Suppl. Table SI. Sequences and AutoMatch scores of Tbab1 proteins. The mutation sites suggested by AutoMatch are colored in red.

	Sequence	Interaction	Conformat	Combined
		Score	-ion Score	score
DS119	GSG QVRTIWV GG TPEELKKLKEEAKKA NIRVTFWGD			
Tbab1-1	GSG QVRTIWV GG TPEEL <mark>E</mark> KLKEEAK <mark>MY</mark> NIRVTFWGD	-24.1	4.5	-23.0
Tbab1-2	GSG QVRTIWV G <mark>E</mark> TPEEL <mark>MY</mark> LKEEAKKA NIRVTFWGD	-23.74	4.3	-22.6
Tbab1-3	GSG QVRTIWV GG TPEELKKLKYEAMKA NIEVTFWGD	-23.6	4.5	-22.5
Tbab1-4	GSG QVRTIWV GG YPEMLKKLKEEAKKA NIRVTFWGD	-21.3	4.2	-20.2
Tbab1-5	GSG QVRTIWV GG TPEEL <mark>MY</mark> LKEEAKKA NIRVTFWED	-22.0	7.3	-20.2
Tbab1-6	GSG QVRTIWV GG TPEEL <mark>Y</mark> KLMEEAKKA NIEVTFWGD	-20.6	4.2	-19.5
Tbab1-7	GSG QVRTIWV GY TMEELKKLKEEAKKA NIRVTFWGD	-20.4	8.9	-19.2
Tbab1-8	GSG QVRTIWV GG TPEELKKLKYEAKMA EIRVTFWGD	-20.0	5.8	-18.9
Tbab1-9	GSG QVRTIWV G <mark>Y M</mark> PEEL <mark>E</mark> KLKEEAKKA NIRVTFWGD	-20.2	5.1	-18.7

Suppl. Table SII. TNFα-Tbab interaction rate constants measured by SPR.

	$k_{on} (M^{-1}s^{-1})$	$k_{off}(s^{-1})$
Tbab1-1	$1.03 \times 10^3 \pm 0.22 \times 10^3$	$6.42 \times 10^{-3} \pm 0.32 \times 10^{-3}$
Tbab1-4	$2.42{ imes}10^3 \pm 0.04{ imes}10^3$	$7.70 \times 10^{-3} \pm 0.21 \times 10^{-3}$
Tbab1-7	$4.34 \times 10^3 \pm 0.10 \times 10^3$	$3.70 \times 10^{-3} \pm 0.05 \times 10^{-3}$
Tbab1-8	$2.66 \times 10^3 \pm 0.22 \times 10^3$	$2.56 \times 10^{-3} \pm 0.06 \times 10^{-3}$
Tbab1-9	$1.12 \times 10^3 \pm 0.14 \times 10^3$	$4.30 \times 10^{-3} \pm 0.11 \times 10^{-3}$
Tbab2-4	$3.14 \times 10^3 \pm 0.05 \times 10^3$	$1.14 \times 10^{-3} \pm 0.08 \times 10^{-3}$

	pI	Molecular Weight (Dalton)	Apparent Molecular Weight (Dalton)	Aggregation State
Tbab1-1	5.20	4125.6	3700.2	0.89
Tbab1-2	5.20	4139.7	n.a.	n.a.
Tbab1-3	6.36	4039.6	4637.4	1.15
Tbab1-4	9.70	4093.7	4153.7	1.02
Tbab1-5	5.11	4040.5	8704.6	2.15
Tbab1-6	4.82	4139.7	8860.0, 7924.7	2.14, 1.91
Tbab1-7	9.31	4169.8	4752.0, 3774.3	1.14, 0.91
Tbab1-8	8.38	4081.7	3855.6	0.94
Tbab1-9	6.36	4166.7	4755.5, 3800.6	1.14, 0.91
Tbab2-4	9.82	4120.7	4155.8	1.01



Suppl. Figure S1. Identification of key residues through calculation of buried area in TNFα-2L complex structure.



Suppl. Figure S2. Classification of Tbab1 proteins based on the binding orientations.



Suppl. Figure S3. SPR binding curves of Tbab proteins.



Suppl. Figure S4. Binding affinities of Tbab1-7, Tbab1-8 and Tbab1-9 to TNFα measured by ITC.



Suppl. Figure S5. CD spectra of Tbab proteins that have no binding affinities to TNFα. They have good secondary structures except for Tbab1-2 and Tbab2-9, which are unstructured proteins.



Suppl. Figure S6. Size exclusion chromatography of Tbab proteins that have no binding affinities to TNFα. Tbab1-3, 1-5 and 1-6 have good secondary strucutre (Figure S4) but they are dimers or exhibit exchange between monomers and dimers. Tbab1-2 and Tbab2-9 are unstructured proteins and not tested.



Suppl. Figure S7. Thermal denaturation curves of Tbab1-4 and Tbab2-4. The CD signal at 222 nm is monitored as the proteins unfold. The curves are fitted to a two-state protein folding model and the resulting melting temperatures for Tbab1-4 and Tbab2-4 are 85° C and 55° C, respectively.





Suppl. Figure S8. Mass spectrometry images of Tbab proteins.