



Structure-based cyclic glycoprotein Ib α -derived peptides interfering with von Willebrand factor binding affecting platelet aggregation under shear

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Supplementary Methods

Solid Phase Synthesis of Mono- and Bi-Cyclic Peptides

The reduced peptides mono-ORbIT (H₂N-DDNAENCYVWKQGDE VRAMR SNCAEE-COOH), *opt*-mono-ORbIT (Ac-EDDNAECAYVEAEGDEARDQRSNCQ DED-COOH), and the linear form of bi-ORbIT (Ac-CDVWNESAFDEYSIAESES ECNEY-VDEPSYTSC-COOH) were synthesized by manual solid-phase peptide synthesis on a 0.20 mmol scale using the *in situ* neutralization/activation procedure for Boc/Bzl peptide synthesis as previously described,²⁹ but using HCTU instead of HBTU as a coupling reagent. Glu(OBzl)-PAM resin (0.71 mmol/g), Asp(OBzl)-PAM resin (0.72 mmol/g) and Cys(MeBzl)-PAM resin (0.73 mmol/g) were used as the solid support for mono-ORbIT, *opt*-mono-ORbIT and bi-ORbIT, respectively. After completion of the peptide chain, the resin-bound peptide was washed with dimethylformamide, treated with trifluoroacetic acid (2 × 1 min) to remove the N-terminal Boc group, washed with dimethylformamide, dichloromethane and 1:1 *v/v* dichloromethane/methanol and dried. *Opt*-mono-ORbIT and bi-ORbIT were N-terminally acetylated by treatment with 1:1 acetic anhydride:pyridine for 5 min. The peptides were then sidechain-deprotected and cleaved from resin by treatment with anhydrous HF for 1 h at 0°C, using 4 *vol%* *p*-cresol as a scavenger. Following cleavage, peptides were precipitated in ice-cold diethyl ether. Subsequently, peptides were extracted with 0.1 M sodium acetate buffer (pH 4) containing 6 M guanidine HCl and purified by preparative HPLC (mono-ORbIT and bi-ORbIT). Fractions containing the desired product were identified by UPLC-MS, pooled and lyophilized. *Opt*-mono-ORbIT was extracted from diethyl ether using 50% MeCN in H₂O+0.1% TFA and used in subsequent steps without further purification.

To facilitate formation of the disulfide connection the reduced purified mono-ORbIT was dissolved at 0.3 mg/mL into 1 M guanidine HCl, 0.1 M Tris buffer (pH 8.0), and was stirred for 24 h at 4°C in the presence of 8 mM cysteine and 1 mM cystine as redox couple. Folding progress was monitored by UPLC-MS, appearing as a mass decrease of -2 Da (2 protons, 1 disulfide bound) resulting in a final mass of 3029.32 Da (Supplementary figure 1B), corresponding to the calculated monoisotopic mass of the folded, cyclic mono-ORbIT

peptide. After semi-preparative HPLC, the product-containing fractions were identified by UPLC-MS, pooled and lyophilized.

For the bicyclic peptide, bi-ORbIT, Cys(Mebzl)-PAM resin (0.73 mmol/g) was used as the solid support. Next, the resin-bound peptide was acetylated on N-terminal acetylation using a 1:1 mixture of pyridine/acetic anhydride for 5 min. The peptide was washed with dimethylformamide, dichloromethane and 1:1 *v/v* dichloromethane/methanol and dried. The peptide was further deprotected and cleaved from the resin by treatment with anhydrous HF for 1 h at 0°C, using 4 *vol%* *p*-cresol as a scavenger. Following cleavage, the peptide was precipitated with ice-cold diethyl ether, dissolved in 0.1 M sodium acetate buffer (pH 4) containing 6 M guanidine HCl, and purified by preparative HPLC. Fractions containing the desired product were identified by UPLC-MS, pooled, and lyophilized.

The crude linear peptide of the optimized construct, *opt*-mono-ORbIT, was dissolved at 3 mg/mL into 1 M guanidine HCl, 0.1 M Tris buffer (pH 8.0) and treated with 1% peroxide solution to oxidize the free thiols and form the desired disulfide bridge. Folding progress was monitored by UPLC-MS, appearing as a mass decrease of -2 Da (2 protons, 1 disulfide bound) resulting in a final mass of 3215.10 Da, corresponding to the calculated monoisotopic mass of the folded, cyclic *opt*-mono-ORbIT peptide. After semi-preparative HPLC, the product-containing fractions were identified by UPLC-MS, pooled and lyophilized.

Linear peptide chain of bicyclic peptide, bi-ORbIT, was cyclized by reaction with a 1,3,5-tris(bromomethyl)benzene scaffold (T3) to connect three cysteine residues resulting in a generation of bicyclic peptides as previously described.⁴⁰⁻⁴² The peptide was dissolved at 2 mg/mL in 50 mM ammonium bicarbonate buffer pH 7.8. One equivalent T3 scaffold (stock solution of 2 mg/mL in acetonitrile) was added to the linear peptide every 30 min until full cyclization was realized. Cyclization progress was monitored by UPLC-MS, resulting in a final mass of 4042.50 Da, corresponding to the calculated monoisotopic mass of the cyclized peptide. After semi-preparative HPLC, product containing fractions were identified by UPLC-MS, pooled and lyophilized.

Semi-Preparative HPLC Purification and Mass Spectrometry

Semi-preparative reversed-phase HPLC was performed by using a Vydac C-18 column (250 x 10 mm, 10 μ m). A linear gradient of acetonitrile in water/0.1% trifluoroacetic acid was used to elute the peptide using a flow rate of 12 mL/min. UPLC-MS was performed on a Waters XEVO QTOF G2 mass spectrometer, with an Acquity H-class solvent manager, FTN-sample manager and TUV-detector. The system was equipped with a reversed phase C₁₈-column (Waters, Acquity PST 130 A, 1.7 μ m 2.1 x 50 mm), column temperature 40°C. The mobile phases consisted of 0.1% formic acid in water and 90% acetonitrile. FTN-purge solvent was 10% acetonitrile in water. Gradient condition: starting with 10% acetonitrile to 55% acetonitrile in 15 min, absorbance detection at 220 nm wavelength.

Supplemental Figures

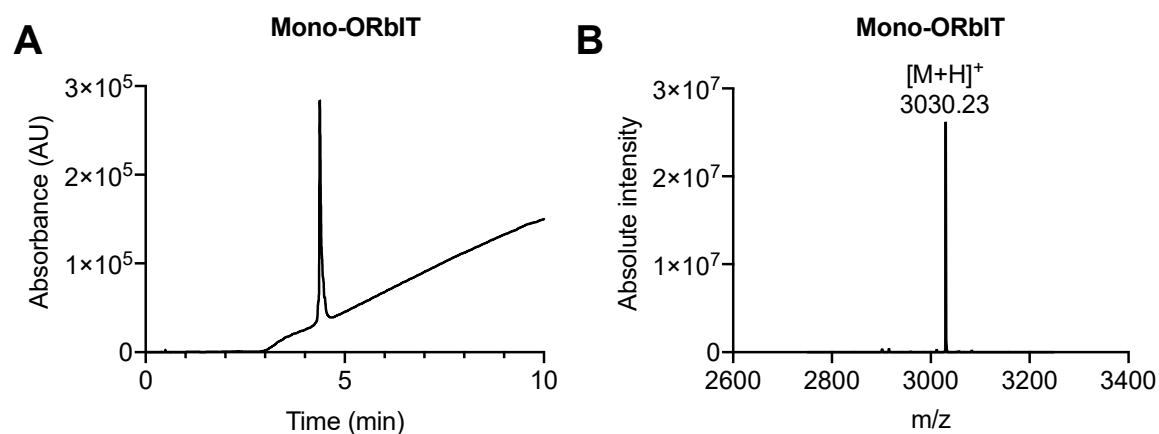


Figure S1. Representative spectra of chemically synthesized and purified mono-ORbIT. A, UV spectrum and B, mass spectrum of mono-ORbIT.

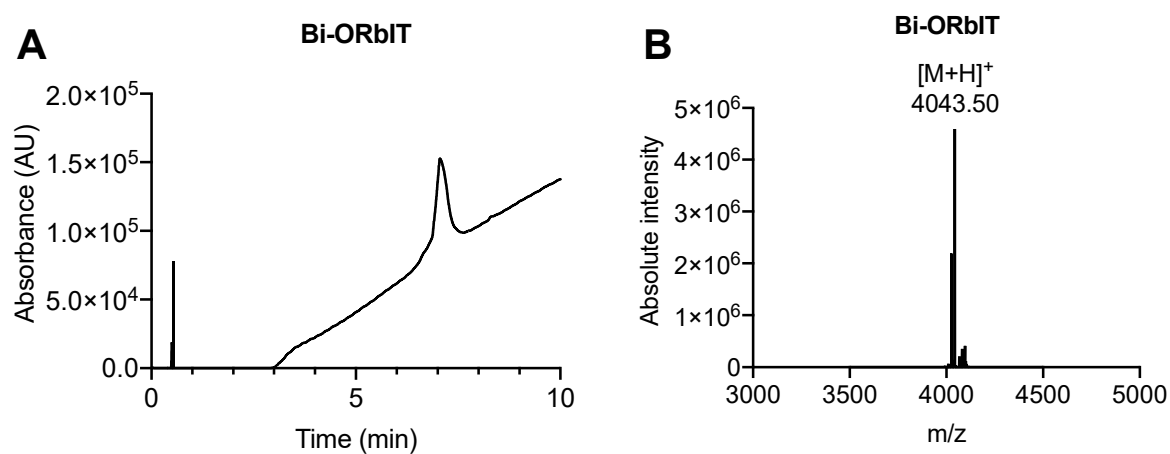
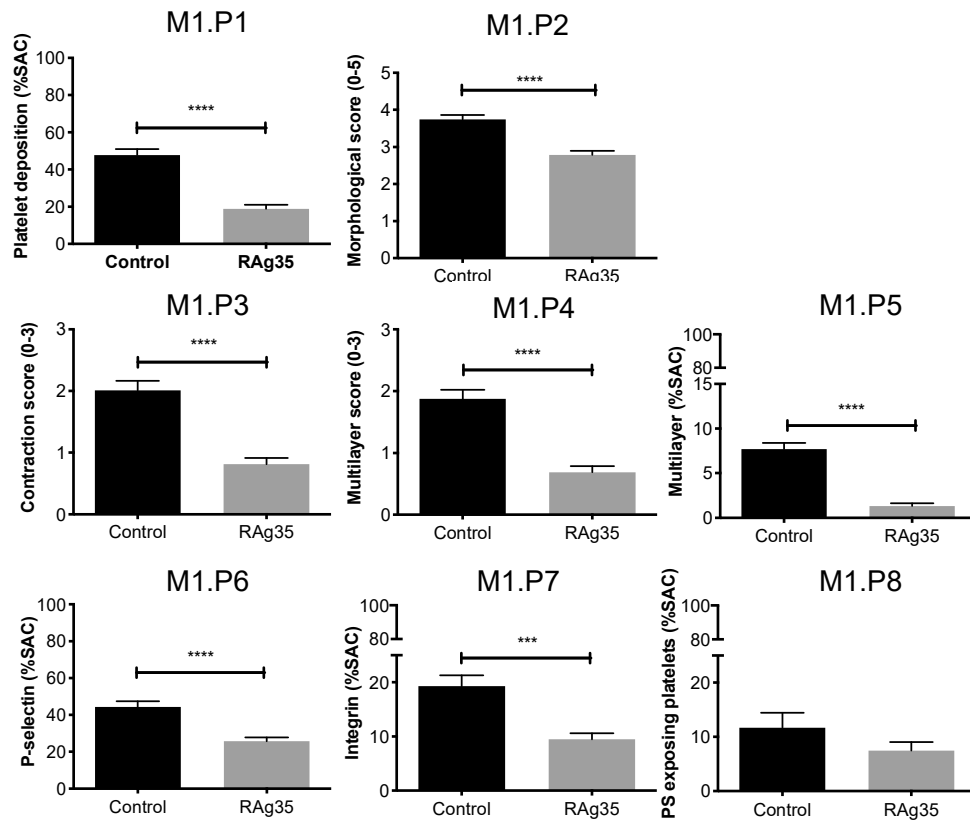
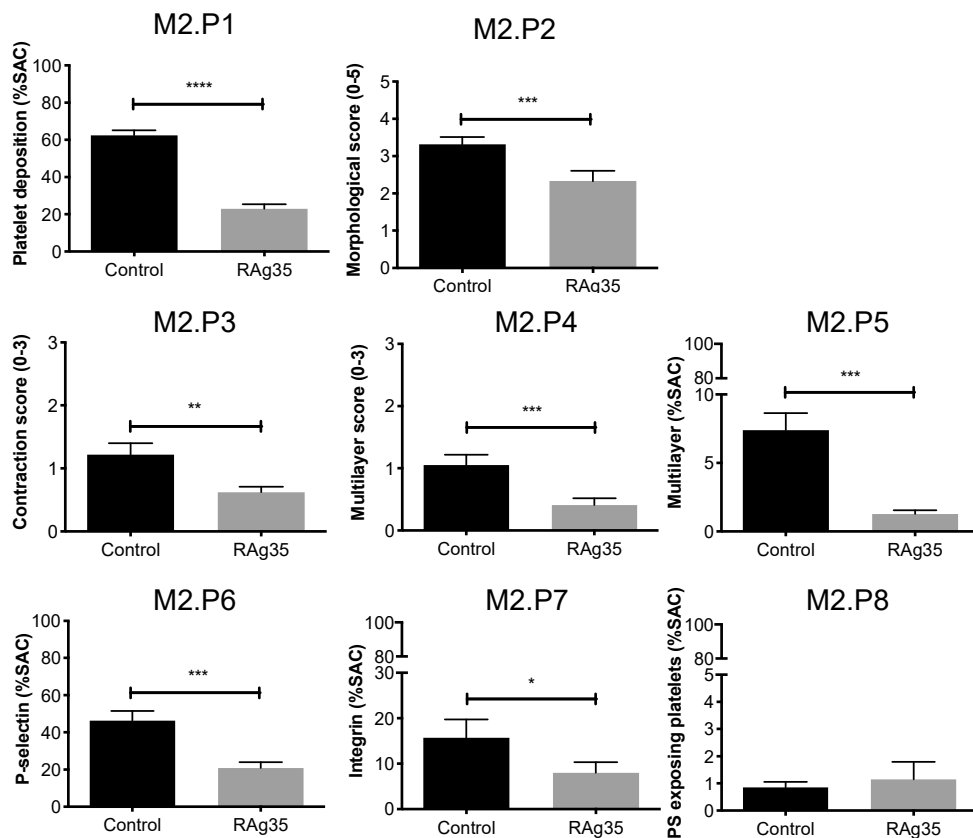


Figure S2. Representative spectra of chemically synthesized and purified bi-ORbIT. A, UV spectrum and B, mass spectrum of bi-ORbIT.

A Collagen-I (M1)



B Collagen-III (M2)



C VWF/fibrinogen (M3)

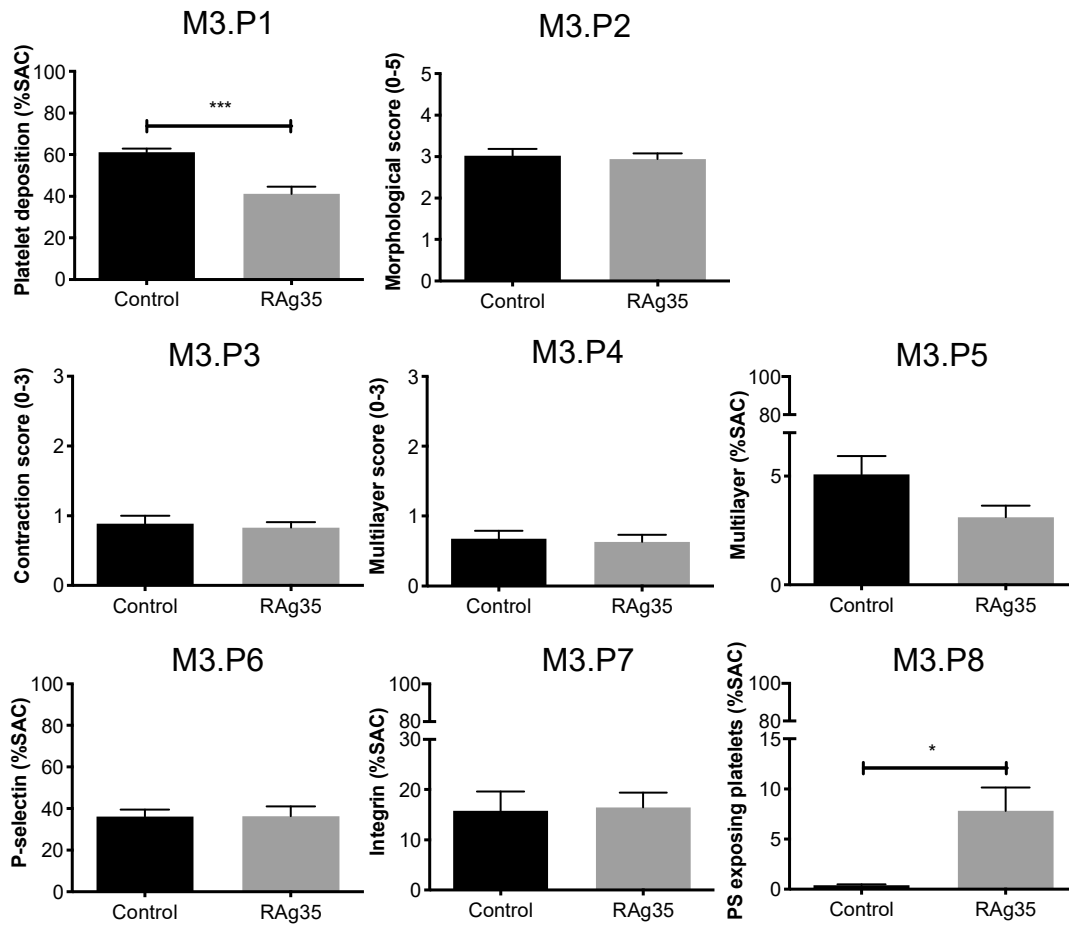


Figure S3. Effect of CLB-RAg35 on thrombus formation at high-shear flow. Microspot thrombus formation was performed, as described in Figure 1. Shown are calculated effects of CLB-RAg35 vs. control for microspot M1 (A), microspot M2 (B) and microspot M3 (C), per parameter (P1-8). Paired Student's t-test, * $P < 0.05$, ** $P < 0.01$, *** $P < 0.001$, **** $P < 0.0001$ ($n=10$).

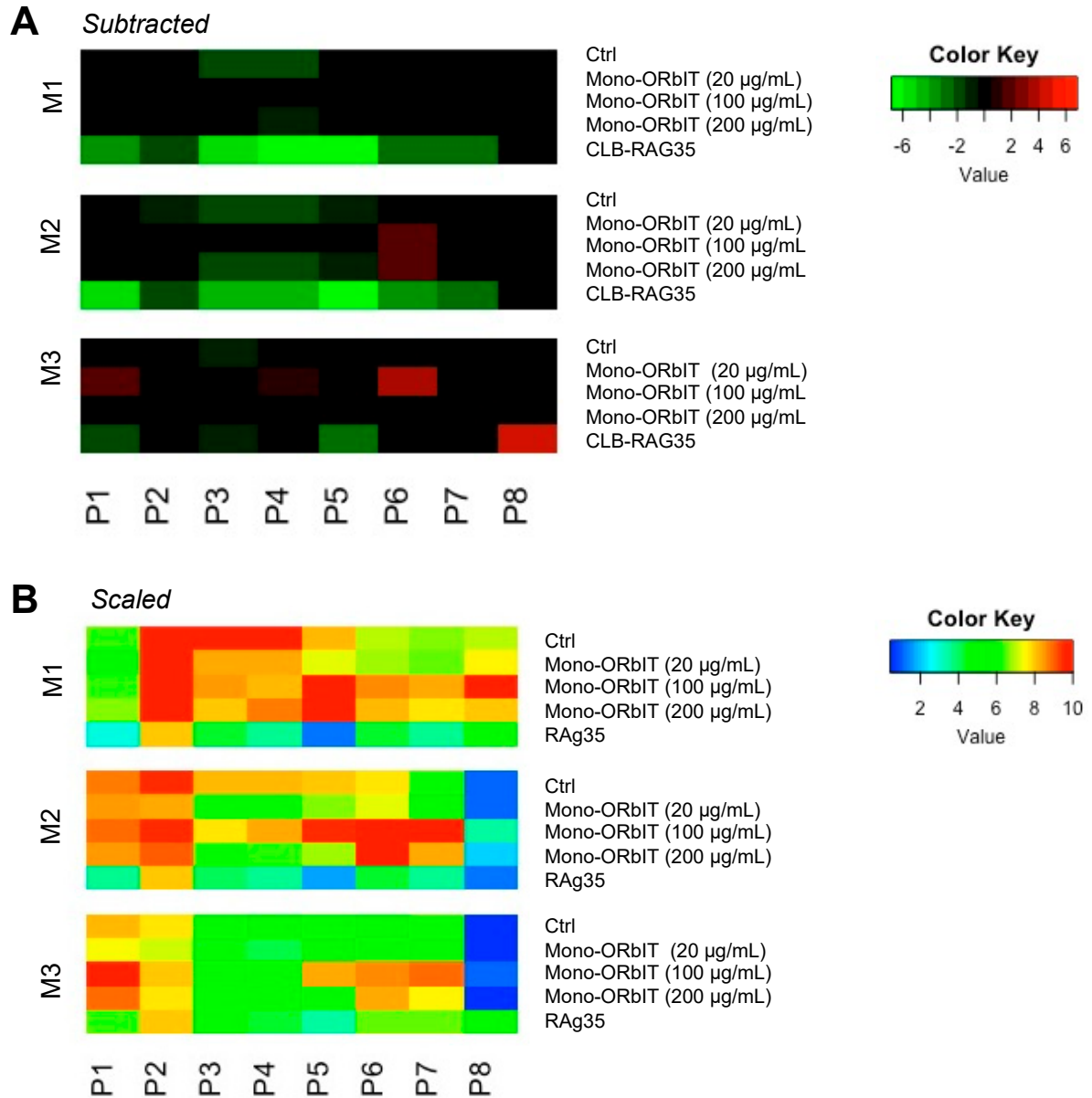


Figure S4. Effects of mono-ORbIT on thrombus formation under flow. Whole blood was preincubated for 10 min in parallel with mono-ORbIT (20, 100 and 200 µg/mL), CLB-RAG35 (Rag35, 10 µg/mL), or control (saline). Samples were perfused over microspots consisting of collagen-I (M1), collagen-III (M2) or VWF/fibrinogen (M3) for 3.5 min at wall-shear rate of 1600 s⁻¹, and then stained, as indicated for Figure 3. Mean values from individual blood samples ($n=13$ donors) were scaled 0-10 per parameter across all microspots M1-3. **A**, Heatmap representation of control-subtracted data. Color coding indicates decrease (green) or increase (red) in comparison to control runs. **B**, Heatmap of mean data per parameter and microspot of thrombus formation. Raw data were scaled on range 0-10 per parameter (P1-8) across all microspots. ($n=6-13$ donors). See Suppl. Table 3.

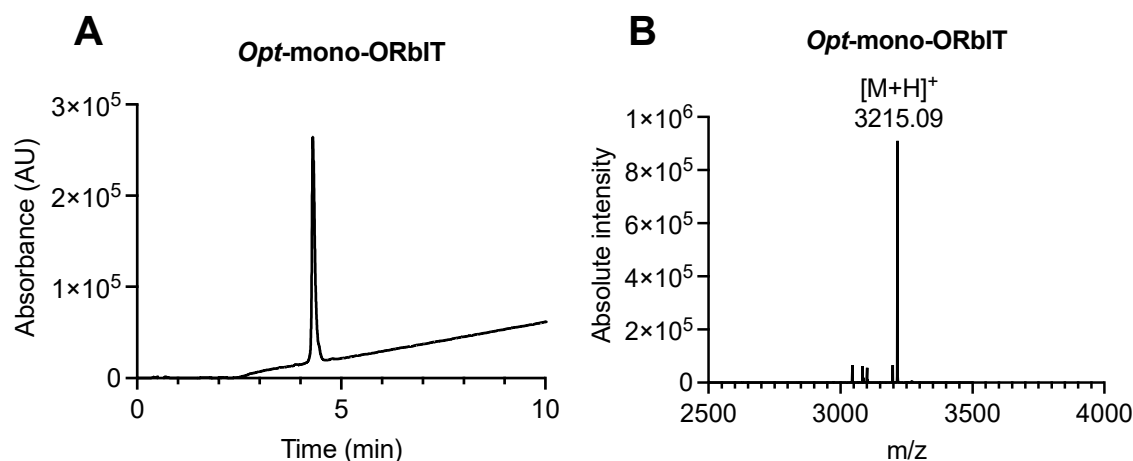


Figure S5. Representative spectra of chemically synthesized and purified *opt*-mono-ORbIT. A, UV spectrum and B, mass spectrum of *opt*-mono-ORbIT.

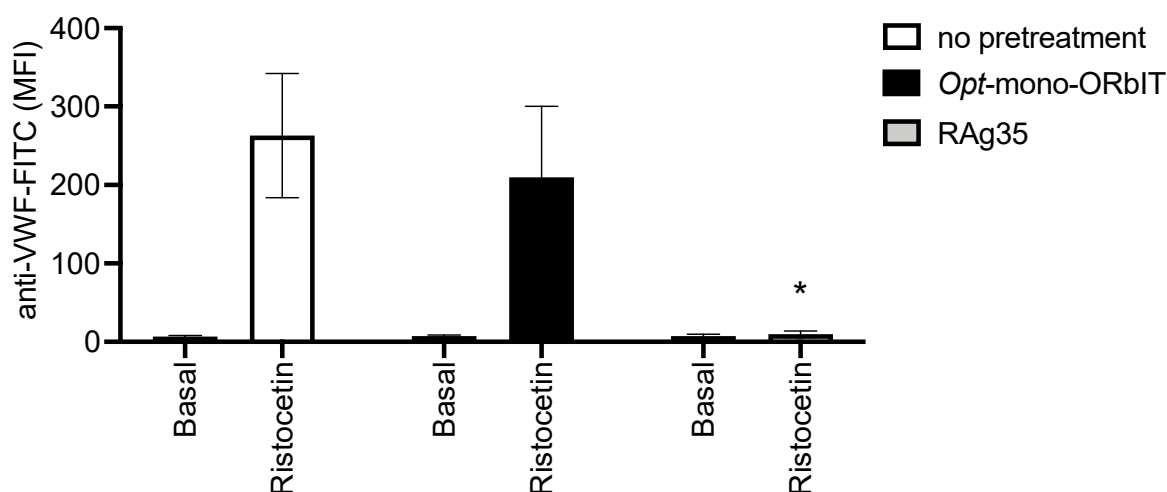


Figure S6. Effect of *opt*-mono-ORbIT on ristocetin-induced platelet binding to VWF. Diluted PRP containing tirofiban (1.25 μ g/mL) was pre-incubated with 200 μ g/mL *opt*-mono-ORbIT for 10 min at room temperature. Mixture was subsequently activated for 6 min with ristocetin (0.5 mg/mL). Samples were fixed and labeled with FITC-conjugated anti-VWF antibody. Selected gated population of single platelets was used for the analyses. VWF binding calculated as mean fluorescence intensity (MFI). Paired Student's *t*-test, **P*<0.05 (*n*=3 donors).

Supplemental Tables

Table S1. Raw data per microspot and parameter of control/mono-ORbIT peptide on whole-blood thrombus formation. Data are mean \pm SD, *n*=7 donors for mono-ORbIT. For explanation, see Figure 4.

	Condition	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8
M1	Control	44.99 \pm 8.62	3.62 \pm 0.22	1.75 \pm 0.39	1.76 \pm 0.30	11.33 \pm 4.50	45.22 \pm 9.12	22.84 \pm 10.73	8.83 \pm 4.21
M1	Mono-OR-bIT 20 μ g/mL	42.37 \pm 12.96	3.48 \pm 0.37	1.46 \pm 0.61	1.46 \pm 0.49	10.22 \pm 4.77	43.94 \pm 12.52	22.12 \pm 11.73	9.63 \pm 3.58
M1	Mono-OR-bIT 100 μ g/mL	44.87 \pm 6.15	3.58 \pm 0.30	1.48 \pm 0.32	1.44 \pm 0.27	13.47 \pm 1.99	55.25 \pm 8.94	28.50 \pm 6.12	12.69 \pm 5.55
M1	Mono-OR-bIT 200 μ g/mL	46.89 \pm 8.76	3.48 \pm 0.20	1.40 \pm 0.28	1.54 \pm 0.25	14.00 \pm 1.96	52.99 \pm 9.89	26.11 \pm 9.92	10.12 \pm 3.88
M2	Control	62.16 \pm 10.54	3.44 \pm 0.53	1.42 \pm 0.52	1.44 \pm 0.39	11.26 \pm 3.60	50.09 \pm 9.73	21.05 \pm 12.44	1.44 \pm 1.12

M2	Mono-OR-bIT 20 $\mu\text{g/mL}$	59.31 \pm 10.19	3.02 \pm 0.83	1.04 \pm 0.67	1.04 \pm 0.65	9.44 \pm 4.50	47.14 \pm 17.09	19.47 \pm 11.29	1.30 \pm 0.97
M2	Mono-OR-bIT 100 $\mu\text{g/mL}$	62.81 \pm 7.66	3.42 \pm 0.52	1.35 \pm 0.50	1.46 \pm 0.46	13.31 \pm 2.10	64.46 \pm 6.06	34.03 \pm 10.58	4.44 \pm 5.95
M2	Mono-OR-bIT 200 $\mu\text{g/mL}$	59.85 \pm 10.60	3.29 \pm 0.37	1.08 \pm 0.13	1.13 \pm 0.14	9.65 \pm 1.68	62.40 \pm 3.14	28.34 \pm 11.00	2.61 \pm 2.48
M3	Control	57.26 \pm 17.33	2.79 \pm 1.14	0.99 \pm 0.54	0.92 \pm 0.50	8.17 \pm 5.53	35.16 \pm 17.35	20.55 \pm 14.39	0.54 \pm 0.55
M3	Mono-OR-bIT 20 $\mu\text{g/mL}$	52.39 \pm 22.43	2.58 \pm 1.00	0.79 \pm 0.54	0.75 \pm 0.55	7.26 \pm 5.36	38.69 \pm 21.60	19.78 \pm 14.55	0.56 \pm 0.59
M3	Mono-OR-bIT 100 $\mu\text{g/mL}$	70.55 \pm 10.30	2.88 \pm 0.38	0.98 \pm 0.34	1.02 \pm 0.32	11.59 \pm 3.34	55.76 \pm 11.77	30.07 \pm 10.71	1.32 \pm 1.25
M3	Mono-OR-bIT 200 $\mu\text{g/mL}$	63.13 \pm 8.93	2.79 \pm 0.51	0.88 \pm 0.31	0.85 \pm 0.28	8.42 \pm 3.29	53.74 \pm 11.86	25.92 \pm 14.47	0.68 \pm 0.61

Table S2. Raw data per microspot and parameter of bi-ORbIT peptide on whole-blood thrombus formation. Data are mean.

	Condition	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8
M1	Control	46.80 \pm 10.18	3.78 \pm 0.48	2.19 \pm 0.33	2.01 \pm 0.7	8.57 \pm 2.67	49.75 \pm 7.12	20.31 \pm 6.55	13.83 \pm 2.45
M1	Bi-ORbIT	40.40 \pm 8.87	3.45 \pm 0.45	1.75 \pm 0.5	1.38 \pm 0.47	7.89 \pm 2.47	50.09 \pm 7.12	17.22 \pm 8.66	14.14 \pm 4.63
M2	Control	58.43 \pm 5.33	3.12 \pm 0.63	0.95 \pm 0.37	0.65 \pm 0.22	4.59 \pm 2.15	49.55 \pm 12.04	15.00 \pm 13.89	0.80 \pm 0.62
M2	Bi-ORbIT	56.87 \pm 6.11	3.03 \pm 0.61	0.69 \pm 0.19	0.51 \pm 0.24	5.16 \pm 0.84	50.39 \pm 10.94	13.80 \pm 10.94	1.69 \pm 4.22
M3	Control	51.68 \pm 12.37	3.03 \pm 0.68	0.72 \pm 0.14	0.43 \pm 0.19	3.84 \pm 1.79	41.14 \pm 11.56	16.51 \pm 15.22	0.44 \pm 0.28
M3	Bi-ORbIT	50.53 \pm 10.22	2.80 \pm 0.56	0.51 \pm 0.11	0.33 \pm 0.19	3.58 \pm 1.53	14.31 \pm 10.38	39.21 \pm 14.14	0.44 \pm 0.53

\pm SD, $n=5$ donors bi-ORbIT. For explanation, see Figure 5.

Table S3. Raw data per microspot and parameter of control/Mono-ORbIT2 peptide on whole-blood thrombus formation.

.	Condition	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8
M1	Control	44.35 \pm 11.96	3.93 \pm 0.37	2.01 \pm 0.31	2.17 \pm 0.48	15.47 \pm 3.86	9.85 \pm 2.23	54.25 \pm 6.97	28.06 \pm 7.16
M1	Opt-mono-ORbIT 20 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	40.07 \pm 12.57	3.27 \pm 0.28	1.39 \pm 0.48	1.45 \pm 0.48	11.10 \pm 3.63	9.84 \pm 4.07	49.91 \pm 7.19	24.22 \pm 8.43
M1	Opt-mono-ORbIT 100 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	44.99 \pm 12.37	3.46 \pm 0.47	1.45 \pm 0.44	1.55 \pm 0.44	12.49 \pm 2.65	10.93 \pm 5.02	55.05 \pm 6.76	30.60 \pm 8.68
M1	Opt-mono-ORbIT 200 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	36.45 \pm 15.93	3.38 \pm 0.33	1.29 \pm 0.51	1.50 \pm 0.33	15.26 \pm 1.76	9.87 \pm 6.14	54.76 \pm 8.69	26.74 \pm 12.58
M2	Control	58.62 \pm 15.08	3.90 \pm 0.40	1.85 \pm 0.45	1.81 \pm 0.43	16.78 \pm 6.77	1.75 \pm 1.04	60.39 \pm 10.05	31.27 \pm 7.81
M2	Opt-mono-ORbIT 20 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	54.37 \pm 16.61	3.25 \pm 0.25	1.29 \pm 0.42	1.36 \pm 0.38	12.32 \pm 3.31	2.28 \pm 1.79	56.22 \pm 9.58	22.08 \pm 10.79
M2	Opt-mono-ORbIT 100 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	57.32 \pm 17.83	3.27 \pm 0.48	1.14 \pm 0.38	1.29 \pm 0.46	13.09 \pm 4.05	3.21 \pm 2.52	57.44 \pm 8.77	31.53 \pm 10.16
M2	Opt-mono-ORbIT 200 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	46.02 \pm 20.93	2.83 \pm 0.19	0.96 \pm 0.31	1.04 \pm 0.19	14.56 \pm 4.18	1.62 \pm 2.11	57.61 \pm 11.13	27.79 \pm 15.59
M3	Control	65.43 \pm 13.27	3.40 \pm 0.26	1.36 \pm 0.26	1.31 \pm 0.28	14.03 \pm 7.06	1.28 \pm 1.18	54.45 \pm 8.09	32.98 \pm 8.80
M3	Opt-mono-ORbIT 20 $\mu\text{g/ml}$	61.54 \pm 20.01	3.09 \pm 0.76	1.20 \pm 0.58	1.18 \pm 0.59	10.86 \pm 5.60	1.06 \pm 1.40	51.02 \pm 7.21	25.29 \pm 8.37

M3	<i>Opt</i> -mono-ORbIT 100 μg/ml	63.94±13.54	2.89±0.57	1.00±0.38	1.04±0.36	10.83±5.10	2.97±4.18	53.73±10.58	33.17±9.12
M3	<i>Opt</i> -mono-ORbIT 200 μg/ml	50.29±18.69	2.67±0.63	0.75±0.45	0.75±0.50	13.97±6.46	2.58±3.62	55.54±13.96	29.52±18.4

Data are means ± SD, *n*=3-7 donors for mono-ORbIT2.