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## SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

# Histone Benzoylation Serves as an Epigenetic Mark for DPF and YEATS Family Proteins

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## Supplementary Tables S1-S3

**Supplementary Table S1. List of peptides used in this study.**

Peptides	Sequence
H3 <sub>2-16</sub> K9bz	ac-RTKQTAR <b>Kbz</b> STGGKAP-NH2
H3 <sub>2-16</sub> un	ac-RTKQTARKSTGGKAP-NH2
H3 <sub>2-16</sub> K9ac	ac-RTKQTAR <b>Kac</b> STGGKAP-NH2
H3 <sub>2-16</sub> K9cr	ac-RTKQTAR <b>Kcr</b> STGGKAP-NH2
H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K14bz	ARTKQTARKSTGG <b>Kbz</b> APRKQLATKAA-NH2
H3 <sub>1-25</sub> un	ARTKQTARKSTGGKAPRKQLATKAA-NH2
H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K14ac	ARTKQTARKSTGG <b>Kac</b> APRKQLATKAA-NH2
H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K14cr	ARTKQTARKSTGG <b>Kcr</b> APRKQLATKAA-NH2
H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K18bz	ARTKQTARKSTGGKAPR <b>Kbz</b> QLATKAA-NH2
H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K18ac	ARTKQTARKSTGGKAPR <b>Kac</b> QLATKAA-NH2
H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K18cr	ARTKQTARKSTGGKAPR <b>Kcr</b> QLATKAA-NH2
H3 <sub>15-39</sub> K27bz	ac-APRKQLATKAAR <b>Kbz</b> SAPATGGVKKPH-NH2
H3 <sub>24-31</sub> K27bz	ac-AAR <b>Kbz</b> SAPA-NH2
H3 <sub>15-39</sub> un	ac-APRKQLATKAARKSAPATGGVKKPH-NH2
H3 <sub>15-39</sub> K27ac	ac-APRKQLATKAAR <b>Kac</b> SAPATGGVKKPH-NH2
H3 <sub>15-39</sub> K27cr	ac-APRKQLATKAAR <b>Kcr</b> SAPATGGVKKPH-NH2

**Supplementary Table S2. Thermodynamic parameters of representative ITC titrations.**

Protein	Peptide	$\Delta H$ (cal/mol)	$-\Delta S$ (cal/mol)	$K_a$ (M $^{-1}$ )	N	Chi2/DoF
AF9 <sub>YEATS</sub>	H3 <sub>2-16</sub> K9bz	-1.750E4 ± 124.4	10603.92	1.69E5 ± 6.12E3	0.872 ± 0.00464	8765
	H3 <sub>2-16</sub> un	N.D.				
	H3 <sub>2-16</sub> K9ac	-1.784E4 ± 144.5	10747.995	2.37E5 ± 1.20E4	0.929 ± 0.00563	1.85E4
ENL <sub>YEATS</sub>	H3 <sub>2-16</sub> K9cr	-1.750E4 ± 109.0	9998.805	4.94E5 ± 2.74E4	0.995 ± 0.00451	1.988E4
	H3 <sub>15-39</sub> K27bz	-6378 ± 103.0	829.872	1.61E4 ± 715	0.920 ± 0	1675
	H3 <sub>15-39</sub> un	N.D.				
	H3 <sub>15-39</sub> K27ac	-5380 ± 209.3	128.5149	9.60E3 ± 837	0.910 ± 0	3257
GAS41 <sub>YEATS</sub>	H3 <sub>15-39</sub> K27cr	-6990 ± 69.95	1138.1925	2.74E4 ± 950	0.930 ± 0	1556
	H3 <sub>15-39</sub> K27bz	-5584 ± 719.7	102.2933	1.43E4 ± 2.06E3	0.984 ± 0.0936	2175
	H3 <sub>15-39</sub> un	N.D.				
	H3 <sub>15-39</sub> K27ac	-9151 ± 355.1	3284.91	2.84E4 ± 1.93E3	0.973 ± 0.0272	3745
YEATS2 <sub>YEATS</sub>	H3 <sub>15-39</sub> K27cr	-9556 ± 97.90	3140.835	7.21E4 ± 2.41E3	1.02 ± 0.00757	2180
	H3 <sub>15-39</sub> K27bz	-1.078E4 ± 376.3	4668.03	4.17E4 ± 3.67E3	1.02 ± 0.0257	1.486E4
	H3 <sub>15-39</sub> un	N.D.				
	H3 <sub>15-39</sub> K27ac	-6706 ± 120.4	1593.47	7.53E3 ± 273	0.950 ± 0	846.4
MOZ <sub>DPF</sub>	H3 <sub>15-39</sub> K27cr	-1.075E4 ± 346.4	4927.365	2.53E4 ± 1.49E3	1.02 ± 0.0237	4184
	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K14bz	-5022 ± 33.52	-1806.789	1.01E5 ± 3.46E3	1.09 ± 0.00518	932.8
	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> un	-1741 ± 118.4	-4174.1	2.14E4 ± 3.35E3	1.14 ± 0.0458	690.5
	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K14ac	-3349 ± 56.15	-3577.8	1.17E5 ± 1.05E4	1.05 ± 0.0127	2884
MORF <sub>DPF</sub>	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K14cr	-6014 ± 33.17	-1293.971	2.28E5 ± 8.55E3	0.937 ± 0.00382	1578
	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K14bz	-8596 ± 56.54	1693.492	1.14E5 ± 3.86E3	1.00 ± 0.00486	2453
	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> un	-7084 ± 102.0	1189.6185	2.08E4 ± 533	0.916 ± 0.00918	299.4
	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K14ac	-7093 ± 39.26	527.7255	6.45E4 ± 1.26E3	0.905 ± 0.00362	445.3
DPF1 <sub>DPF</sub>	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K14cr	-1.076E4 ± 26.21	3607.615	1.77E5 ± 2.45E3	0.819 ± 0.00149	561.4
	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K14bz	-5154 ± 43.62	-3458.54	2.06E6 ± 2.93E5	1.05 ± 0.00549	1.059E4
	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> un	-303.0 ± 14.75	-7215.23	3.30E5 ± 1.45E5	1.14 ± 0.0403	643.7
	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K14ac	-3890 ± 39.23	-4531.88	1.46E6 ± 2.22E5	1.11 ± 0.00726	8502
DPF2 <sub>DPF</sub>	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K14cr	-9422 ± 35.06	123.7323	6.54E6 ± 6.48E5	1.04 ± 0.00203	8158
	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K14bz	-5417 ± 19.43	-3607.615	4.10E6 ± 2.87E5	0.957 ± 0.00204	1731
	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> un	-937.3 ± 60.8	-6618.93	3.43E5 ± 1.89E5	1.12 ± 0.0534	8625
	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K14ac	-4958 ± 19	-4144.285	4.61E6 ± 3.60E5	0.937 ± 0.00213	1664
DPF3 <sub>DPF</sub>	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K14cr	-8764 ± 36.5	-998.8025	1.43E7 ± 2.02E6	0.924 ± 0.00212	6956
	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K14bz	-4540 ± 30.00	-4233.73	2.65E6 ± 3.09E5	0.979 ± 0.00395	4435
	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> un	-368.6 ± 31.82	-6917.08	2.23E5 ± 1.72E5	1.45 ± 0.0897	2902
	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K14ac	-5725 ± 24.56	-3160.39	3.25E6 ± 2.66E5	0.966 ± 0.00248	3055
PHF10 <sub>DPF</sub>	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K14cr	-8097 ± 24.42	-1419.19	9.44E6 ± 8.42E5	0.885 ± 0.00140	3043
	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K14bz	-4083 ± 31.05	-4263.545	1.33E6 ± 1.22E5	1.05 ± 0.00543	2377
	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> un	-1547 ± 65.44	-5933.185	3.08E5 ± 8.30E4	1.02 ± 0.0319	4254
	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K14ac	-4894 ± 49.72	-3041.13	6.53E5 ± 5.89E4	1.02 ± 0.00748	4171
BRD3 <sub>BRD2</sub>	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K14cr	-6149 ± 40.71	-2352.4	1.69E6 ± 1.38E5	0.904 ± 0.00406	3618
	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K18bz			N.D.		
	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> un			N.D.		
	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K18ac	-8530 ± 295.7	3190.205	8.25E3 ± 421	1.04 ± 0.0245	973.9
BRD9 <sub>BRD</sub>	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K18cr			N.D.		
	H3 <sub>15-39</sub> K27bz			N.D.		
	H3 <sub>15-39</sub> un			N.D.		
	H3 <sub>15-39</sub> K27ac	-2611 ± 66.11	-2197.37	3.35E3 ± 163	1.02 ± 0	172
	H3 <sub>15-39</sub> K27cr			N.D.		

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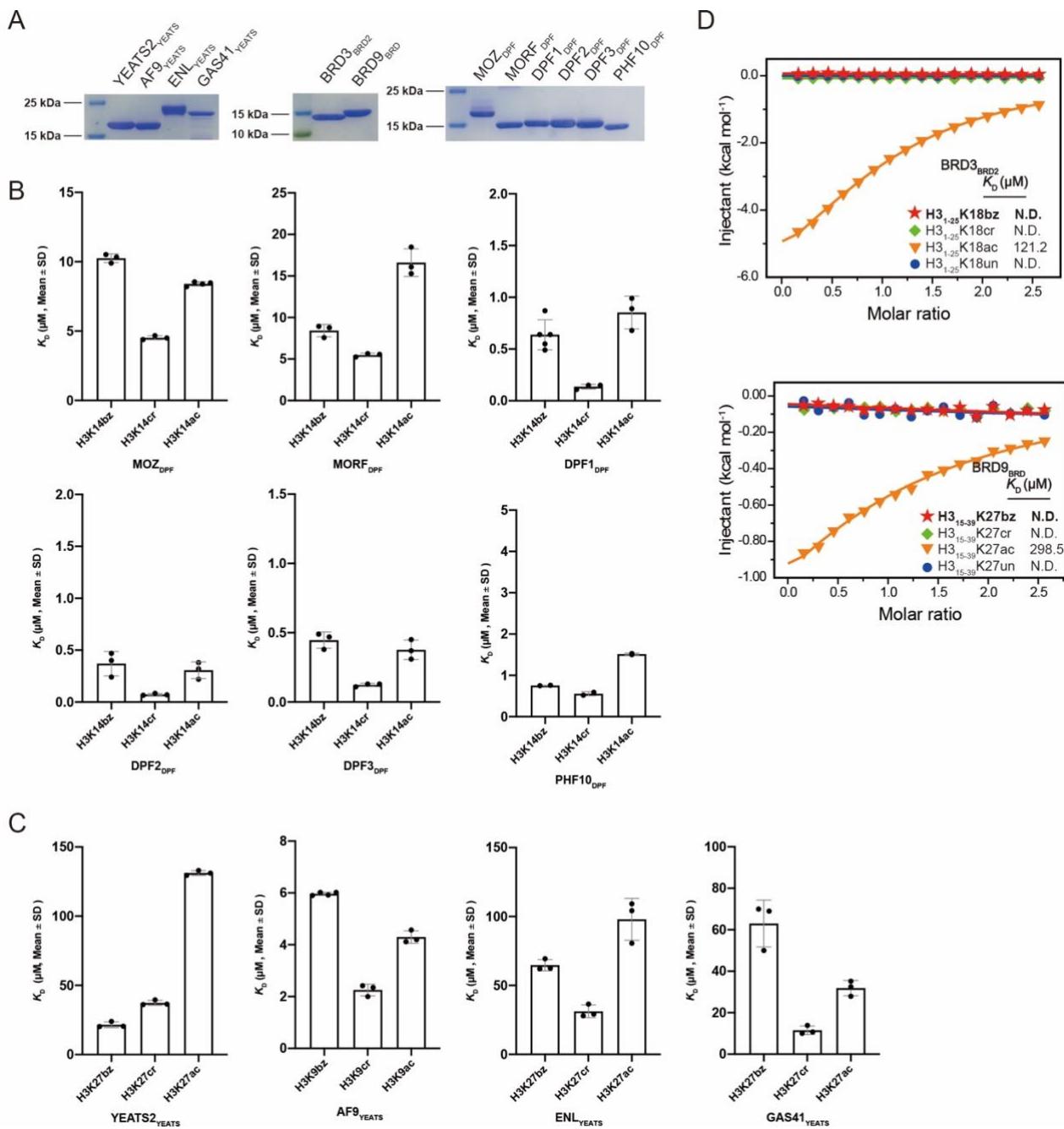
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MOZ <sub>DPF</sub> L242I	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K14bz	-8334 ± 48.52	1019.673	2.29E5 ± 6.50E3	0.974 ± 0.00420	1251
	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K14ac	-3751 ± 120.7	-2644.5905	4.87E4 ± 3.03E3	0.976 ± 0.0232	638.5
	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K14cr	-8181 ± 133.9	1067.377	1.63E5 ± 9.87E3	0.843 ± 0.0102	4517
MOZ <sub>DPF</sub> N235S	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K14bz	-4875 ± 56.05	-2006.5495	1.10E5 ± 6.30E3	1.00 ± 0.00840	2223
	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K14ac	-2785 ± 32.89	-4352.99	1.73E5 ± 1.24E4	0.972 ± 0.00849	1154
	H3 <sub>1-25</sub> K14cr	-5852 ± 41.72	-1520.565	2.53E5 ± 1.24E4	0.876 ± 0.00461	2114
AF9 <sub>YEATS</sub> F28S	H3 <sub>2-16</sub> K9bz	-1.625E4 ± 187.5	9047.91	2.85E5 ± 1.97E4	0.825 ± 0.00711	2.242E4
YEATS2 <sub>YEATS</sub> S230F	H3 <sub>15-39</sub> K27bz	-6762 ± 243.8	795.294	3.34E4 ± 2.65E3	1.03 ± 0.0266	4022
YEATS2 <sub>YEATS</sub> S230F	H3 <sub>15-39</sub> K27ac	-7015 ± 401.8	1518.5505	1.47E4 ± 1.13E3	1.08 ± 0.0444	1483
YEATS2 <sub>YEATS</sub> S230F	H3 <sub>15-39</sub> K27cr	-9051 ± 194.6	2694.2025	6.61E4 ± 4.31E	0.892 ± 0.0142	6494
YEATS2 <sub>YEATS</sub> W282A						N.D.
YEATS2 <sub>YEATS</sub> Y262A	H3 <sub>15-39</sub> K27bz					

**Supplementary Table S3. Summary of  $K_D$  values from independent ITC titrations and their statistical analyses.**

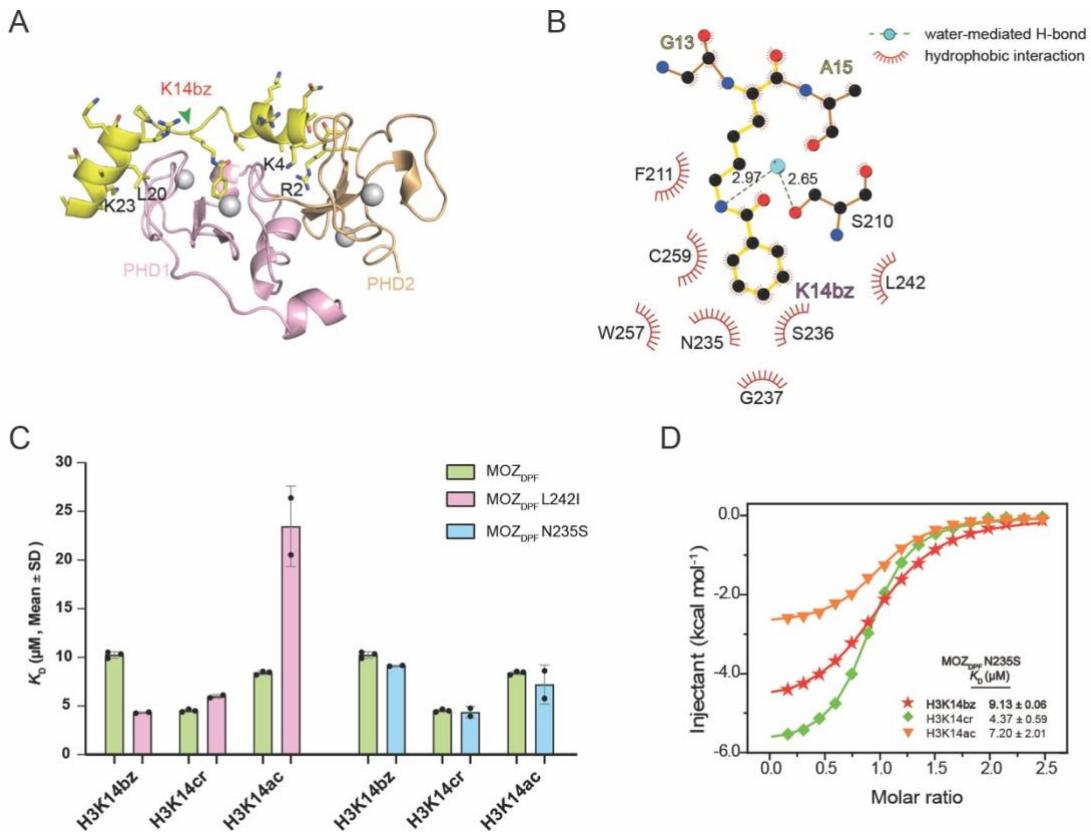
Protein	YEATS2 <sub>YEATS</sub>			YEATS2 <sub>YEATS</sub> S230F			GAS41 <sub>YEATS</sub>		
Peptide	H3K27bz	H3K27cr	H3K27ac	H3K27bz	H3K27cr	H3K27ac	H3K27bz	H3K27cr	H3K27ac
$K_D$ (individual)	23.98	39.53	132.80	29.94	15.13	68.03	69.93	13.87	35.21
	20.24	36.50	129.53	29.67	13.55	74.63	50.00	10.71	27.93
	20.49	36.10	131.06				68.96	10.08	32.47
	21.57	37.38	131.13	29.81	14.34	71.33	62.96	11.55	31.87
SD	2.09	1.88	1.64	0.19	1.12	4.67	11.24	2.03	3.68
Protein	AF9 <sub>YEATS</sub>			AF9 <sub>YEATS</sub> F28S			ENL <sub>YEATS</sub>		
Peptide	H3K9bz	H3K9cr	H3K9ac	H3K9bz			H3K27bz	H3K27cr	H3K27ac
$K_D$ (individual)	5.92	2.02	4.22		3.51		62.11	36.50	104.17
	6.02	2.42	4.12		3.83		62.50	29.15	80.60
	6.02	2.35	4.57		4.00		69.44	28.01	109.17
	5.92				3.85				
$K_D$ (mean)	5.97	2.26	4.30		3.80		64.68	31.22	97.98
SD	0.06	0.21	0.24		0.21		4.12	4.61	15.26
Protein	MOZ <sub>DPF</sub>			MORF <sub>DPF</sub>			PHF10 <sub>DPF</sub>		
Peptide	H3K14bz	H3K14cr	H3K14ac	H3K14bz	H3K14cr	H3K14ac	H3K14bz	H3K14cr	H3K14ac
$K_D$ (individual)	9.90	4.39	8.55	8.77	5.65	15.50	0.75	0.59	1.53
	10.52	4.67	8.47	8.93	5.56	16.08	0.76	0.52	1.50
	10.34	4.50	8.20	7.58	5.24	18.48			
			8.40						
$K_D$ (mean)	10.25	4.52	8.41	8.43	5.48	16.69	0.76	0.56	1.52
SD	0.32	0.14	0.15	0.74	0.22	1.58	0.01	0.05	0.02
Protein	DPF1 <sub>DPF</sub>			DPF2 <sub>DPF</sub>			DPF3 <sub>DPF</sub>		
Peptide	H3K14bz	H3K14cr	H3K14ac	H3K14bz	H3K14cr	H3K14ac	H3K14bz	H3K14cr	H3K14ac
$K_D$ (individual)	0.49	0.15	0.68	0.24	0.070	0.22	0.38	0.11	0.31
	0.87	0.15	0.89	0.47	0.066	0.38	0.49	0.13	0.37
	0.64	0.11	0.99	0.40	0.084	0.32	0.47	0.13	0.45
	0.55								
$K_D$ (mean)	0.64	0.14	0.85	0.37	0.07	0.31	0.45	0.12	0.38
SD	0.14	0.02	0.16	0.12	0.01	0.08	0.06	0.01	0.07
Protein	MOZ <sub>DPF</sub> L242I			MOZ <sub>DPF</sub> N235S					
Peptide	H3K14bz	H3K14cr	H3K14ac	H3K14bz	H3K14cr	H3K14ac			
$K_D$ (individual)	4.37	6.13	20.53	9.09	3.95	5.78			
	4.26	5.85	26.39	9.17	4.78	8.62			
$K_D$ (mean)	4.32	5.99	23.46	9.13	4.37	7.20			
SD	0.08	0.20	4.14	0.06	0.59	2.01			

$K_D$  values in red are from representative ITC fitting curves. SD, standard deviation.

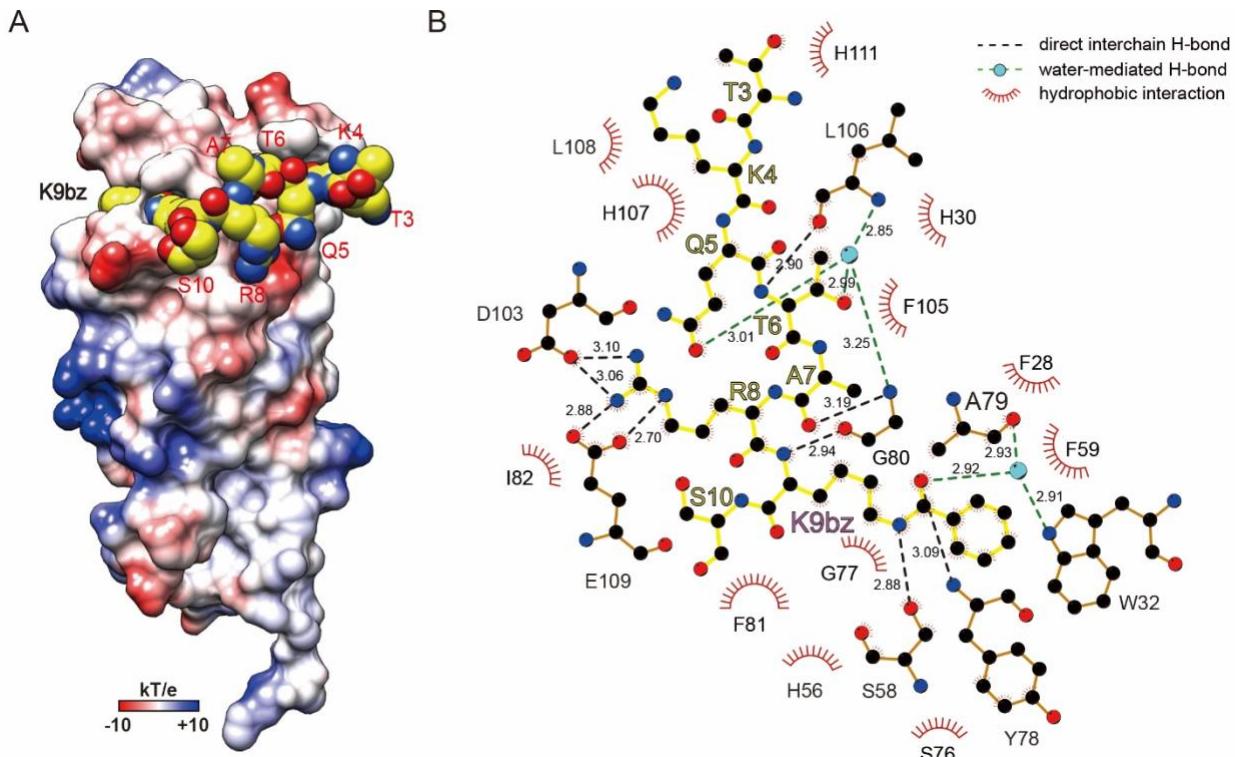
## Supplementary Figures S1-S8



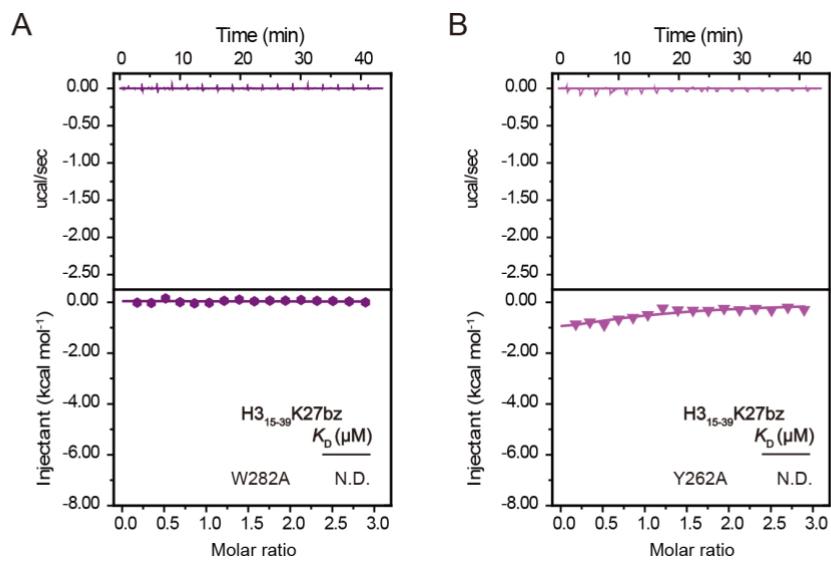
**Supplementary Figure S1. Recognition of histone benzoylation by acylation reader proteins.**  
 (A) Coomassie blue staining of twelve purified human histone acylation readers. (B) Binding affinities of Kbz, Kcr and Kac titrated to DPF family members. Each black dot represents one ITC titration experiment. Error bar, standard deviation. (C) Binding affinities of Kbz, Kcr and Kac titrated to YEATS family members. (D) ITC fitting curves of the indicated histone peptides titrated into BRDs. N.D., not detectable.



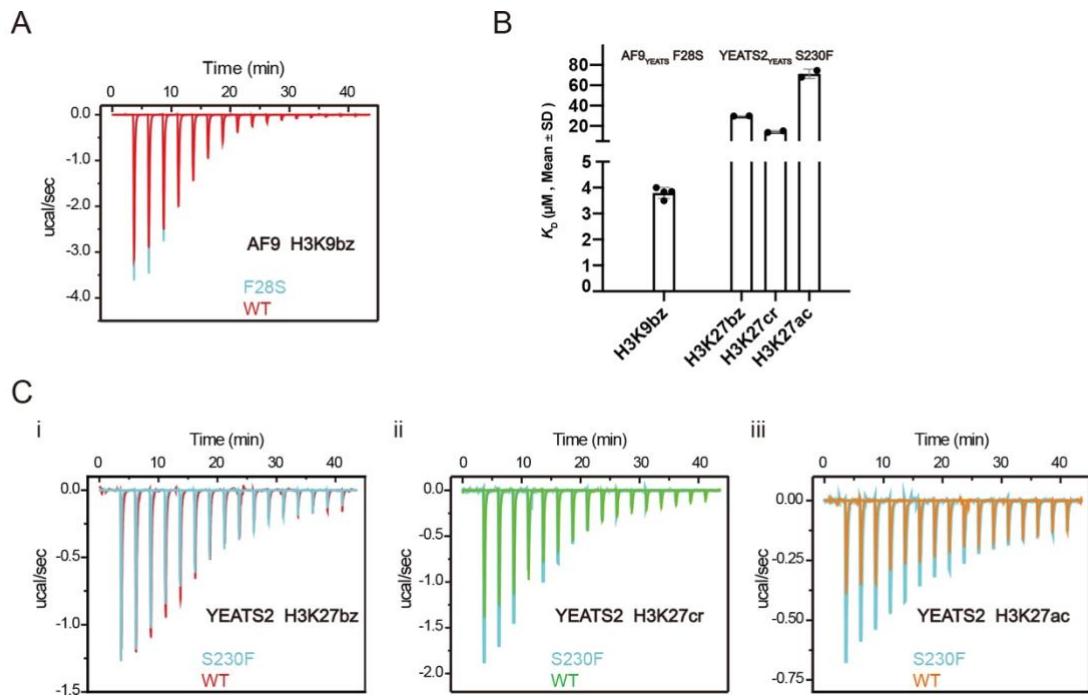
**Supplementary Figure S2. Molecular basis for H3K14bz binding by MOZ<sub>DPF</sub> and mutagenesis studies.** (A) Overall structure of MOZ<sub>DPF</sub> bound to H3<sub>1-25</sub>K14bz peptide. PHD1, PHD2, and histone peptide are colored pink, orange, and yellow, respectively. (B) LigPlot diagram listing critical interactions between K14bz and MOZ<sub>DPF</sub>. Black ball, carbon; Blue ball, nitrogen; Red ball, oxygen; Cyan ball, water; Dashes, hydrogen bond; Curved brushes, hydrophobic interaction. Hydrogen bond distances are labeled Angstroms. (C) Binding affinity comparison of MOZ<sub>DPF</sub> and its mutants in recognition of H3K14bz, H3K14cr and H3K14ac. (D) ITC fitting curves of the indicated histone peptides titrated into MOZ<sub>DPF</sub> N235S mutant. Mean  $K_D$  and standard deviation are shown ( $N = 2$ ).



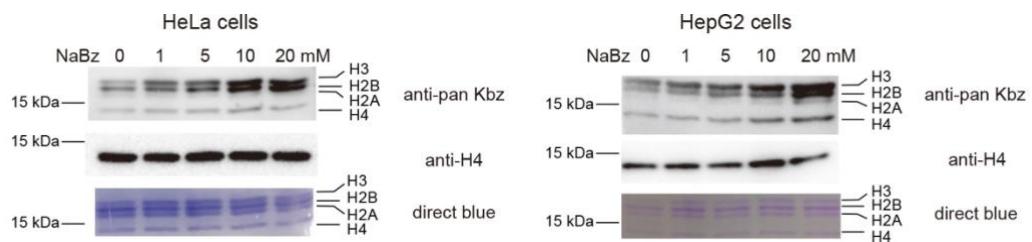
**Supplementary Figure S3. Recognition of H3K9bz by AF9<sub>YEATS</sub>.** (A) Overall structure of AF9<sub>YEATS</sub> bound to H3K9bz peptide. AF9<sub>YEATS</sub> is shown as electrostatic potential surface ranging from  $-10$  (red) to  $+10$  (blue)  $kT/e$ . H3K9bz is depicted in space-filling-surface view. (B) LigPlot diagram listing critical contacts between H3K9bz (yellow sticks) and AF9<sub>YEATS</sub> (orange sticks). Symbols are the same as described for Supplementary Figure S2B.



**Supplementary Figure S4. The importance of aromatic sandwiching residues of YEATS2 in H3K27bz recognition.** ITC fitting curves of H3K27bz peptide titrated into (A) W282A and (B) Y262A mutant YEATS2. N.D., not detectable.

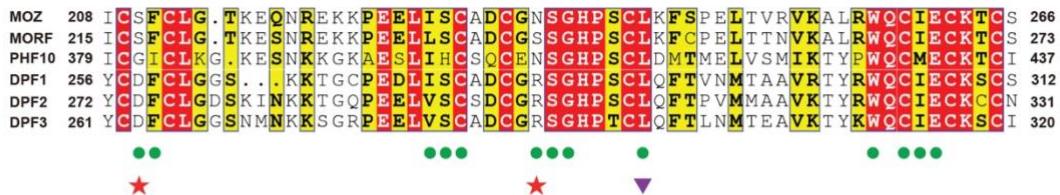


**Supplementary Figure S5. ITC binding curves on "tip-sensor" residue mutants.** (A) Binding curves of AF9<sub>YEATS</sub> and its F28S mutant titrated with H3K9bz peptide. (B) Binding affinities of indicated peptides titrated to AF9<sub>YEATS</sub> F28S and YEATS2<sub>YEATS</sub> S230F mutants. (C) Binding curves of YEATS2<sub>YEATS</sub> and its S230F mutant titrated with (i) H3K27bz, (ii) H3K27cr and (iii) H3K27ac peptides.

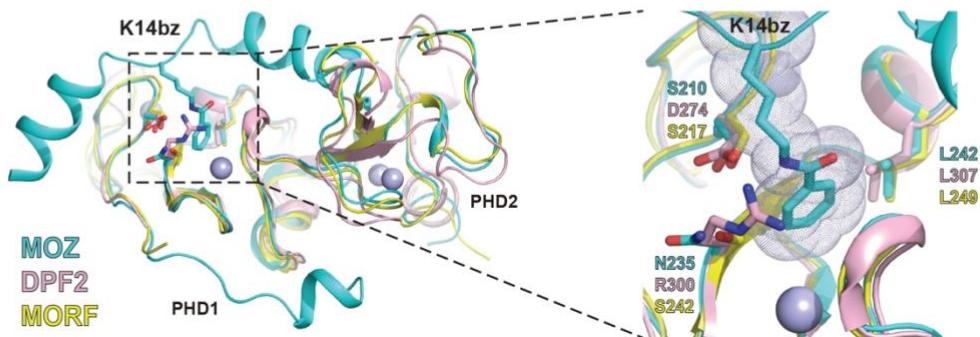


**Supplementary Figure S6. The inducible feature of histone benzoylation in HeLa and HepG2 cells.** Western blot analysis of core histone Kbz levels in response to the indicated concentrations of NaBz treatment in HeLa and HepG2 cells. Unmodified histone H4 was used as a loading control.

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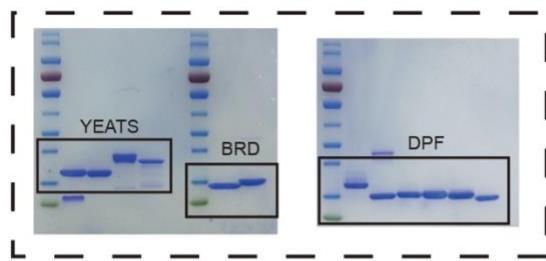


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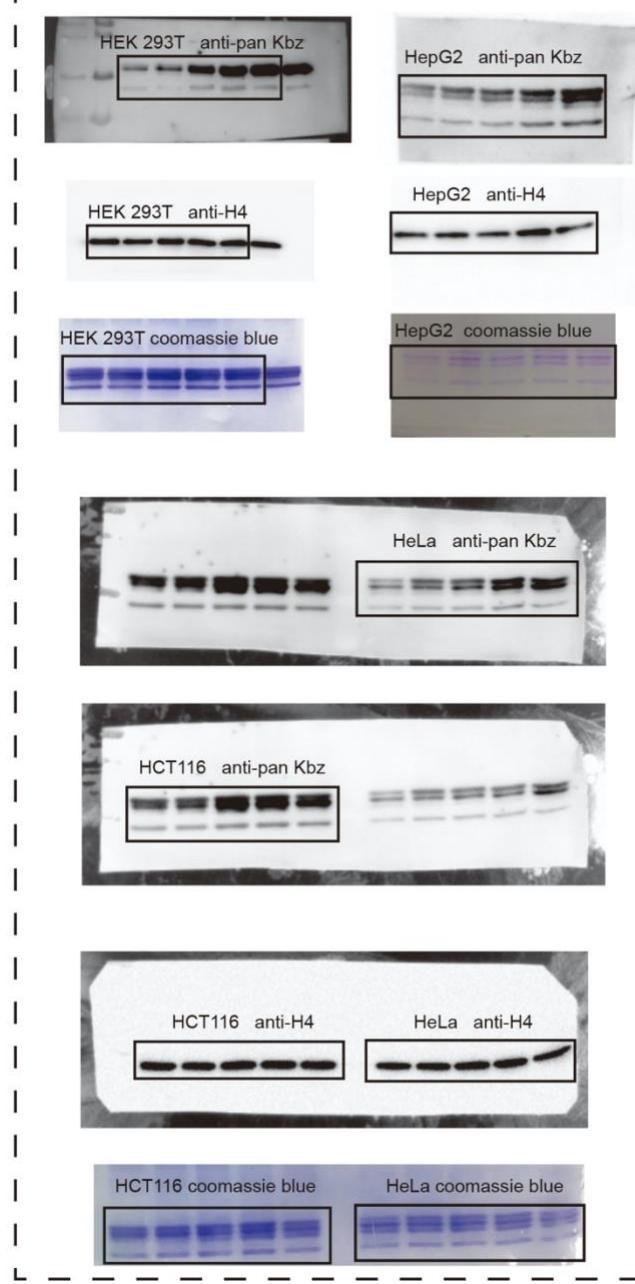


**Supplementary Figure S7. Sequence and structural alignment of acylation reader pockets among human DPF family members.** (A) The sequence alignment of human DPFs around the reader pocket. Green circles, pocket residues; Red stars, divergent pocket residues; Purple triangle, the conserved Leu residue that contacts Kbz. (B) The structural alignment of  $\text{MOZ}_{\text{DPF}}$ ,  $\text{DPF2}_{\text{DPF}}$  and  $\text{MORF}_{\text{DPF}}$  with key residues highlighted as sticks. Grey spheres, zinc ions. Close-up view highlights the encapsulation of Kbz by conserved or divergent pocket residues among DPFs. Grey dots denote van der Waals surface of K14bz.

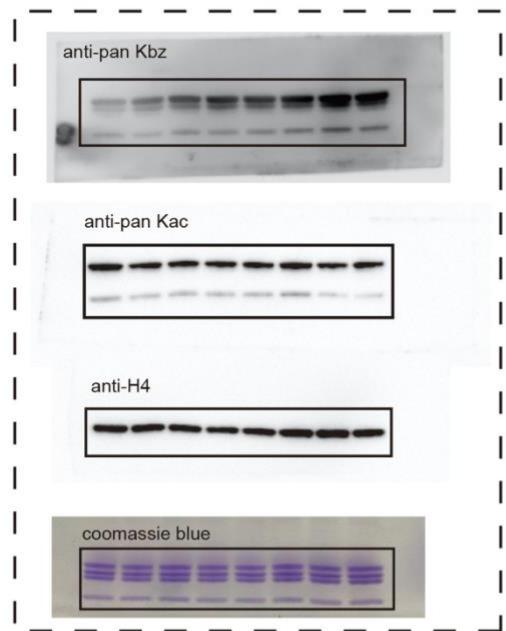
Related to Supplementary Figure S1A



Related to Figure 6A and Supplementary Figure S6



Related to Figure 6C



**Supplementary Figure S8. Uncropped figures.**