

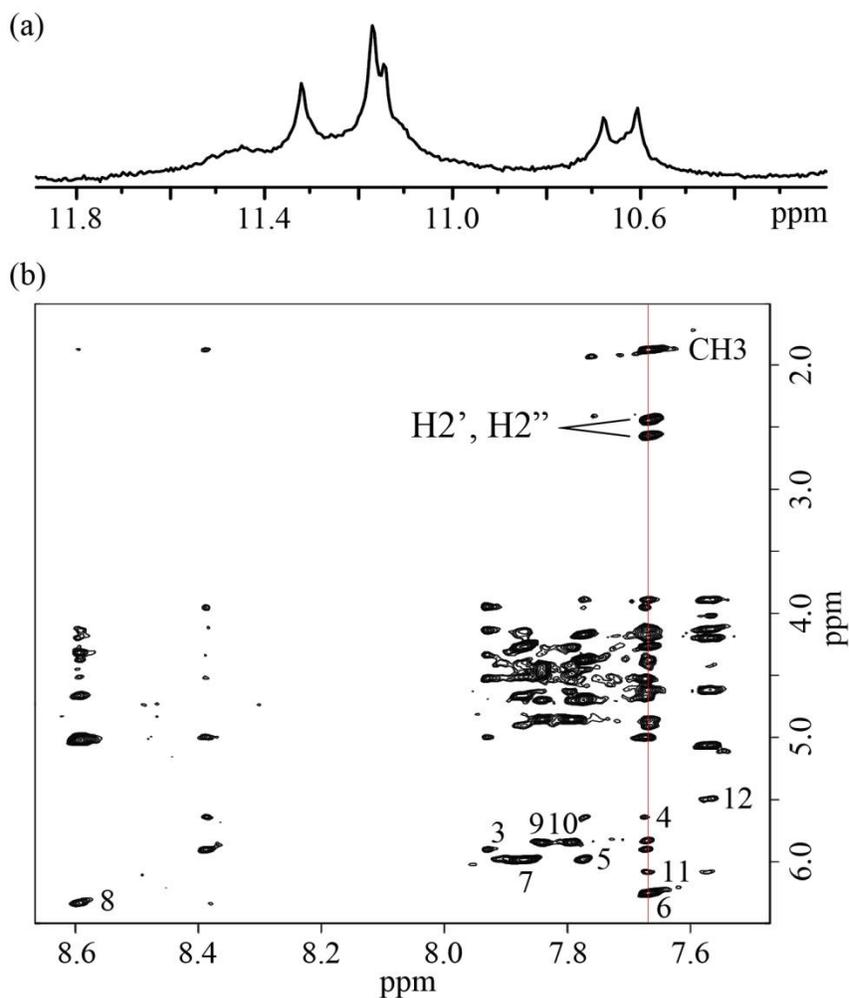
**NMR structure of human telomeric RNA (TERRA):  
Stacking of two G-quadruplex blocks in K<sup>+</sup> solution**

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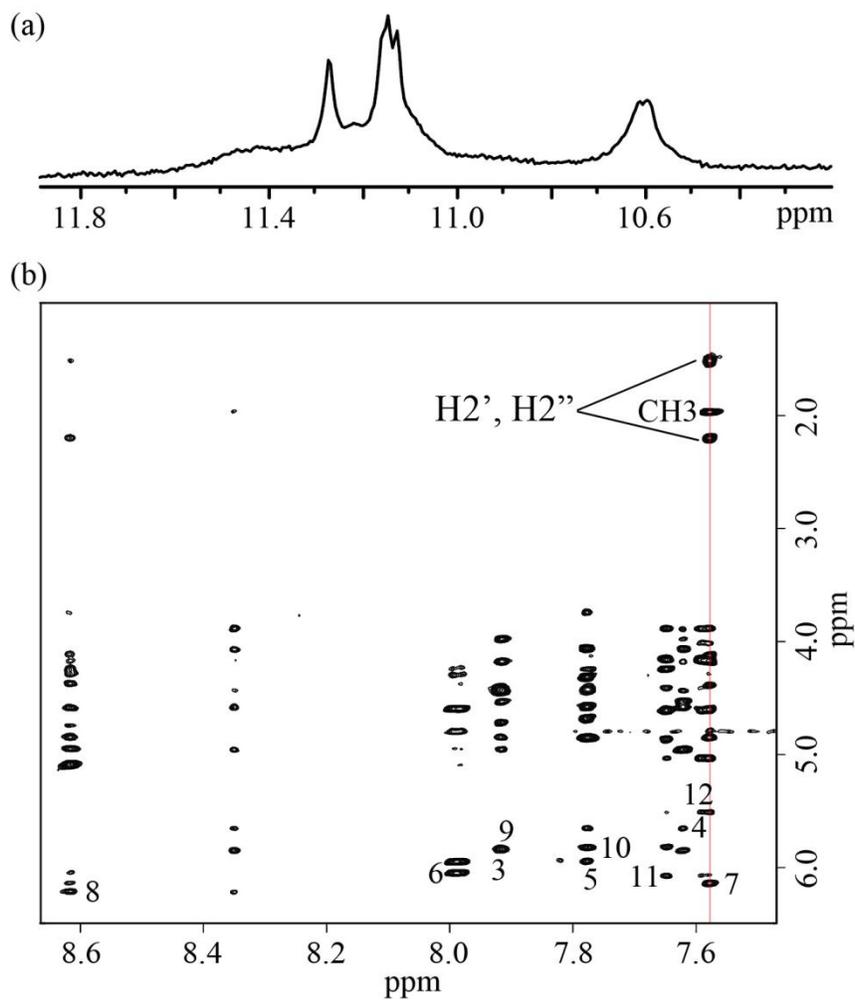
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**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

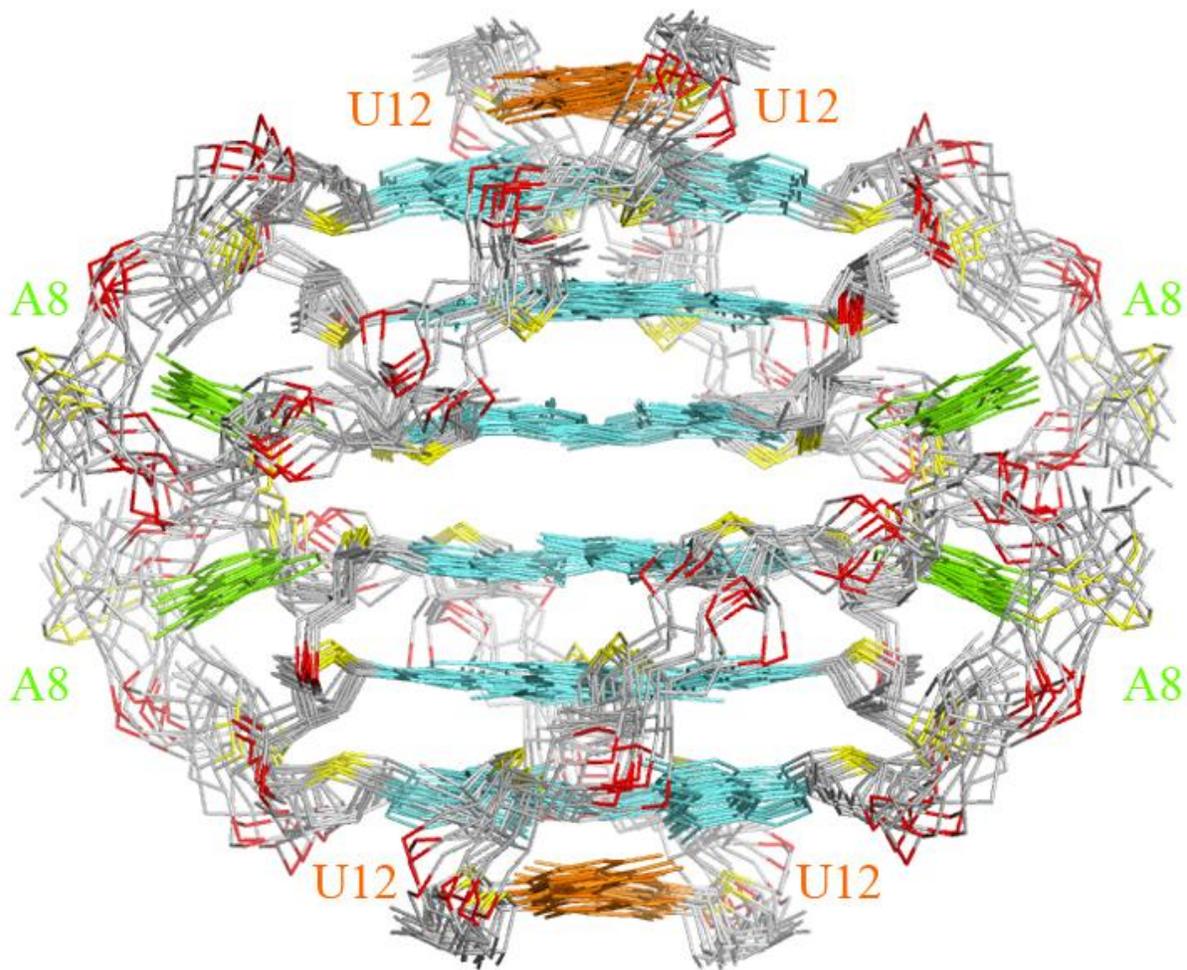
## SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES



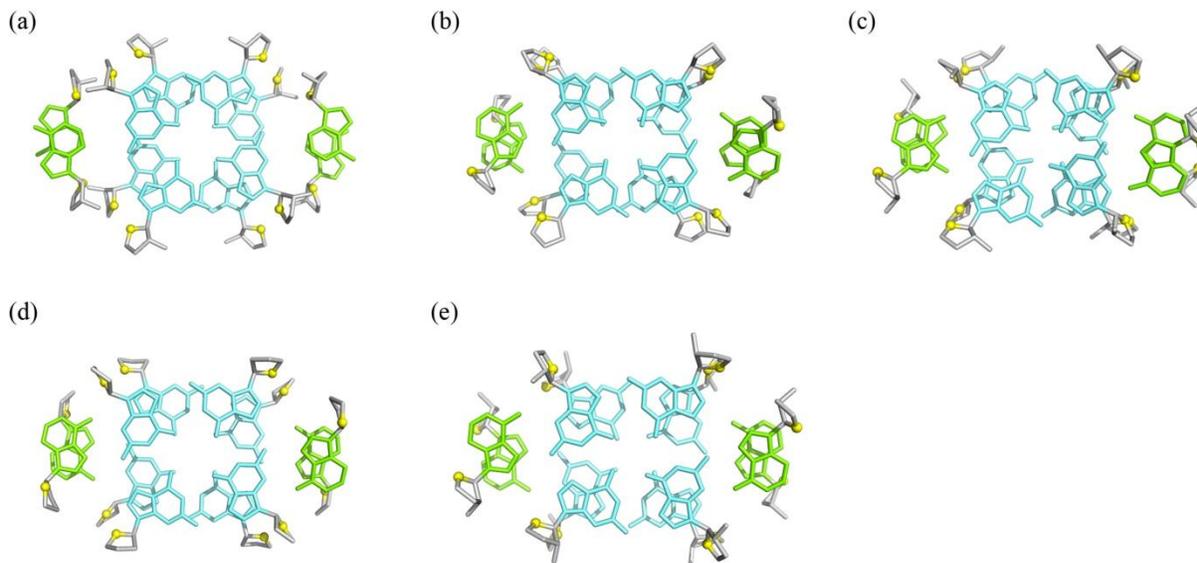
**Figure S1.** (a) Imino proton spectrum and (b) NOESY spectrum of the site-specific ribose-to-deoxyribose substituted sequence (dT6), r(GGG) **dT** r(UAGGGU), in  $K^+$  solution. Vertical lines are drawn on the frequency of the dT6(H6) proton. The up-field shift of the H2'/H2'' chemical shifts for the substituted base is indicated. Intra-residue H6/H8-H1' cross-peaks are labelled with residues number.



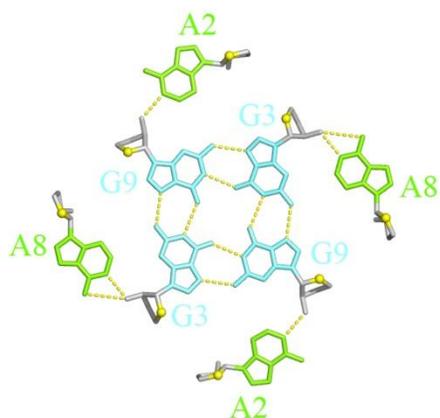
**Figure S2.** (a) Imino proton spectrum and (b) NOESY spectrum of the site-specific ribose-to-deoxyribose substituted sequence (dT7), r(GGGU) **dT** r(AGGGU), in  $K^+$  solution. Vertical lines are drawn on the frequency of the dT7(H6) proton. The up-field shift of the H2'/H2'' chemical shifts for the substituted base is indicated. Intra-residue H6/H8-H1' cross-peaks are labelled with residues number.



**Figure S3.** Superposition of ten lowest-energy computed G-quadruplex structures formed by the 10-nt human TERRA sequence r(GGGUUAGGGU) in  $K^+$  solution. NOE restraints in Table 3 were omitted during the calculation. The bases of U6 and U7 are not displayed for clarity. Bases of guanines are colored cyan; adenines, green; uracils, orange; backbone, grey; O4' atoms, yellow; P atoms, red.



**Figure S4.** Top view of the A:(G:G:G:G):A hexad stacking interfaces of G-quadruplexes formed by (a) the 10-nt human TERRA sequence r(UAGGGUUAGGGU) in K<sup>+</sup> solution reported here; (b) d(GGA)<sub>2</sub> in Na<sup>+</sup> solution (PDB ID: 1EEG); (c) r(GGAUUUUGGA) in K<sup>+</sup> solution (PDB ID: 1MY9); (d) d(TAGGGTTAGGGT) co-crystallized with naphthalene diimide ligand (PDB ID: 3CCO); (e) r(GGA)<sub>4</sub> in K<sup>+</sup> solution (PDB ID: 2RQJ). Bases of guanines are colored cyan; adenines, green; sugars, grey; O4' atoms, yellow.



**Figure S5.** Stacking interface in the crystal structure of the 12-nt human TERRA sequence r(UAGGGUUAGGGU) bound to acridine (PDB ID: 3MIJ). Bases of guanines are colored cyan; adenines, green; sugars, grey; O4' atoms, yellow. Hydrogen bonds are indicated by yellow dash lines.