## Supplementary materials

Residue	Free		+ hit 1*	
	lw15N (hz)	lw1H (hz)	lw15N (hz)	lw1H (hz)
D236	12.9	29.0	12.6	29.9
F124	11.4	27.4	11.2	27.5
E156	12.1	24.5	12.5	23.8
F211	13.0	28.1	12.9	28.1
G245	12.3	30.0	12.0	30.3
G196	11.5	29.9	11.4	30.8
* At the hit/protein molar ratio of 8:1.				
hit 1				

Table S1. NMR linewidth (lw) analysis of <sup>15</sup>N labeled TDP-43 tandem RRM upon addition of hit 1.

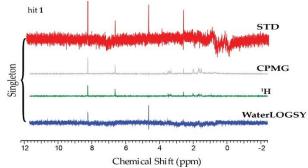
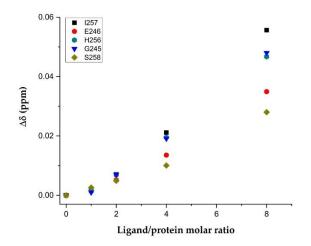


Figure S1. The whole NMR spectra of secondary screening for hit 1.



**Figure S2:** The dose-dependent titration curve for the tandem RRM disturbed residues upon hit **1** titration at different ligand/protein molar ratios: 0:1, 1:1, 2:1, 4:1, 8:1. Annoted are the disturbed residues. The curve does not reach the saturation point, probably due to the weak binding affinity of the hit **1**. Further titration of the small molecule is not feasible because of the low aqueous solubility of the compound. Therefore, the binding affinity of those weak binders cannot be robustly estimated from CSPs.