGCUGACGGACGUAGCAUGGUCCUAACCACGCAGCCAAGUCCUAAGUGUGUAGUAAU GCAGAUCUGUU<u>CCGAAGC</u>AGAUUACGUCCUGUUGAAAUCUGGAUGCAGUUCACAGAC UAAAUGUCGGUCGGGGGAAGAUGUAUUCUUCUCAUAAGAUAUAGUCGGACCUCUCCU UAAUGGGAGCUAGCGGAUGAAGUGAUGCAACACUGGAGCCGCUGGGAACUAAUUUG UAUGCGAAAGUAUAUUGAUUAGUUUUGGAGUACUCGGAGCUCCGUAACUAGUCGCG UC