

**Diversification of the structural determinants of fibroblast growth factor-heparin interactions;
implications for binding specificity**

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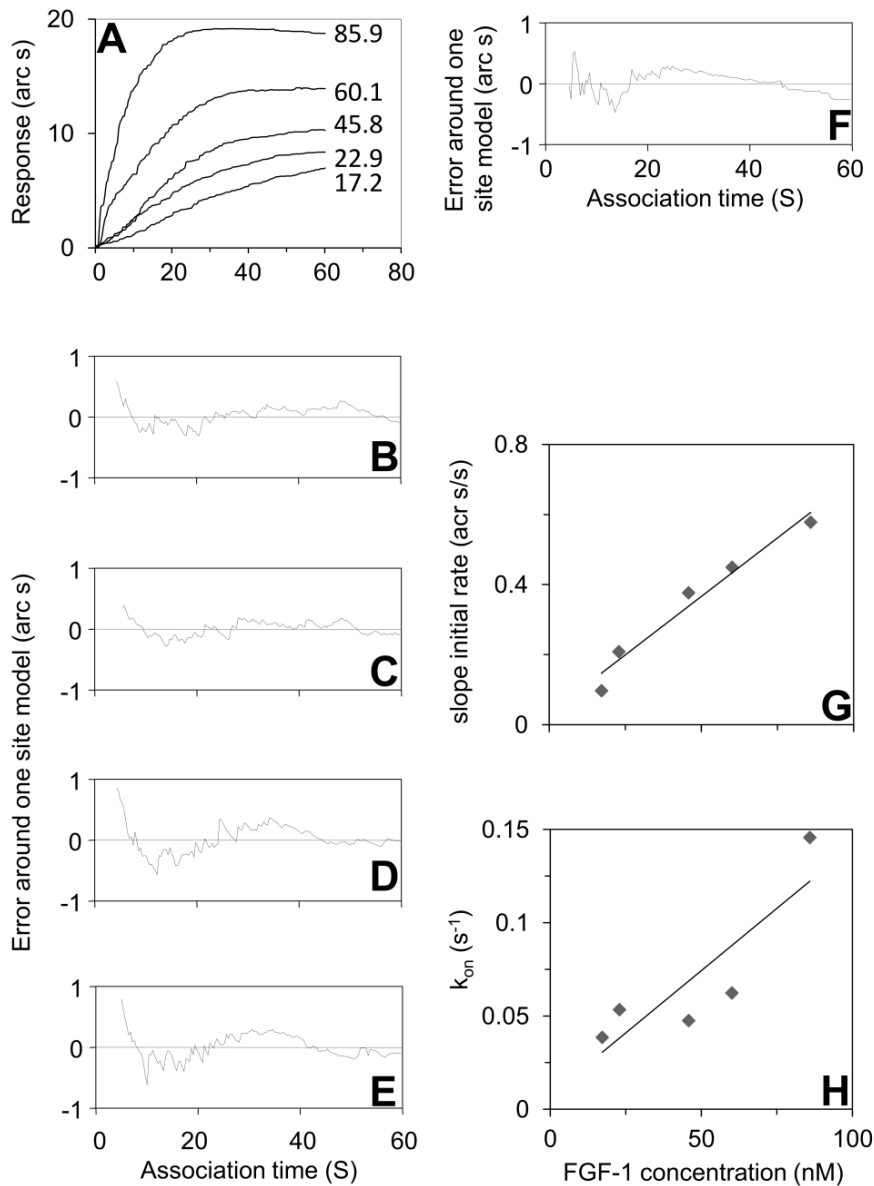


FIGURE S2 Optical biosensor analysis of the interaction of FGF-1 with DP8

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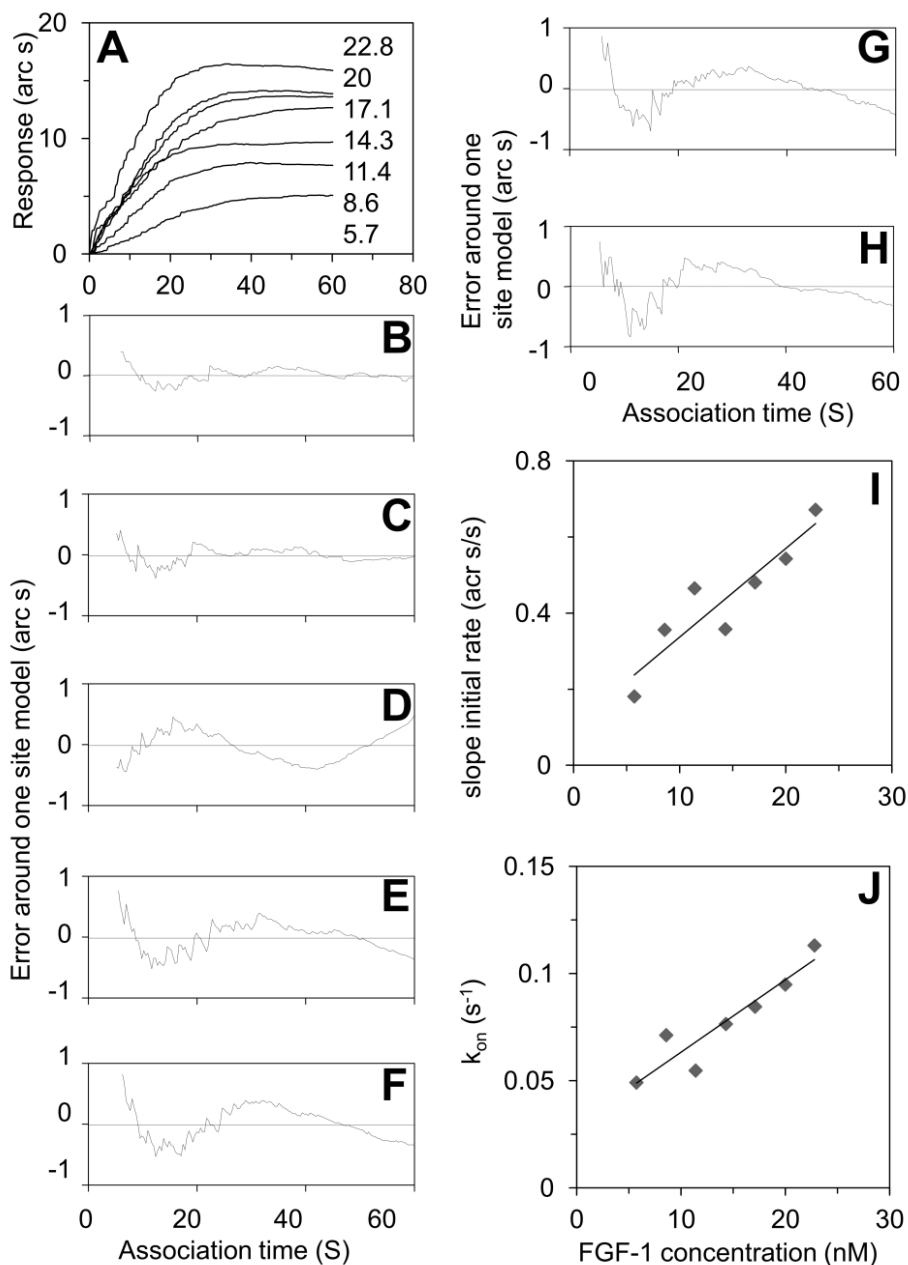


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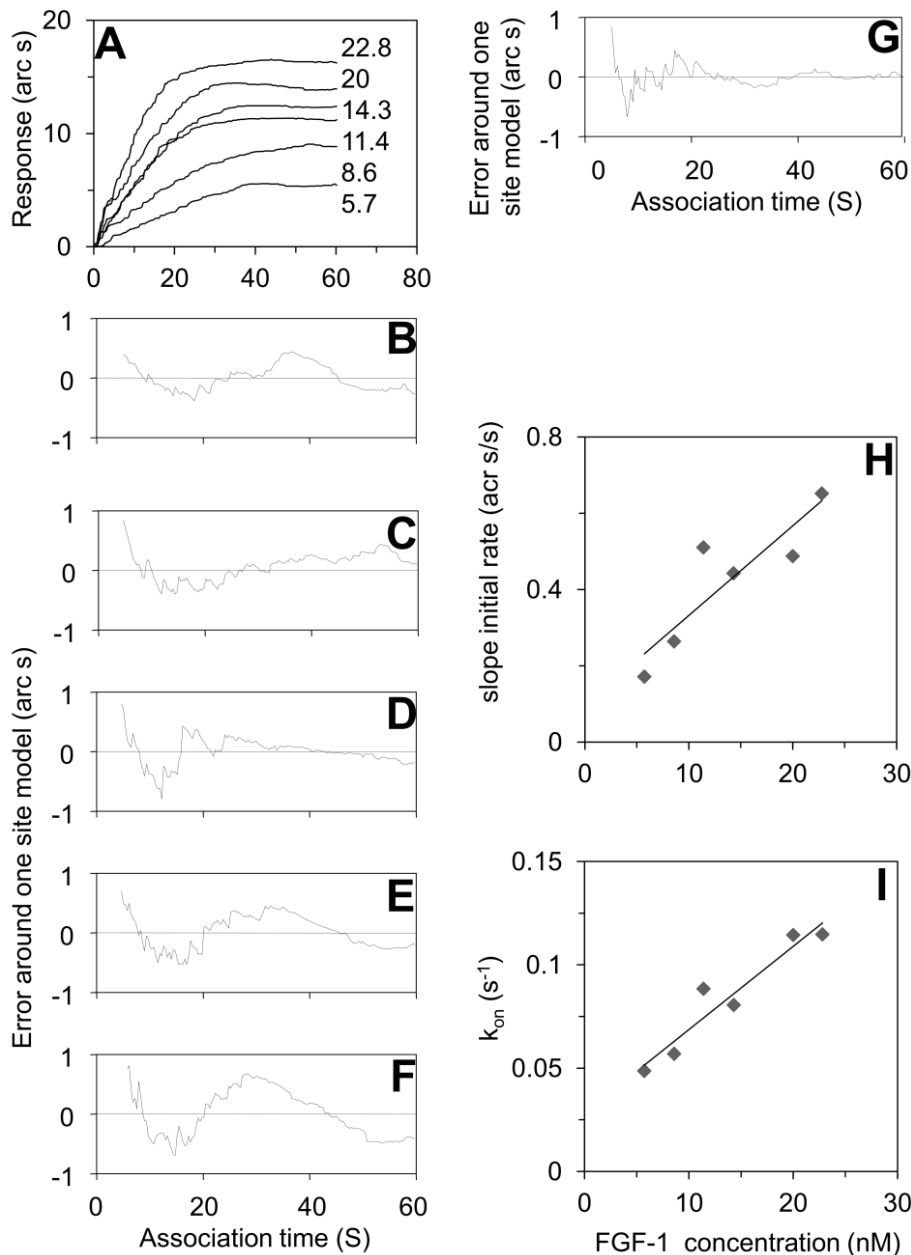


FIGURE S4 Optical biosensor analysis of the interaction of FGF-7 with DP8

The binding kinetics of FGF-7 to immobilized DP8 were measured, as described under “**Experimental procedures**”. Different concentrations of FGF-7 were added to a streptavidin-derivatized amino silane cuvette functionalized with reducing end biotinylated DP8 (**Experimental procedures**). *A*, the association curves of the binding of different concentrations of FGF-7 were followed for one min. *B-F*, The distribution of the data points (jagged line) around a one-site model (horizontal line at 0 arc s) is shown for each of the concentrations of the FGF-7 used in the binding assay in panel *A*. Instrument noise is ± 0.5 arc s. Concentrations of FGF-7 are 190 nM (*B*), 106 nM (*C*), 95.2 nM (*D*), 47.6 nM (*E*), 23.8 nM (*F*) and 15.9 nM (*G*). *H*, Relationships between slope of initial rate, determined from a one-site binding model and concentration of FGF-7. *I*, relationships between k_{on} , determined from a one-site model and concentration of FGF-7.

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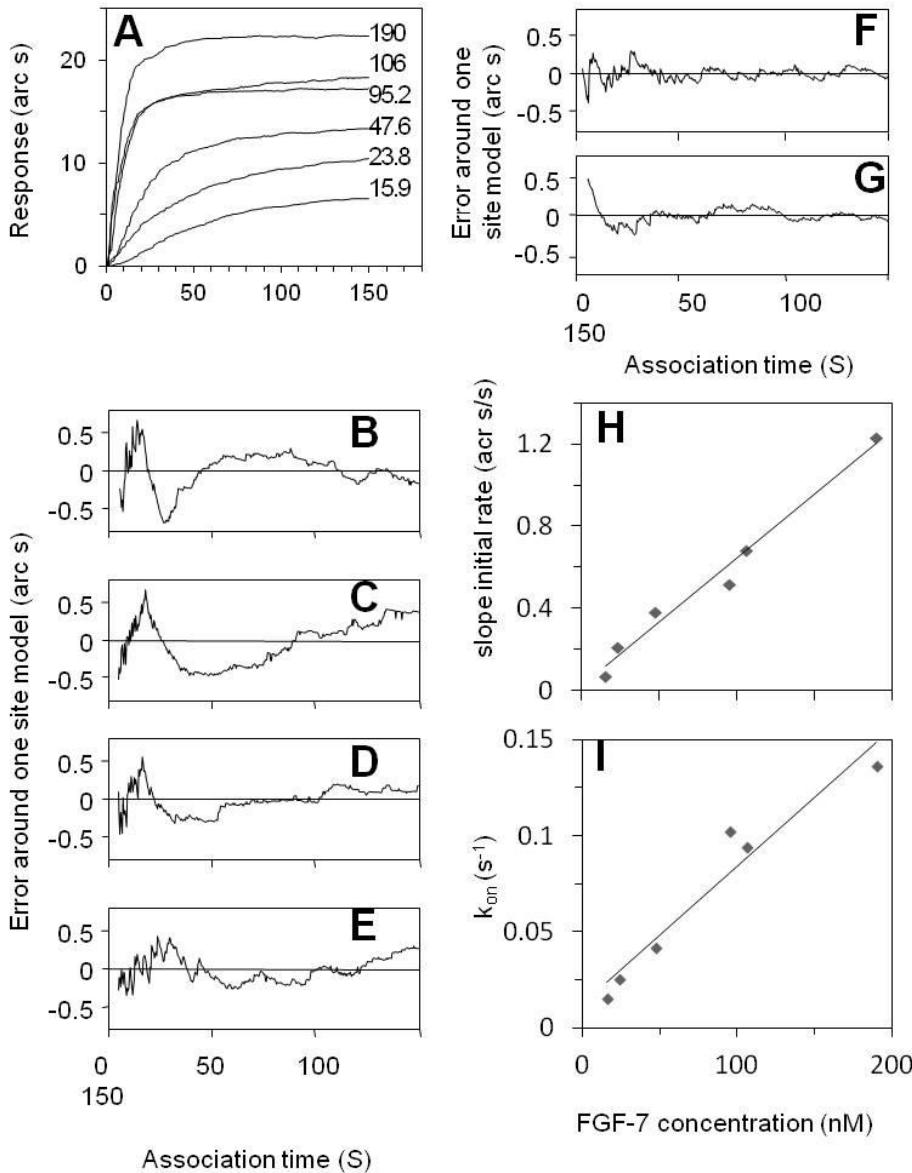


FIGURE S5 Optical biosensor analysis of the interaction of FGF-7 with DP8

The binding kinetics of FGF-7 to immobilized DP8 were measured, as described under “**Experimental procedures**”. Different concentrations of FGF-7 were added to a streptavidin-derivatized amino silane cuvette functionalized with reducing end biotinylated DP8 (**Experimental procedures**). *A*, the association curves of the binding of different concentrations of FGF-7 were followed for one min. *B-F*, The distribution of the data points (jagged line) around a one-site model (horizontal line at 0 arc s) is shown for each of the concentrations of the FGF-7 used in the binding assay in panel *A*. Instrument noise is ± 0.5 arc s. Concentrations of FGF-7 are 212 nM (*B*), 105 nM (*C*), 79.5 nM (*D*), 47.7 nM (*E*), 31.8 nM (*F*) and 15.9 nM (*G*). *H*, Relationships between slope of initial rate, determined from a one-site binding model and concentration of FGF-7. *I*, relationships between k_{on} , determined from a one-site model and concentration of FGF-7.

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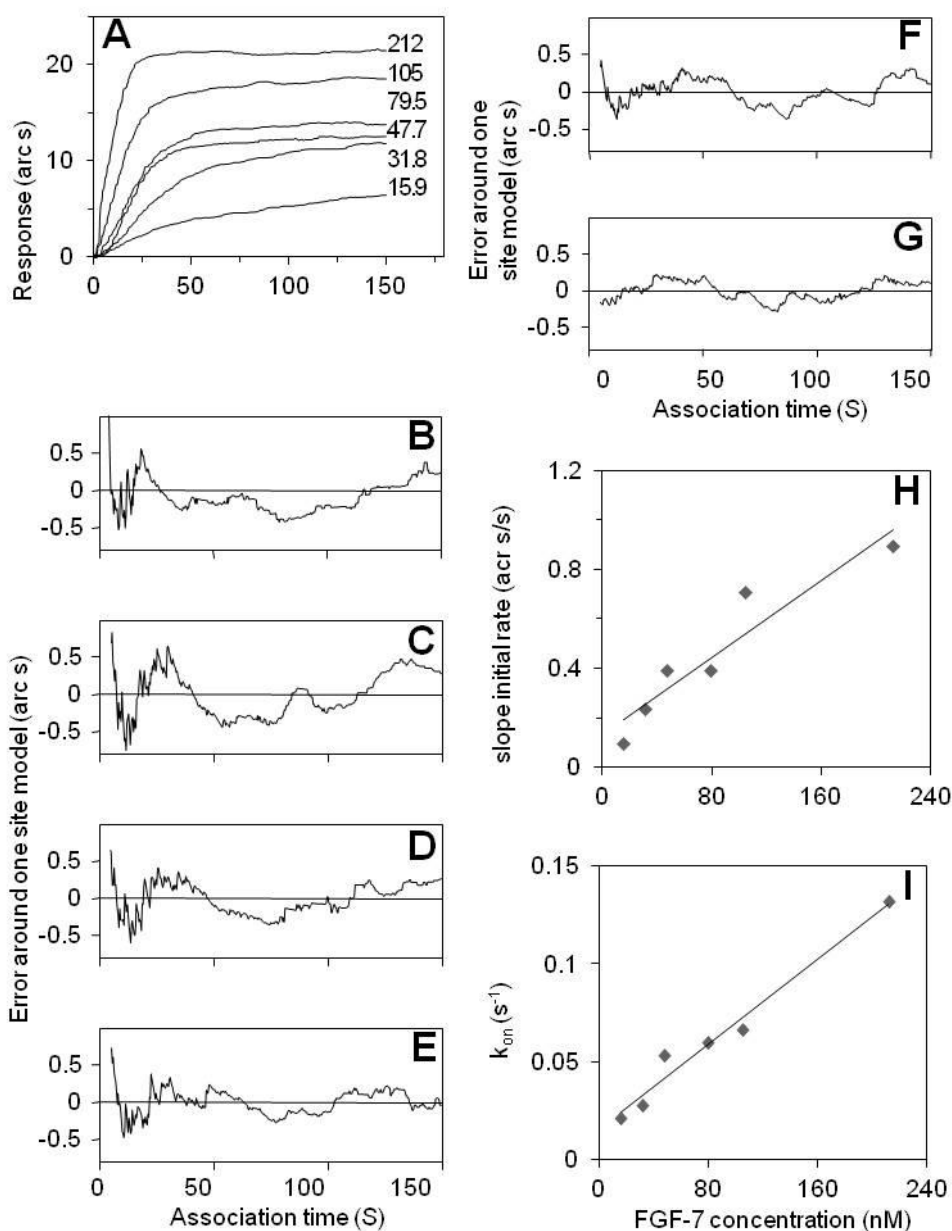


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The binding kinetics of FGF-7 to immobilized DP8 were measured, as described under “**Experimental procedures**”. Different concentrations of FGF-7 were added to a streptavidin-derivatized amino silane cuvette functionalized with reducing end biotinylated DP8 (**Experimental procedures**). *A*, the association curves of the binding of different concentrations of FGF-7 were followed for one min. *B-F*, The distribution of the data points (jagged line) around a one-site model (horizontal line at 0 arc s) is shown for each of the concentrations of the FGF-7 used in the binding assay in panel *A*. Instrument noise is ± 0.5 arc s. Concentrations of FGF-7 are 106 nM (*B*), 79.4 nM (*C*), 47.7 nM (*D*), 23.8 nM (*E*) and 15.9 nM (*F*). *G*, Relationships between slope of initial rate, determined from a one-site binding model and concentration of FGF-7. *H*, relationships between k_{on} , determined from a one-site model and concentration of FGF-7.

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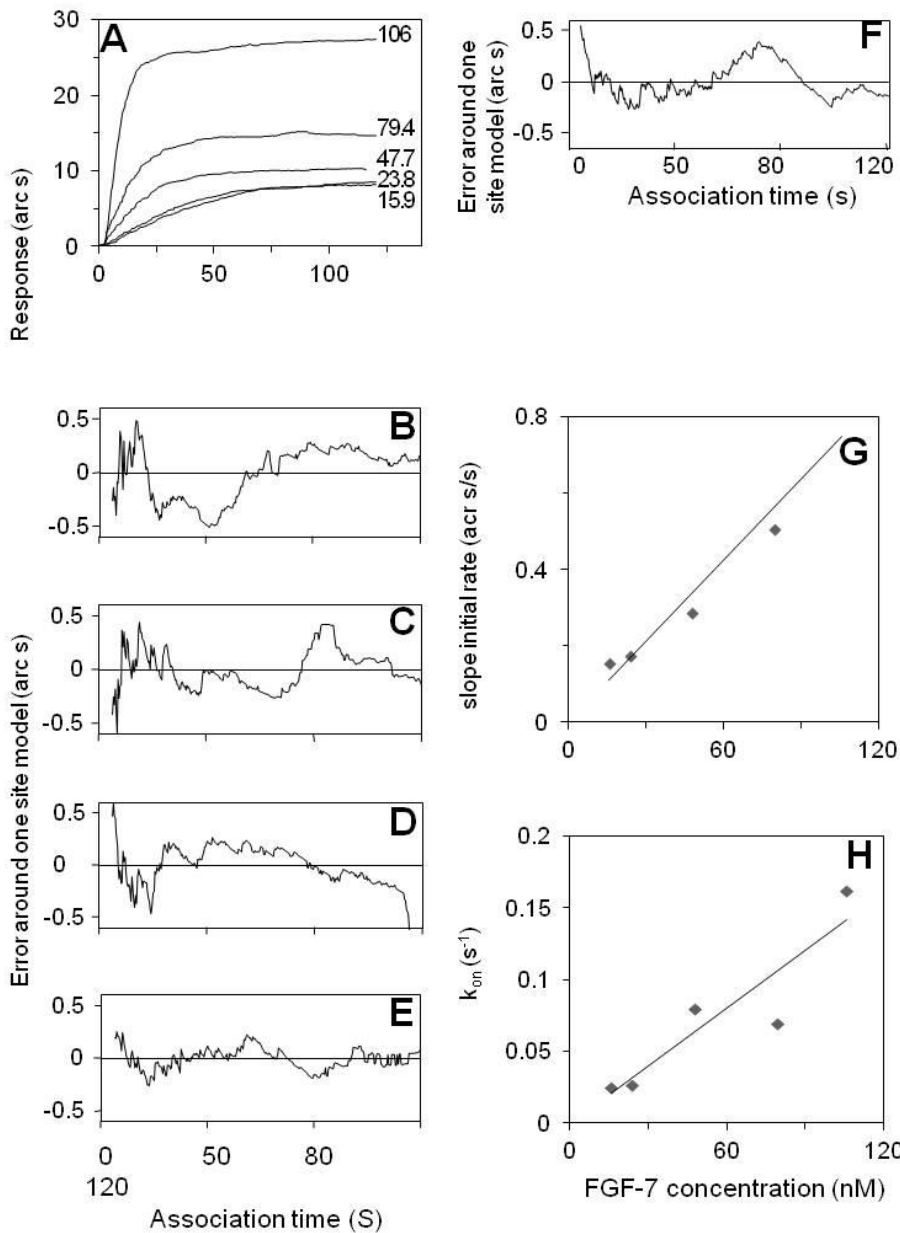


FIGURE S7 Optical biosensor analysis of the interaction of FGF-9 with DP8

The binding kinetics of FGF-9 to immobilized DP8 were measured, as described under “**Experimental procedures**”. Different concentrations of FGF-9 were added to a streptavidin-derivatized amino silane cuvette functionalized with reducing end biotinylated DP8 (**Experimental procedures**). *A*, the association curves of the binding of different concentrations of FGF-9 were followed for one min. *B-F*, The distribution of the data points (jagged line) around a one-site model (horizontal line at 0 arc s) is shown for each of the concentrations of the FGF-9 used in the binding assay in panel *A*. Instrument noise is ± 0.5 arc s. Concentrations of FGF-9 are 169 nM (*B*), 152 nM (*C*), 102 nM (*D*), 76.2 nM (*E*) and 50.8 nM (*F*). *G*, Relationships between slope of initial rate, determined from a one-site binding model and concentration of FGF-9. *H*, relationships between k_{on} , determined from a one-site model and concentration of FGF-9.

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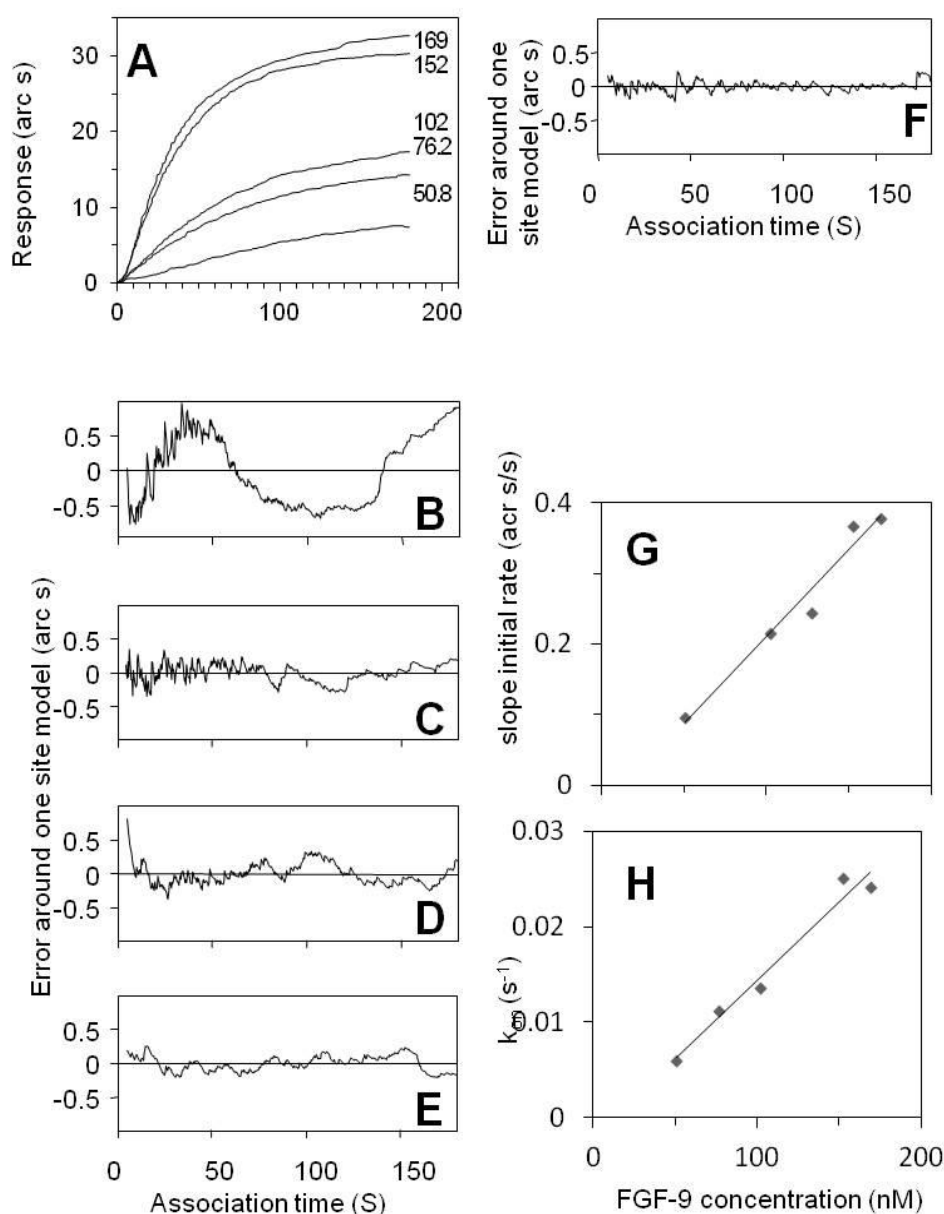


FIGURE S8 Optical biosensor analysis of the interaction of FGF-9 with DP8

The binding kinetics of FGF-9 to immobilized DP8 were measured, as described under “**Experimental procedures**”. Different concentrations of FGF-9 were added to a streptavidin-derivatized amino silane cuvette functionalized with reducing end biotinylated DP8 (**Experimental procedures**). *A*, the association curves of the binding of different concentrations of FGF-9 were followed for one min. *B-F*, The distribution of the data points (jagged line) around a one-site model (horizontal line at 0 arc s) is shown for each of the concentrations of the FGF-9 used in the binding assay in panel *A*. Instrument noise is ± 0.5 arc s. Concentrations of FGF-9 are 169 nM (*B*), 152 nM (*C*), 127 nM (*D*), 102 nM (*E*), 76.2 nM (*F*) and 50.8 nM (*G*). *H*, Relationships between slope of initial rate, determined from a one-site binding model and concentration of FGF-9. *I*, relationships between k_{on} , determined from a one-site model and concentration of FGF-9.

Figure S8

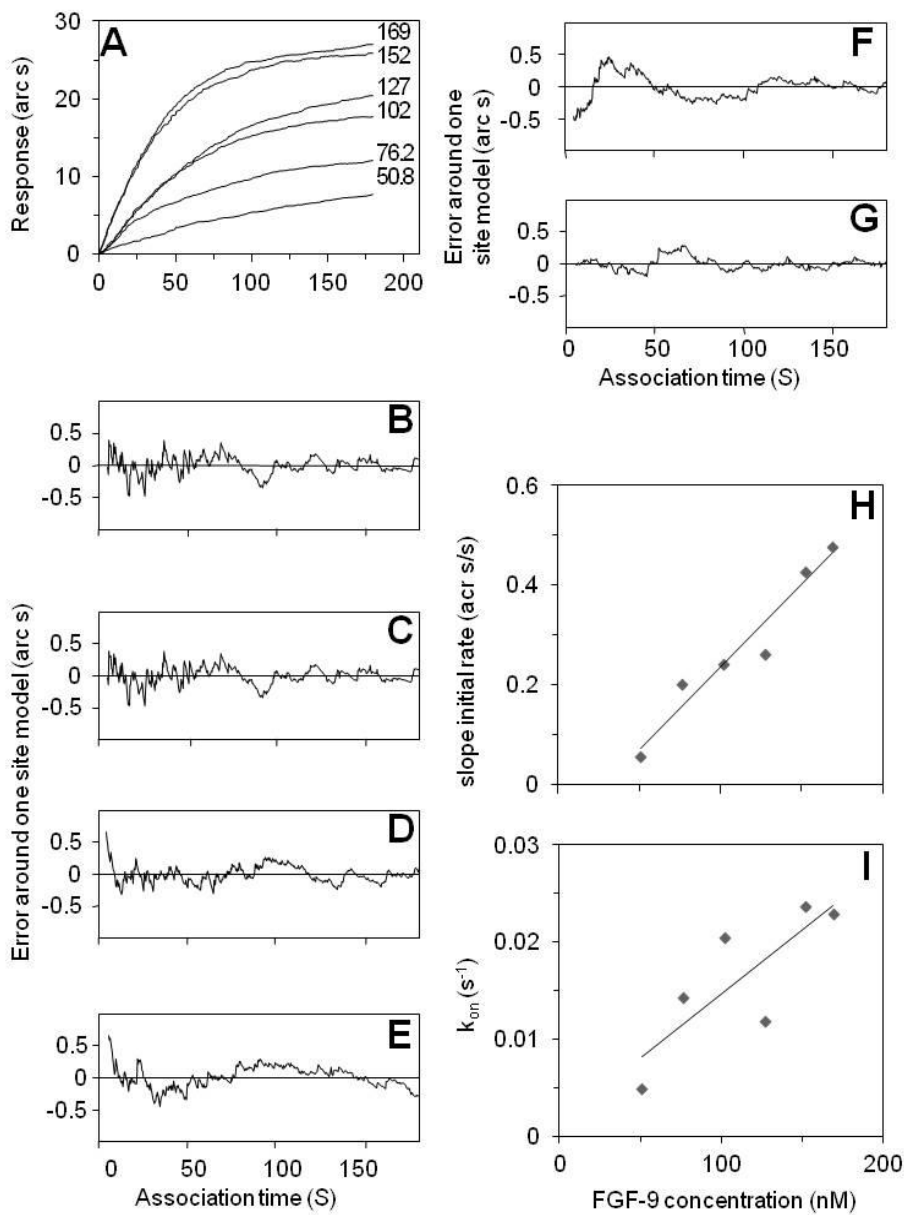


FIGURE S9 Optical biosensor analysis of the interaction of FGF-9 with DP8

The binding kinetics of FGF-9 to immobilized DP8 were measured, as described under “**Experimental procedures**”. Different concentrations of FGF-9 were added to a streptavidin-derivatized amino silane cuvette functionalized with reducing end biotinylated DP8 (**Experimental procedures**). *A*, the association curves of the binding of different concentrations of FGF-9 were followed for one min. *B-F*, The distribution of the data points (jagged line) around a one-site model (horizontal line at 0 arc s) is shown for each of the concentrations of the FGF-9 used in the binding assay in panel *A*. Instrument noise is ± 0.5 arc s. Concentrations of FGF-9 are 169 nM (*B*), 152 nM (*C*), 127 nM (*D*), 102 nM (*E*) and 50.8 nM (*F*). *G*, Relationships between slope of initial rate, determined from a one-site binding model and concentration of FGF-9. *H*, relationships between k_{on} , determined from a one-site model and concentration of FGF-9.

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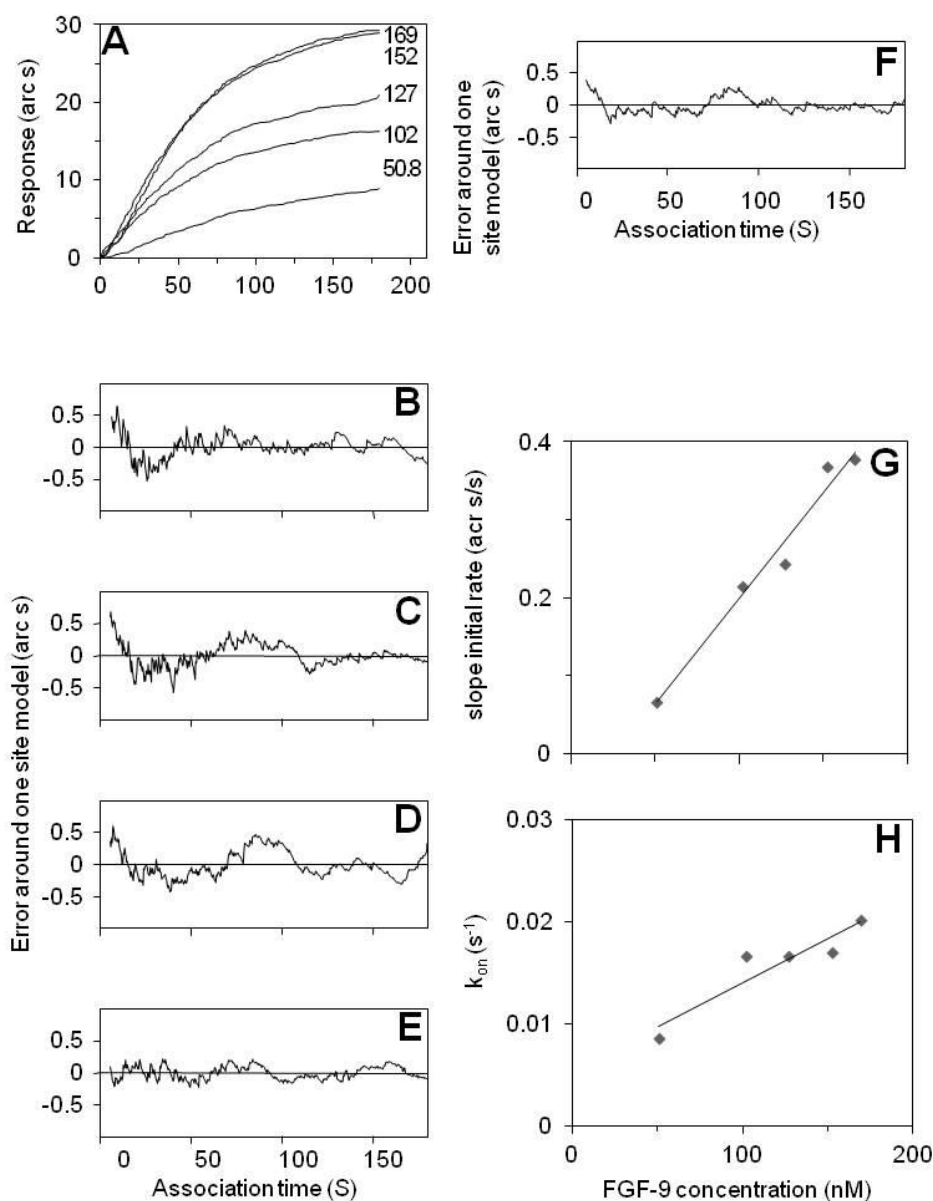


FIGURE S 10 Microscale Thermophoresis analysis of the interaction of FGF-18 with DP8

FGF-18 bound to a heparin column to protect lysine residues important for sugar binding was labeled with NT-647 dye (**Experimental procedures**). The concentration of the labeled protein was kept constant at low nM concentration, while the concentration of the unlabeled sugar was varied. The samples were loaded into hydrophilic MST-grade glass capillaries after a short incubation period and an MST-Analysis was performed using the Monolith NT.115 (**Experimental procedures**). The normalized fluorescence F_{norm} is plotted for different concentrations of DP8. A K_D value of 50 nM was determined for this interaction. *B*. K_D value of 26 nM was determined for this interaction.

Figure S10

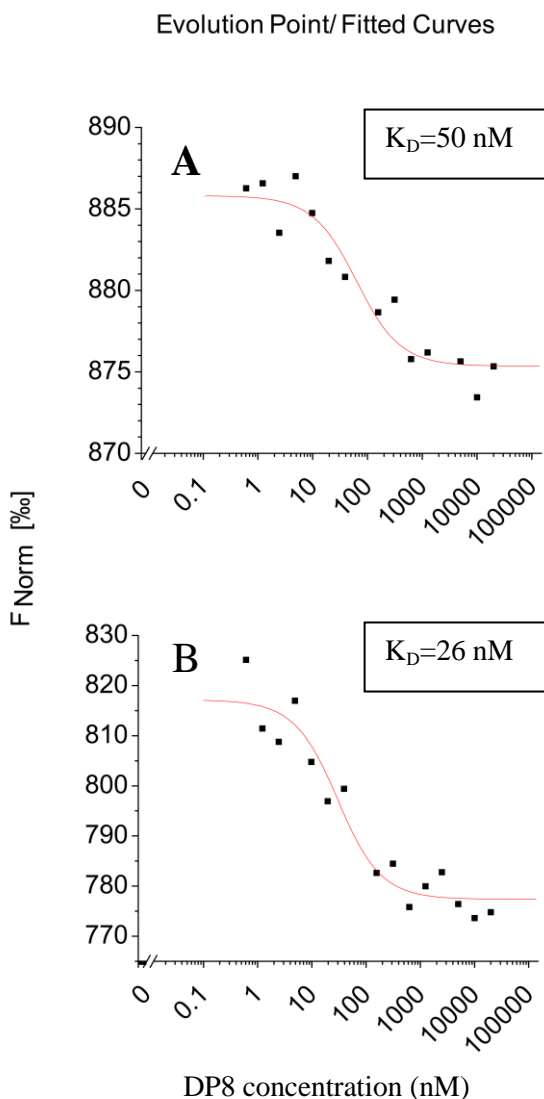


FIGURE S11. Differential scanning fluorimetry FGF-9 bound to heparin.

Differential scanning fluorimetry of 5 μM FGF-9 in the presence of different concentrations of heparin (**Experimental procedures**): A. Melting curve profiles of FGF-9 (5 μM) with a range of heparin concentrations (0 μM -25 μM). B. The first derivative of the melting curves in (A). C. Peak of the first derivative of the melting curves from (B), which is the melting temperature, T_m (mean of triplicates \pm SE).

Figure S11

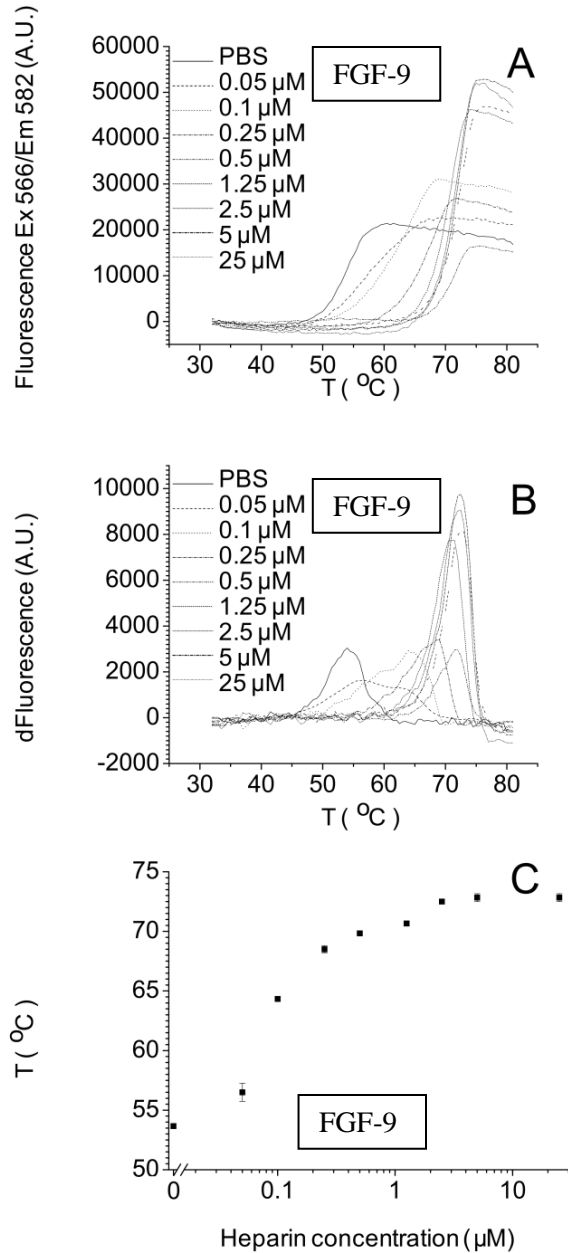


FIGURE S12. Differential scanning fluorimetry FGF-21 bound to heparin.

Differential scanning fluorimetry of 5 μM FGF-21 in the presence of different concentrations of heparin (**Experimental procedures**): *A*. Melting curve profiles of FGF-21 (5 μM) with a range of heparin concentrations (0 μM -500 μM). *B*. The first derivative of the melting curves in (*A*). *C*. Peak of the first derivative of the melting curves from (*B*), which is the melting temperature, T_m (mean of triplicates \pm SE).

Figure S12

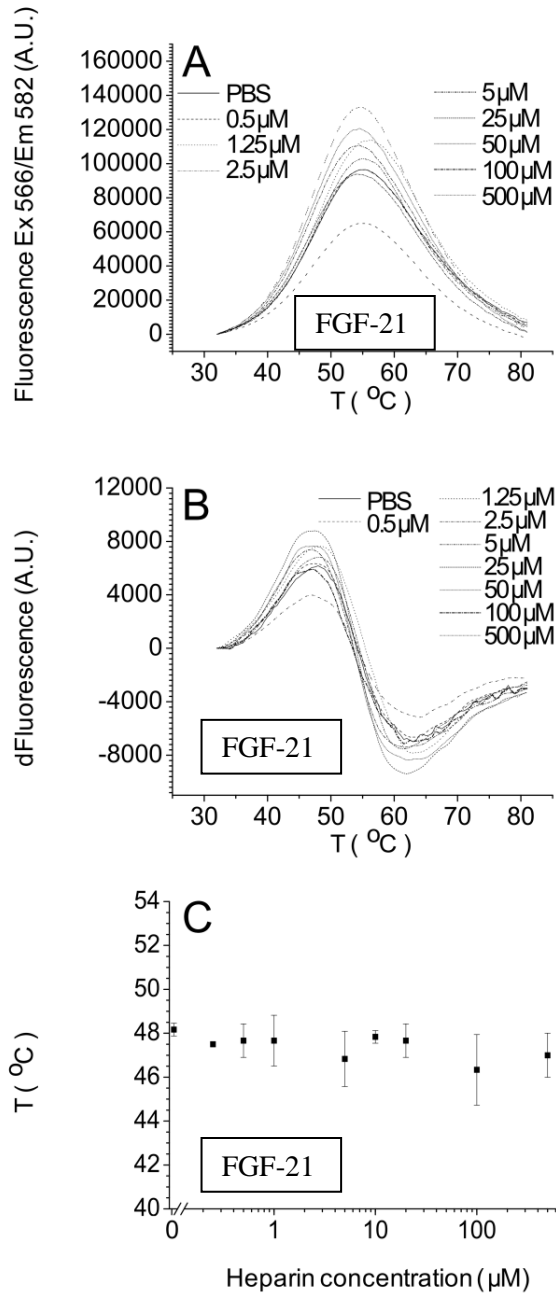
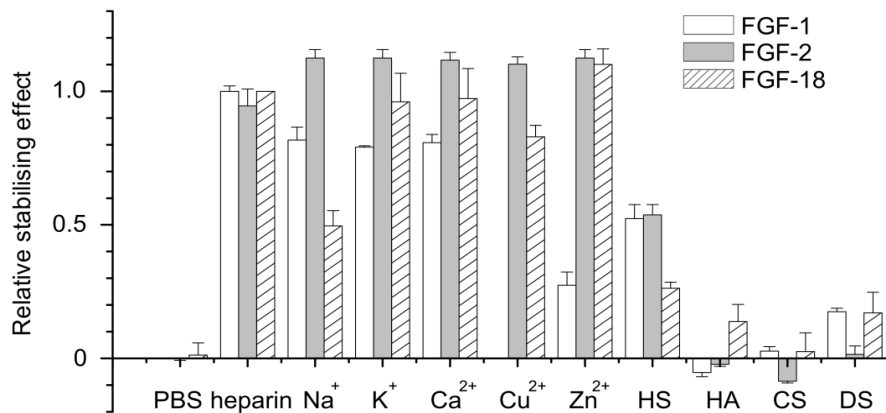


FIGURE S13. Differential scanning fluorimetry FGF-1, FGF-2 and FGF-18 binding to heparin derivatives.

Differential scanning fluorimetry was performed with a range of heparin-based poly- with 5 μ M protein and 0.175 mg/mL sugar. The relative thermal stabilization effect of: Controls (PBS and heparin), Cation modified heparin forms and other GAGs (HS, HA, CS and DS). Results are the mean of triplicates after normalisation \pm SE, an apparent absence of error bar is due to a small SE).

Figure S13



SUPPLEMENTAL TABLES

Table S1

Peptides identified by Protect and Label corresponding to the heparin binding sites of FGF-1, FGF-7, FGF-9 and FGF-18

The heparin binding sites were identified by Protect and Label (**Experimental procedures**) following purification the biotinylated peptides were identified by tandem mass spectrometry and analysed by Protein Prospector package v.5.9.2. The lists comprise the biotinylated peptides, with the site of biotinylation and any other modifications. According to this approach, the following ions can be considered as marker ions: m/z 84.08 and m/z 227.08 corresponding to Lys-NH₃ and biotin, m/z 310.16 assigned as Lys(biotin)-NH₃ and m/z 126.1 assigned as Lys(acetyl)-NH₃ (1).

Following tandem mass spectrometry of biotin labelled peptides, at least 10 of the most intense ions in each sample were fragmented by HCD and analyzed in the Orbitrap (Experimental Procedures). Data analysis included four chemical modifications: biotinylation, acetylation, carboxymethylation and oxidation.

In some cases, peptides possessed lysines that were only partly protected. Thus, they were both identified as acetyl and biotin derivatives, e.g., peptide of FGF-1, ¹¹³ISKKHAEKNWF⁻¹²³ (**Table S1A**). This is likely to be caused by some of these lysines dissociating for sufficient time during the protection step to react with NHS-acetate, (The residues only labelled by biotin either remain bound or dissociate for too short a time to react in the protection step). When the site is univocally assigned the SLIP score is reported: e.g. Biotin@8=15 means that biotinylation on the lysine number 8 has a SLIP score of 15. As a rule of thumb a slip score >6 is ~ 95% confidence in site assignment.

^a. m/z, mass(m)-over-charge(z) and it is the mass of the peptide divided by its charge. For MALDI charge is always +1, but for electrospray based mass spectrometry it is often +2 and +3.

^b. z is the charge state of the peptide.

^c. ppm, part per million, which indicates the error on the measurement of the precursor ion.

^d. DB peptide is the peptide sequence.

^e. Variable modification is the peptide modification: in some instances there is more than one combination of modifications that will yield an appropriate m/z with same probability. These are separated by the symbol "|". @ indicates the number of the modified residue and the number after = is a score for the assignment of the modification called SLIP score.

^f. RT is retention time.

^g. Score is the score assigned to the peptide identification by the search engine.

^h. Expect is the probability associated with peptide identification (the lower the greater the likelihood of the assignment being correct).

Table S1 A

FGF-1: Uniprot Acc.: P05230, Uniprot ID: FGF1_HUMAN, Species: HUMAN, Name: Heparin-binding growth factor 1, Organism: Homo sapiens, Gene: FGF1, Protein MW: 17459.8 Protein pI: 6.5 Protein Length: 155

Sequence of human FGF-1, labeled peptides are colored in red.

1-80 MAEGEITTF TALTEKFNLP PGNY **KKPKLLY**CSNGGHFLRILPDGTV DGTDRSDQH IQLQLSAESVGEVY **IKSTETGQYL**
 81-155 AMDTDGLLYGSQTPNEECLFLERLEENHYNTY **ISKKHAEKWNFVGLKKN GSKRGRPRTHYGQKAIL**FLPLPVSSD

Peptides and their modifications identified by mass spectrometry

m/z ^a	z ^b ppm ^c	DB Peptide ^d	Variable Mods ^e	RT ^f	Score ^g	Expect ^h
659.827	4 0.91	VGLKKN GSKRGRPRTHY	Biotin@4;Biotin@5;Carbamidomethyl@9;Biotin@10	3240	30.4	2.60E-09
818.405	3 0.64	VGLKKN GSKRGRPRTHY	Biotin@4=15;Acetyl@5=14;Carboxymethyl@9;Biotin@10=14	2805	16.5	6.30E-07
941.461	2 0.52	ISKKHA EKWNF	Biotin@8=34;Acetyl@3&Biotin@4 Acetyl@4&Biotin@3	5693	26.4	9.00E-07
552.618	3 1.6	ISKKHA EKWNF	Acetyl@3&Biotin@4 Acetyl@4&Biotin@3	3958	31.8	1.10E-06
879.76	3 -0.55	VGLKKN GSKRGRPRTHY	Biotin@4;Biotin@5;Carboxymethyl@9;Biotin@10	3356	17.9	1.10E-06
538.613	3 -0.024	ISKKHA EKWNF	Biotin@3 4	3044	26.7	2.10E-06
828.422	2 0.79	ISKKHA EKWNF	Biotin@8=15;Acetyl@3 4	4309	23.2	2.40E-06
846.921	2 0.29	ISKKHA EKWNF	Biotin@8=24;Biotin@3 4	3273	22.1	2.70E-06
613.973	3 0.27	ISKKHA EKWNF	Biotin@3=23;Biotin@4=23	4541	23.4	5.40E-06
807.417	2 0.7	ISKKHA EKWNF	Biotin@8=17	3665	16.9	1.10E-05
683.34	2 0.48	IKSTETGQYL	Biotin@2	3895	21.3	1.30E-05
689.333	3 1.1	ISKKHA EKWNF	Biotin@3;Biotin@4;Biotin@8	5876	19.9	2.00E-05
754.888	2 0.097	ISKKHA EKWNF	Biotin@3=6;Acetyl@4=6	2415	15.3	2.20E-05
552.617	3 0.23	ISKKHA EKWNF	Acetyl@8=8;Biotin@3 4	4117	21.6	2.40E-05
867.927	2 0.6	ISKKHA EKWNF	Biotin@3=30;Biotin@4=26;Acetyl@8=26	4040	21.4	3.70E-05
552.617	3 0.45	ISKKHA EKWNF	Biotin@8=11;Acetyl@3 4	4308	20.6	4.00E-05
627.977	3 0.68	ISKKHA EKWNF	Biotin@8=13;Acetyl@3&Biotin@4 Acetyl@4&Biotin@3	5617	19.2	4.20E-05
774.887	2 0.41	ISKKHA EKWNF	Biotin@8=38;Acetyl@3&Biotin@4 Acetyl@4&Biotin@3	2432	18.1	4.80E-05
849.427	2 -0.27	ISKKHA EKWNF	Acetyl@8=16;Acetyl@3&Biotin@4 Acetyl@4&Biotin@3	5430	16.1	5.40E-05
959.96	2 0.53	ISKKHA EKWNF	Biotin@3;Biotin@4;Biotin@8	4636	17.4	5.90E-05
775.893	2 -0.34	ISKKHA EKWNF	Acetyl@8=23;Acetyl@3&Biotin@4 Acetyl@4&Biotin@3	3346	15.2	6.00E-05
775.893	2 -0.34	ISKKHA EKWNF	Acetyl@3=18;Acetyl@4=19;Biotin@8=18	3497	16.3	7.10E-05
849.427	2 -0.27	ISKKHA EKWNF	Acetyl@3&4&Biotin@8 Acetyl@3&8&Biotin@4 Acetyl@4&8&Biotin@3	5177	18.4	7.70E-05
941.461	2 0.78	ISKKHA EKWNF	Biotin@3=21;Biotin@4=18;Acetyl@8=18	5505	17.8	8.70E-05
849.428	2 0.59	ISKKHA EKWNF	Acetyl@3&4&Biotin@8 Acetyl@3&8&Biotin@4 Acetyl@4&8&Biotin@3	5012	18.9	1.30E-04
428.242	2 0.37	GQKAIL	Biotin@3	4366	16.6	1.80E-04
610.849	2 0.3	KKPKLL	Biotin@4=17;Acetyl@1&Biotin@2 Acetyl@2&Biotin@1	5831	16.9	1.90E-04
518.815	2 -0.22	KKPKLL	Acetyl@1=12;Acetyl@2=11;Biotin@4=11	5182	18.5	4.10E-04
610.849	2 0.5	KKPKLL	Acetyl@1&Biotin@2&4 Acetyl@2&Biotin@1&4 Acetyl@4&Biotin@1&2	5682	16.6	4.30E-04
867.927	2 0.46	ISKKHA EKWNF	Biotin@8=16;Acetyl@3&Biotin@4 Acetyl@4&Biotin@3	4195	15.9	5.90E-04
518.815	2 0.48	KKPKLL	Acetyl@4=12;Acetyl@1&Biotin@2 Acetyl@2&Biotin@1	5031	17.9	7.20E-04
600.346	2 -0.17	KKPKLLY	Acetyl@1&2&Biotin@4 Acetyl@1&4&Biotin@2 Acetyl@2&4&Biotin@1	5443	16.7	9.30E-04

Table S1B**Peptides identified by Protect and Label which corresponded to FGF-7 heparin binding sites**

Uniprot Acc.: P21781 Uniprot ID: FGF7_HUMAN Species: HUMAN Name: Keratinocyte growth factor, Organism: Homo sapiens Gene: FGF7,

Protein MW: 22509.4 Protein pI: 9.3 Protein Length: 194

Sequence of human FGF-7, labeled peptides are colored in red.

1-80 MHKWILTWILPTLLYRSCFHIICLVGTISLACNDMTPEQMATNVNCSSPERHTRSVDYMEGGDIRVRRLLFCRTQWYLRID
 81-160 KRGKVKGTQEMKNNYNIMEIRTVAVGIVAIGVESEFY LAMNKEGKLY AKKECNEDCNFKELILENHYNTRYASAKWTHNG
 161-194 GEMFVALNQGKIPVRGKKTKEQKTAHFLPMAIT

Peptides and their modifications identified by mass spectrometry

m/z ^a	z ^b	ppm ^c	DB Peptide ^d	Variable Mods ^e	RT ^f	Score ^g	Expect ^h
665.5878	4	1.1	RIDKRGKVKGTQEMKNNY	Biotin@9=9;Acetyl@15=23;Biotin@4 7	4914	19.1	2.60E-04
722.1085	4	2.8	RIDKRGKVKGTQEMKNNY	Biotin@4=36;Biotin@7=32;Biotin@9=19;Acetyl@15=19	6479	17.2	2.90E-04
744.7269	3	1.5	YLRIDKRGKVKGTQEM	Acetyl@11=21;Acetyl@6&Biotin@9 Acetyl@9&Biotin@6	6128	19.2	3.20E-04
725.8576	2	0.72	LAMNKEGKLY	Oxidation@3;Biotin@5=10;Acetyl@8=10	6385	18	4.50E-04
1232.3158	3	3.3	VALNQGKIPVRGKKTKEQKTAHF	Biotin@6=7;Biotin@17=9;Acetyl@20=9;Acetyl@13&Biotin@14&16 Acetyl@14&Biotin@13&16 Acetyl@16&Biotin@13&14	8016	16.1	4.80E-04
1137.9135	3	-1.5	NQKGIPVRGKKTKEQKTAHF	Biotin@3=13;Biotin@14=9;Acetyl@17=9;Acetyl@10&Biotin@11&13 Acetyl@11&Biotin@10&13 Acetyl@13&Biotin@10&11	7426	17	4.90E-04
807.6741	4	3.3	NQKGIPVRGKKTKEQKTAHF	Acetyl@17=18;Acetyl@3&14&Biotin@10&11&13 Acetyl@10&11&Biotin@3&13&14 Acetyl@10&13&Biotin@3&11&14 Acetyl@10&14&Biotin@3&11&13	6999	15.9	7.40E-04
831.3652	2	1.9	ASAKWTHNGGEMF	Biotin@4	7114	15.1	8.90E-04
821.9487	4	-0.88	VALNQGKIPVRGKKTKEQKTAHF	Biotin@6=17;Acetyl@13&14&16&Biotin@17 Acetyl@13&14&16&Biotin@20 Acetyl@13&14&17&Biotin@16 Acetyl@13&14&20&Biotin@16 Acetyl@13&14&20&Biotin@17 Acetyl@13&16&17&Biotin@14 Acetyl@13&16&20&Biotin@14 Acetyl@13&17&20&Biotin@14 Acetyl@13&16&20&Biotin@17 Acetyl@13&17&20&Biotin@16 Acetyl@14&16&17&Biotin@13 Acetyl@14&16&20&Biotin@13 Acetyl@14&17&20&Biotin@13 Acetyl@16&17&20&Biotin@13 Acetyl@14&16&20&Biotin@17 Acetyl@14&17&20&Biotin@16 Acetyl@16&17&20&Biotin@14	6426	15.9	9.80E-04

Table S1 C

Peptides identified by Protect and Label which corresponded to FGF-9 heparin binding sites

Uniprot Acc.: P31371, Uniprot ID: FGF9_HUMAN, Species: HUMAN, Name: Glia-activating factor, Organism: Homo sapiens, Gene: FGF9, Protein MW: 23440.7, Protein pI: 7.1, Protein Length: 208

Sequence of human FGF-9, labeled peptides are colored in red.

1-80 MAPLGEVGNFYGVQDAVPPFGNVPLVDPSPVLLSDHLGQSEAGGLPRGPAVTDLDHLKGI LRRRQLYCRTGF HLEIFPNG
 81-160 TIQGTRKDHSRFGILEFISIAVGLVSI RGVDSGLYLG MNEKGELYGSEKLTQECVFR EQFEENWYNTYSSNLY KHVDTGR
 161-208 RYVALNKDGT PREGTRTKRHQKFT HFLPRPVD PDKVPELY KDILSQS

Peptides and their modifications identified by mass spectrometry

m/z ^a	z ^b	ppm ^c	DB Peptide ^d	Variable Mods ^e	RT ^f	Score ^g	Expect ^h
1039.863	3	2.9	VALNKDGT PREGTRTKRHQKF	Biotin@5;Biotin@16;Biotin@20	5895	22.1	5.10E-06
516.6642	5	-0.66	HLEIFPNGTIQGTRKDHSRF	Biotin@15	6836	17.1	1.10E-04
1125.074	2	-0.72	THFLPRPVD PDKVPELY	Biotin@12	8652	19.3	1.60E-04
453.2316	3	0.65	KHVDTGRRY	Biotin@1	2709	21.1	4.60E-04

Table S1 D**Peptides identified by Protect and Label which corresponded to FGF-18 heparin binding sites**

Uniprot Acc.: O76093, Uniprot ID: FGF18_HUMAN, Species: HUMAN, Name: Fibroblast growth factor 18, Organism: Homo sapiens, Gene: FGF18, Protein MW: 23988.9, Protein pI: 9.9, Protein Length: 207

Sequence of human FGF-18, labeled peptides are colored in red.

1-80 MYSAPSACTCLCLHFLLLCFVQVQLVAEENVDFRIHVENQTRARDDVSRKQLRLYQLYSRTSGKHIQVLGRRISARGEDG
 81-160 DKYAQLLVETDFTFGSQVRIKGGKTEFYLCMNRKGLVGGKPDGTSKECVFIEKVLNNYTALMSAKYSGWYVGFTHKGRPR
 161-207 KGPKTRENQQDVHFMKRYPKGQPELQKPKFYTTVTKRSRRIRPTHPA

Peptides and their modifications identified by mass spectrometry

m/z ^a	z ^b	ppm ^c	DB Peptide ^d	Variable Mods ^e	RT ^f	Score ^g
1263.1241	2	3.4	MKRYPKGQPELQKPF	Biotin@2;Biotin@6;Biotin@13	8177	30.6 2.30E-06
723.3748	3	-2.1	KRYPKGQPELQKPF	Biotin@1=10;Biotin@12=42	6829	34.7 3.70E-06
767.057	3	0.7	MKRYPKGQPELQKPF	Biotin@6=10;Biotin@13=47	7328	29.6 8.90E-06
781.0624	3	3.1	MKRYPKGQPELQKPF	Biotin@2=10;Acetyl@6=10;Biotin@13=42	8007	29.6 1.20E-05
1197.6047	2	4.3	KRYPKGQPELQKPF	Biotin@1;Biotin@5;Biotin@12	8118	26.5 1.20E-05
705.7014	3	0.87	MKRYPKGQPELQKPF	Acetyl@6=10;Biotin@13=38	6717	30.6 1.20E-05
737.3826	3	3.8	KRYPKGQPELQKPF	Biotin@1=11;Acetyl@5=11;Biotin@12=37	7797	28.6 1.40E-05
676.025	3	1.3	KRYPKGQPELQKPF	Acetyl@1=51;Acetyl@5=39;Biotin@12=39	7377	24.3 1.50E-05
1013.5351	2	2.5	KRYPKGQPELQKPF	Biotin@1=8;Acetyl@5=8;Acetyl@12=50	7047	28.5 1.60E-05
662.0231	3	3.7	KRYPKGQPELQKPF	Acetyl@5=8;Biotin@12=36	6467	32.8 2.00E-05
737.3812	3	1.9	KRYPKGQPELQKPF	Biotin@12=38;Acetyl@1&Biotin@5 Acetyl@5&Biotin@1	7947	26.5 2.80E-05
662.0191	3	-2.3	KRYPKGQPELQKPF	Acetyl@12=25;Biotin@1 5	5994	26.6 3.00E-05
1058.0505	2	2.8	MKRYPKGQPELQKPF	Biotin@6=6;Acetyl@13=34	6433	29.6 3.10E-05
834.0881	3	-0.47	RKGLVGGKPDGTSKECVF	Biotin@2=30;Biotin@4=20;Acetyl@14=21;Carbamidomethyl@16	6697	23.3 4.10E-05
786.3913	3	-0.41	MKRYPKGQPELQKPF	Oxidation@1;Biotin@2=45;Biotin@6=25;Acetyl@13=25	7250	21.5 4.50E-05
1105.5688	2	2.4	KRYPKGQPELQKPF	Biotin@1=46;Biotin@5=27;Acetyl@12=27	7579	18.2 5.00E-05
767.0577	3	1.6	MKRYPKGQPELQKPF	Biotin@2=13;Biotin@13=31	7021	20.2 5.60E-05
705.7009	3	0.16	MKRYPKGQPELQKPF	Biotin@2=10;Acetyl@13=34	6261	30.7 5.60E-05
781.0605	3	0.66	MKRYPKGQPELQKPF	Biotin@2=41;Biotin@6=31;Acetyl@13=31	7837	26.6 6.20E-05
992.5297	2	2.4	KRYPKGQPELQKPF	Acetyl@12=29;Biotin@1 5	6177	29.5 6.60E-05
719.7047	3	0.55	MKRYPKGQPELQKPF	Biotin@2=10;Acetyl@6=10;Acetyl@13=44	7327	26.6 7.90E-05
873.9468	2	1.1	GSQVRIKGGKTEF	Acetyl@7=10;Biotin@9=10	6398	20.2 9.20E-05
637.3211	3	0.57	GSQVRIKGGKTEFY	Acetyl@7=16;Biotin@9=16	6807	15 9.20E-05
676.0225	3	-2.4	KRYPKGQPELQKPF	Acetyl@1=10;Biotin@5=10;Acetyl@12=27	7228	22.3 9.40E-05
1044.4918	3	5.8	CMNRKGLVGGKPDGTSKECVF	Carbamidomethyl@1;Biotin@5=38;Biotin@7=26;Carbamidomethyl@19;Acetyl@11 &Biotin@17 Acetyl@17&Biotin@11	8173	17.2 1.20E-04
1084.5636	2	2.6	KRYPKGQPELQKPF	Biotin@12=36;Biotin@1 5	6997	23.4 1.20E-04
969.1294	3	3	CMNRKGLVGGKPDGTSKECVF	Carbamidomethyl@1;Biotin@5=30;Biotin@7=19;Carbamidomethyl@19;Acetyl@11 17	6936	18.3 1.30E-04
1030.4867	3	4.4	CMNRKGLVGGKPDGTSKECVF	Carbamidomethyl@1;Biotin@5=28;Biotin@7=19;Biotin@17=9;Carbamidomethyl@19	7476	20.3 1.60E-04
872.1047	3	2.2	NRKGLVGGKPDGTSKECVF	Biotin@3=22;Biotin@5=15;Acetyl@15=15;Carbamidomethyl@17	6674	25.5 1.70E-04
933.4596	3	1.2	NRKGLVGGKPDGTSKECVF	Biotin@3=22;Biotin@5=15;Biotin@15=13;Carbamidomethyl@17	7258	26.5 1.70E-04
648.0171	3	-0.0012	KRYPKGQPELQKPF	Biotin@5=10	4899	22.3 1.90E-04
873.9473	2	1.7	GSQVRIKGGKTEF	Biotin@7=19;Acetyl@9=19	6247	20.2 2.00E-04

1047.5133	2	2.2	GSQVRIKGGKETEFL	Biotin@7;Biotin@9	7577	18.2	2.00E-04
662.0212	3	0.87	KRYPKGGQPELQKPF	Biotin@1=12;Acetyl@5=12	5745	16.6	2.30E-04
786.3911	3	-0.66	MKRYPKGGQPELQKPF	Oxidation@1;Biotin@2=20;Acetyl@6=20;Biotin@13=20	7798	19.1	2.60E-04
772.3875	3	-0.78	MKRYPKGGQPELQKPF	Oxidation@1;Biotin@2=8;Biotin@13=16	6518	20.2	2.70E-04
637.3204	3	-0.53	GSQVRIKGGKETEFL	Biotin@7=22;Acetyl@9=22	6662	16.1	2.70E-04
661.0129	3	1.5	GSQVRIKGGKETEFL	Biotin@7=13	7100	16.8	2.90E-04
729.8461	2	0.86	CMNRKGGK	Carbamidomethyl@1;Biotin@5;Biotin@7	5697	17	2.90E-04
648.0168	3	-0.46	KRYPKGGQPELQKPF	Biotin@12=22	5560	31.7	3.90E-04
807.9112	2	1.3	MKRYPKGGQPEL	Biotin@2=11;Acetyl@6=11	5603	16.3	4.00E-04
723.3759	3	-0.55	KRYPKGGQPELQKPF	Biotin@1=19;Biotin@5=6	6369	16	4.00E-04
623.318	3	1.3	GSQVRIKGGKETEFL	Biotin@7=19	5397	17.2	4.20E-04
909.4492	3	1.7	RKGGKLVGGPDGTSKECVF	Biotin@2=27;Biotin@4=17;Carbamidomethyl@16;Acetyl@8&Biotin@14 Acetyl@14&Biotin@8	8150	17.2	4.50E-04
637.5895	4	1.6	RIHVENQTRARDDVSRKQL	Biotin@17	3617	16	5.10E-04
890.4363	4	2.1	TKKGRPRKGGPKTRENQQDVHFM	Biotin@2;Biotin@3;Biotin@8;Biotin@11;Oxidation@22	5111	15.6	5.10E-04
694.3553	2	1.9	LCMNRKGGK	Carbamidomethyl@2;Acetyl@6=14;Biotin@8=14	5578	18	5.40E-04
623.3184	3	1.9	GSQVRIKGGKETEFL	Biotin@9=11	5557	17.2	5.80E-04
786.3855	2	-2.5	LCMNRKGGK	Carbamidomethyl@2;Biotin@6;Biotin@8	6533	18	6.80E-04
602.6298	3	2.1	GRRISARGEDGDY	Biotin@13	2508	17.3	7.50E-04
965.9811	2	1.8	GSQVRIKGGKETEFL	Biotin@7;Biotin@9	7249	16.1	7.80E-04
1008.8216	3	3.9	NRKGGKLVGGPDGTSKECVF	Biotin@3;Biotin@5;Biotin@9;Biotin@15;Carbamidomethyl@17	8217	15	8.30E-04
834.4233	2	-0.18	KRYPKGGQPEL	Biotin@1;Biotin@5	6052	15.4	8.90E-04
736.3723	3	1.6	GSQVRIKGGKETEFL	Biotin@7;Biotin@9	8278	16.1	8.90E-04
852.9408	2	0.33	GSQVRIKGGKETEFL	Biotin@9=10	5067	17.2	9.00E-04

Table S2**Comparison of the secondary structures FGFs deduced from SRCD spectra.**

Sample	Helix1	Helix2	Strand1	Strand2	Turns	Unordered	Total
FGF-1	-0.001	0.027	0.293	0.195	0.228	0.250	0.993
5:1 (H:FGF-1)	0.053	0.083	0.211	0.111	0.211	0.339	1.009
FGF-2	0.000	0.018	0.247	0.118	0.297	0.314	0.994
5:1 (H:FGF-2)	0.000	0.000	0.015	0.096	0.285	0.610	1.006
FGF-7	0.211	0.136	0.043	0.067	0.231	0.314	1.001
5:1 (H:FGF-7)	0.001	0.000	0.012	0.094	0.284	0.608	0.999
FGF-9	0.536	0.224	0.001	0.001	0.107	0.139	1.008
5:1 (H:FGF-9)	0.054	0.082	0.210	0.110	0.211	0.337	1.004
FGF-18	0.000	0.000	0.015	0.095	0.285	0.609	1.004
5:1 (H:FGF-18)	0.054	0.083	0.211	0.110	0.212	0.335	1.004
FGF-21	0.421	0.245	0.050	0.038	0.117	0.137	1.008
5:1 (H:FGF-21)	0.422	0.245	0.050	0.038	0.117	0.138	1.009

SRCD spectra were recorded on beamline B-23 at Diamond Synchrotron between 180 nm and 260 nm of the FGF alone and in the presence of a 5-fold molar excess of heparin. The spectra were analysed by programmes Selcon 3 and Database 3 (**Experimental procedures**).

Table S3**FGF-7 and heparin complexes' concentrations and their mean TM values based on 3 repeats (\pm SE).**

Heparin concentration		Molar ratio (heparin: FGF-7)	TM	
$\mu\text{g/mL}$	μM	-	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	+/-
0	0	0	60.7	0.3
8.75	0.5	0.1	61	0
21.9	1.25	0.25	65.7	0.8
43.8	2.5	0.5	66.2	0.6
87.5	5	1	68.2	0.3
437.5	25	5	68	0.5
875	50	10	67.8	0.3
1750	100	20	68	0.5
8750	500	100	67.8	0.3

Table S4**FGF-9 and heparin complexes' concentrations and their mean TM values based on 3 repeats (\pm SE).**

Heparin concentration		Molar ratio (heparin: FGF-9)	TM	
$\mu\text{g/mL}$	μM	-	$^{\circ}\text{C}$	+/-
0	0	0	53.7	0.3
0.88	0.05	0.01	56.5	1.3
1.75	0.1	0.02	64.3	0.3
4.38	0.25	0.05	68.5	0.5
8.75	0.5	0.1	69.8	0.3
21.9	1.25	0.25	70.7	0.3
43.8	2.5	0.5	72.5	0
87.5	5	1	72.8	0.6
437.5	25	5	72.8	0.6

Table S5**FGF-21 and heparin complexes' concentrations and their mean TM values based on 3 repeats (\pm SE).**

Heparin concentration		Molar ratio (heparin: FGF-21)		TM	
$\mu\text{g/mL}$	μM	-		$^{\circ}\text{C}$	+/-
0	0	0		48.2	0.3
8.75	0.5	0.1		47.5	0
21.9	1.25	0.25		47.7	0.8
43.8	2.5	0.5		47.7	1.2
87.5	5	1		46.8	1.3
437.5	25	5		47.8	0.3
875	50	10		47.7	0.8
1750	100	20		46.3	1.6
8750	500	100		47	1.0

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