## **Supporting Information**

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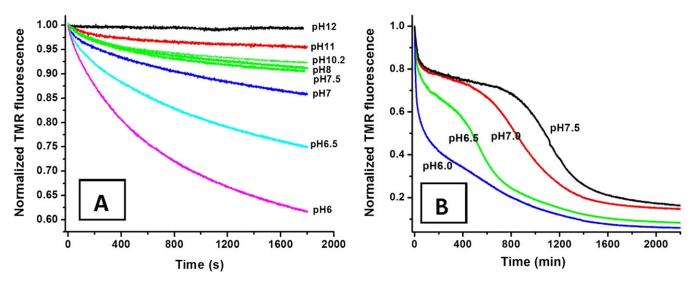
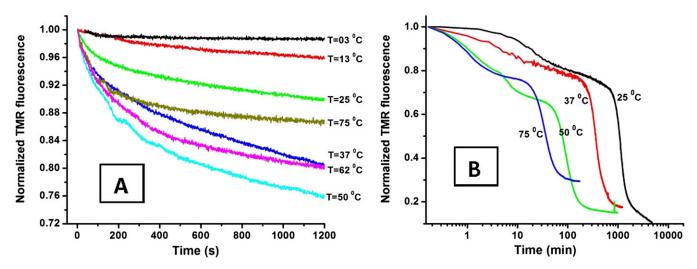


Fig. S1. pH dependence of oligomerization (A) and fibrillization (B) of tetramethylrhodamine (TMR)-amyloid  $\beta$  (A $\beta$ )<sub>1–42</sub>. (A) Time course of fluorescence change following dilution of a 100 μM stock solution containing monomeric TMR-A $\beta$ <sub>1–42</sub> prepared in 4 M GdnCl to final concentrations of 2.0 μM in 20 mM phosphate buffer at different pH values and 25 °C. The final GdnHCl concentration was 0.16 M. (B) Full time course of 2.0 μM TMR-A $\beta$ <sub>1–42</sub> fluorescence in 20 mM phosphate buffer at different pH values. All buffers contained 1 mM EDTA and 5 mM  $\beta$ -mercaptoethanol ( $\beta$ ME). The experiments in B were performed with continuing stirring.



**Fig. S2.** Temperature dependence of oligomerization (*A*) and fibrillization (*B*) of TMR-A $β_{1-42}$ . (*A*) Time course of fluorescence change following dilution of a 100 μM stock solution containing monomeric TMR-A $β_{1-42}$  prepared in 4 M GdnCl to final concentrations of 2.0 μM in 20 mM phosphate buffer at pH 7.5 and various temperatures. The final GdnHCl concentration was 0.16 M. (*B*). Full time course of 2.0 μM TMR-A $β_{1-42}$  fluorescence in 20 mM phosphate buffer, pH 7.5, containing 150 mM NaCl at various temperatures as shown. All buffers contained 1 mM EDTA and 5 mM βME. The experiments in *B* were performed with continuing stirring. The abscissa of *B* is logarithmic.

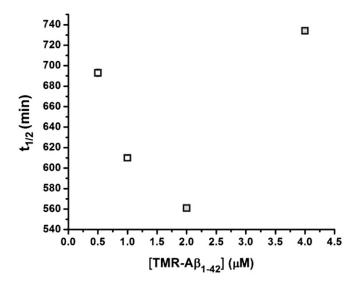


Fig. S3. Concentration-dependent half-time  $(t_{1/2})$  of the growth phase of TMR-A $\beta_{1-42}$ . The experiments were carried out in 20 mM phosphate buffer, pH 7.5, in the presence of 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, and 5 mM  $\beta$ ME at 25 °C with continuous stirring. The half-time is relatively independent of TMR-A $\beta_{1-42}$  concentration.