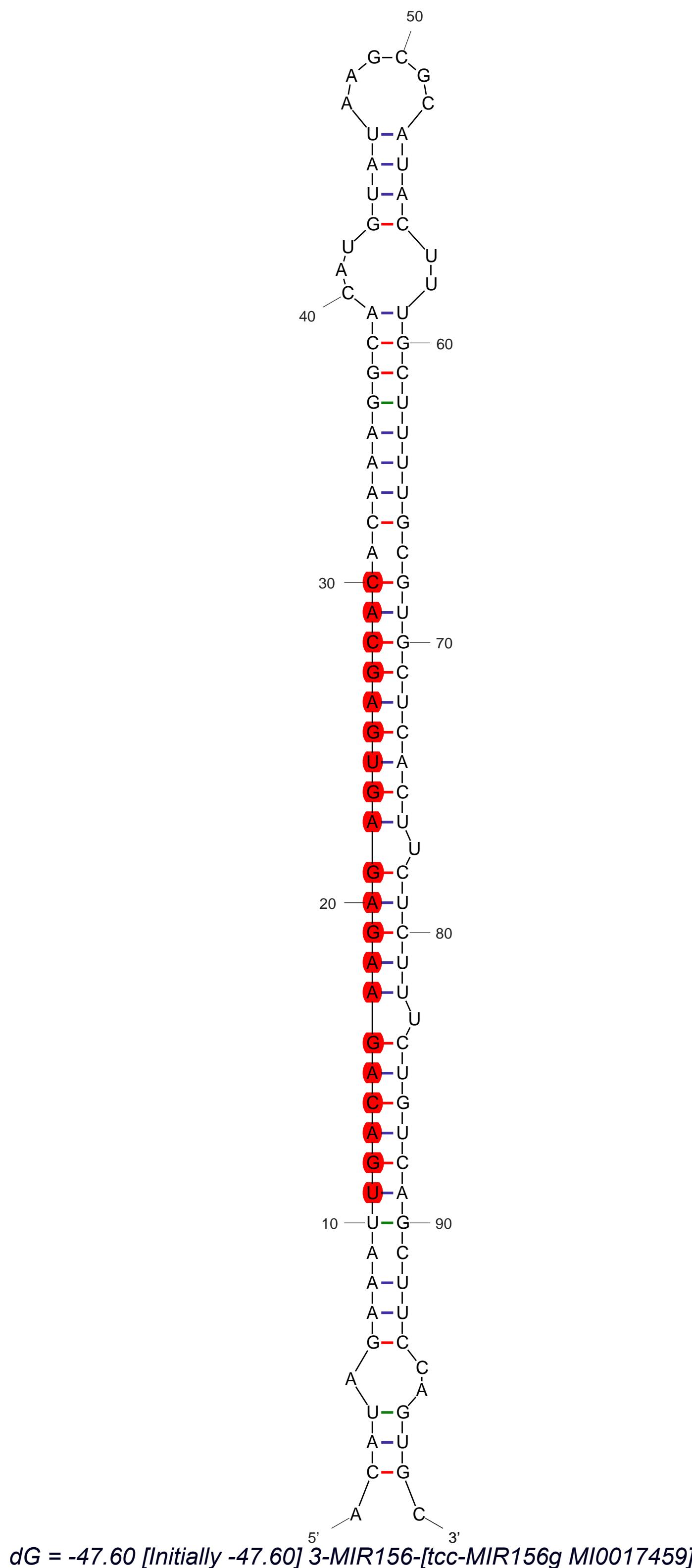
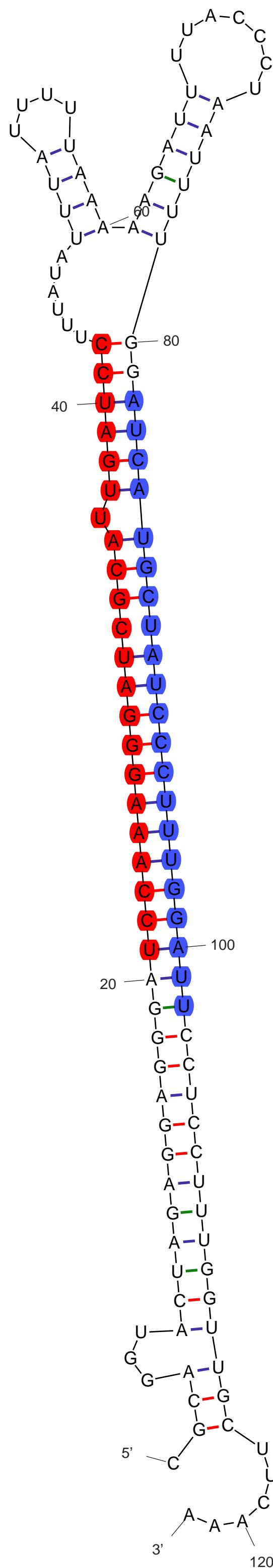


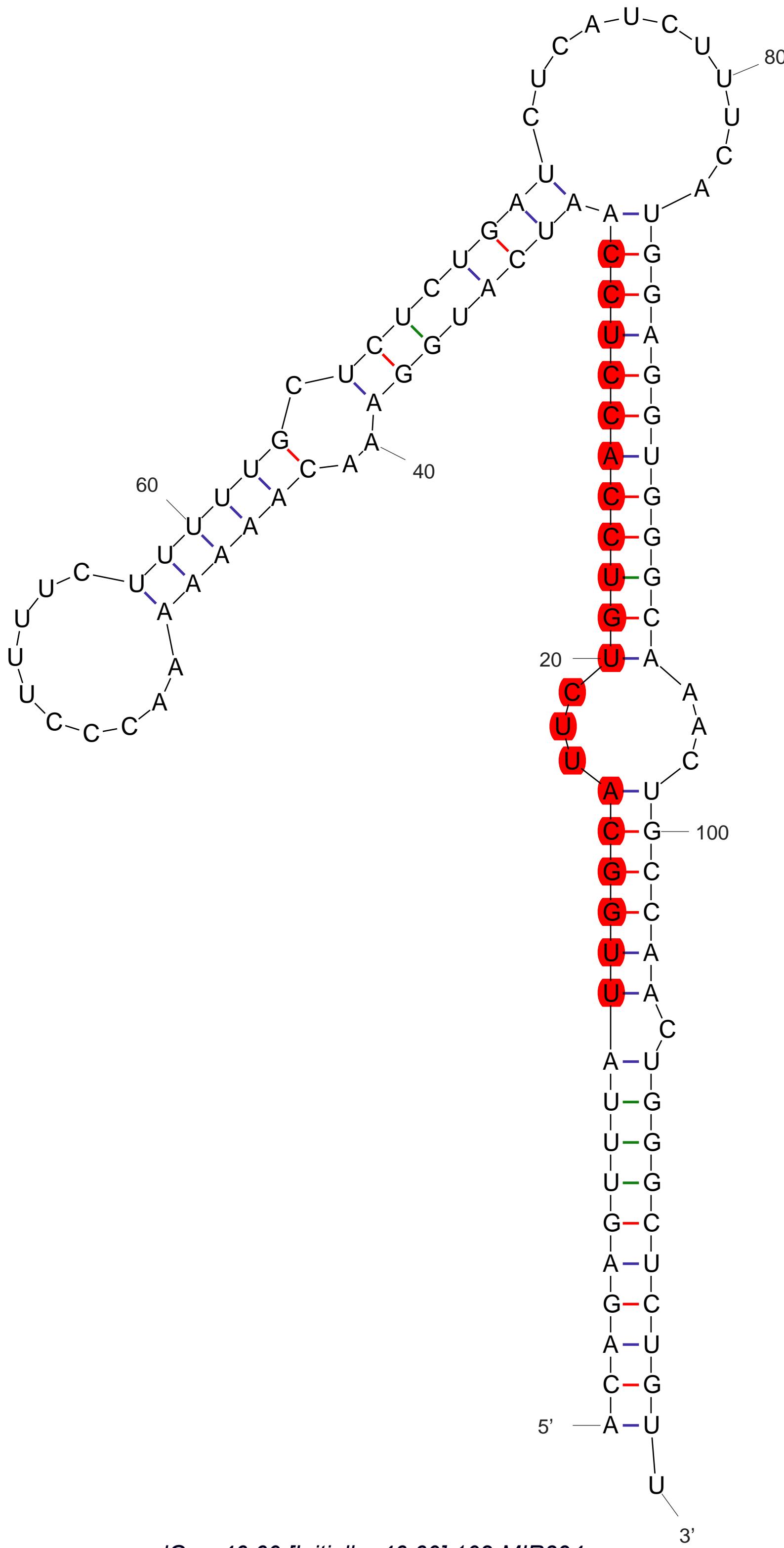
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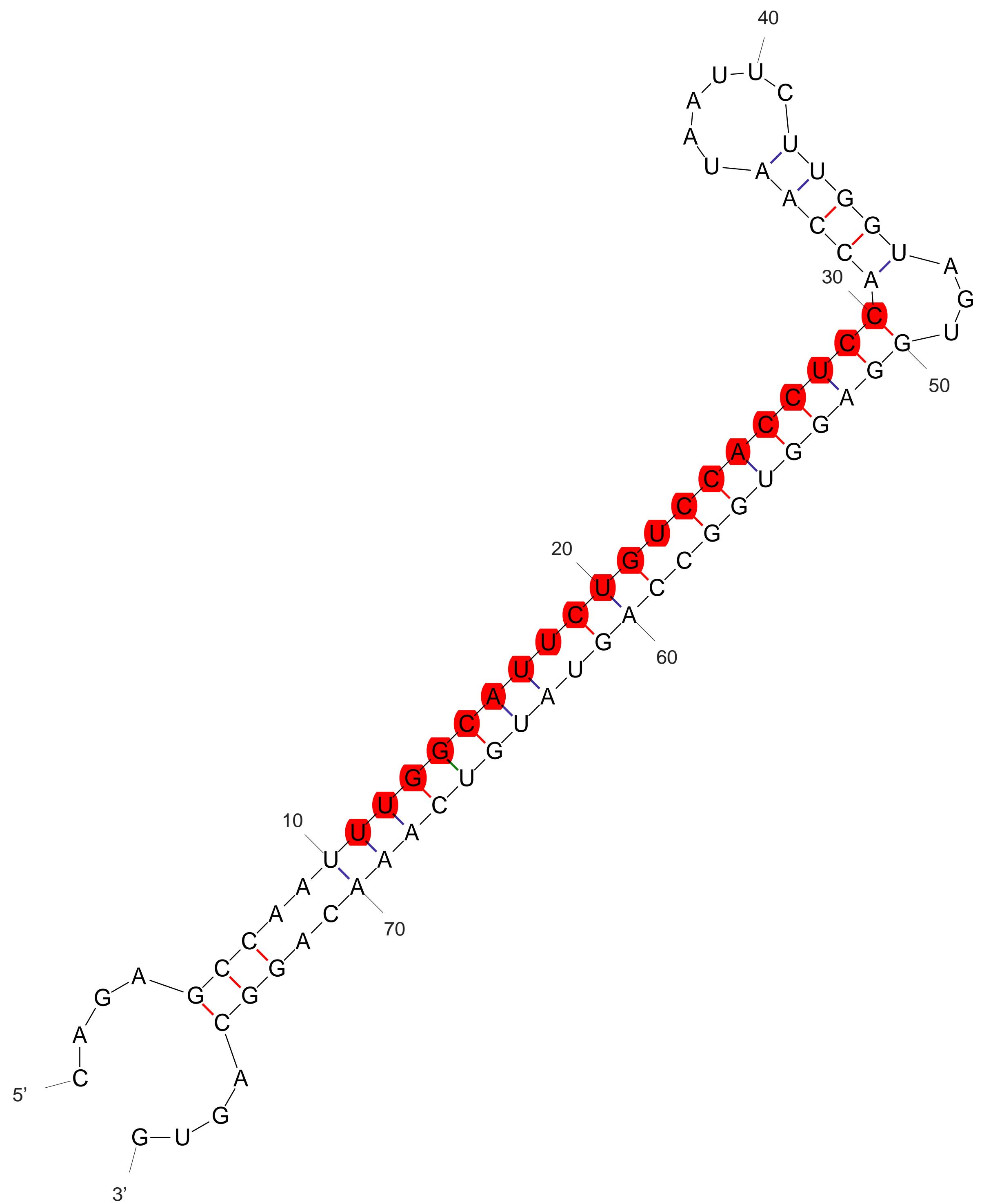
**The 139 novel stem-loop structures of known miRNA precursors in elongating cotton fibers.** In most cases, the red highlighting indicates the miRNA sequence and the blue highlighting indicates the miRNA\* sequence. For example, in ‘17-MIR159-[hbr-MIR159a MI0022053]’, the ‘17’ came from the “index” column in the additional file 2; “MIR159” came from the “name” column in the additional file 2; and [hbr-MIR159a MI0022053] was the homolog of the precursor in miRBase. *tcc*: *Theobroma cacao*; *ctr*: *Citrus trifoliata*; *hbr*: *Hevea brasiliensis*; *vvi*: *Vitis vinifera*; *ptc*: *Populus trichocarpa*; *mdm*: *Malus domestica*.



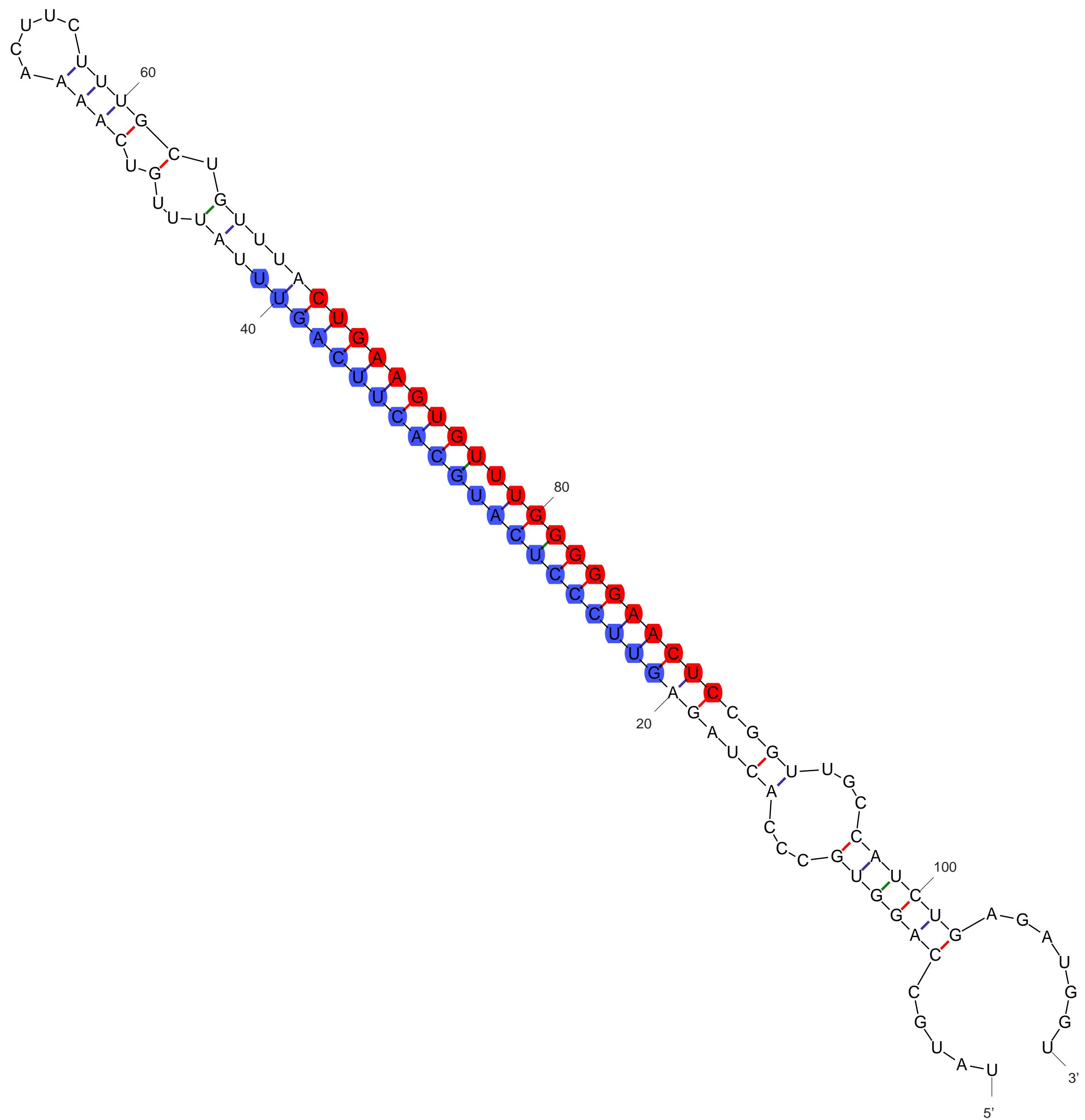


$dG = -54.20$  [Initially -56.10] 100-MIR393

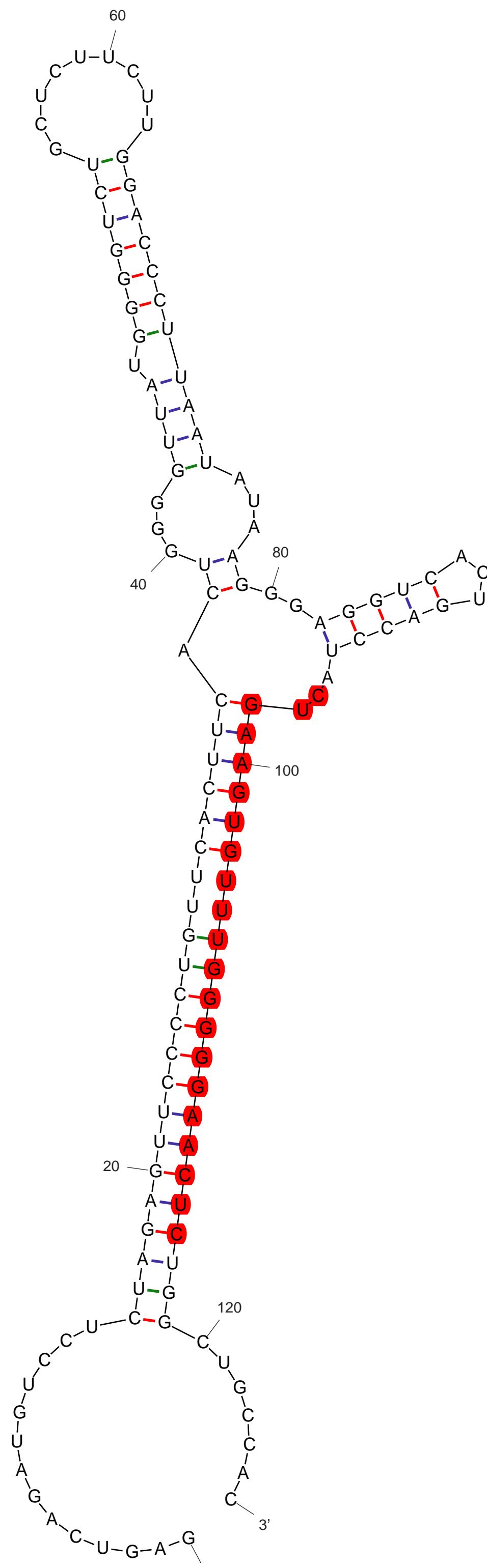


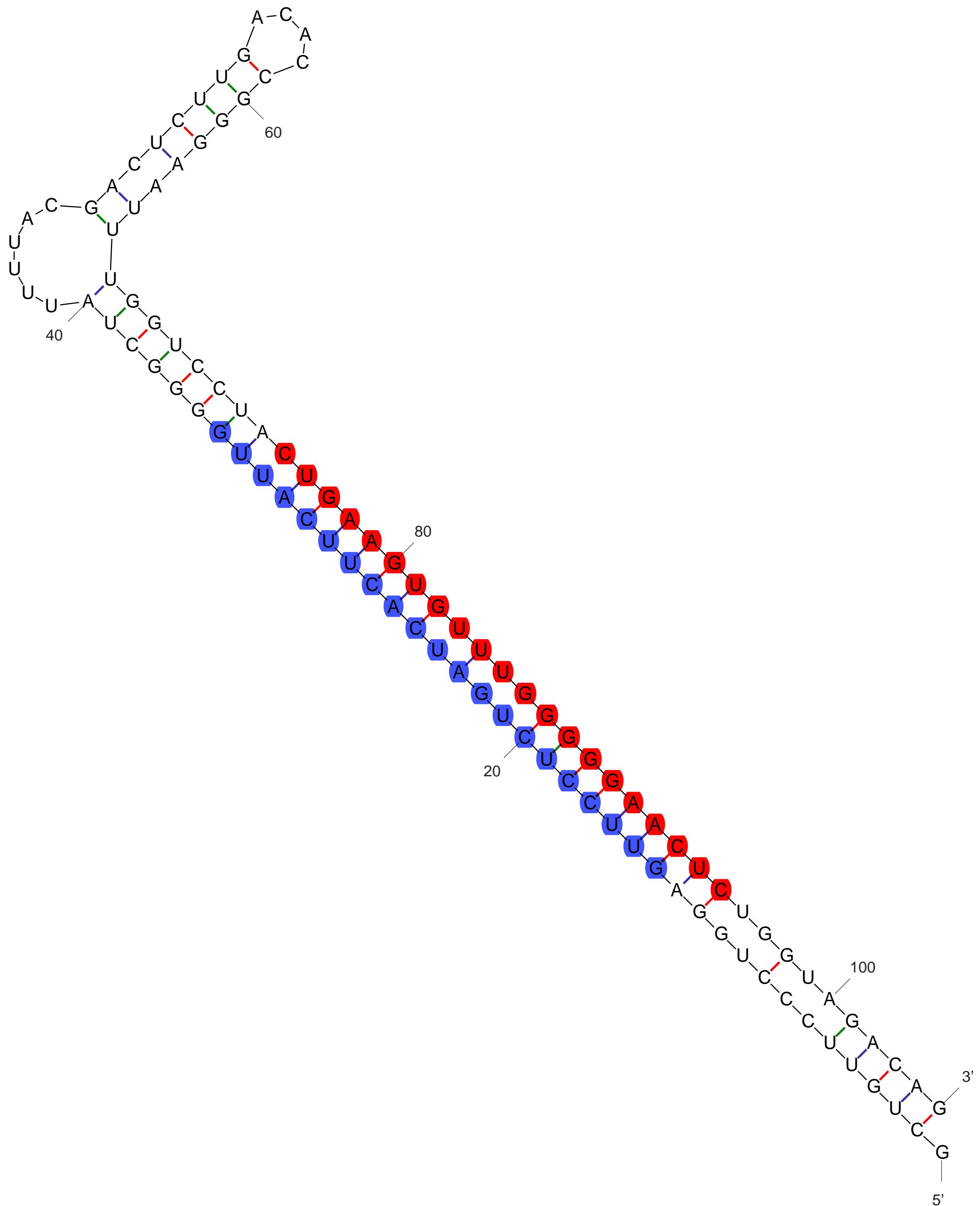


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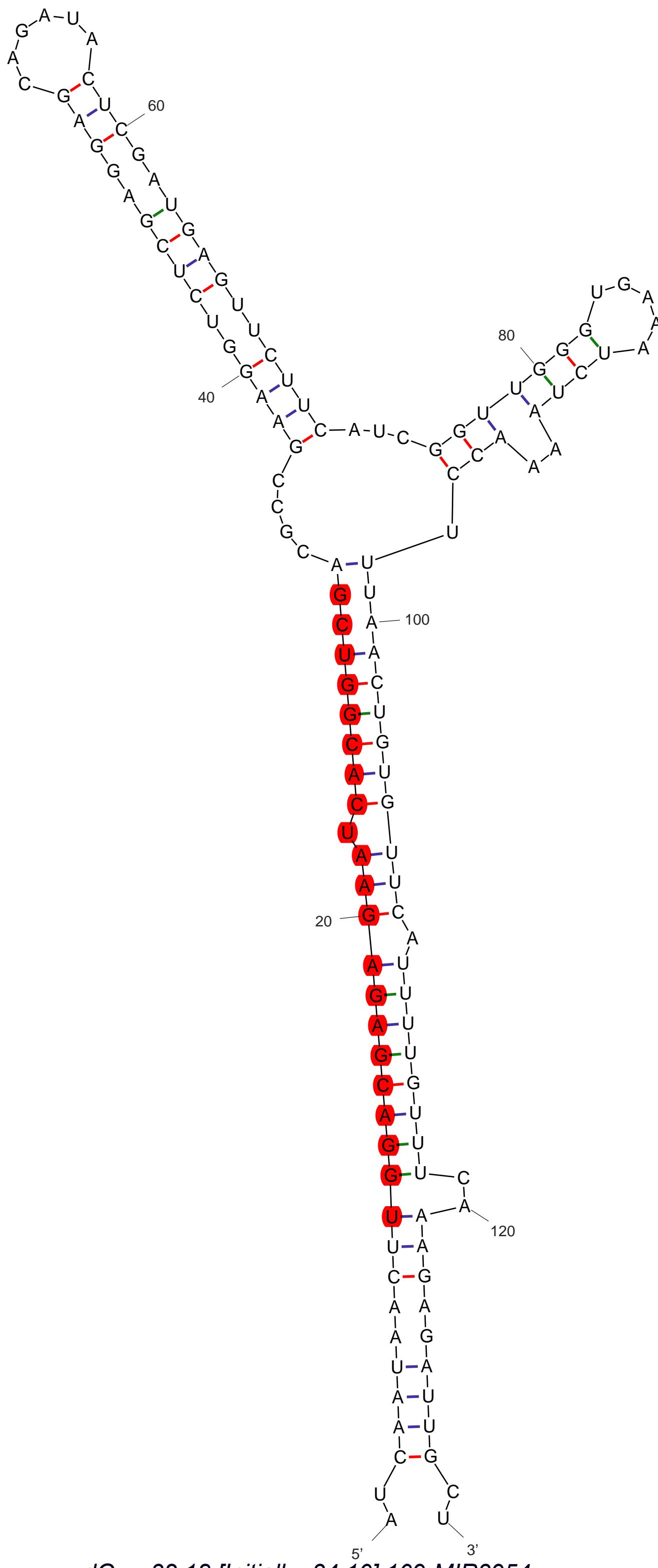


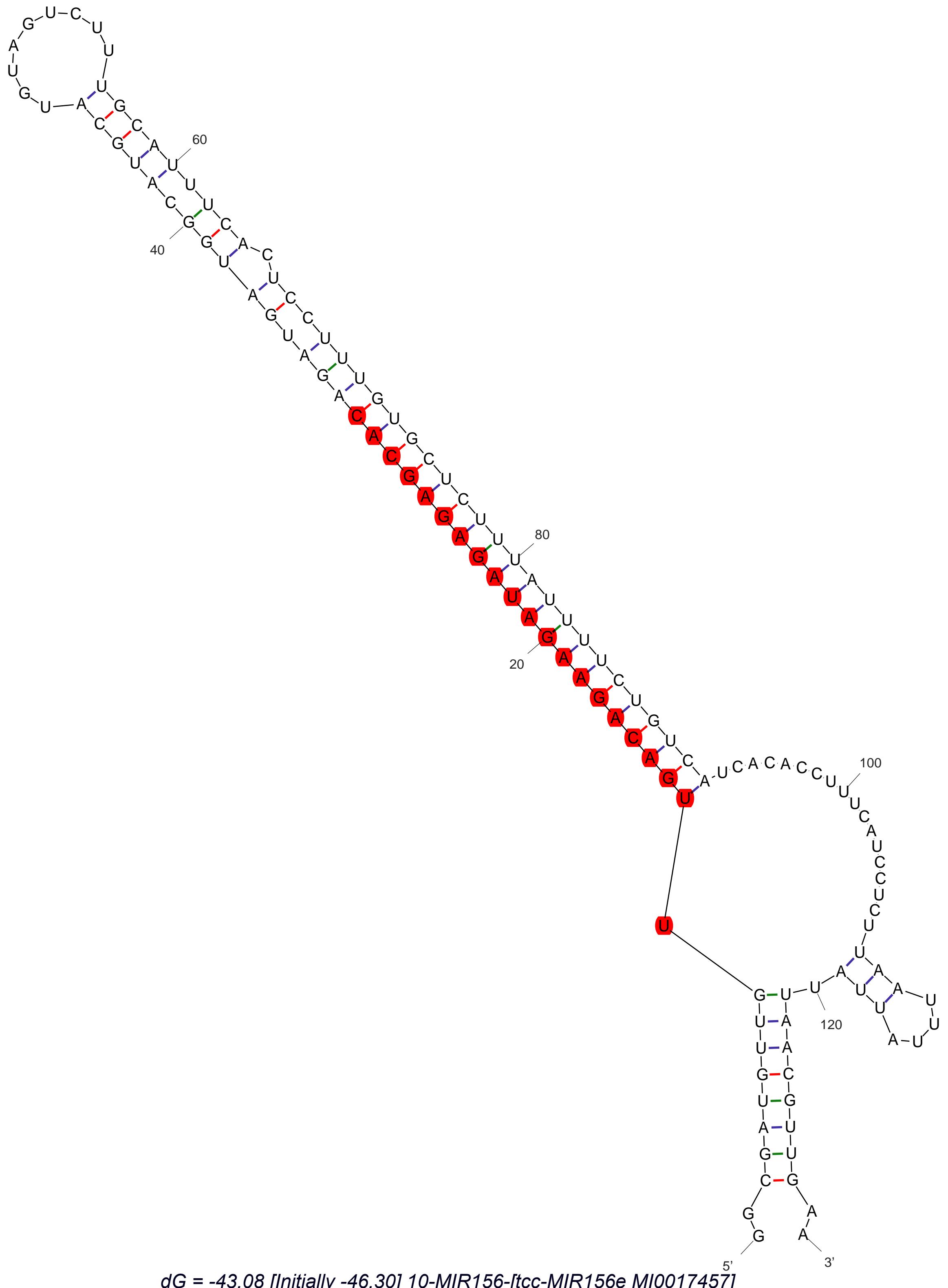
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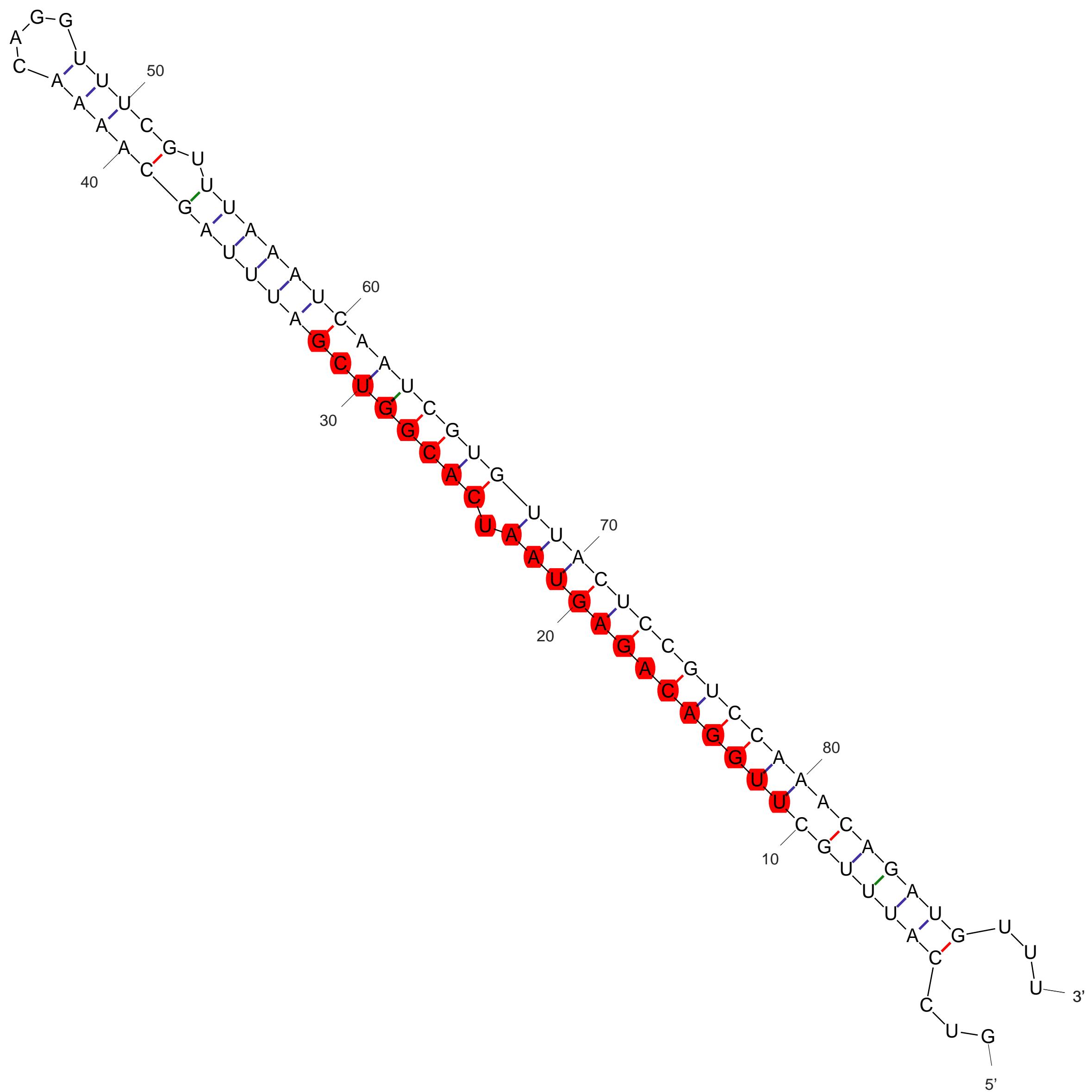




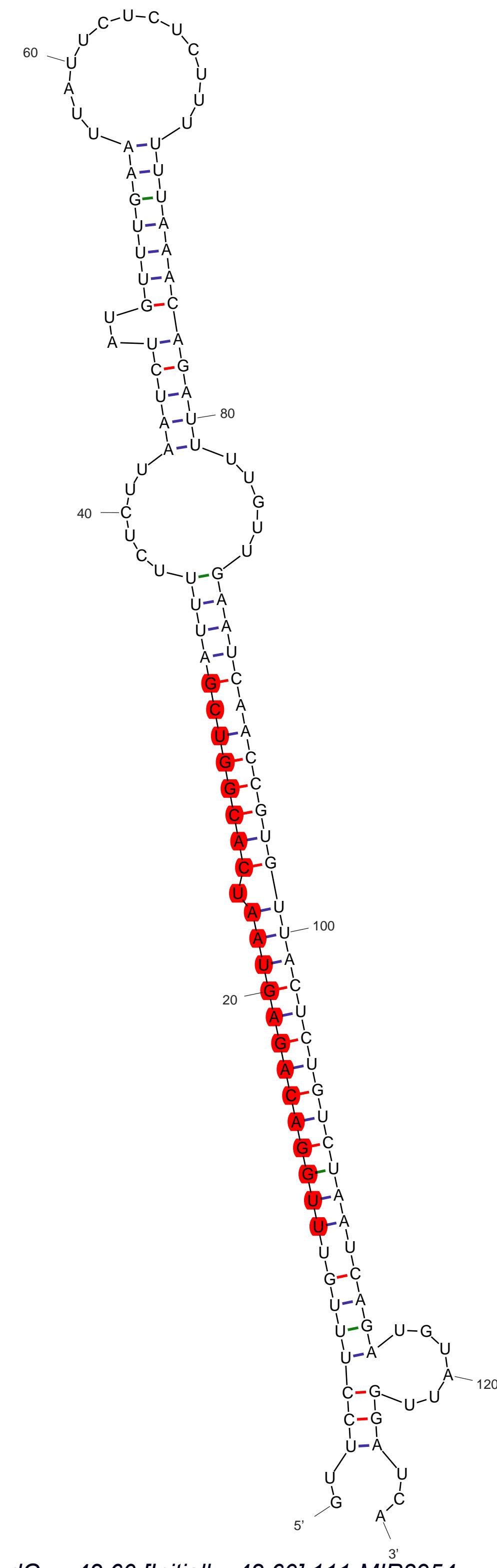
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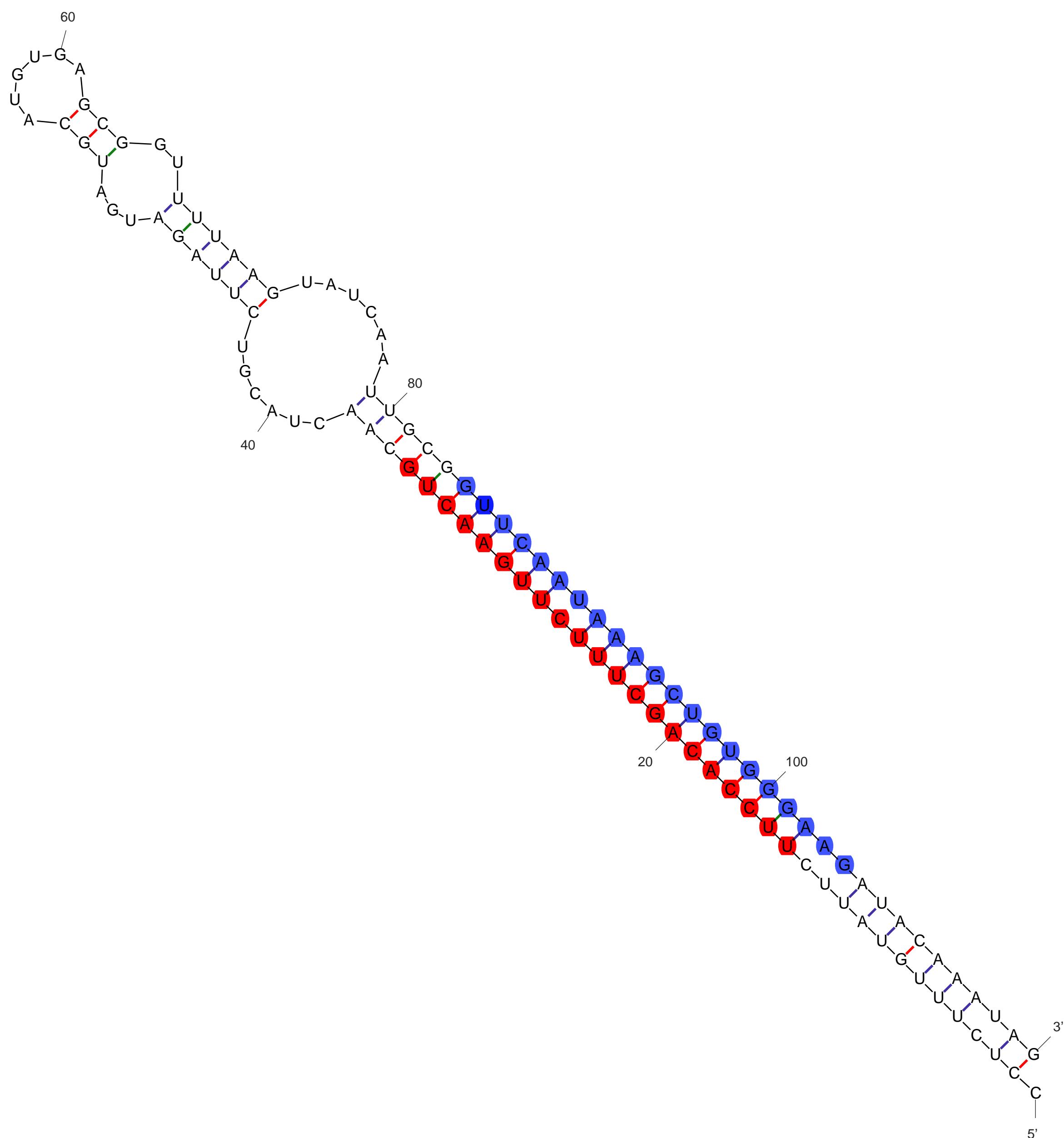




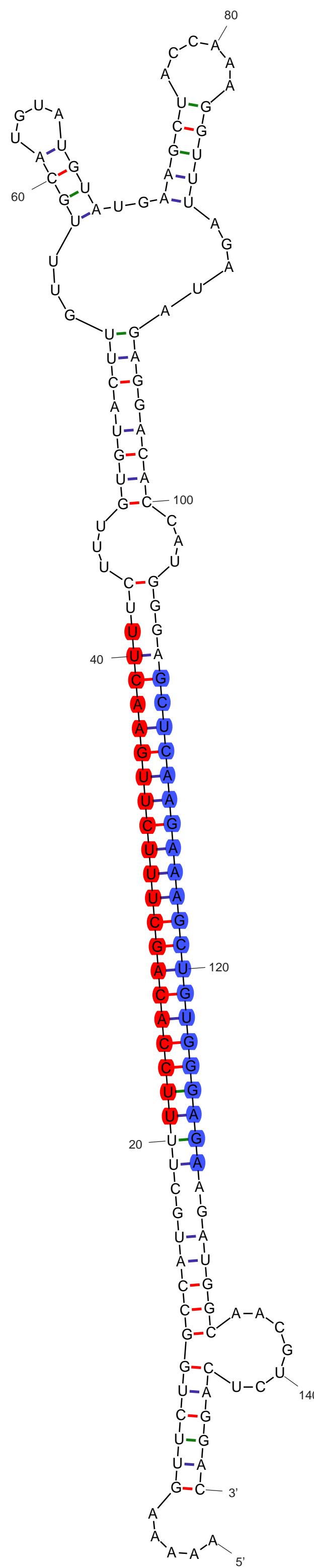
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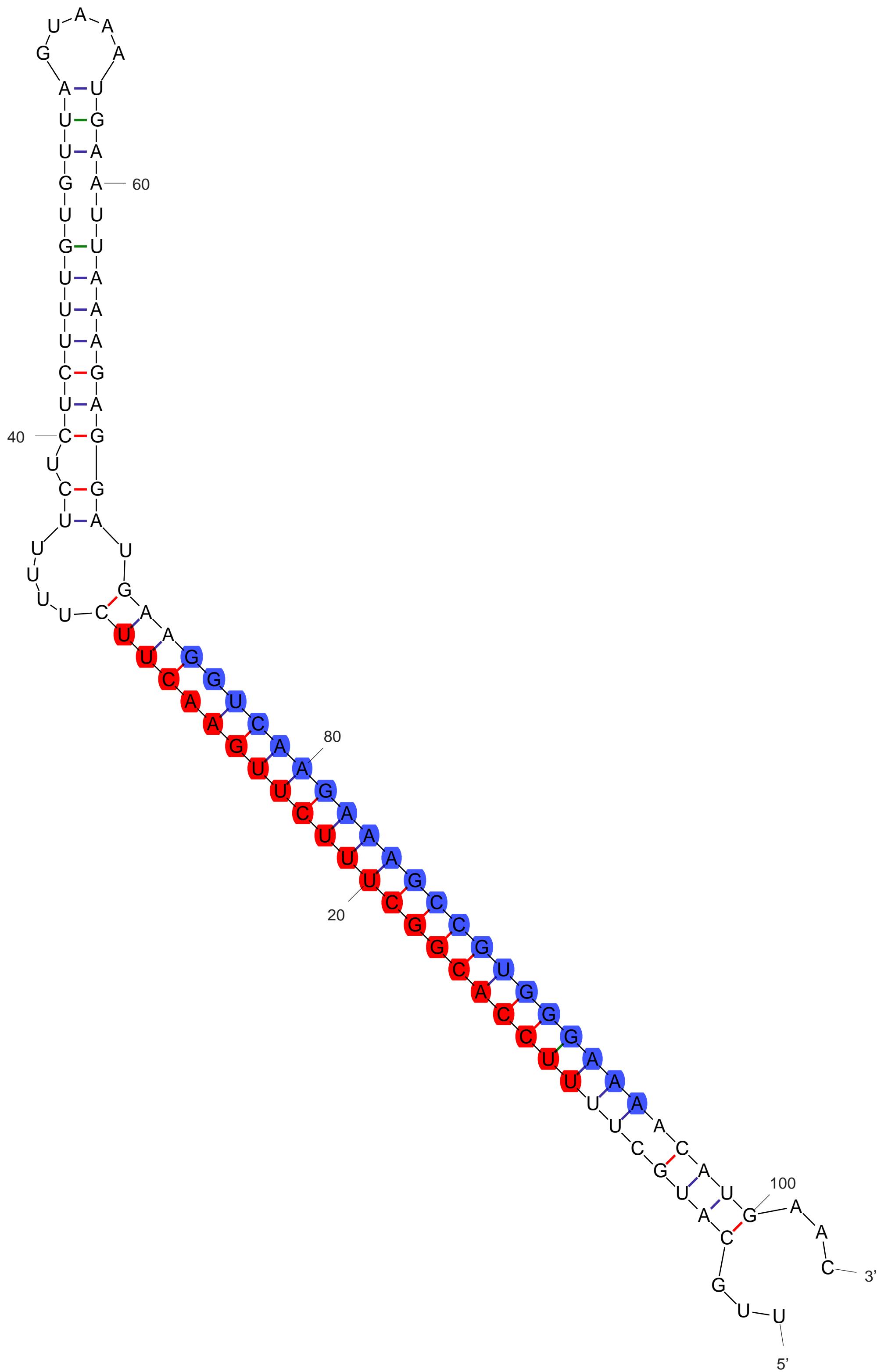
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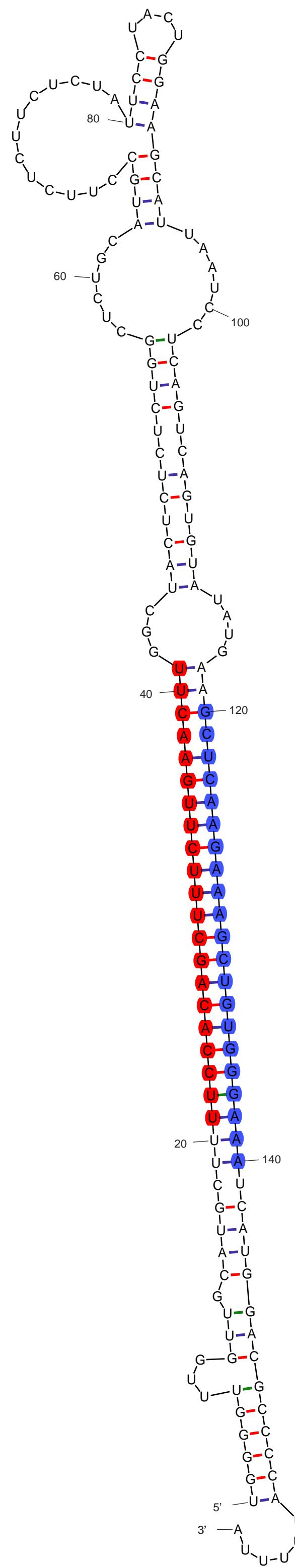


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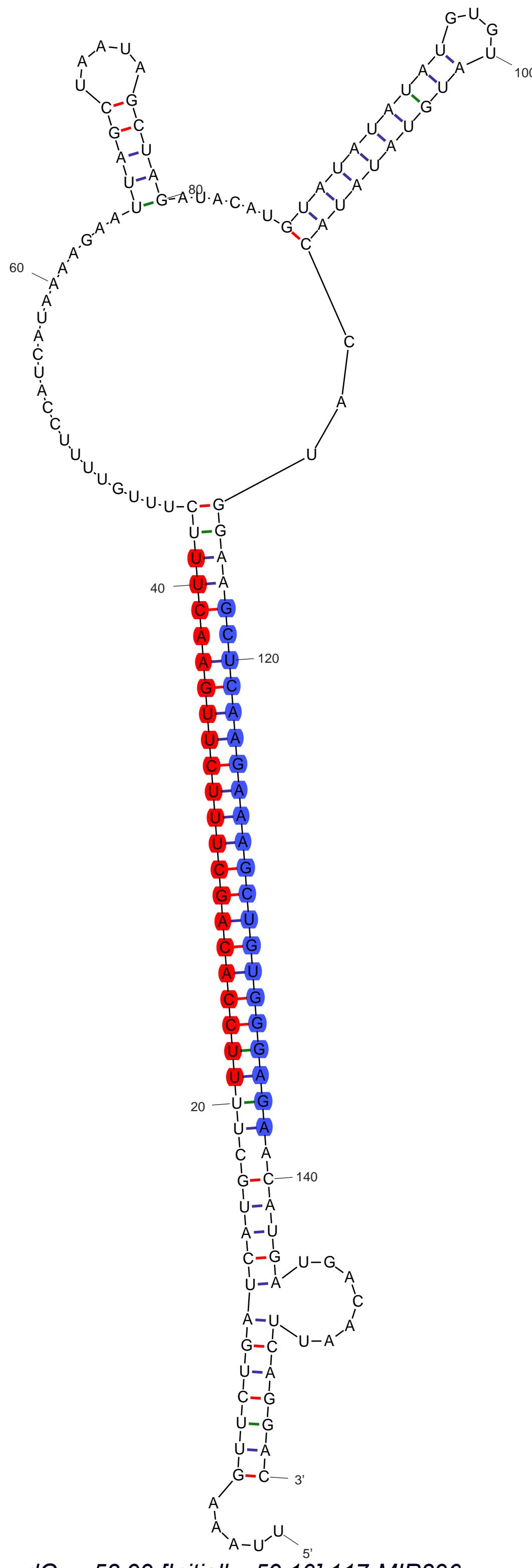


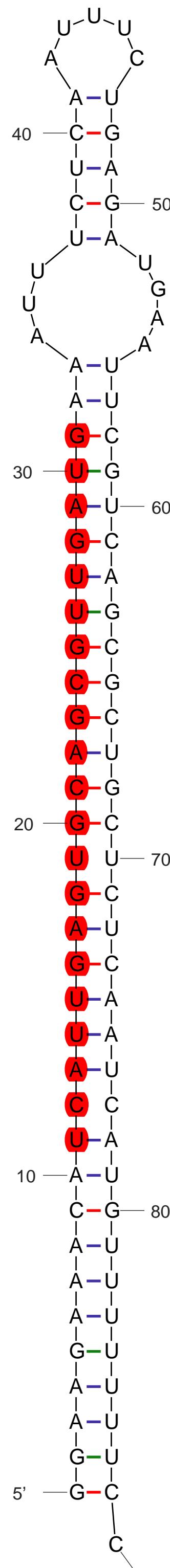
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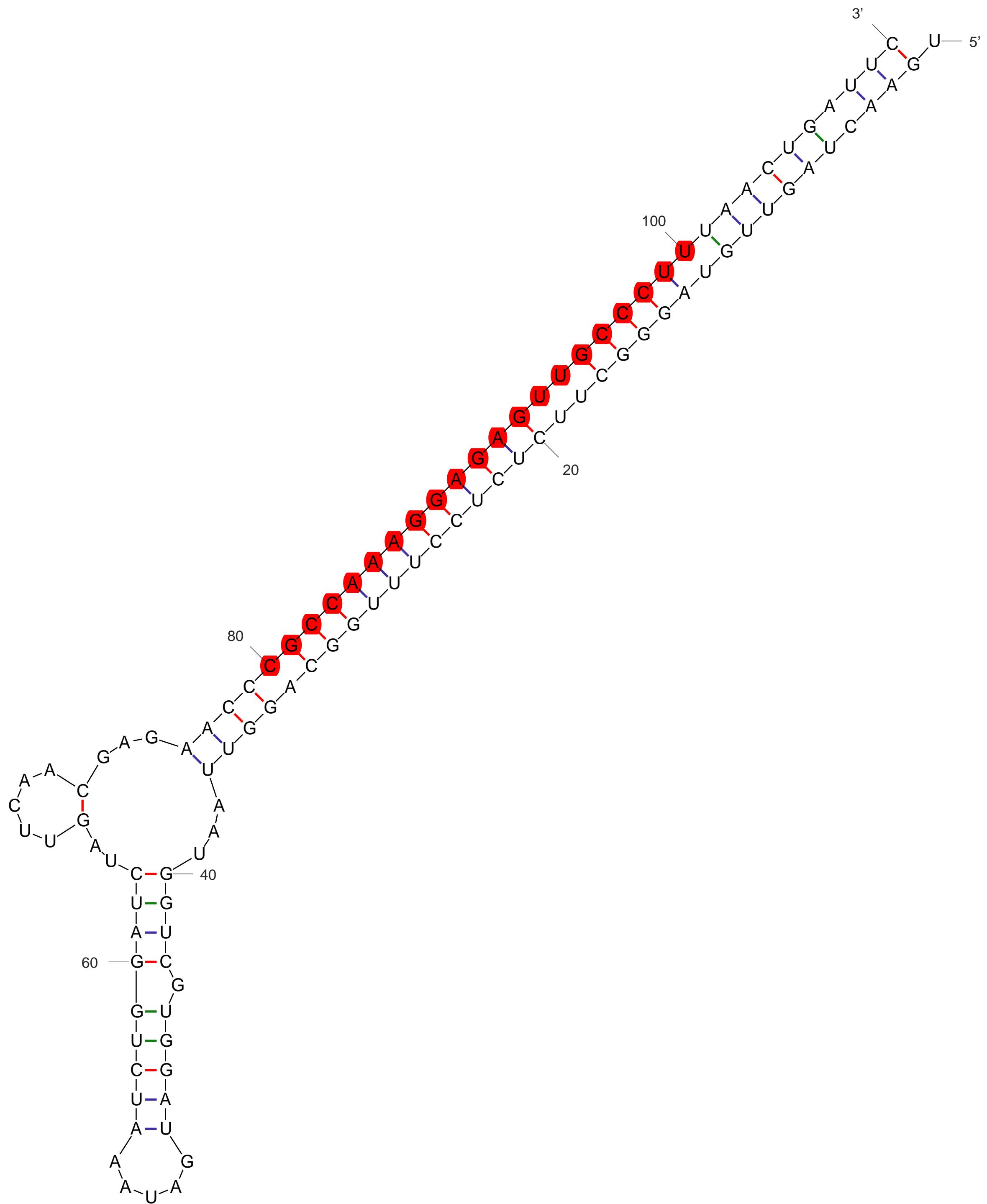


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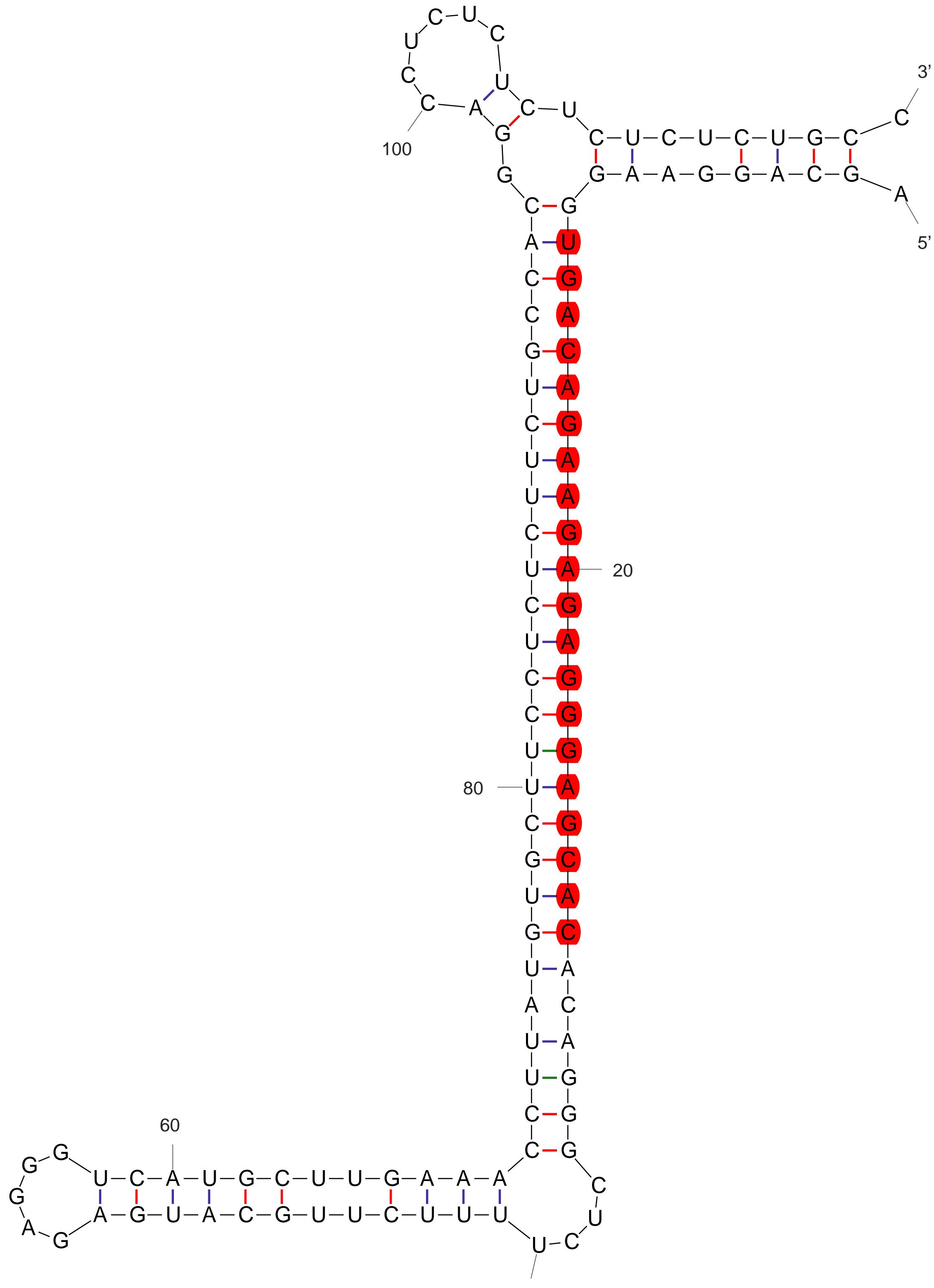


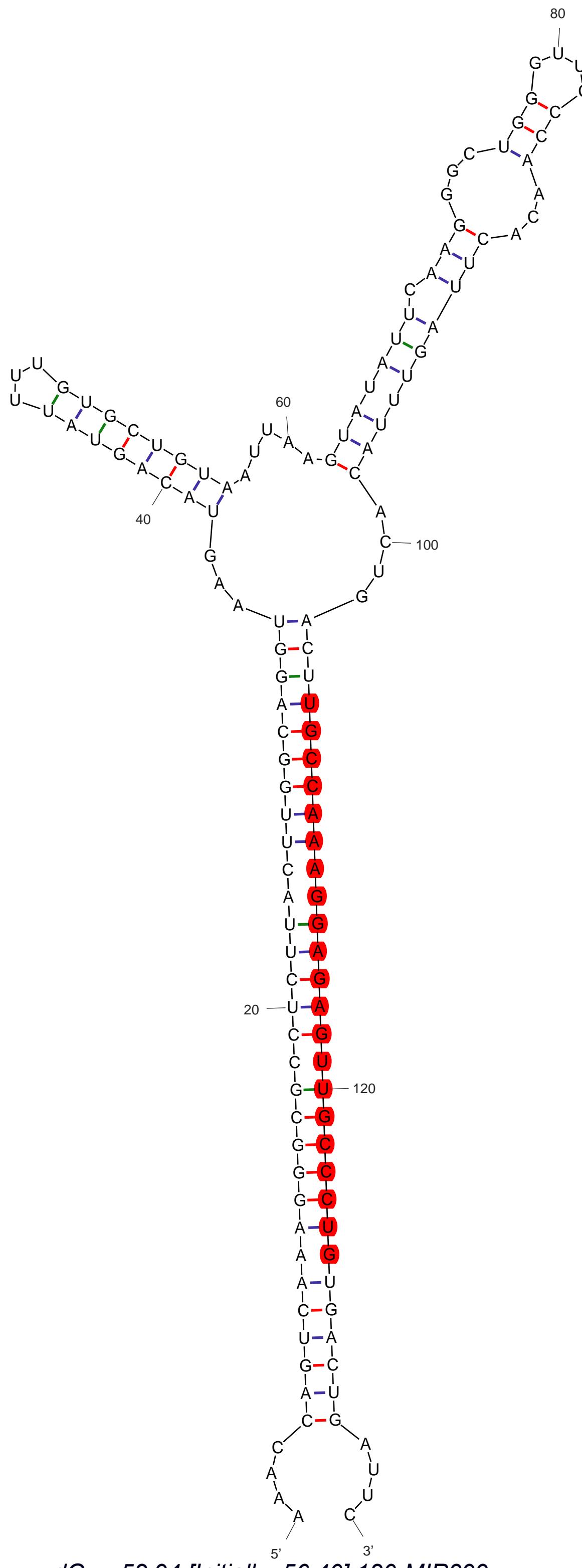


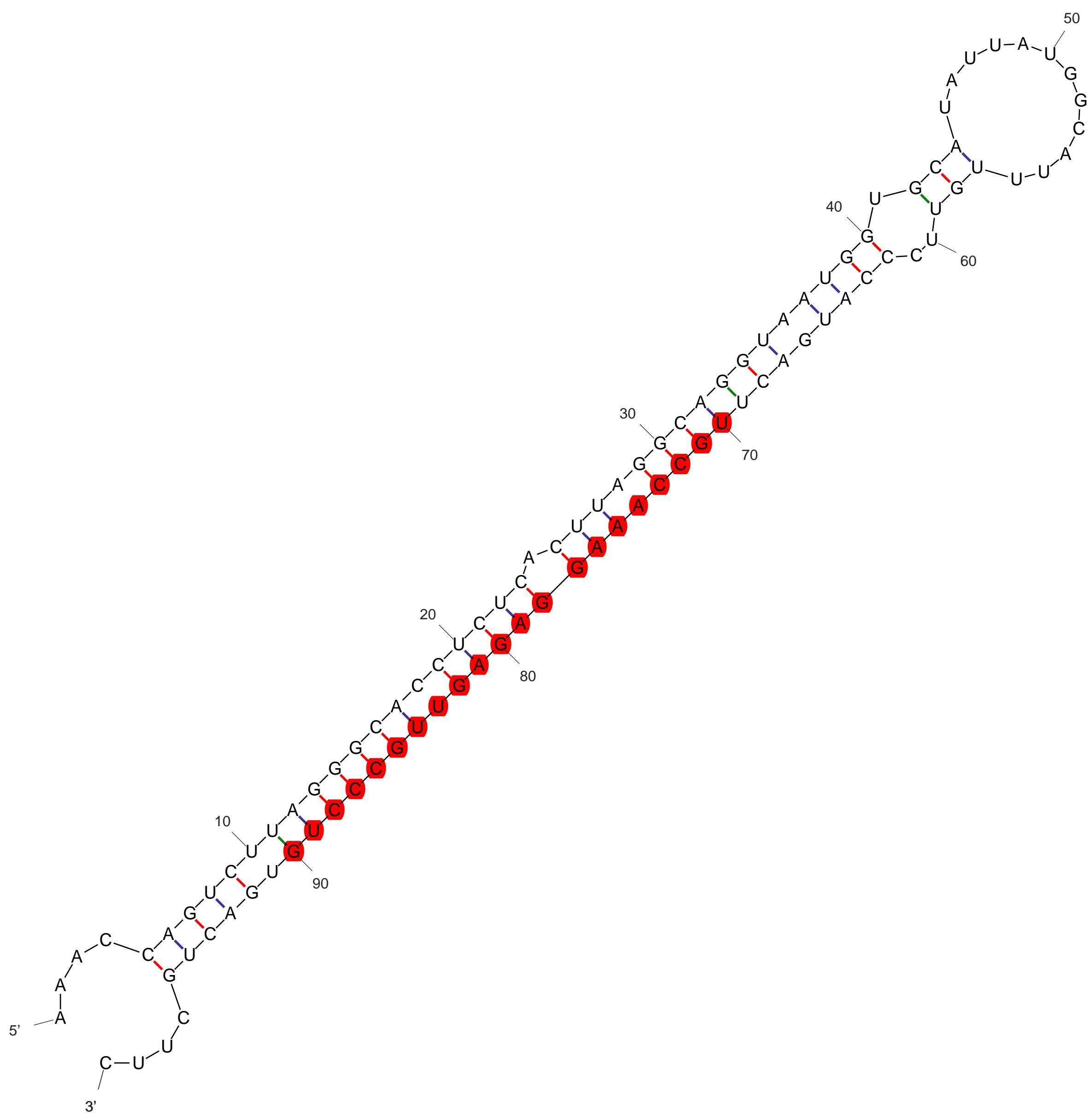
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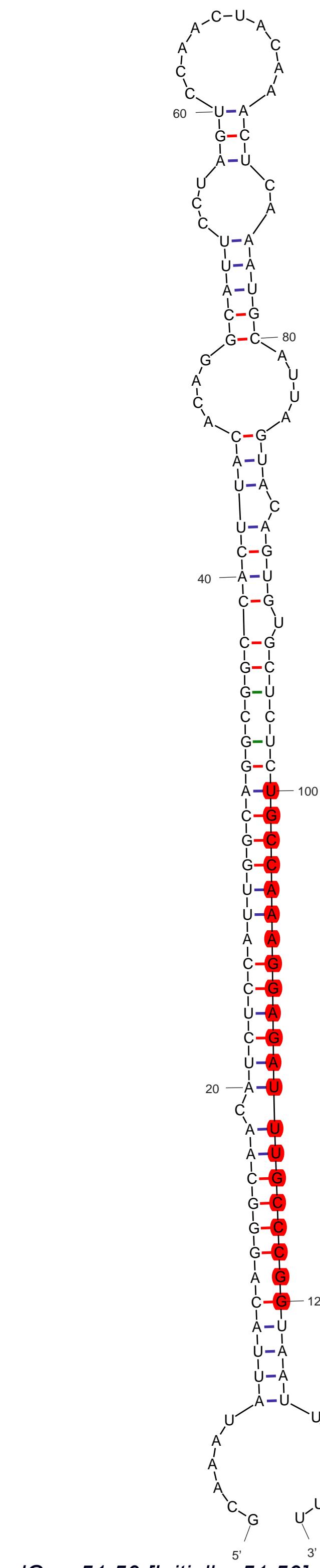
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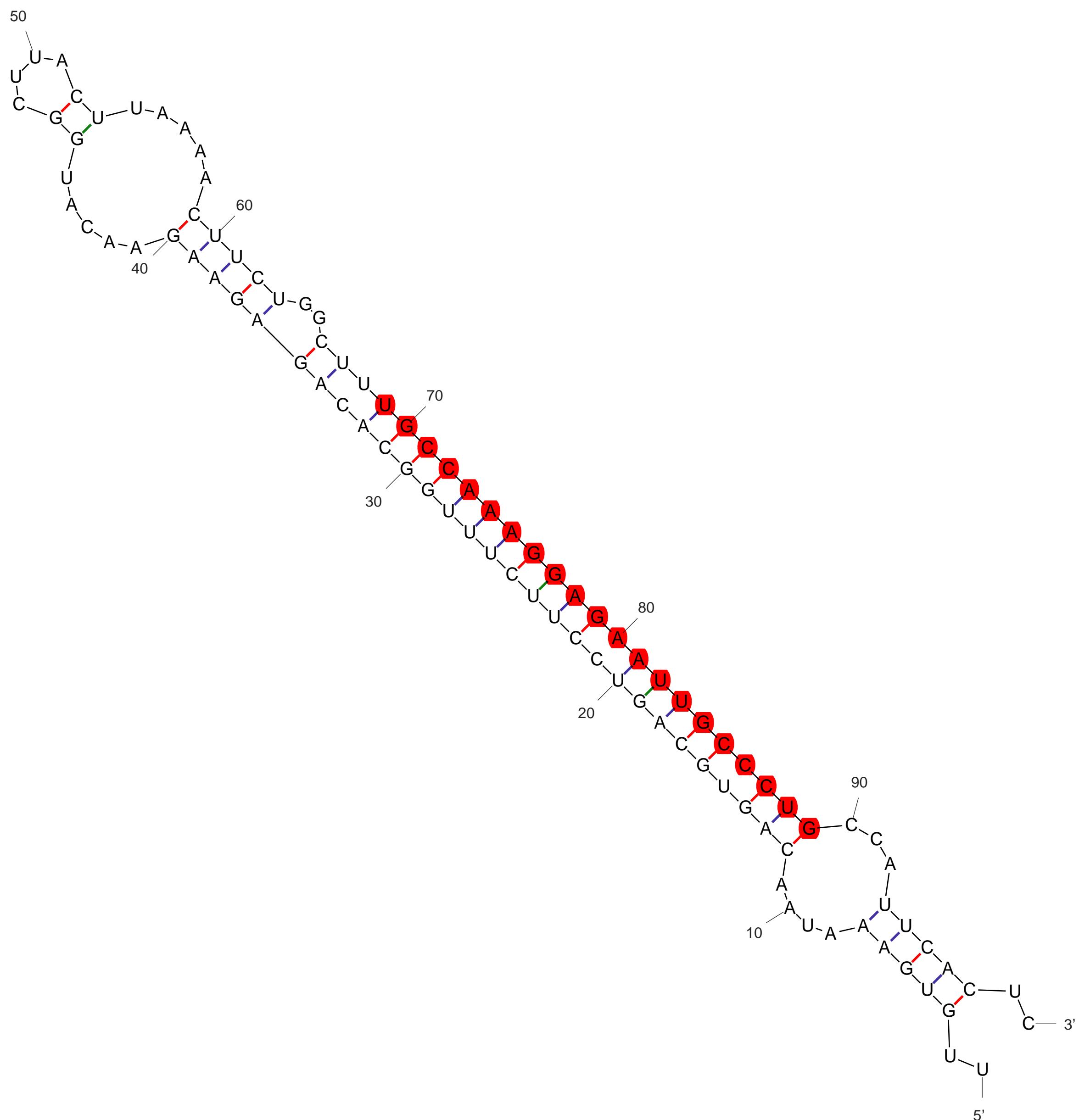




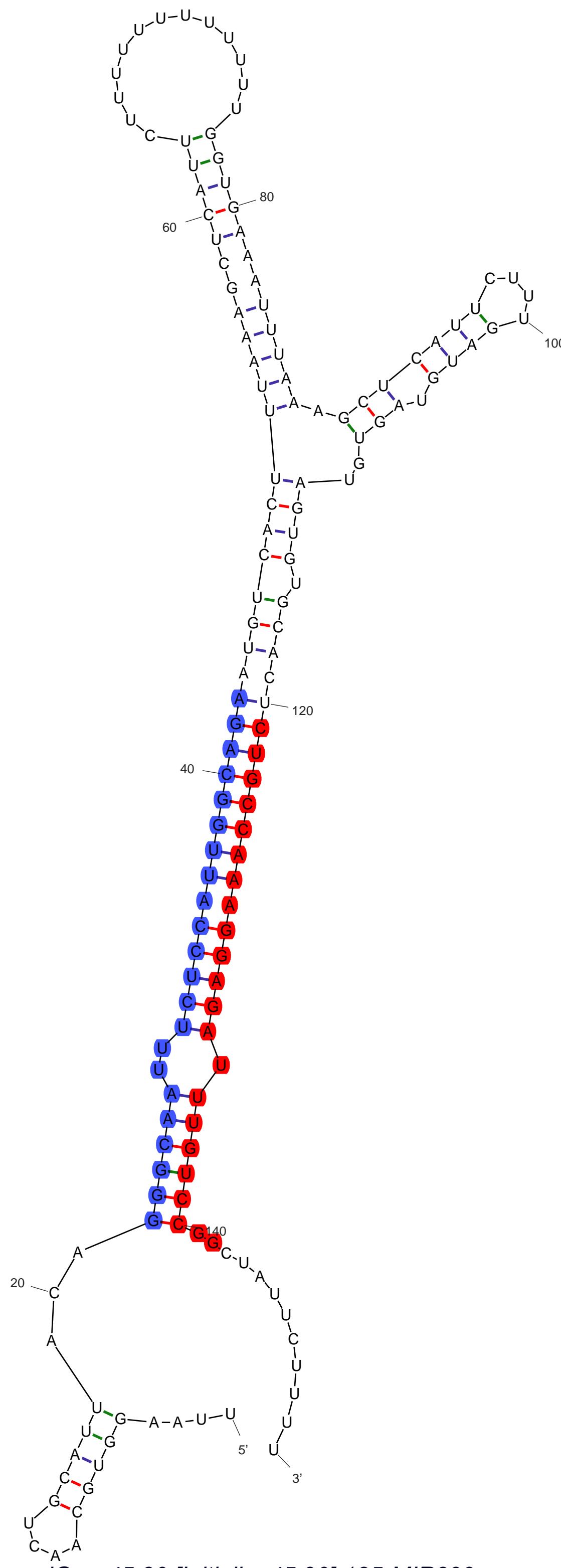
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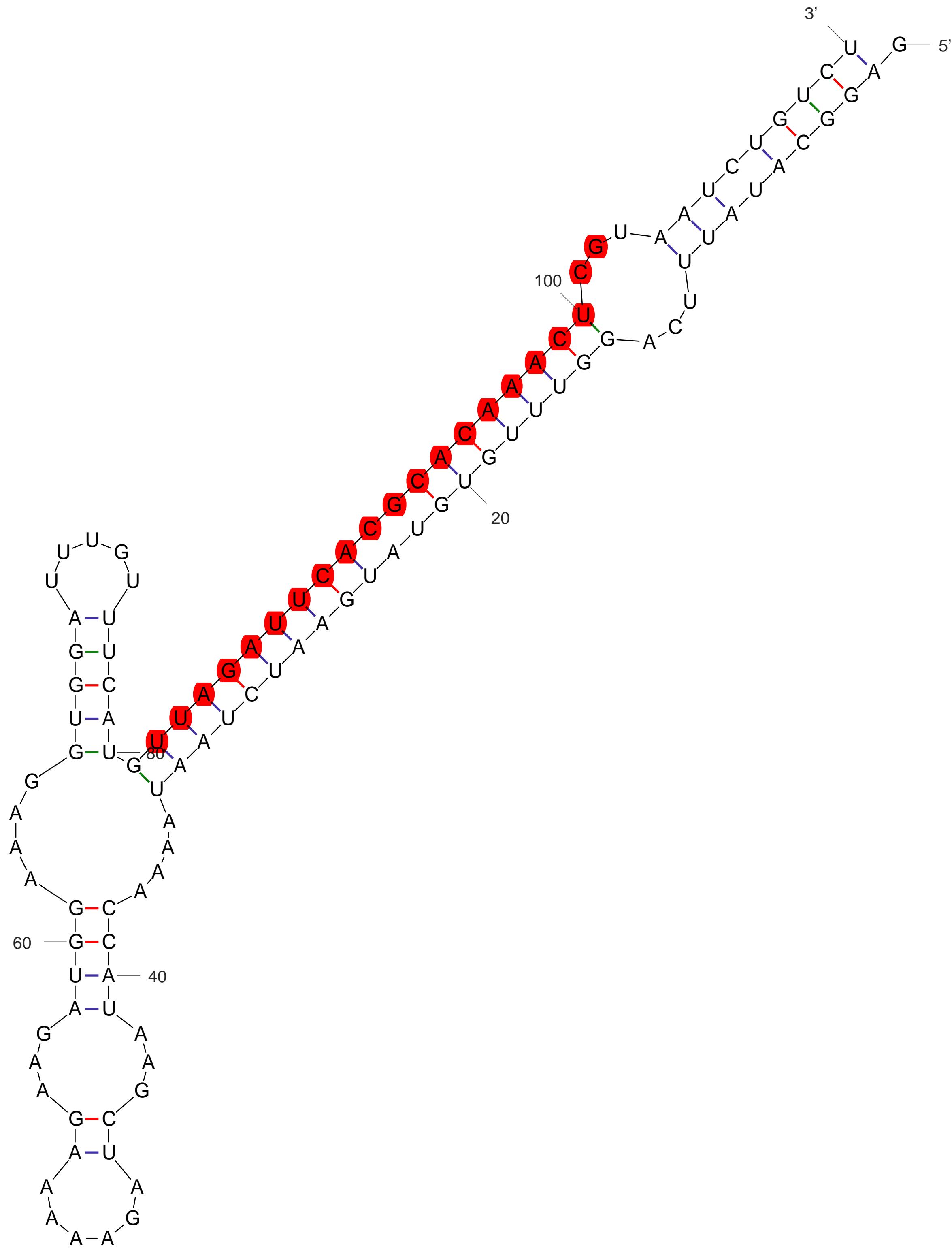


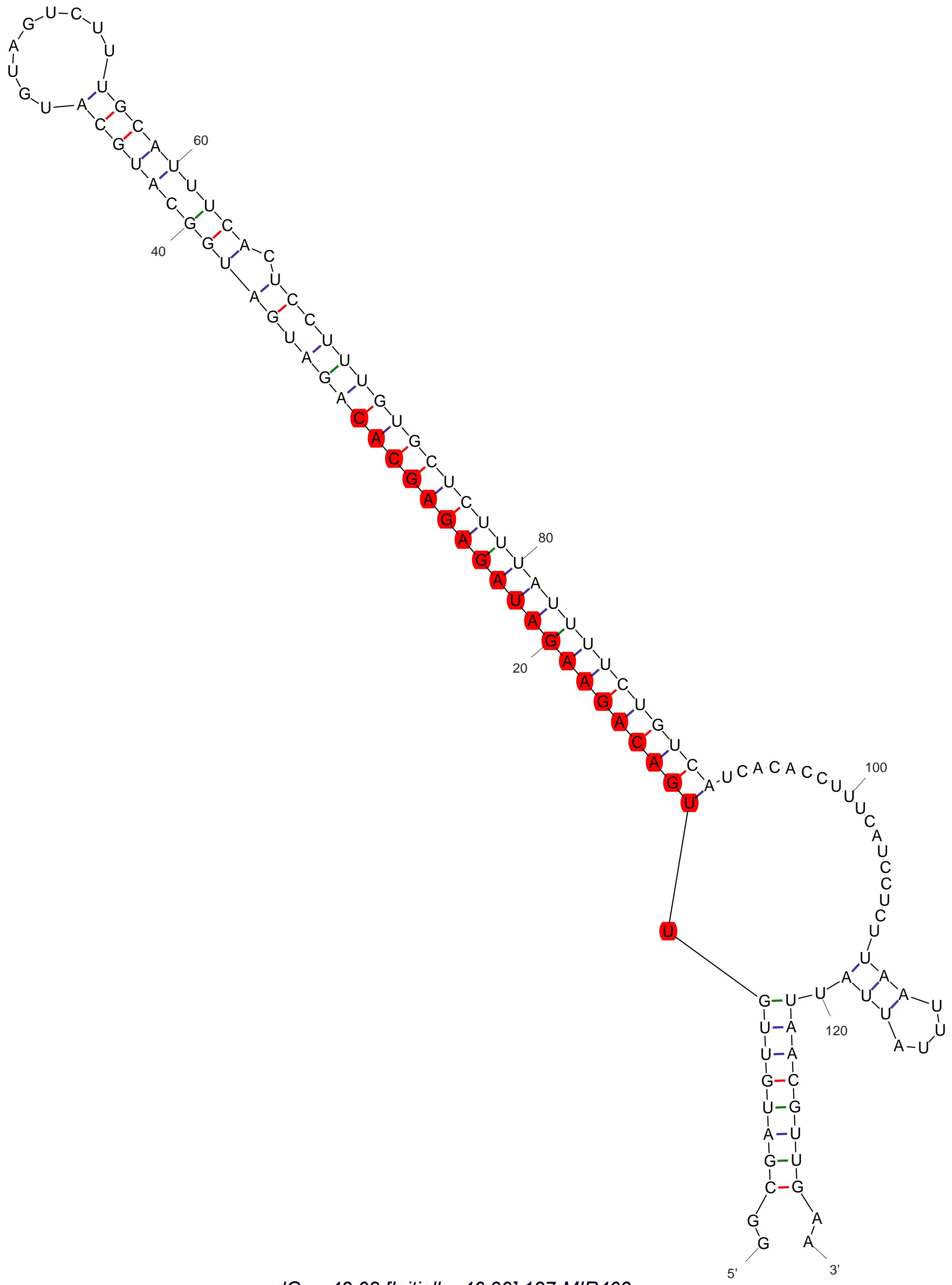
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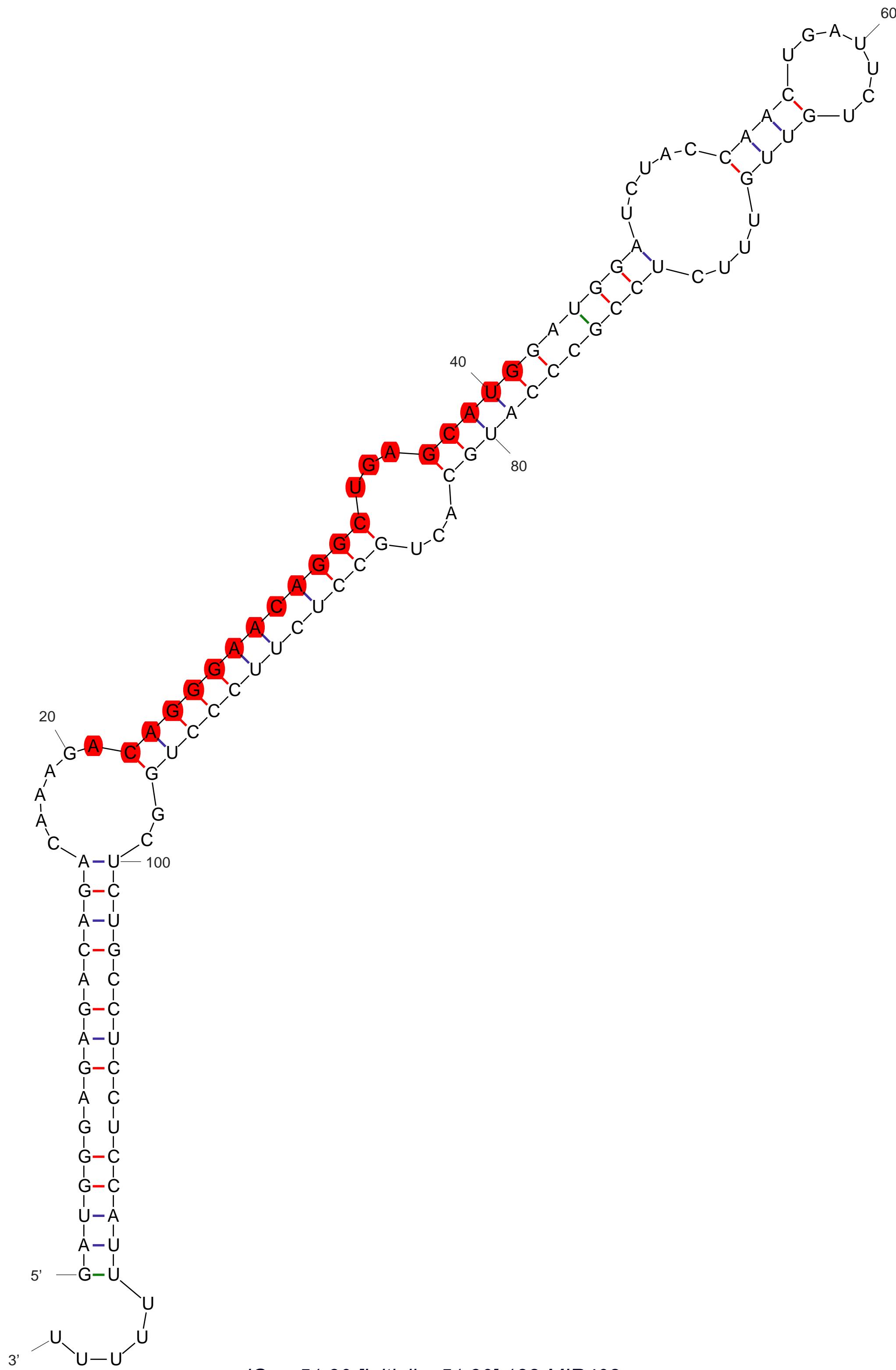


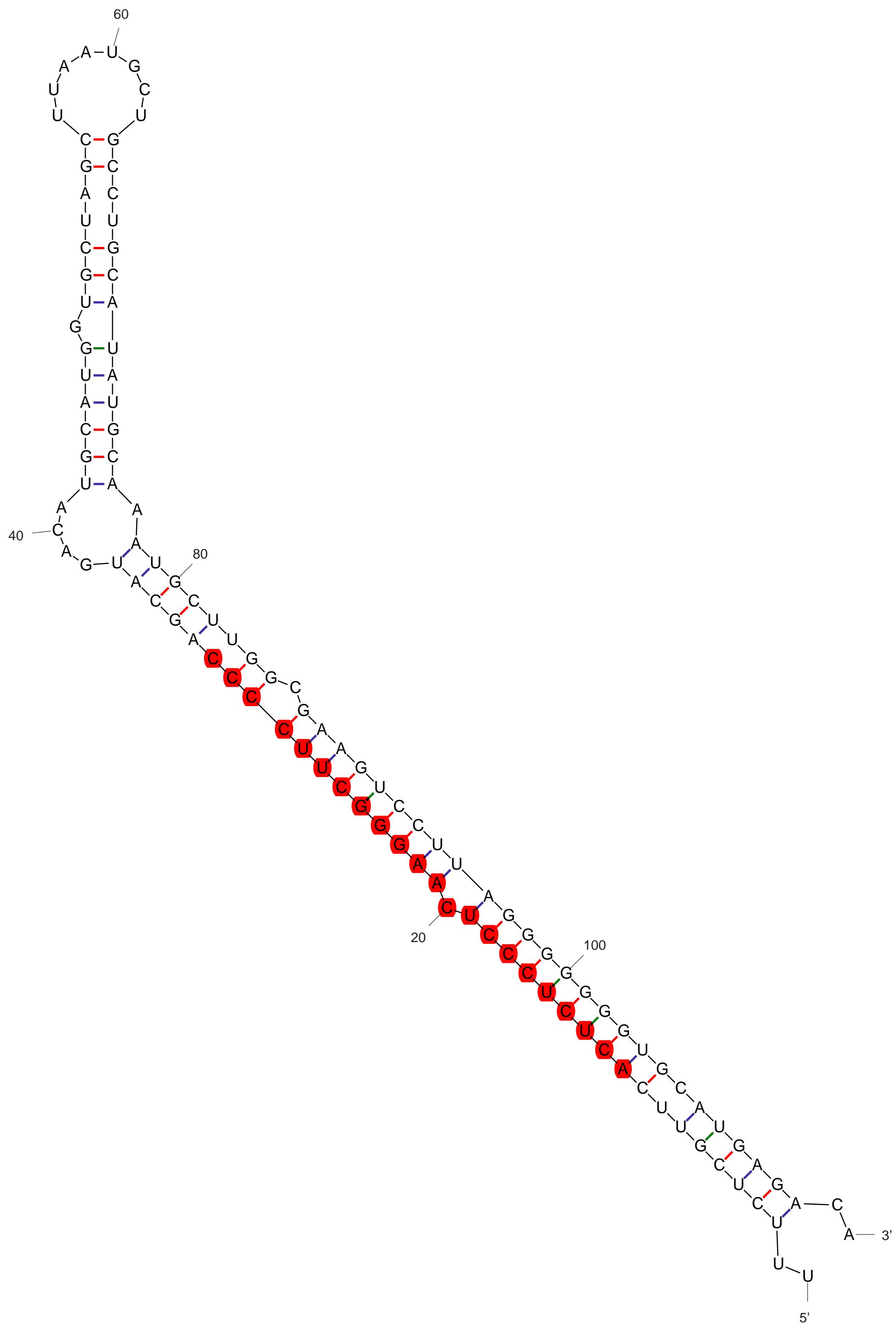
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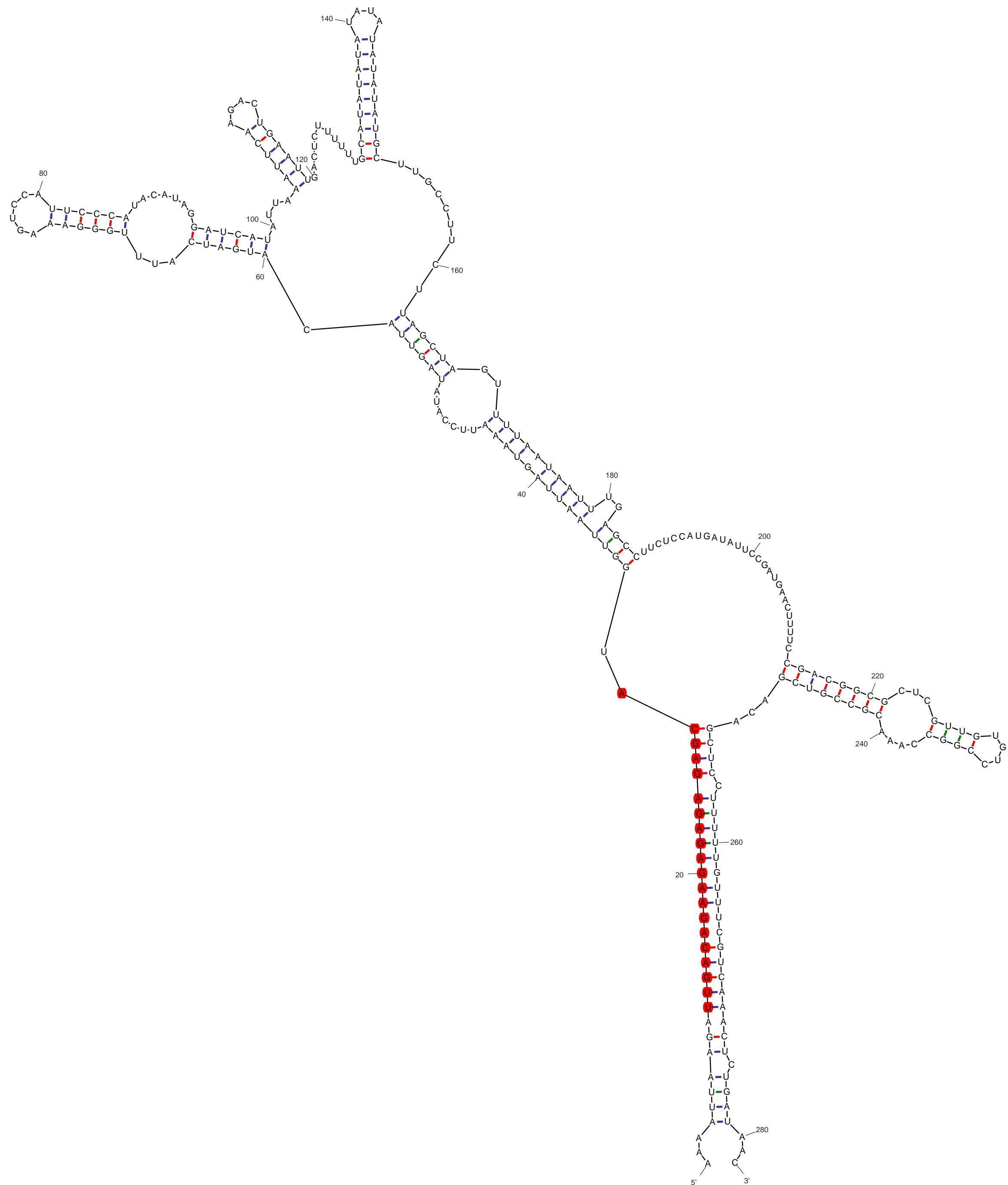




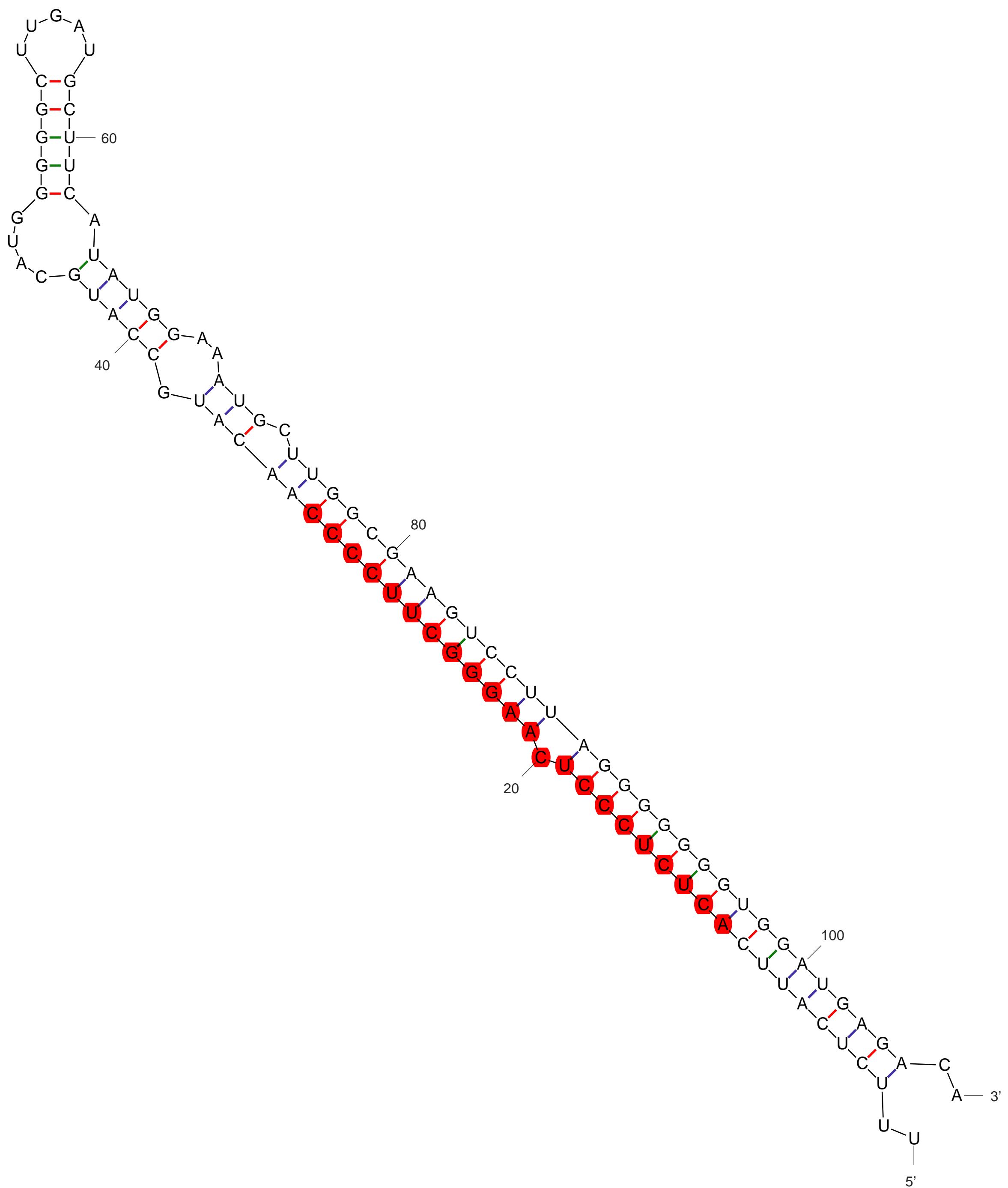




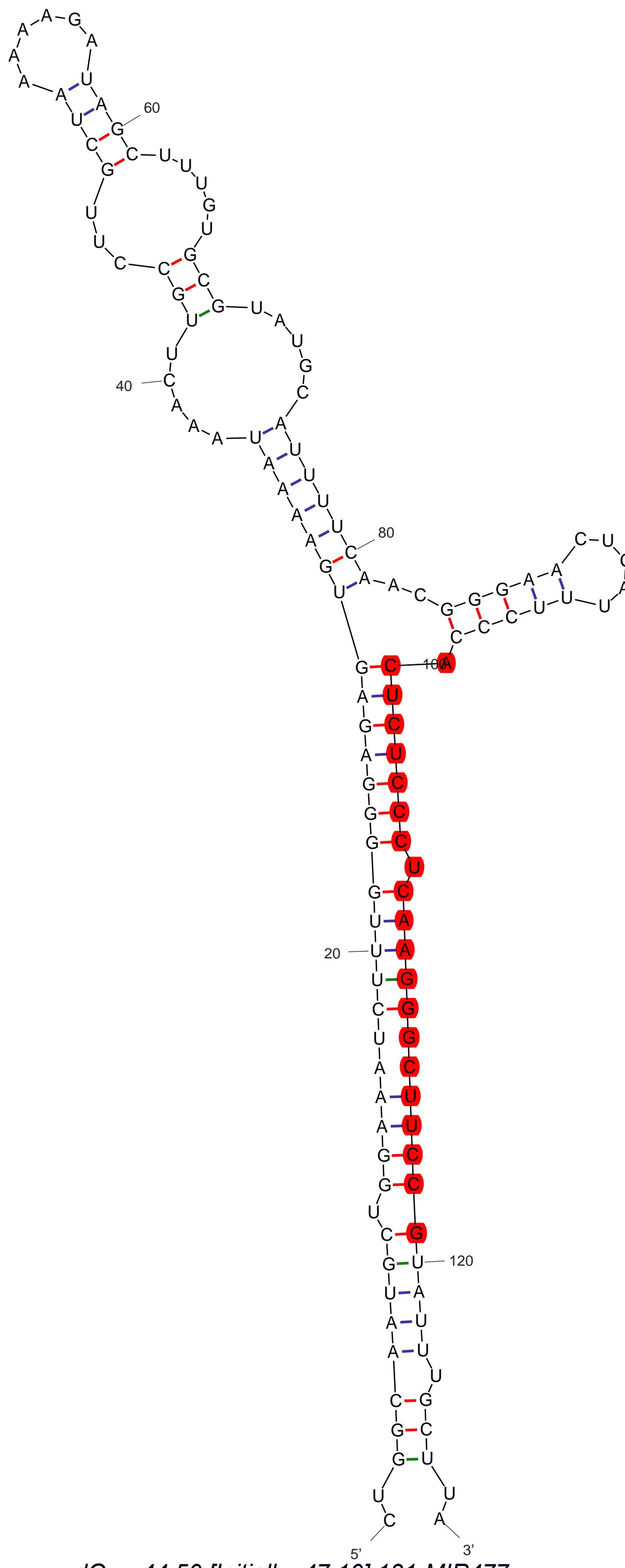


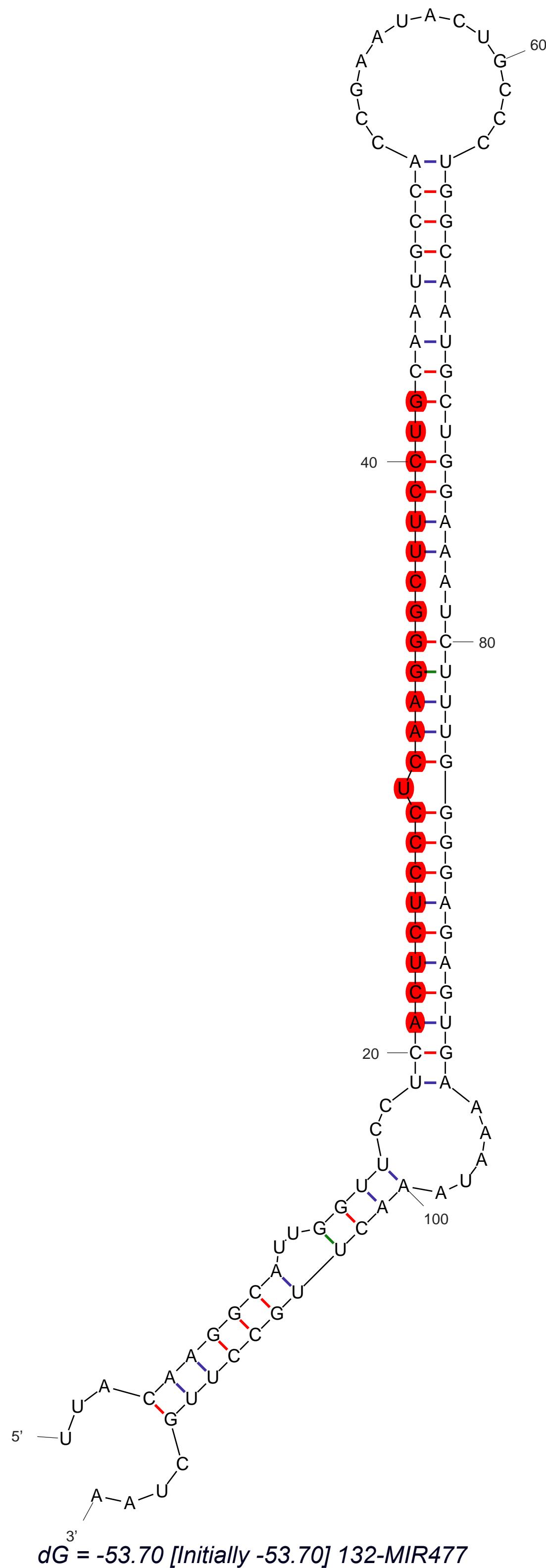


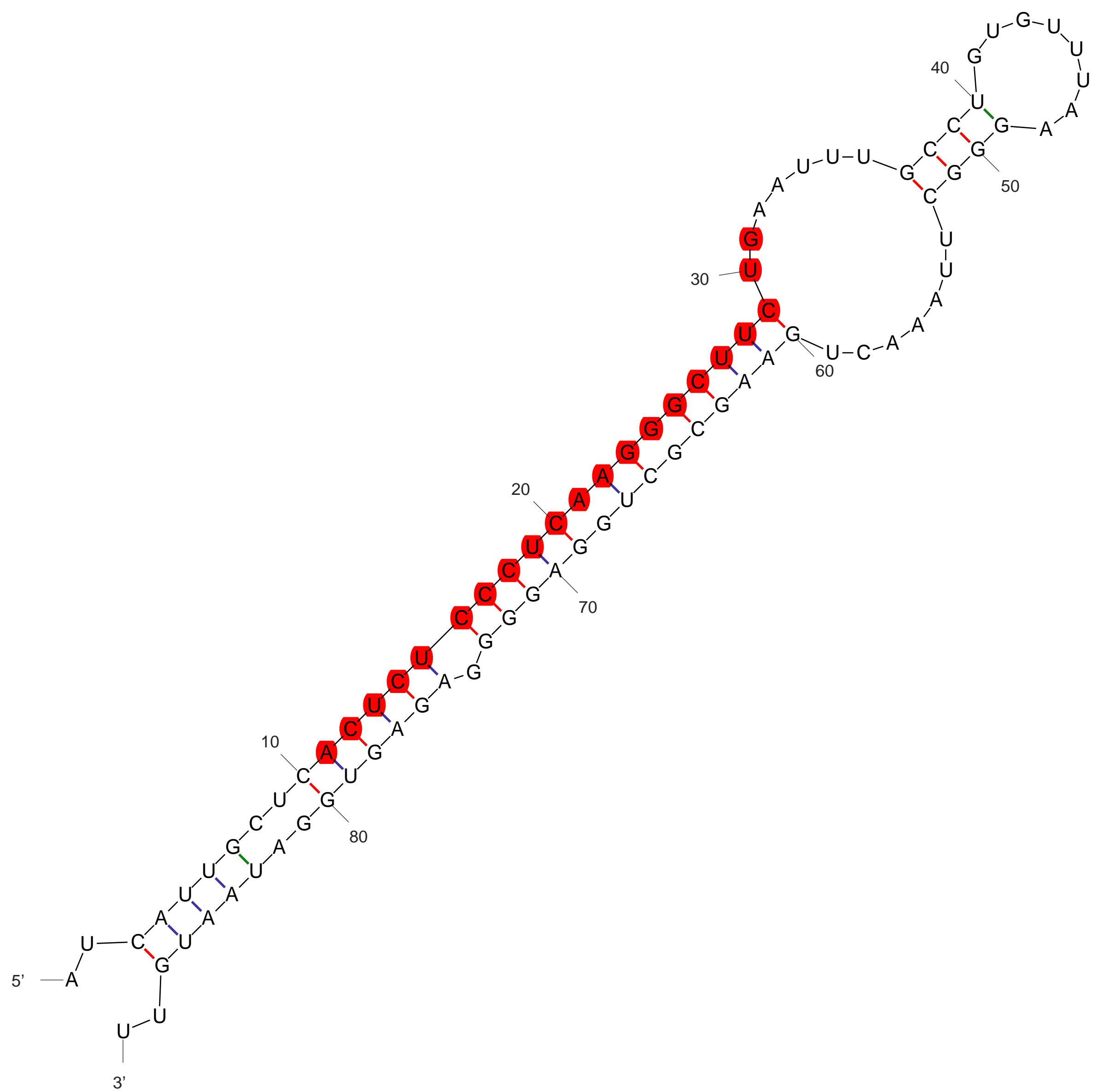
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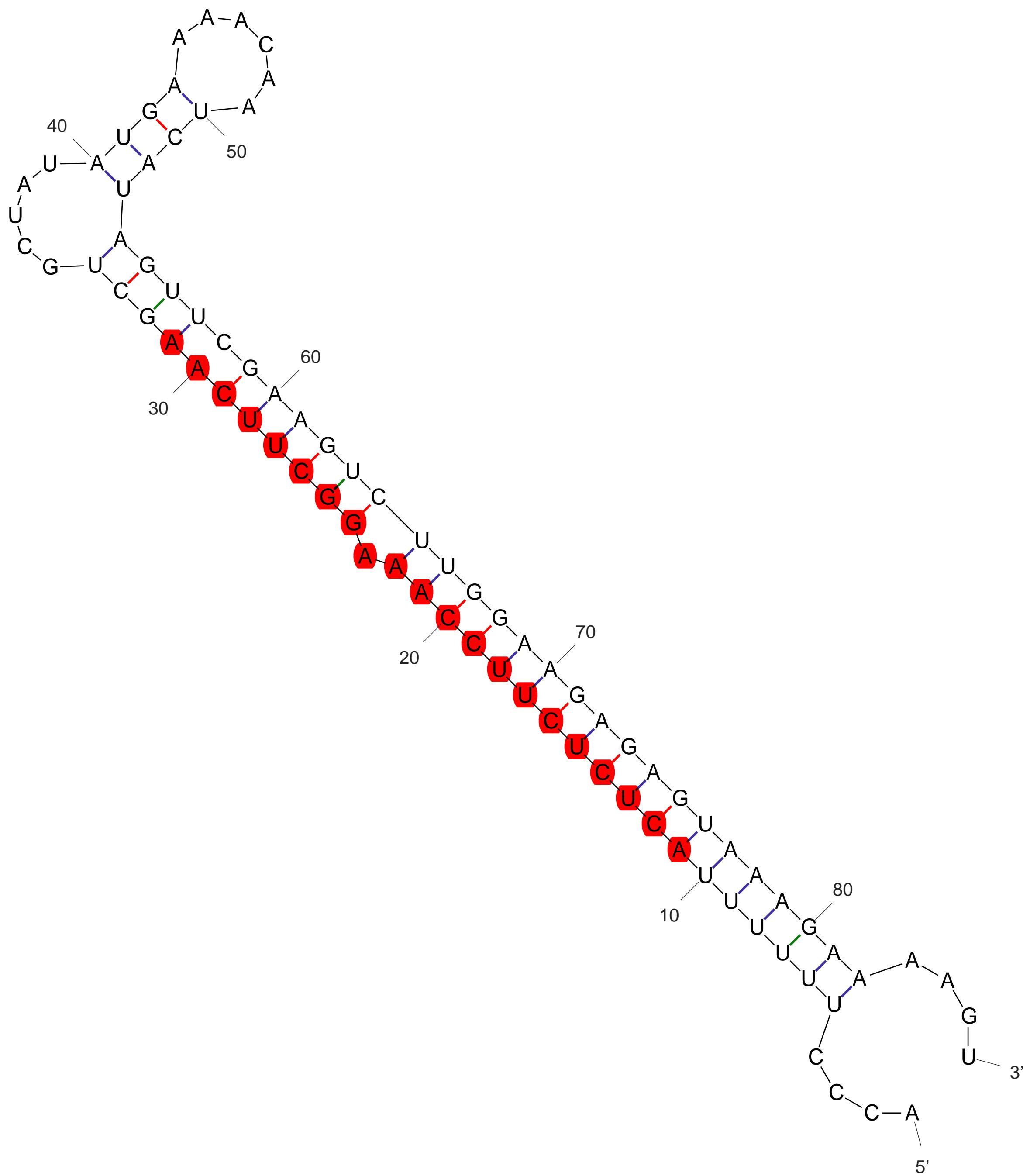
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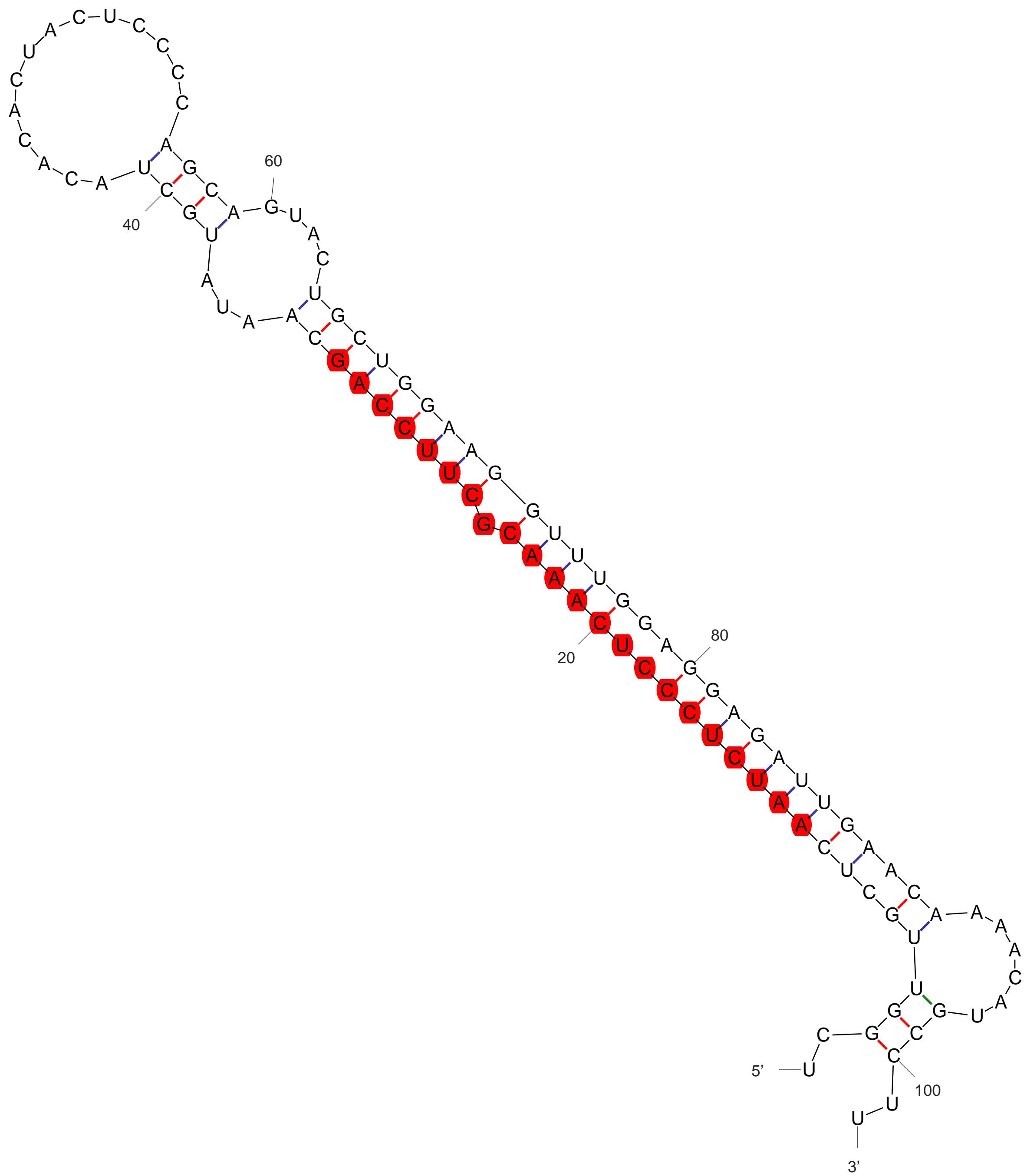




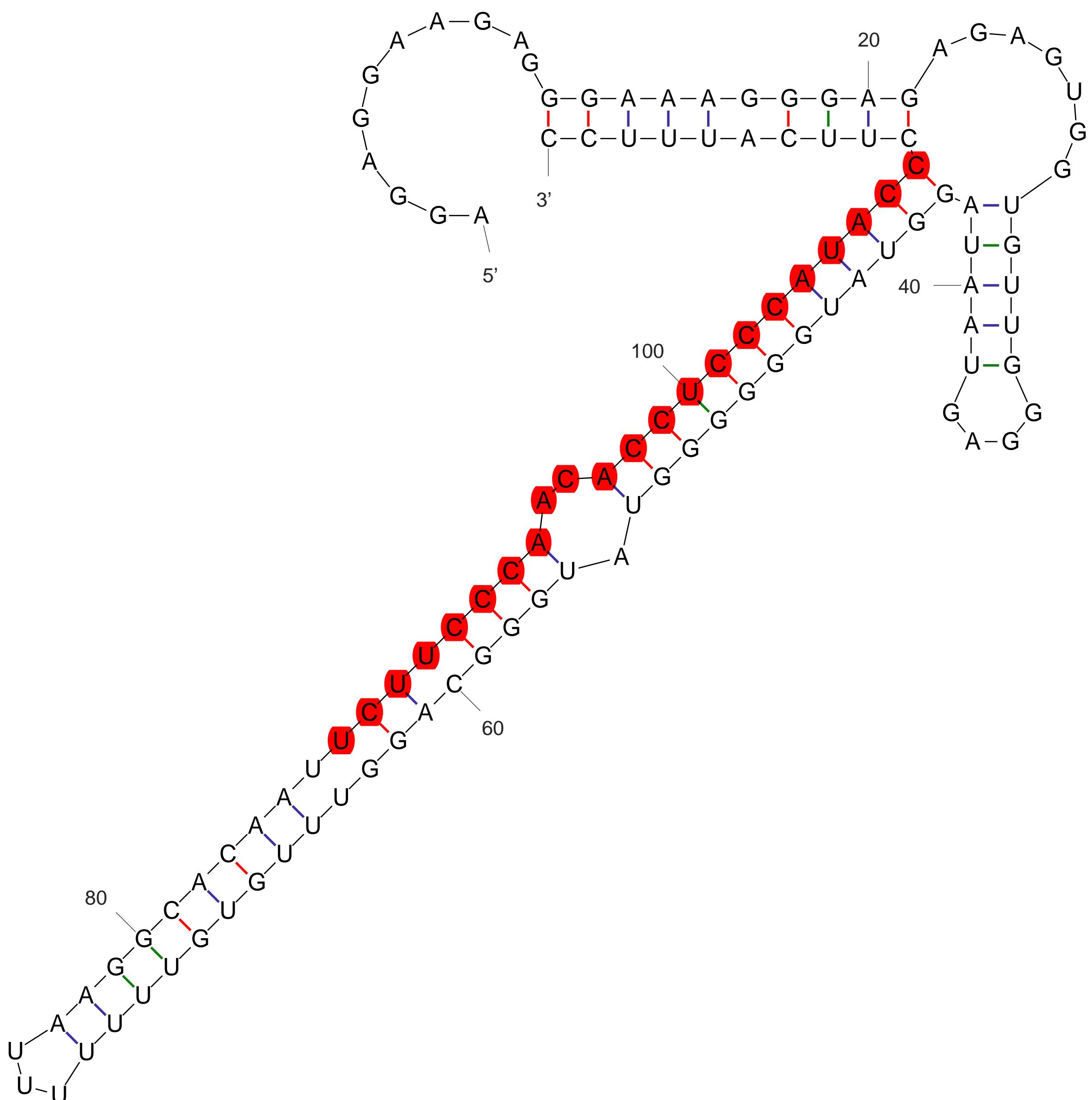
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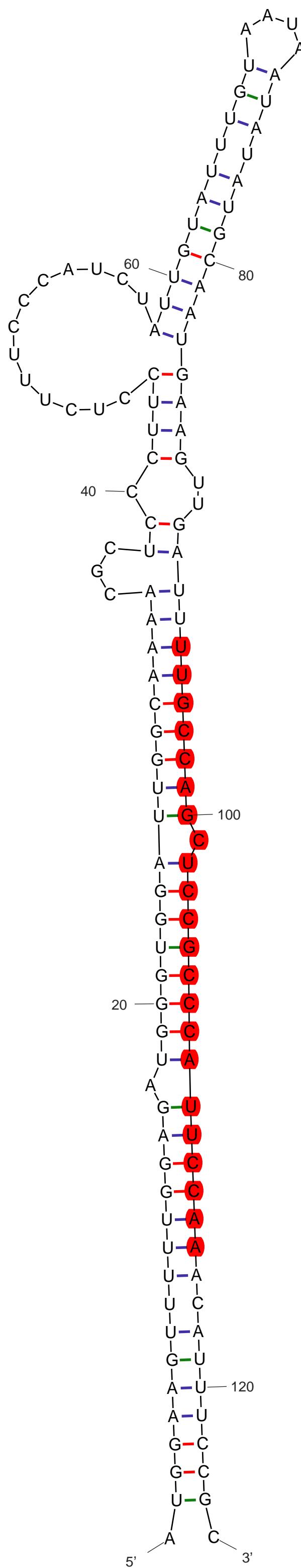
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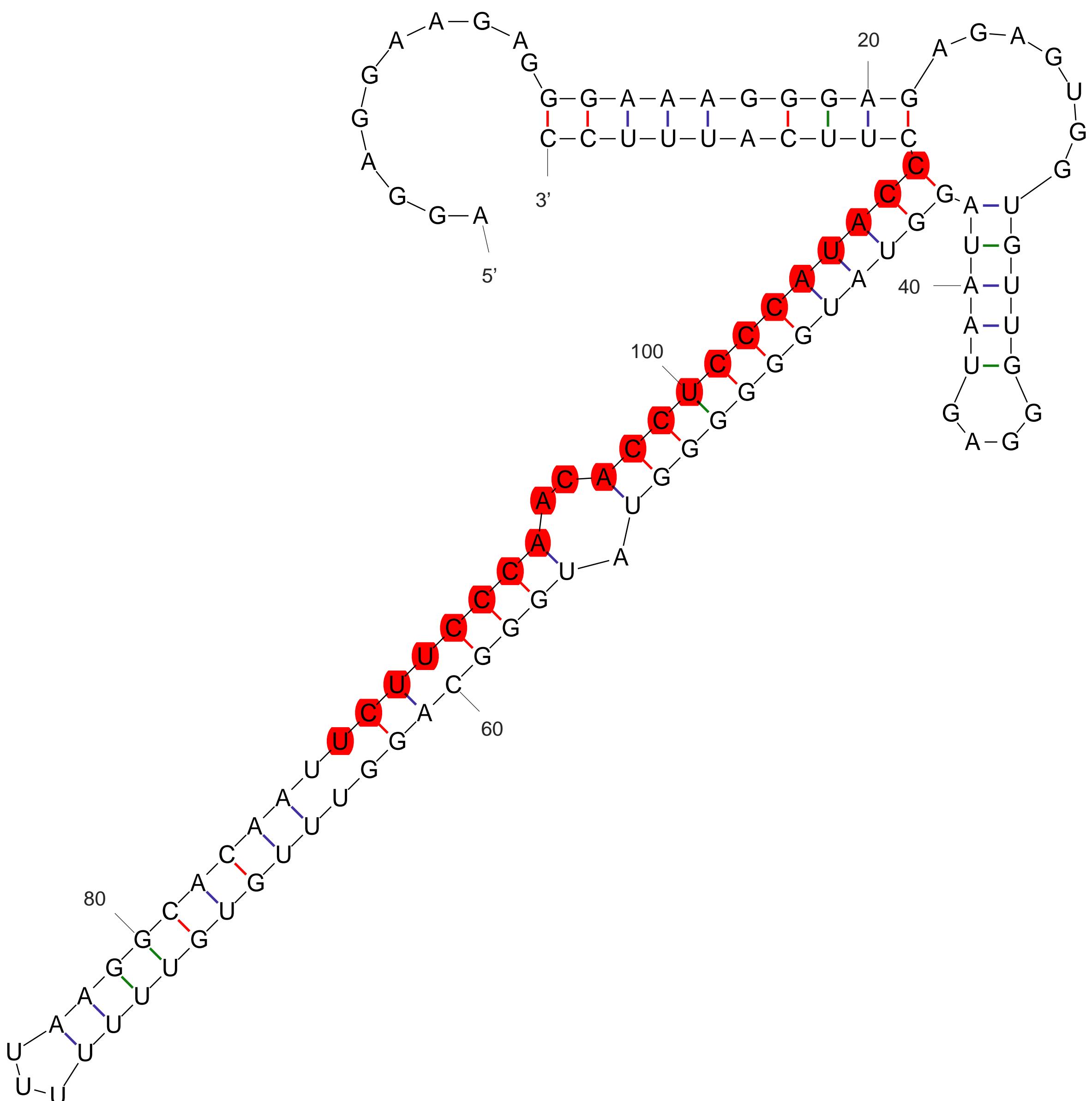
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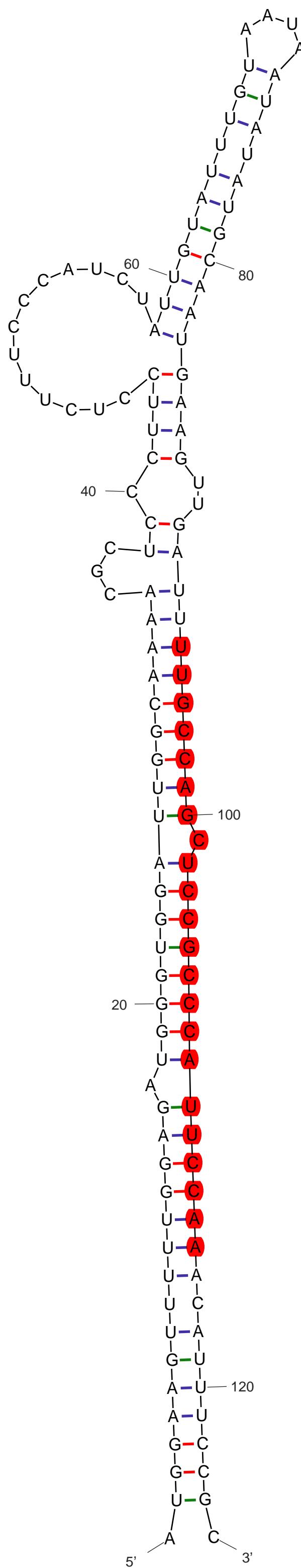
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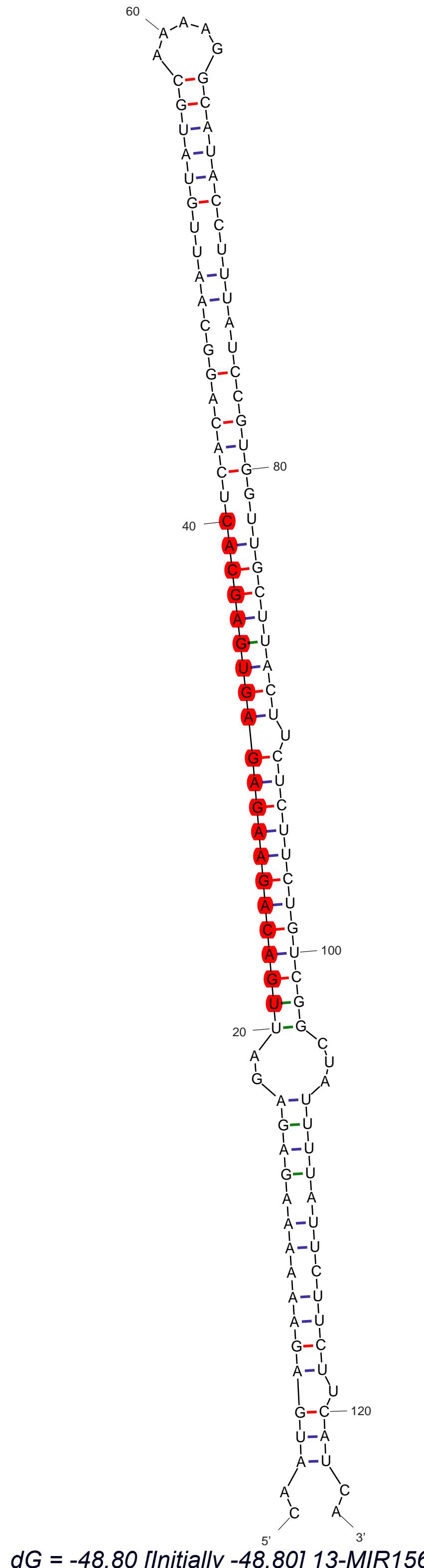
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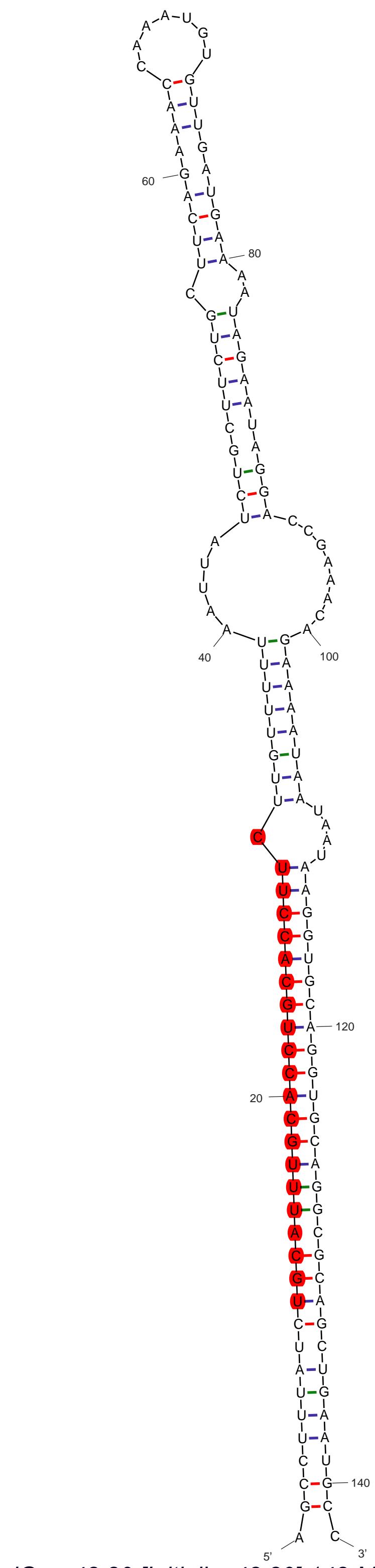


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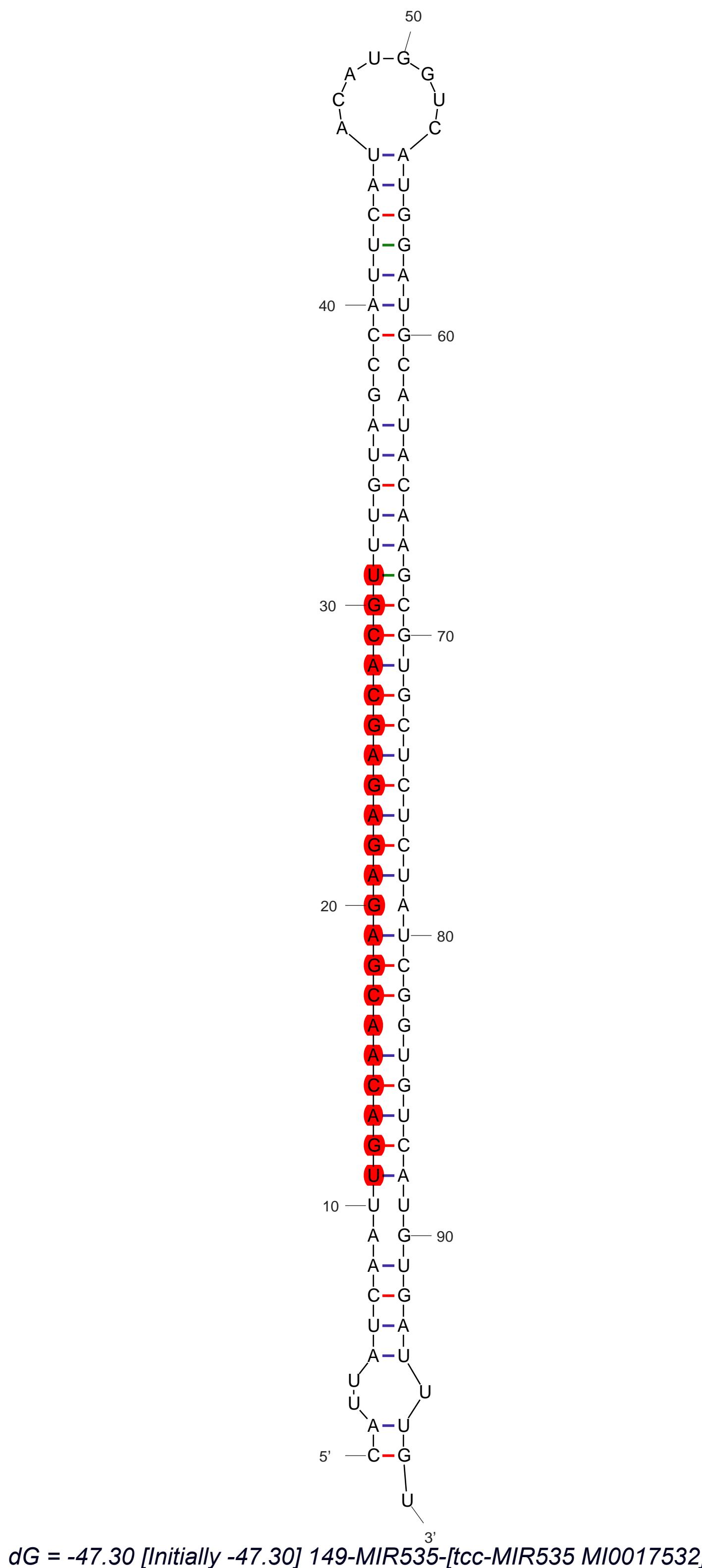


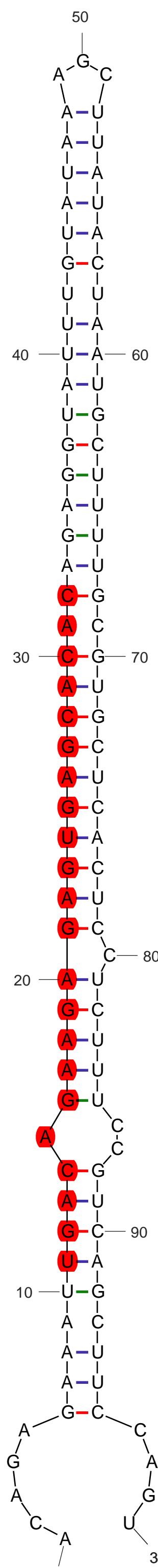
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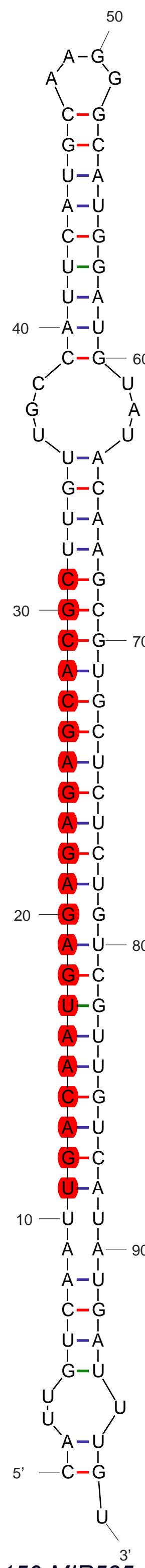


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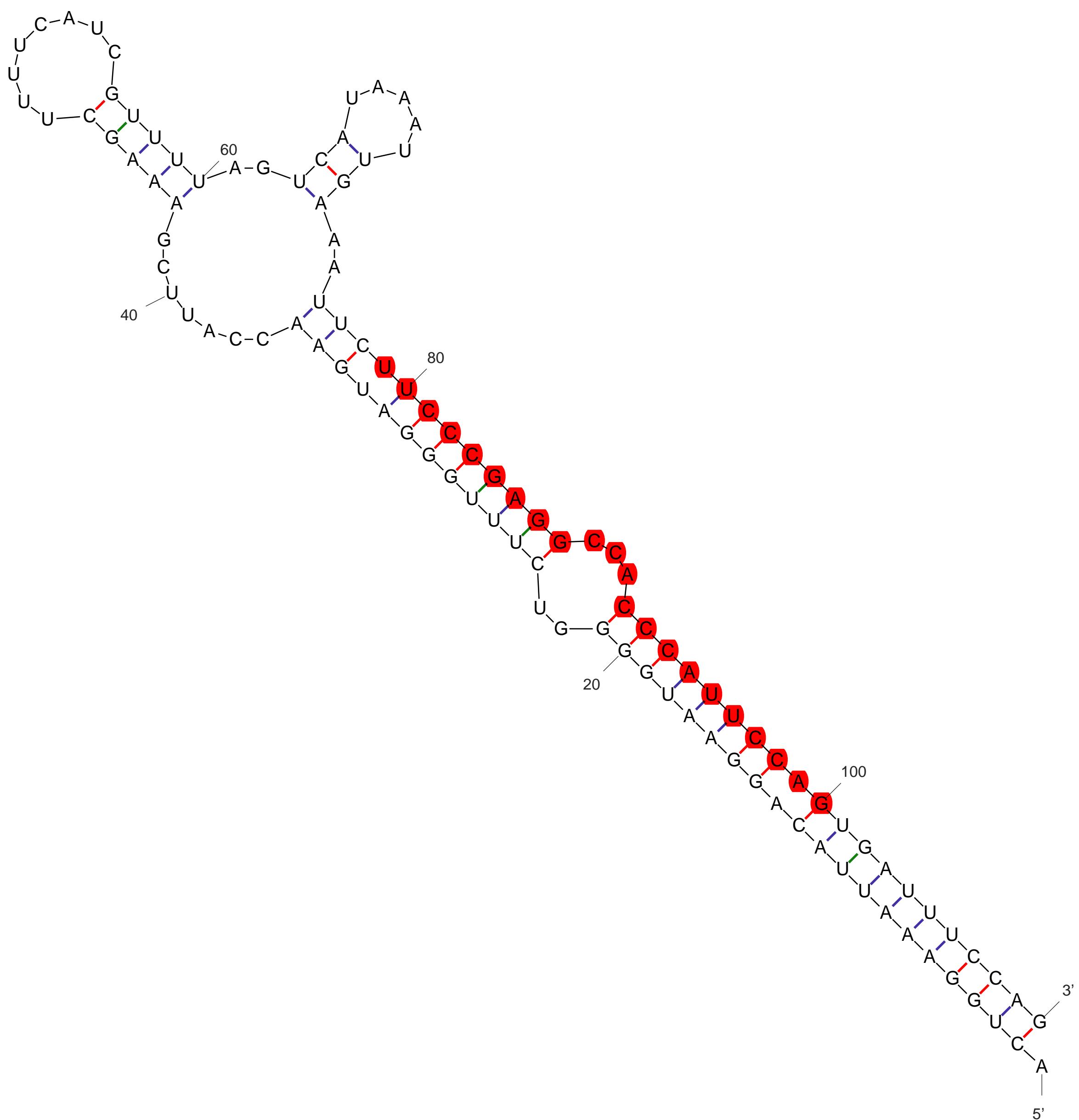




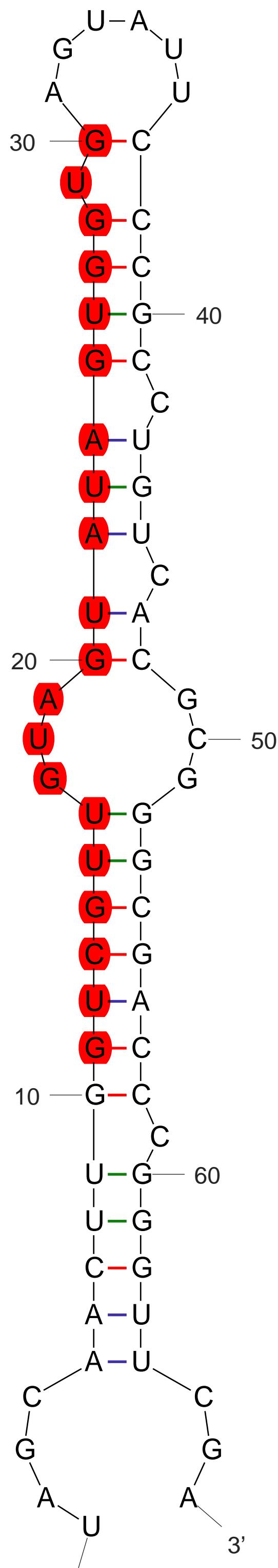
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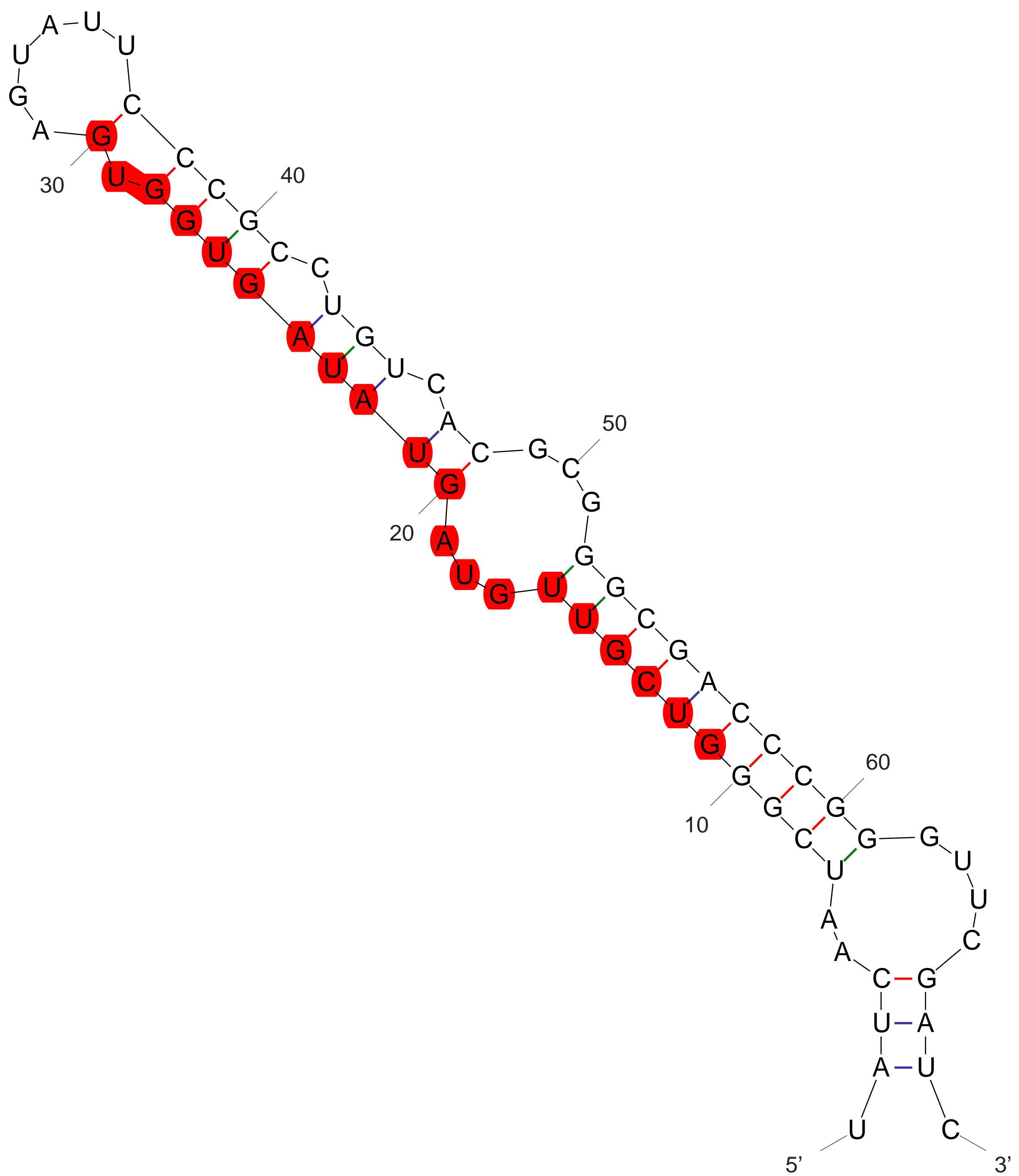
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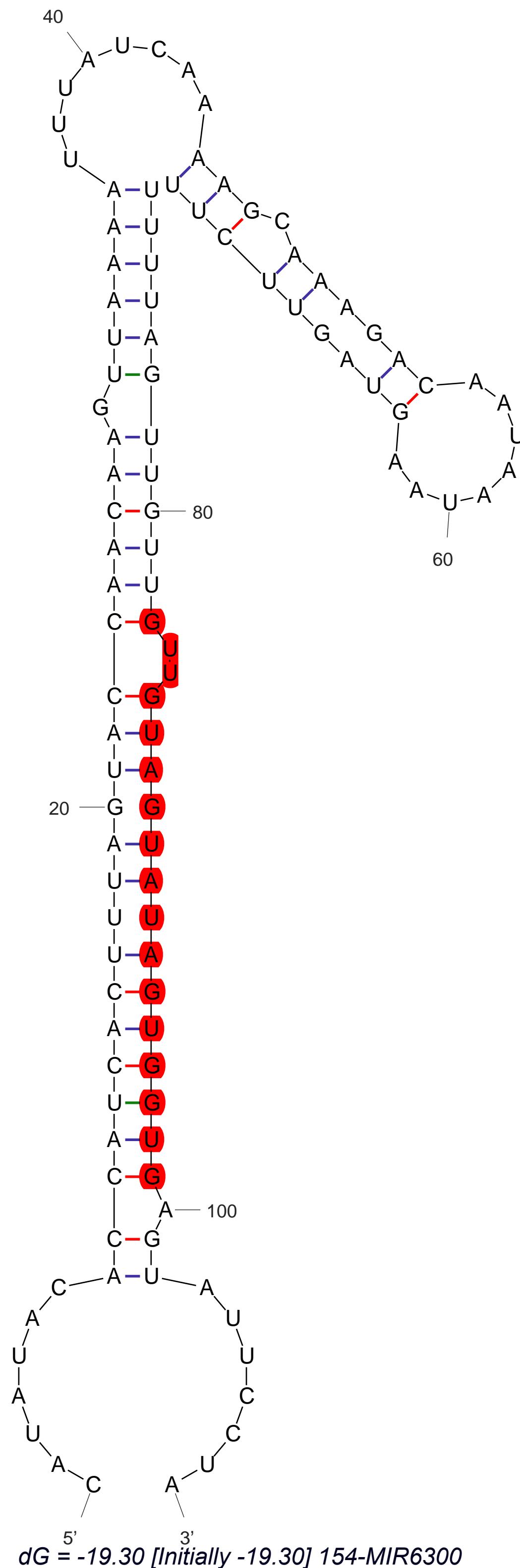
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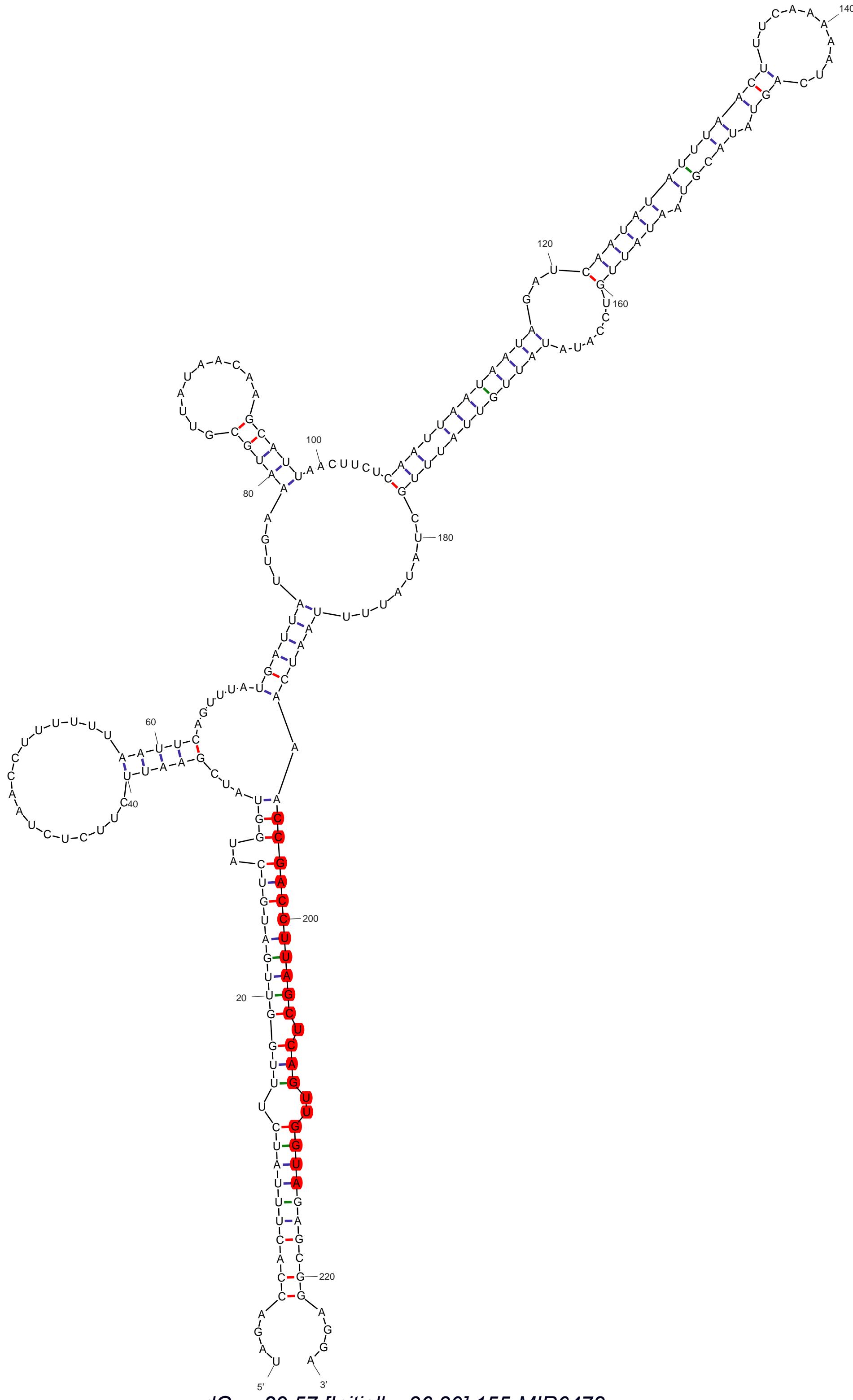


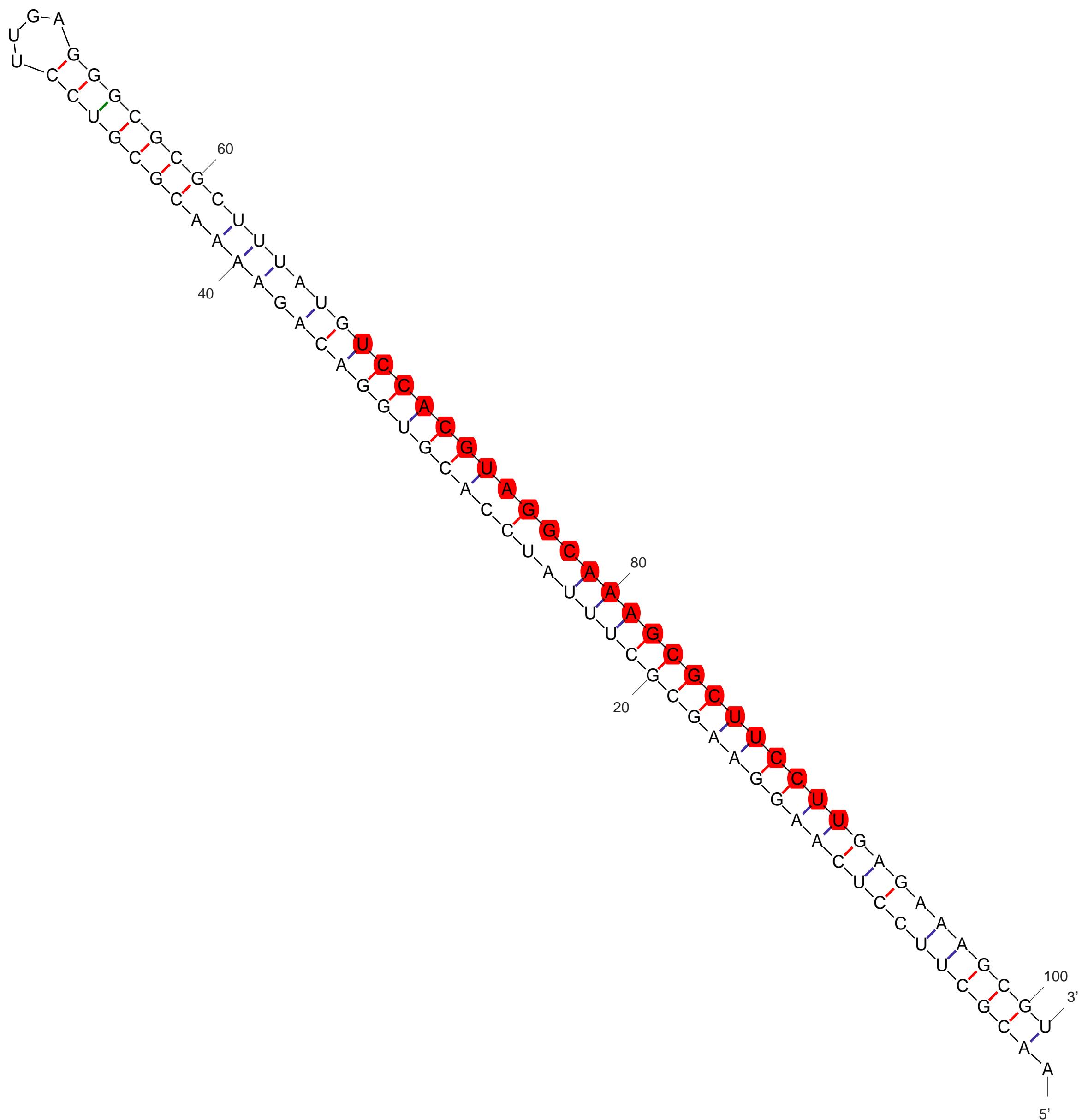
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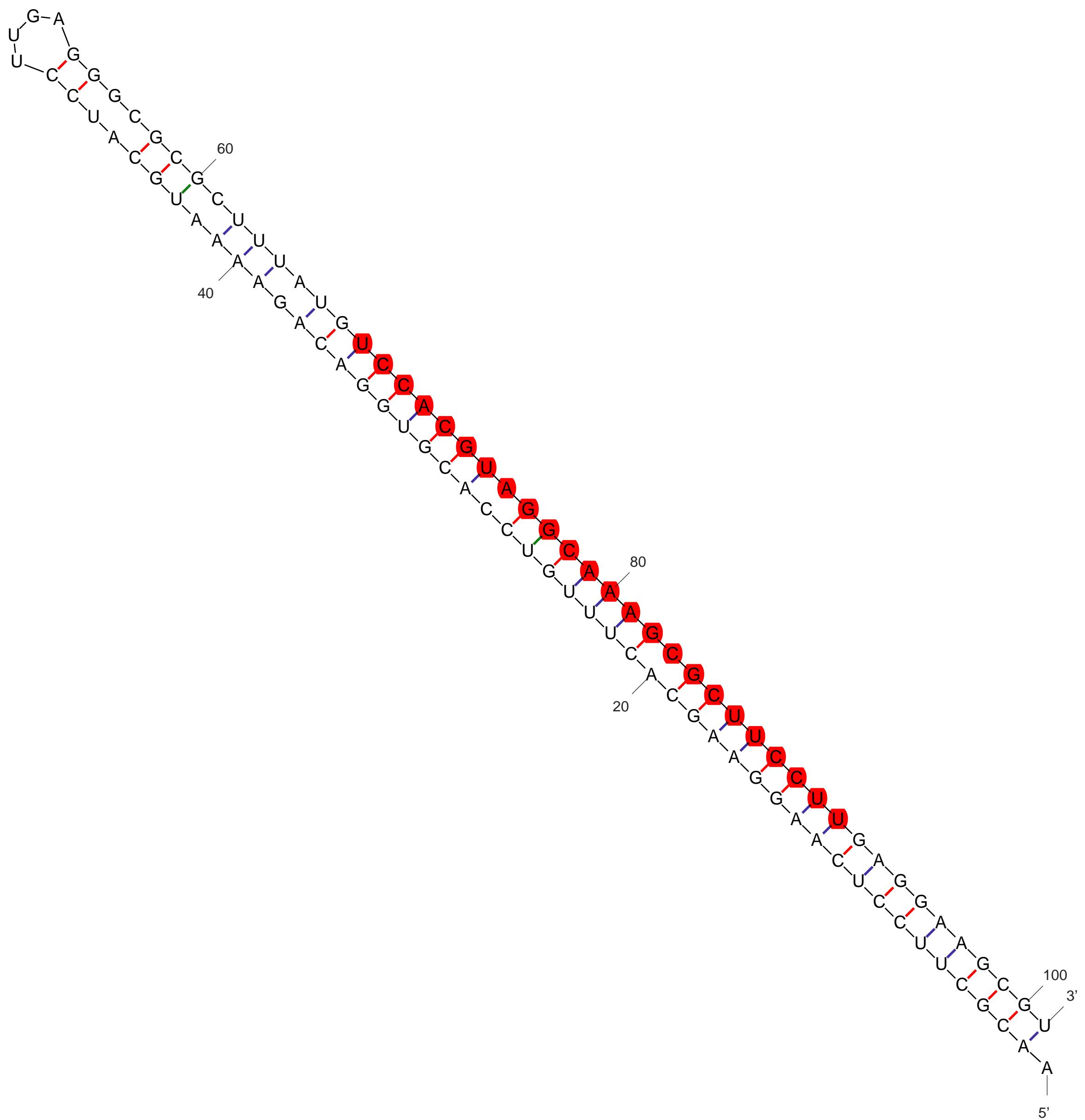
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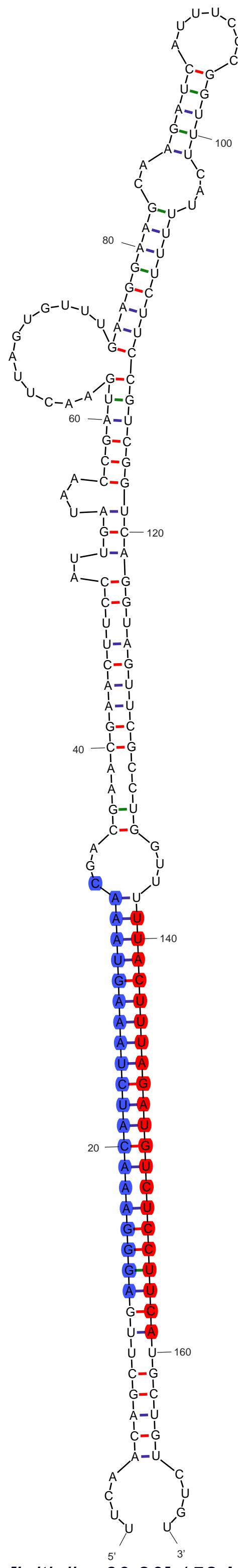




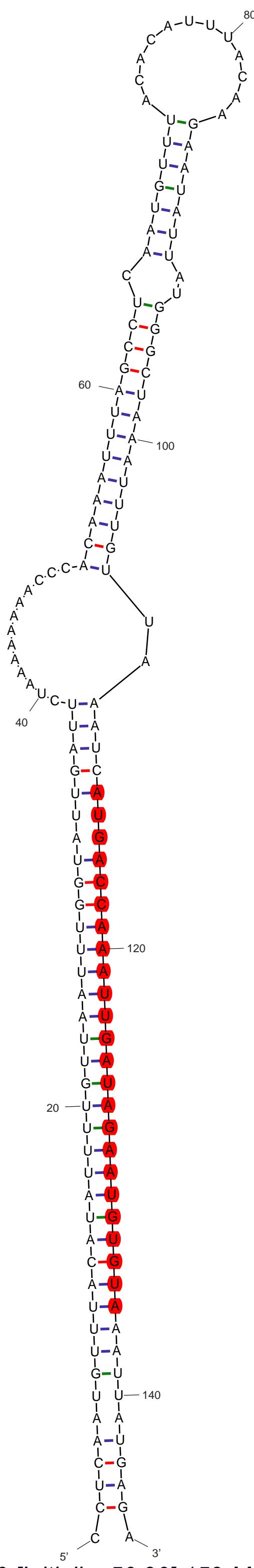
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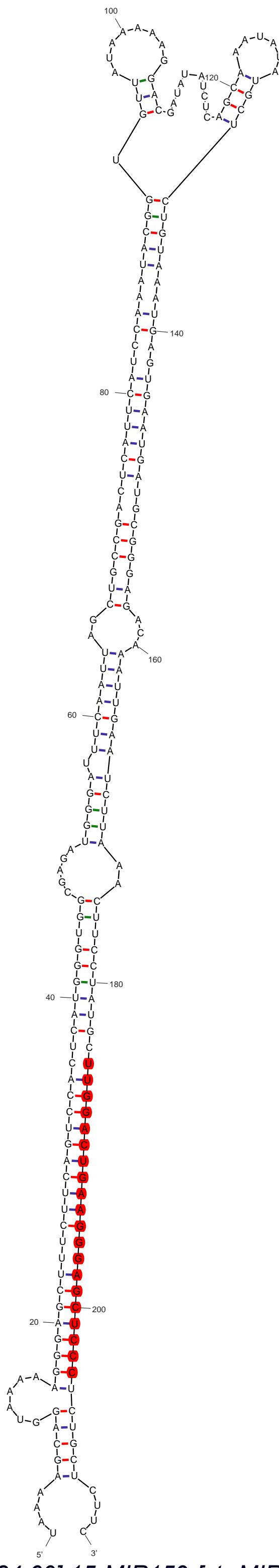
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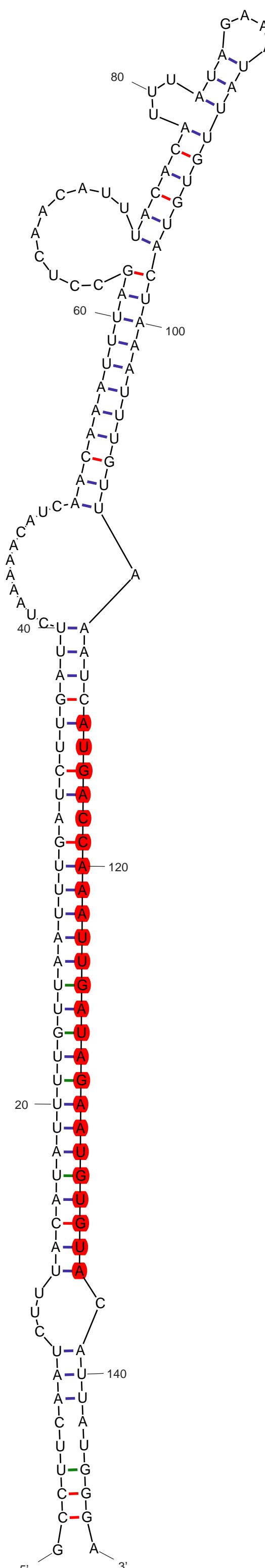
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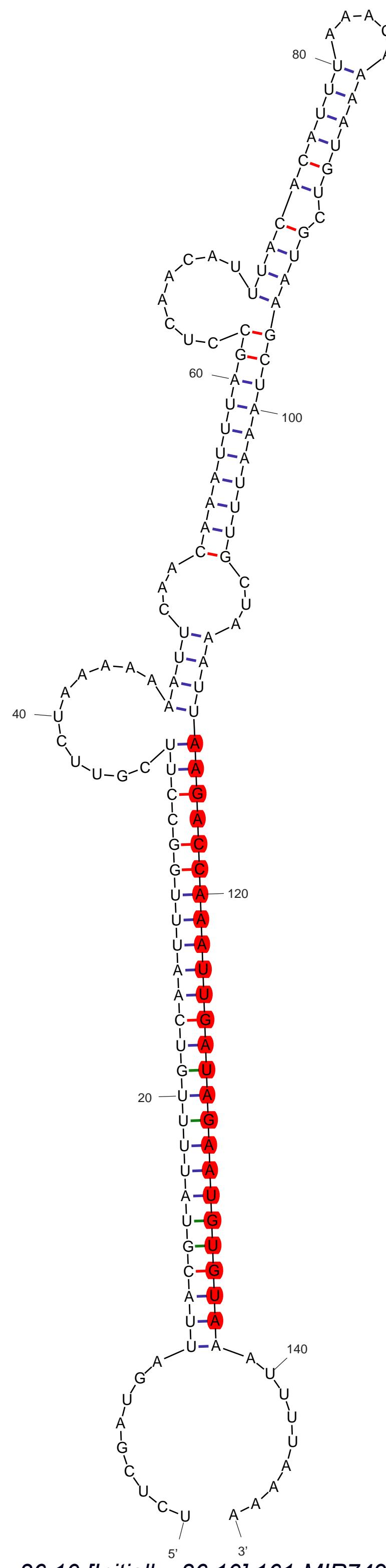
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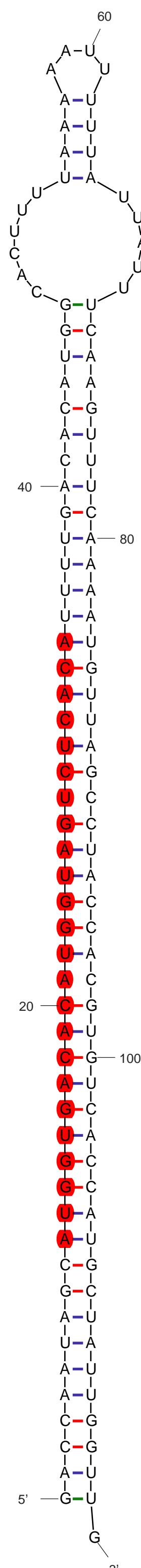
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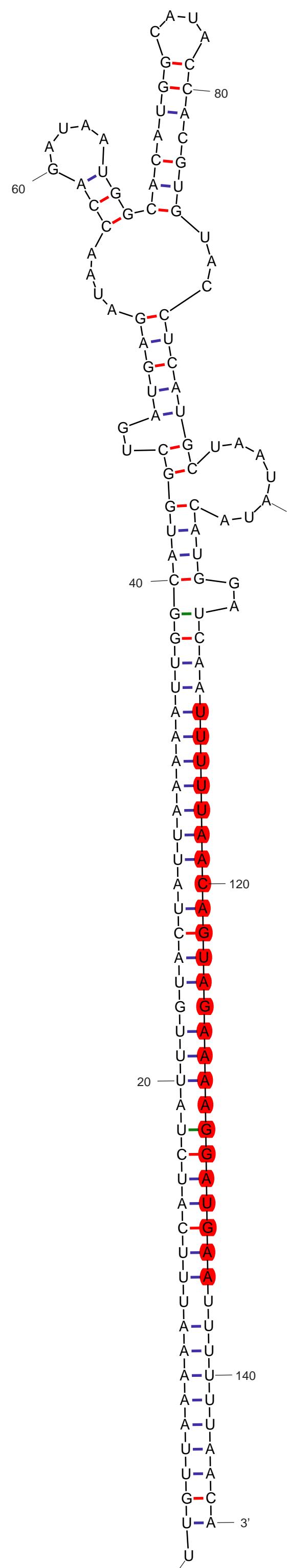
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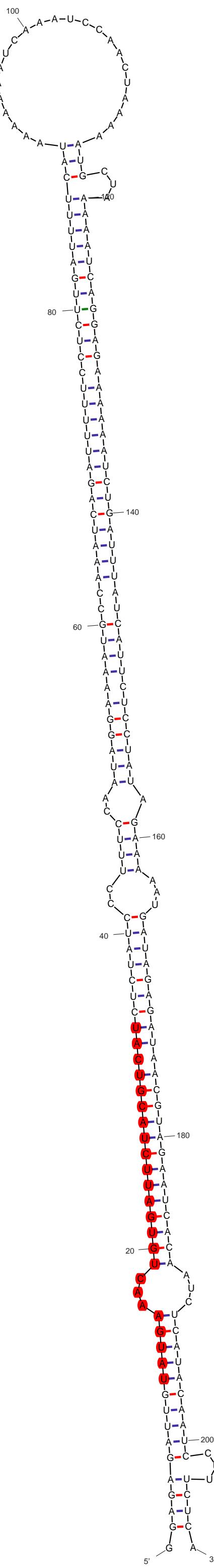
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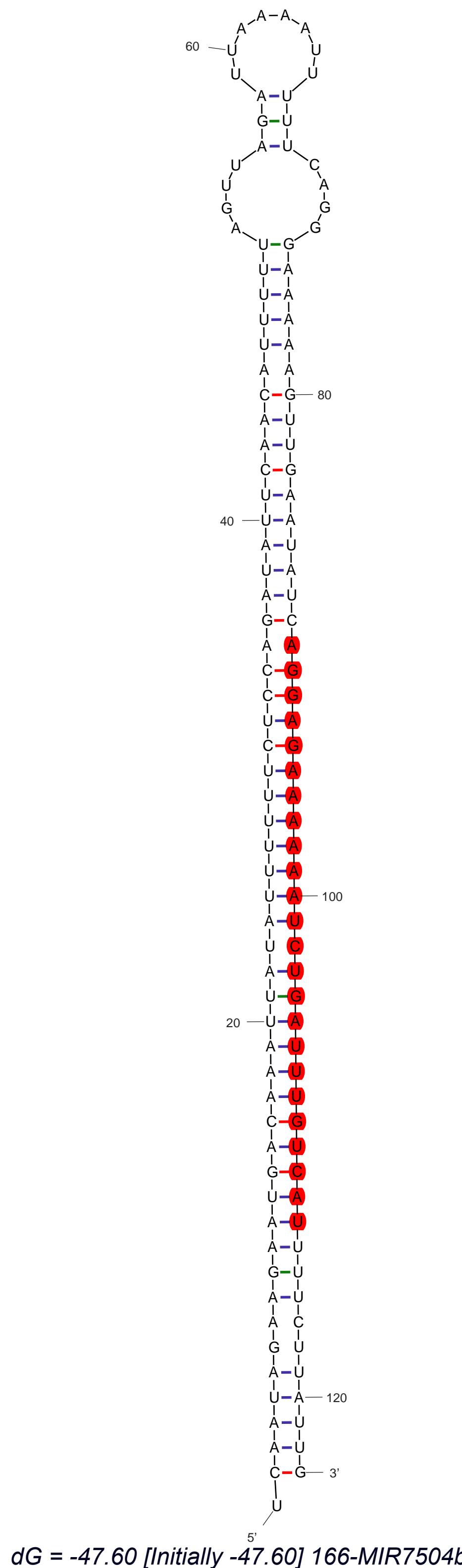
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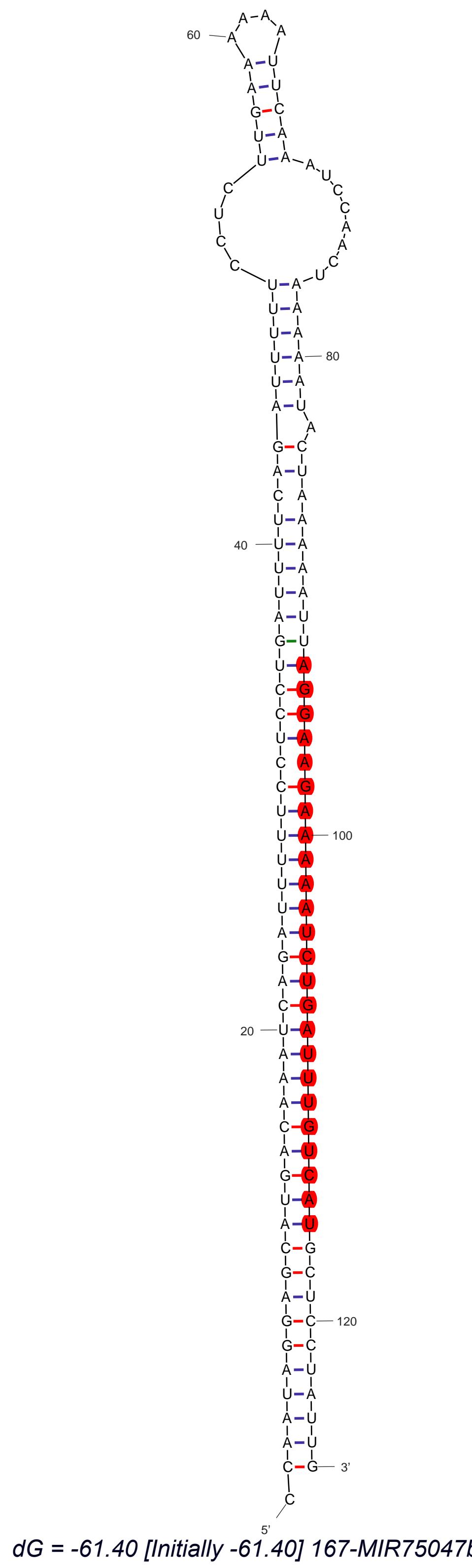
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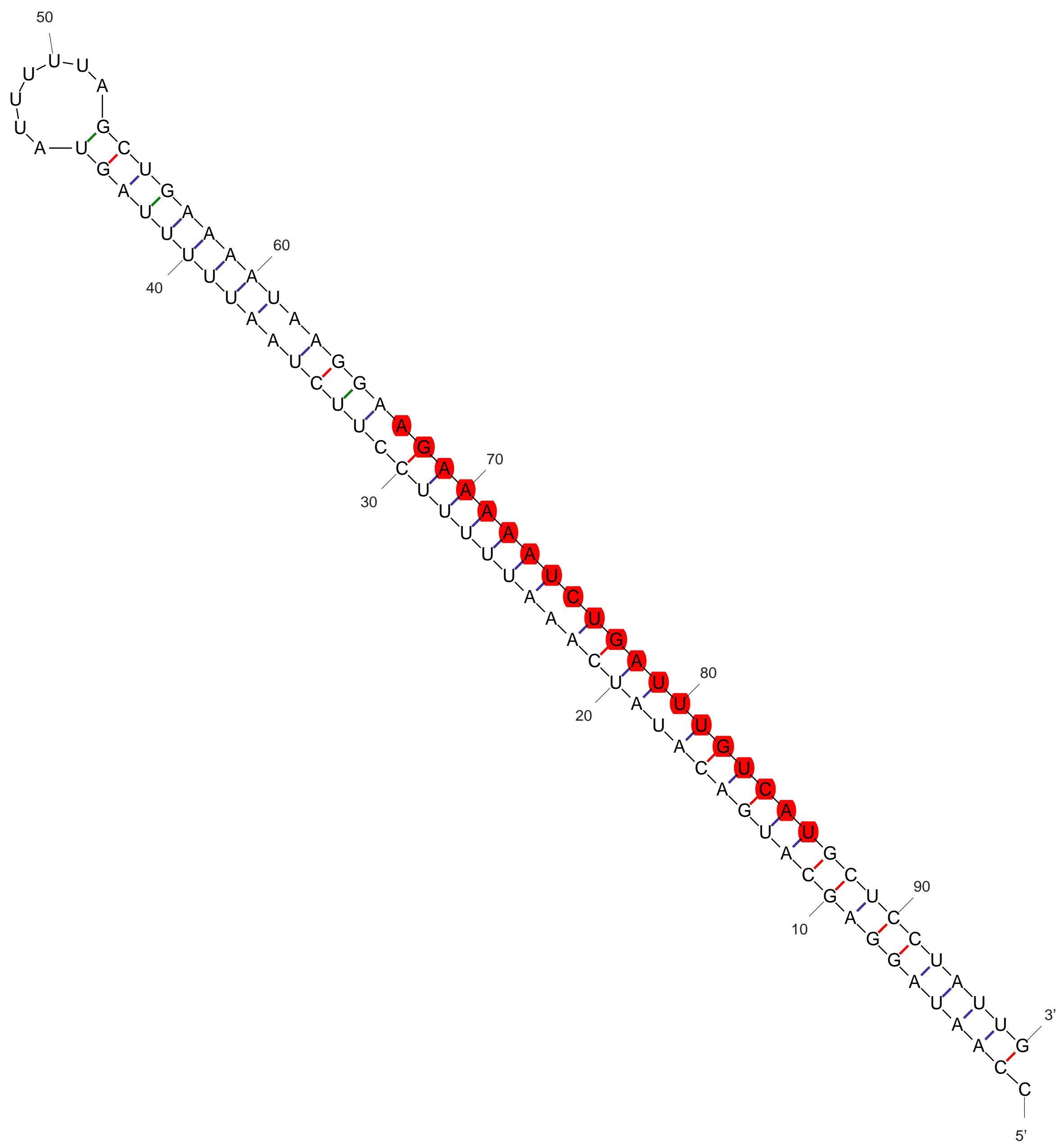


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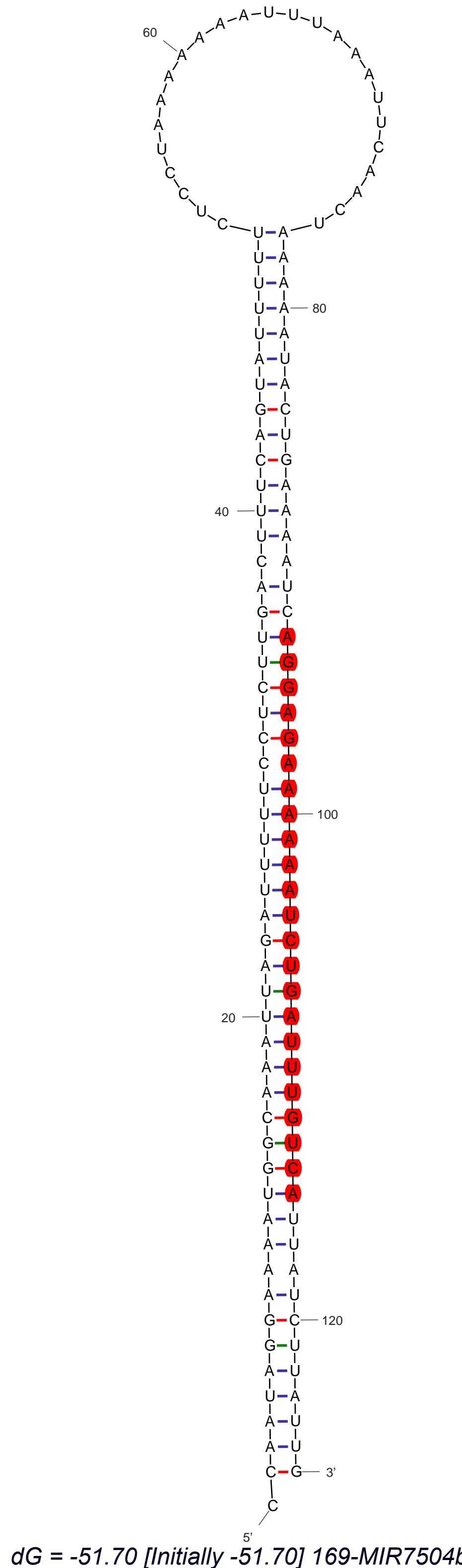


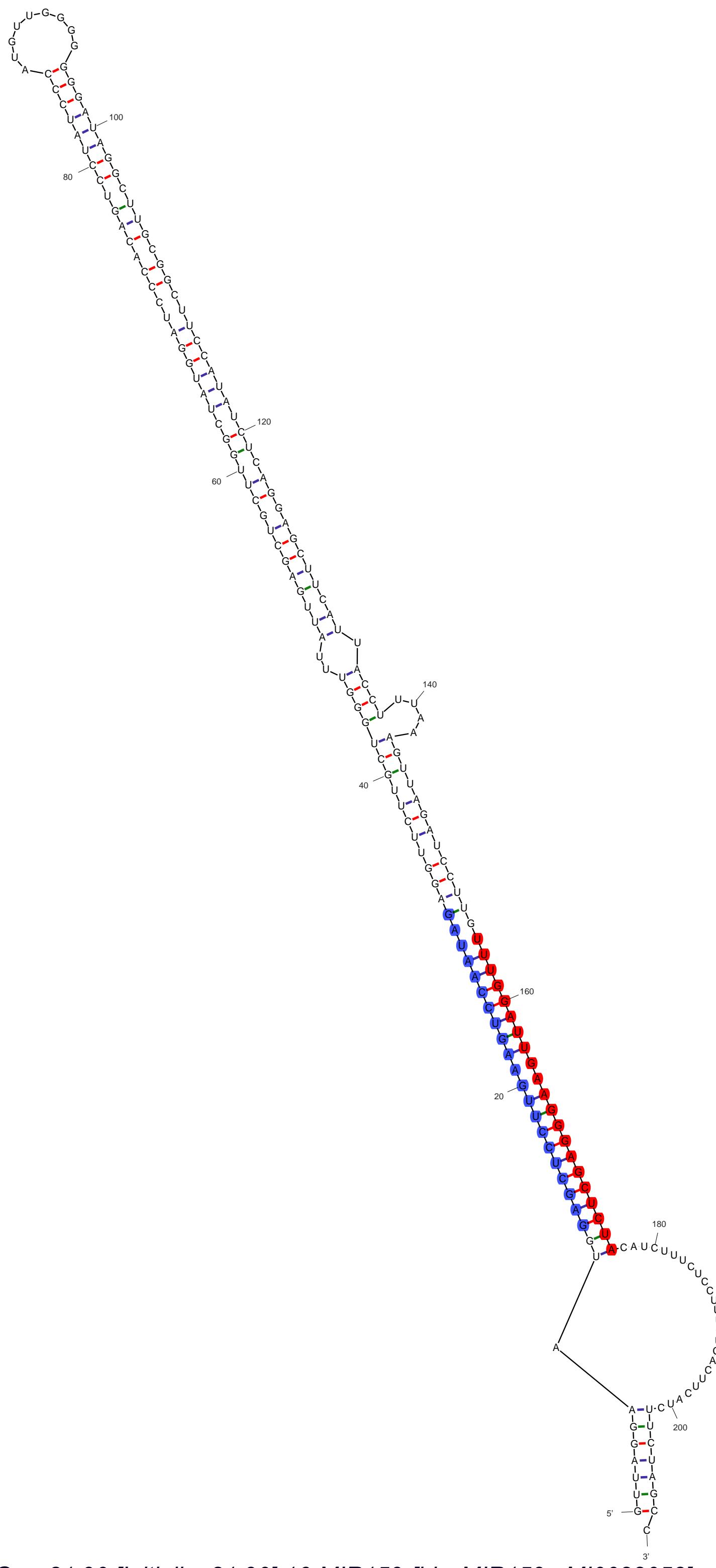
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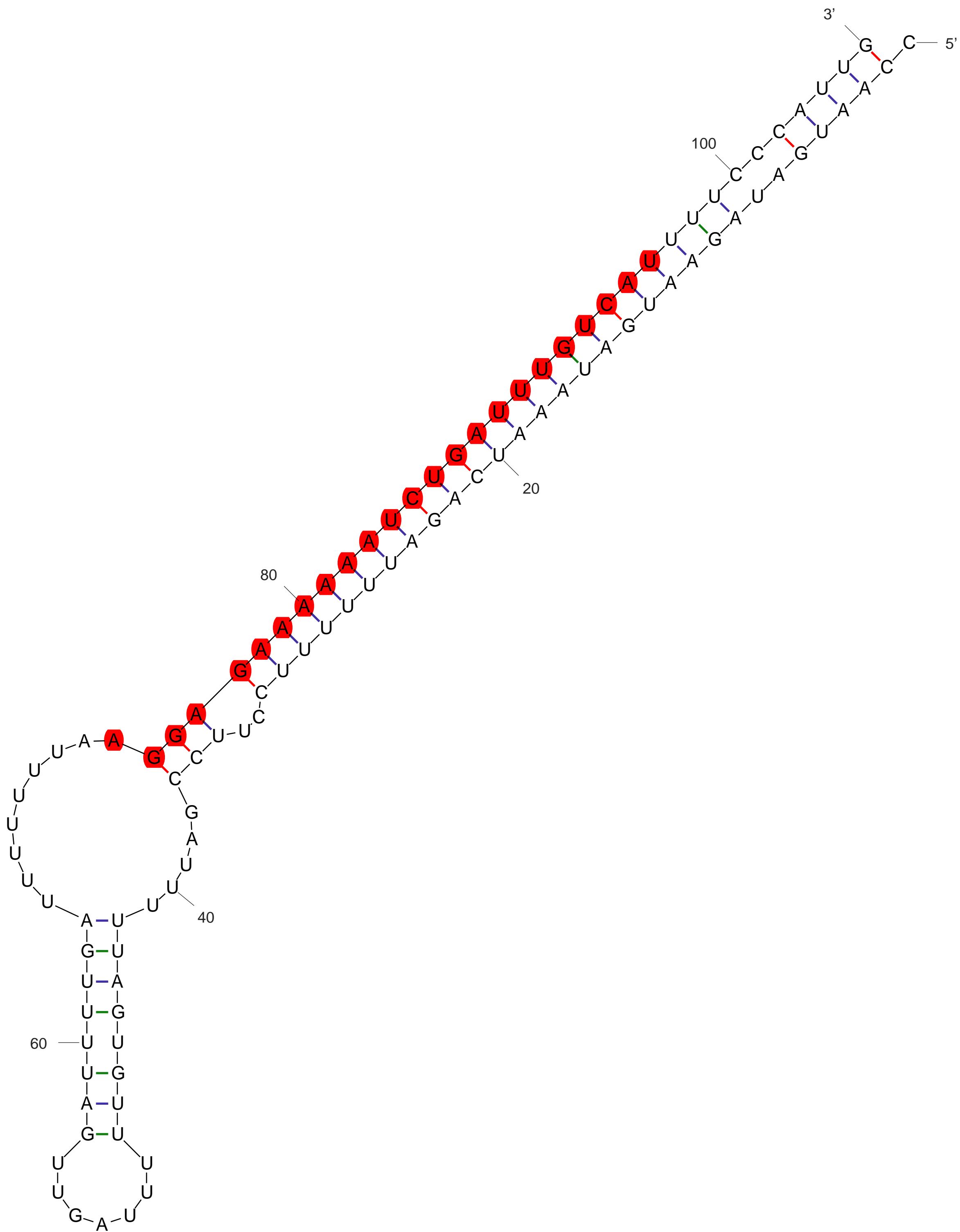


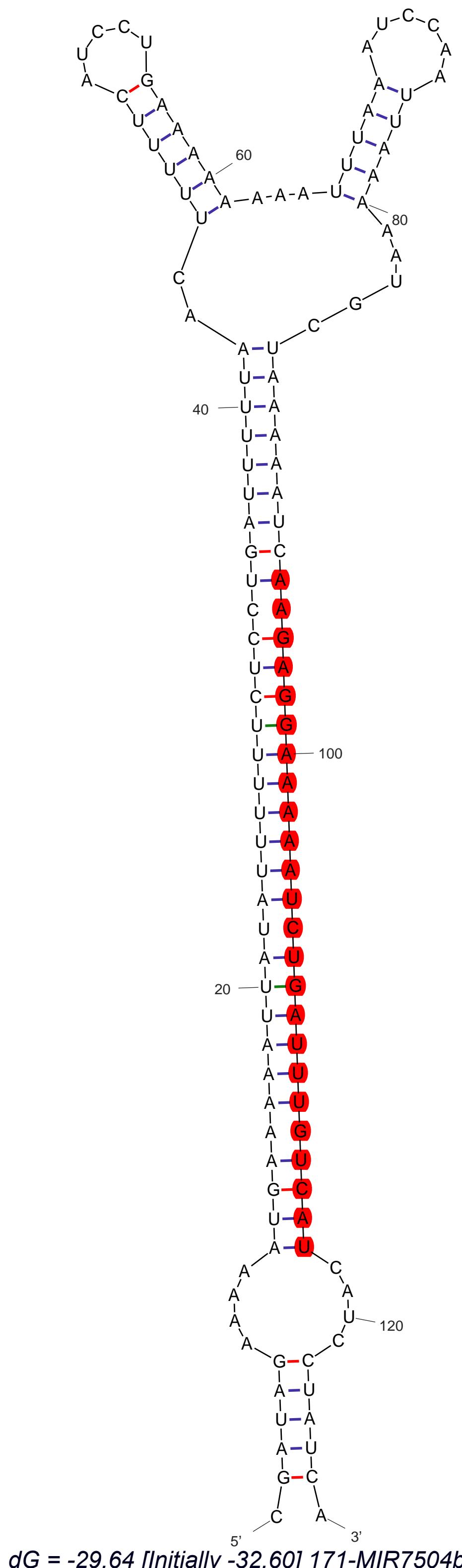


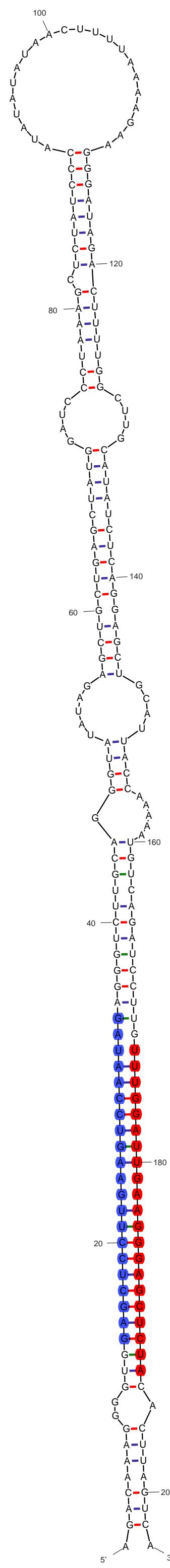
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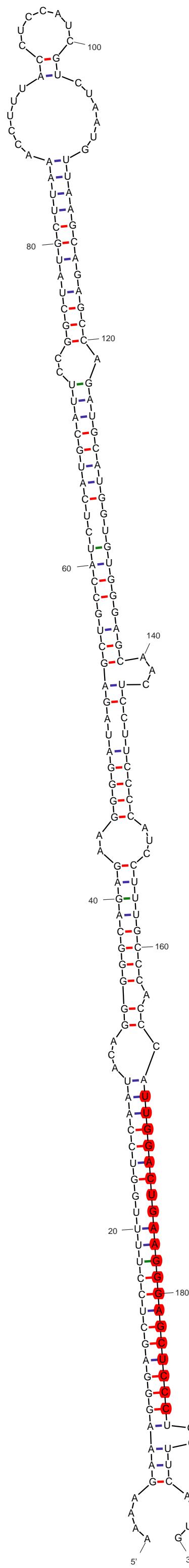




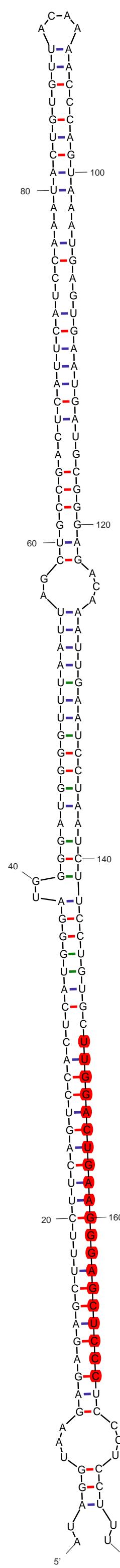




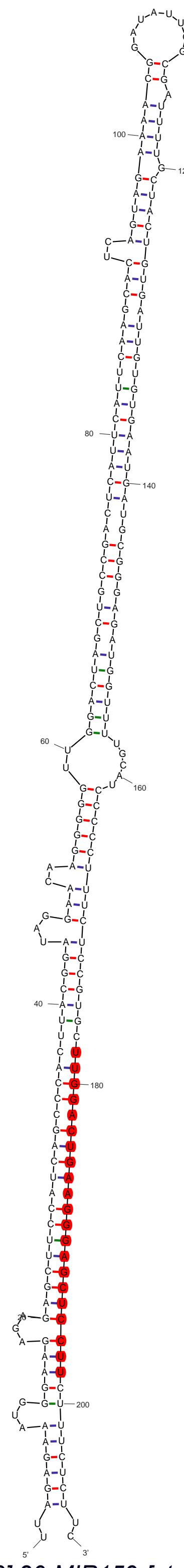
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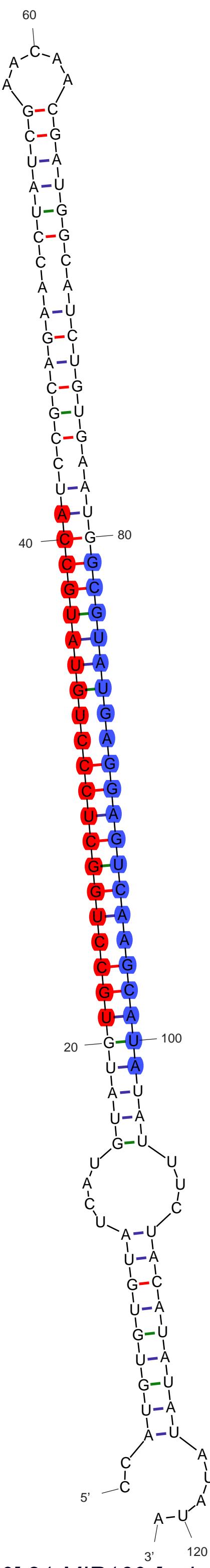
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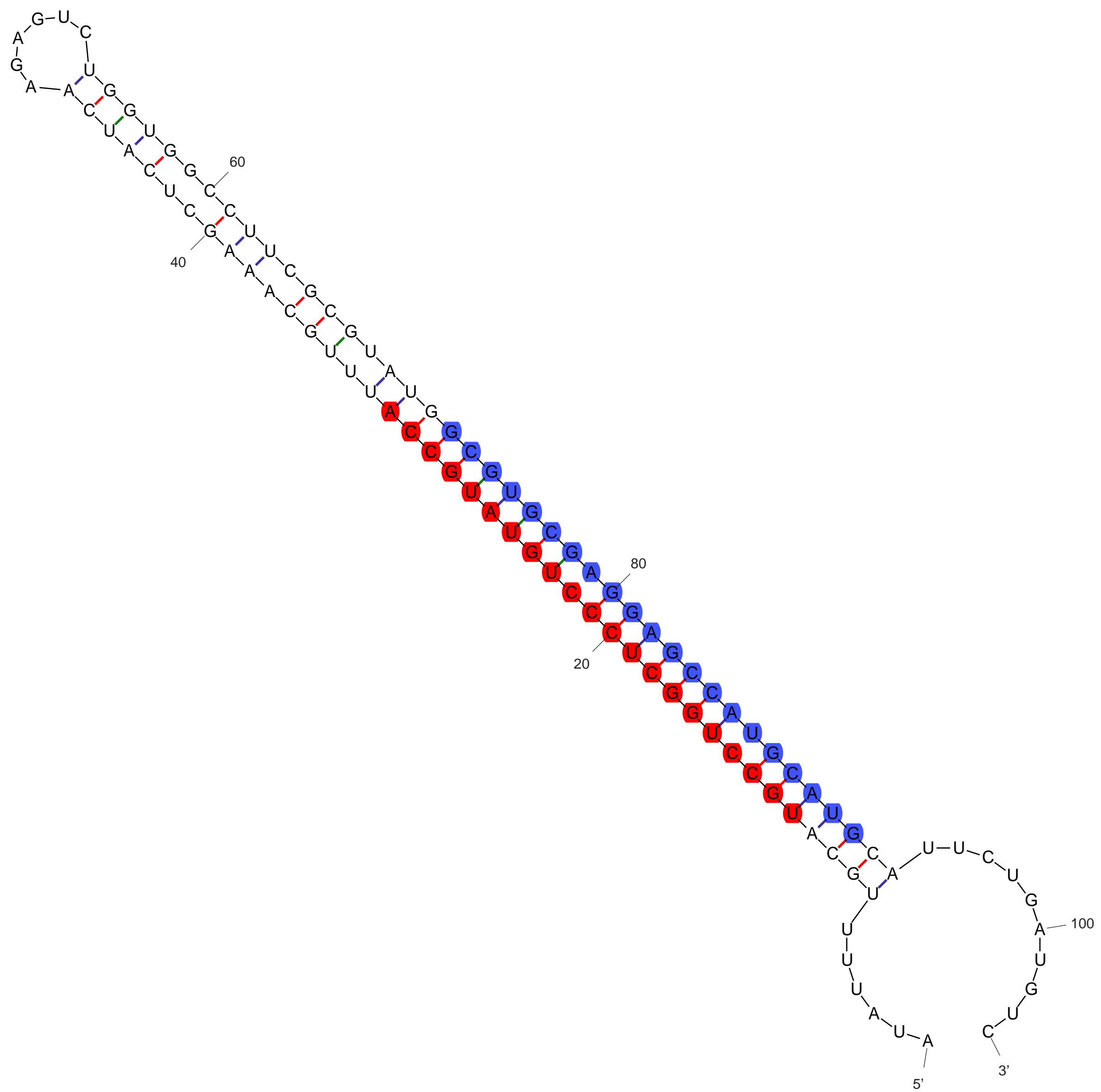
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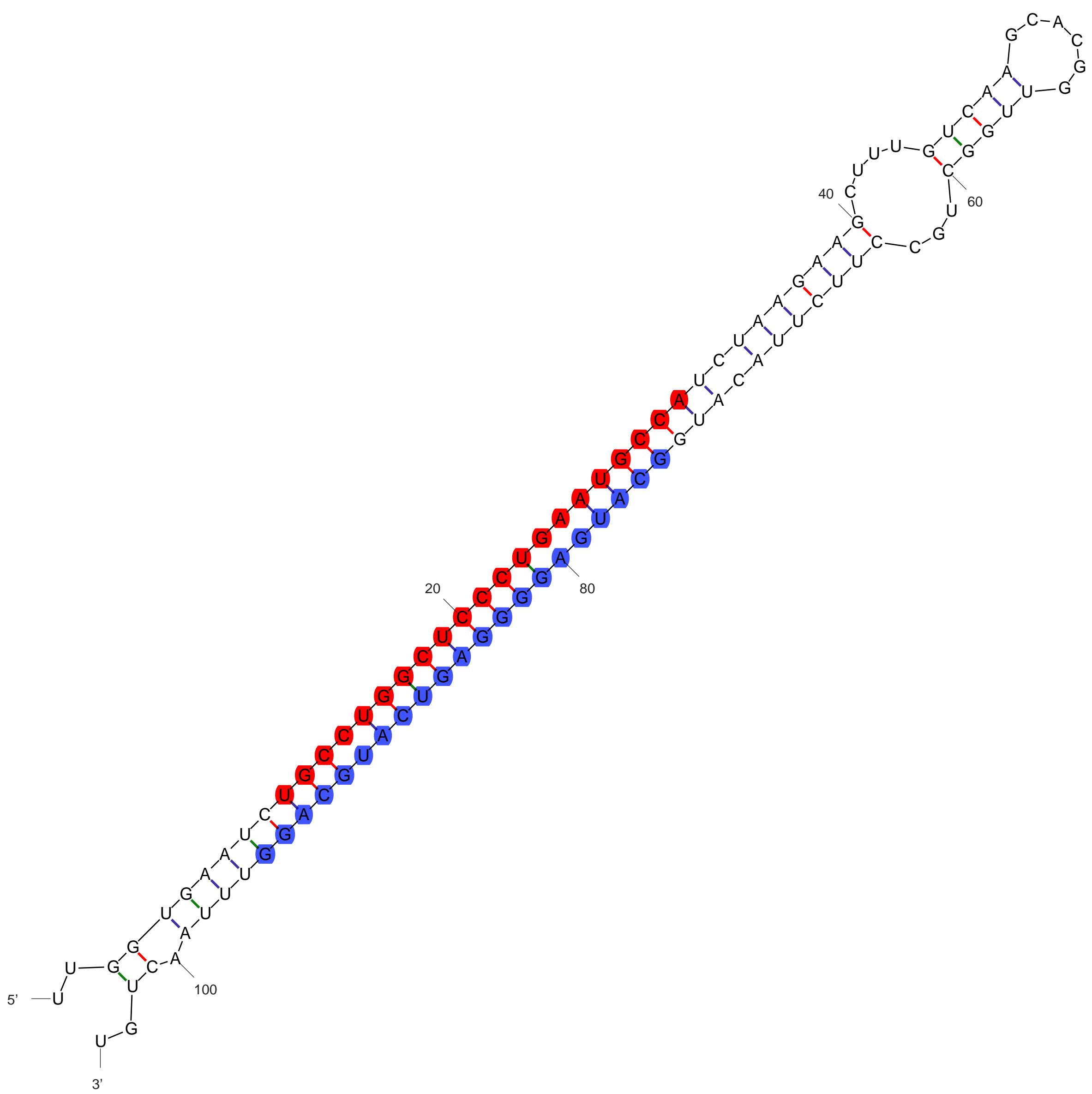
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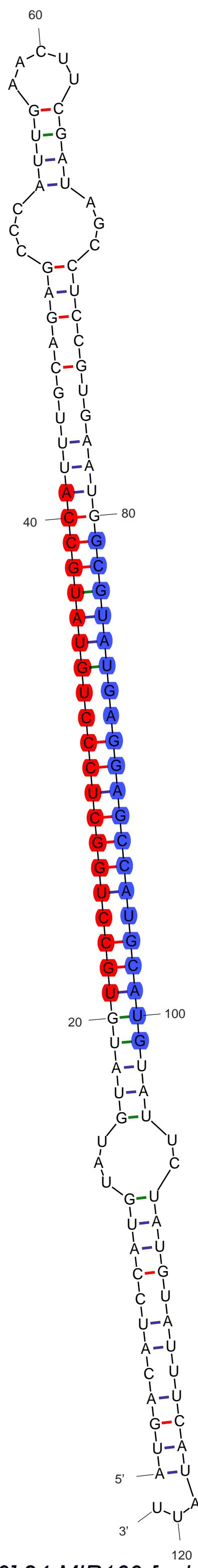
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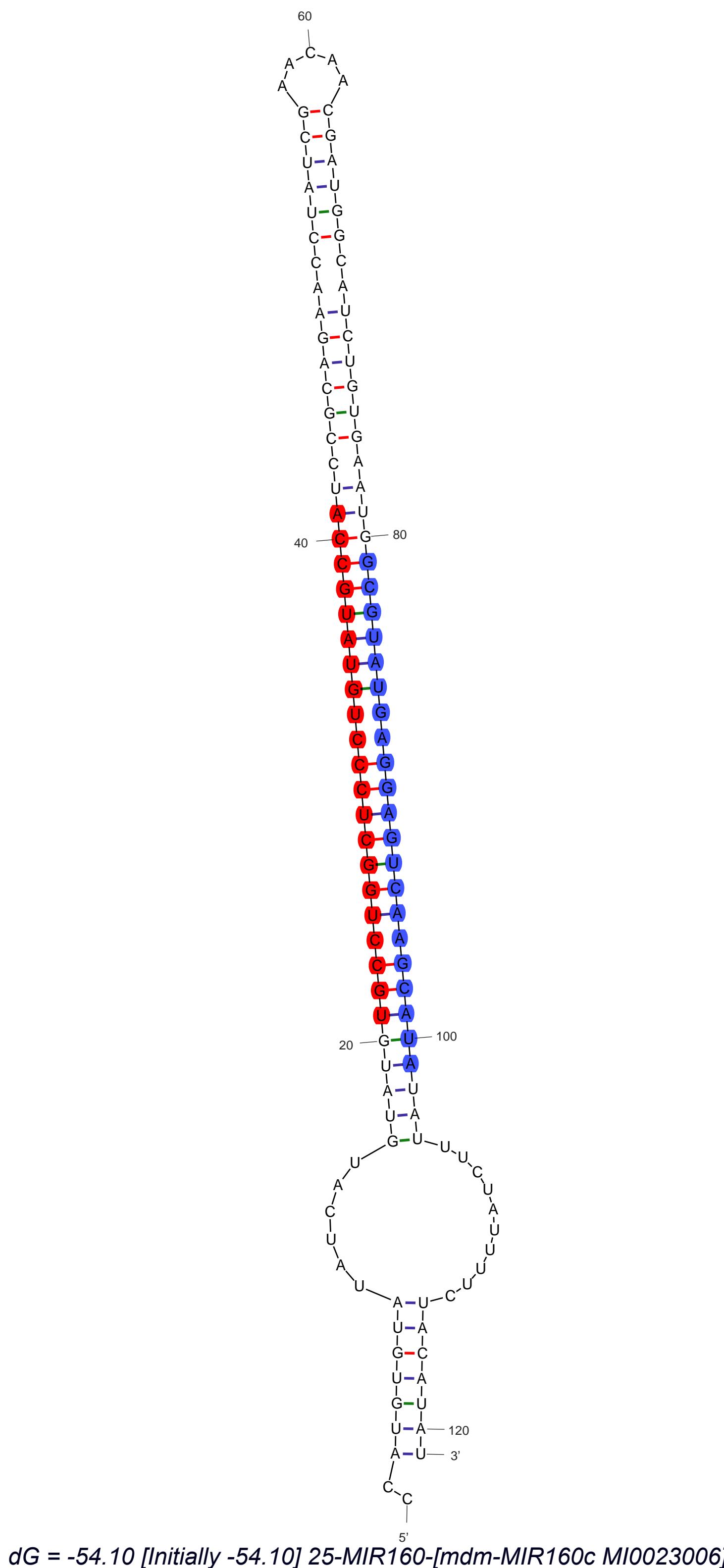
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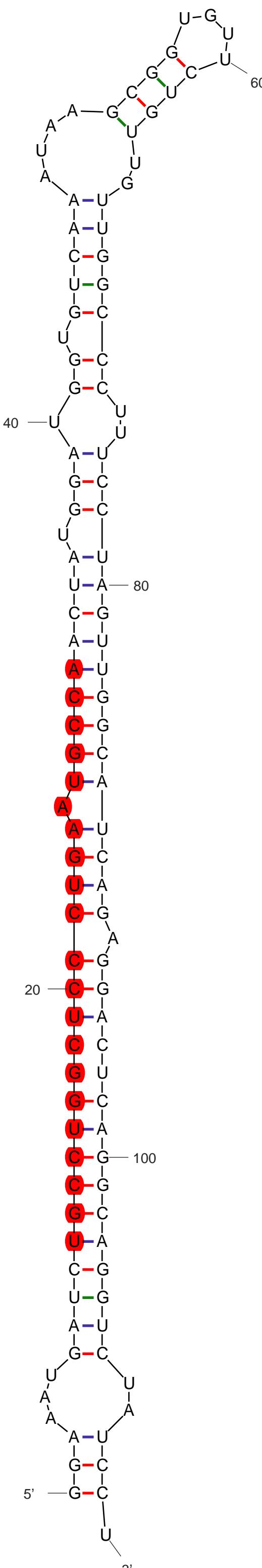


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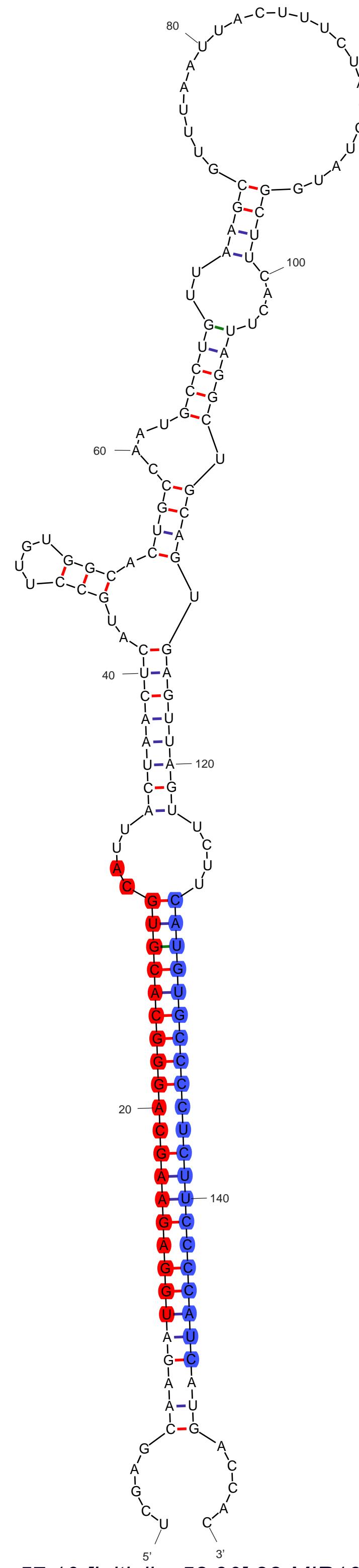


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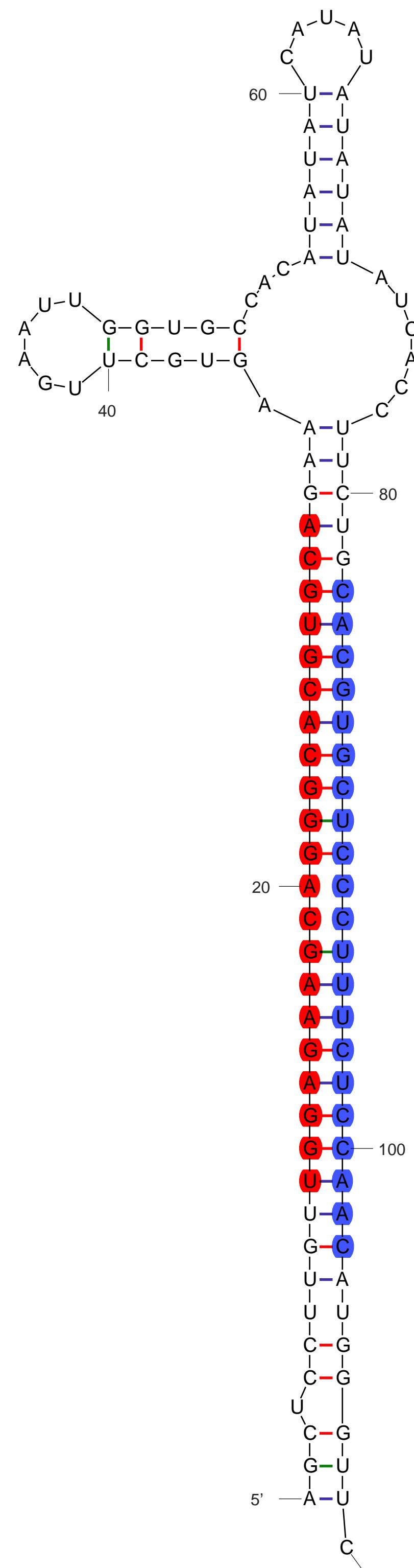


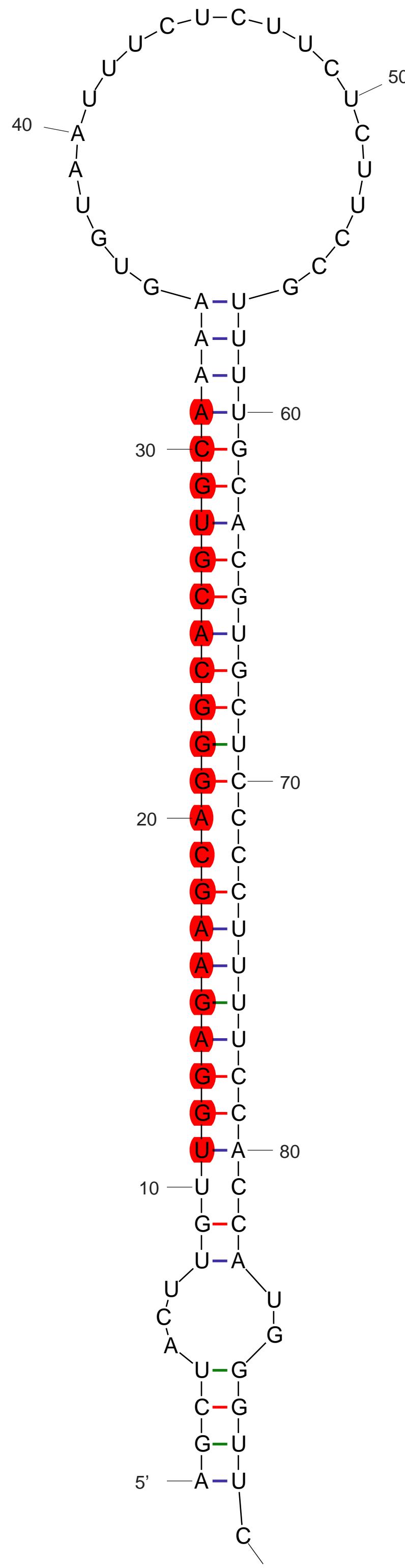


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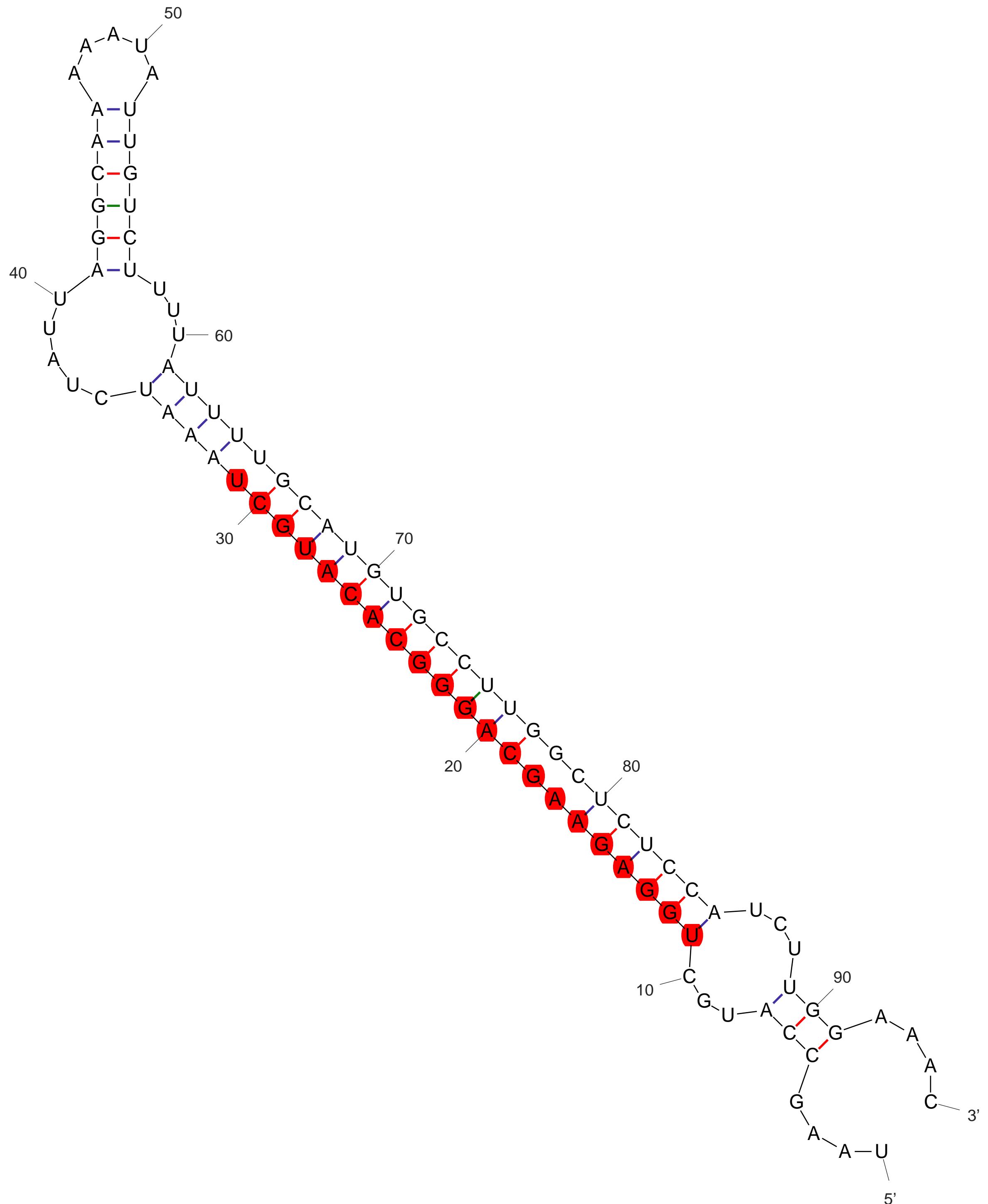


$dG = -57.10$  [Initially -58.90] 28-MIR164

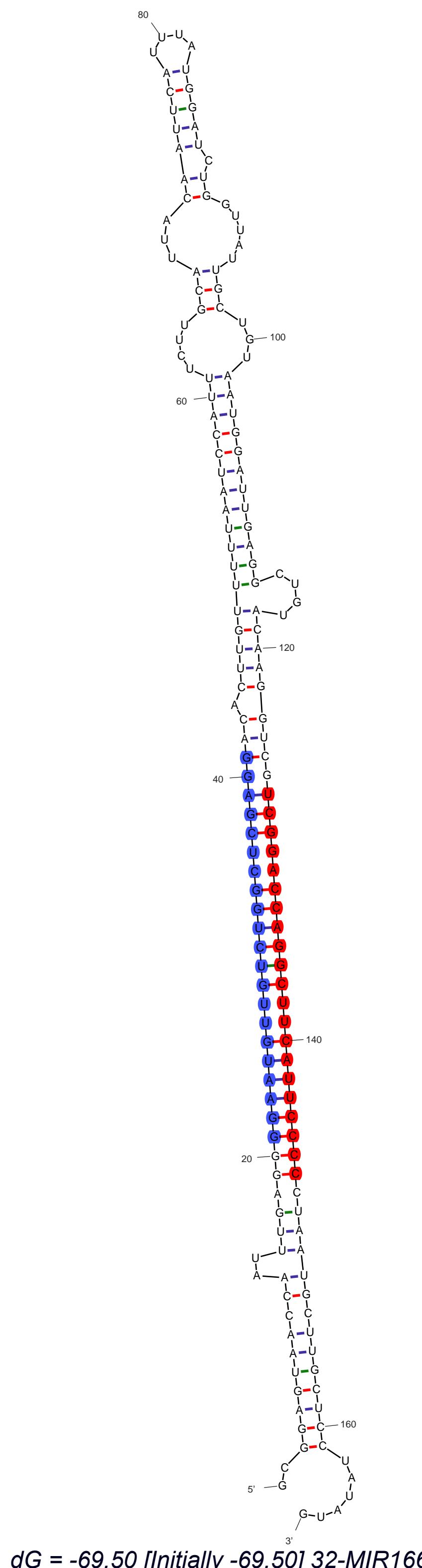


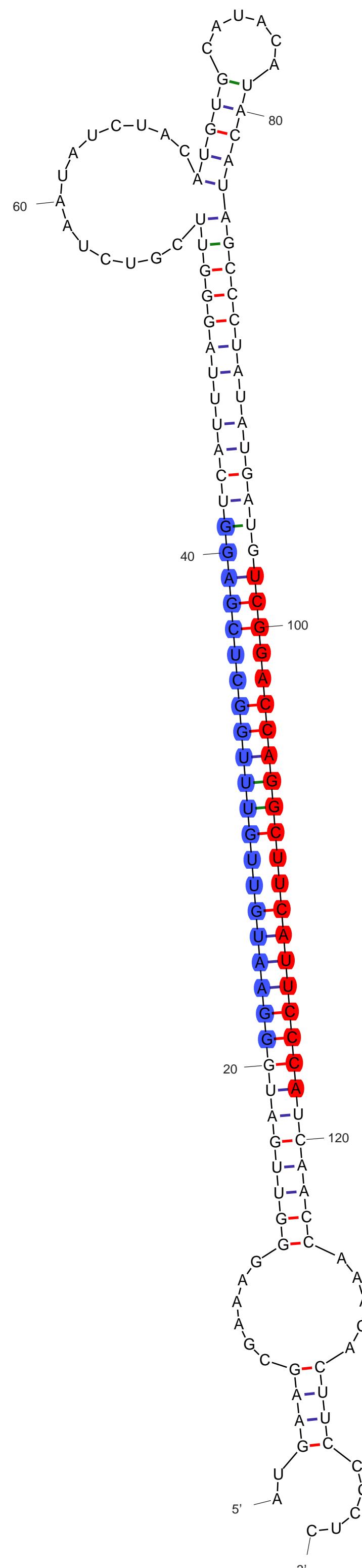


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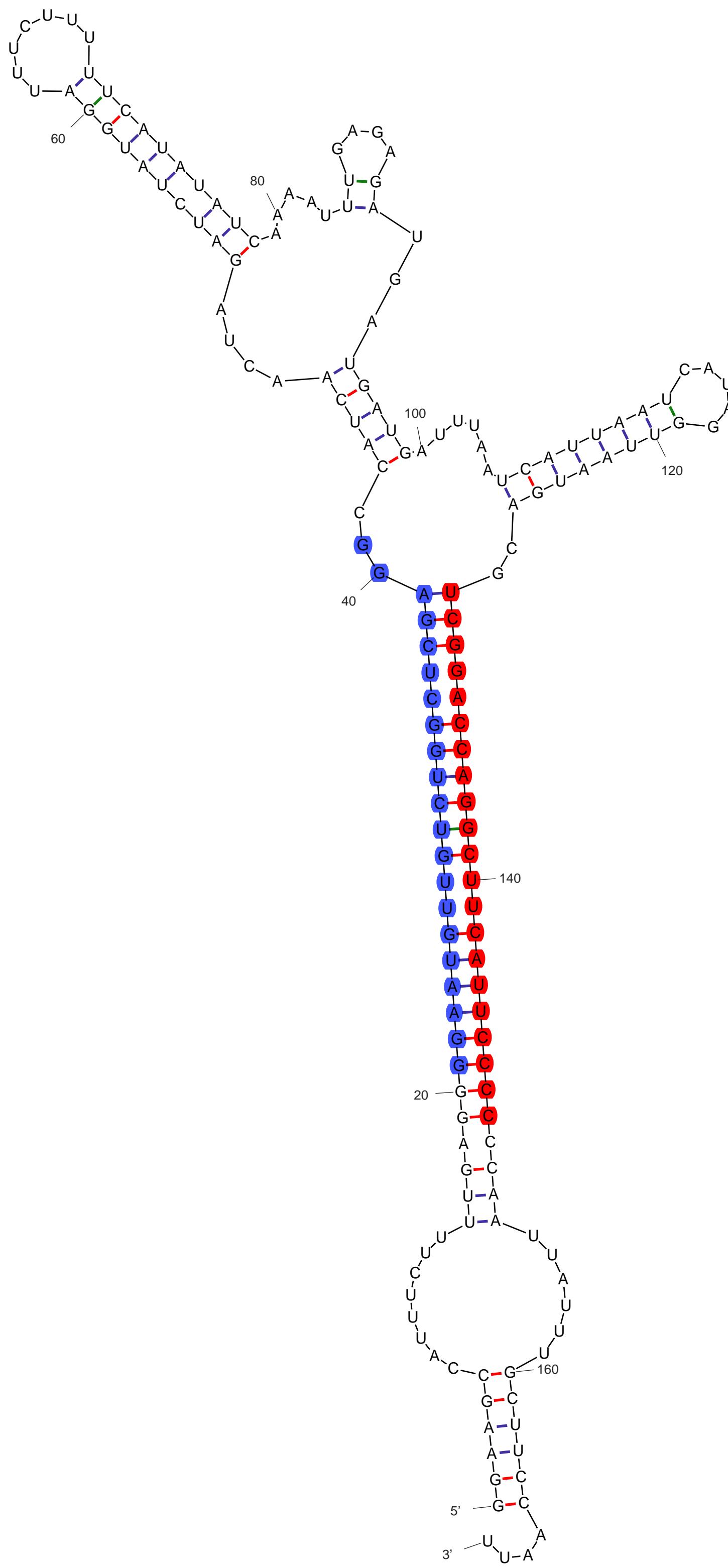


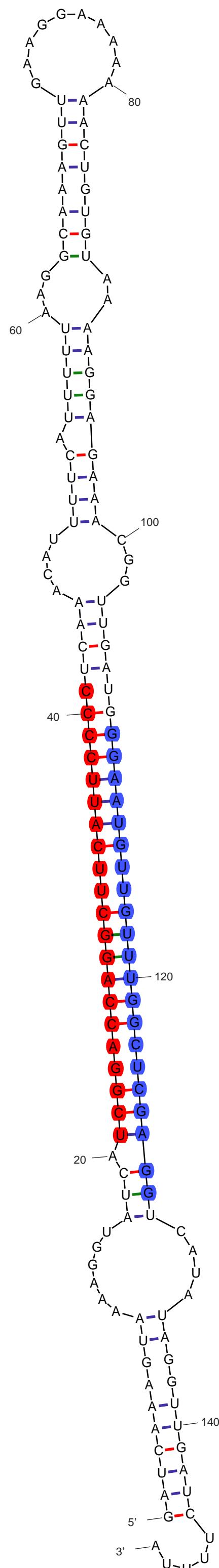
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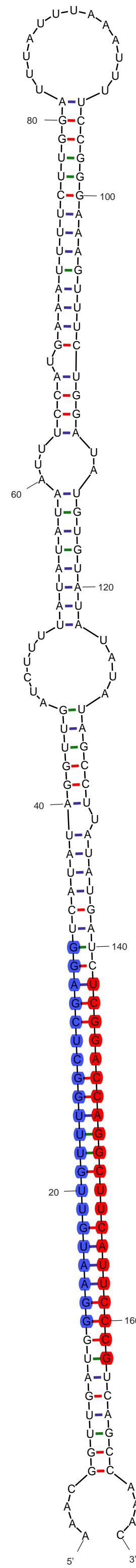


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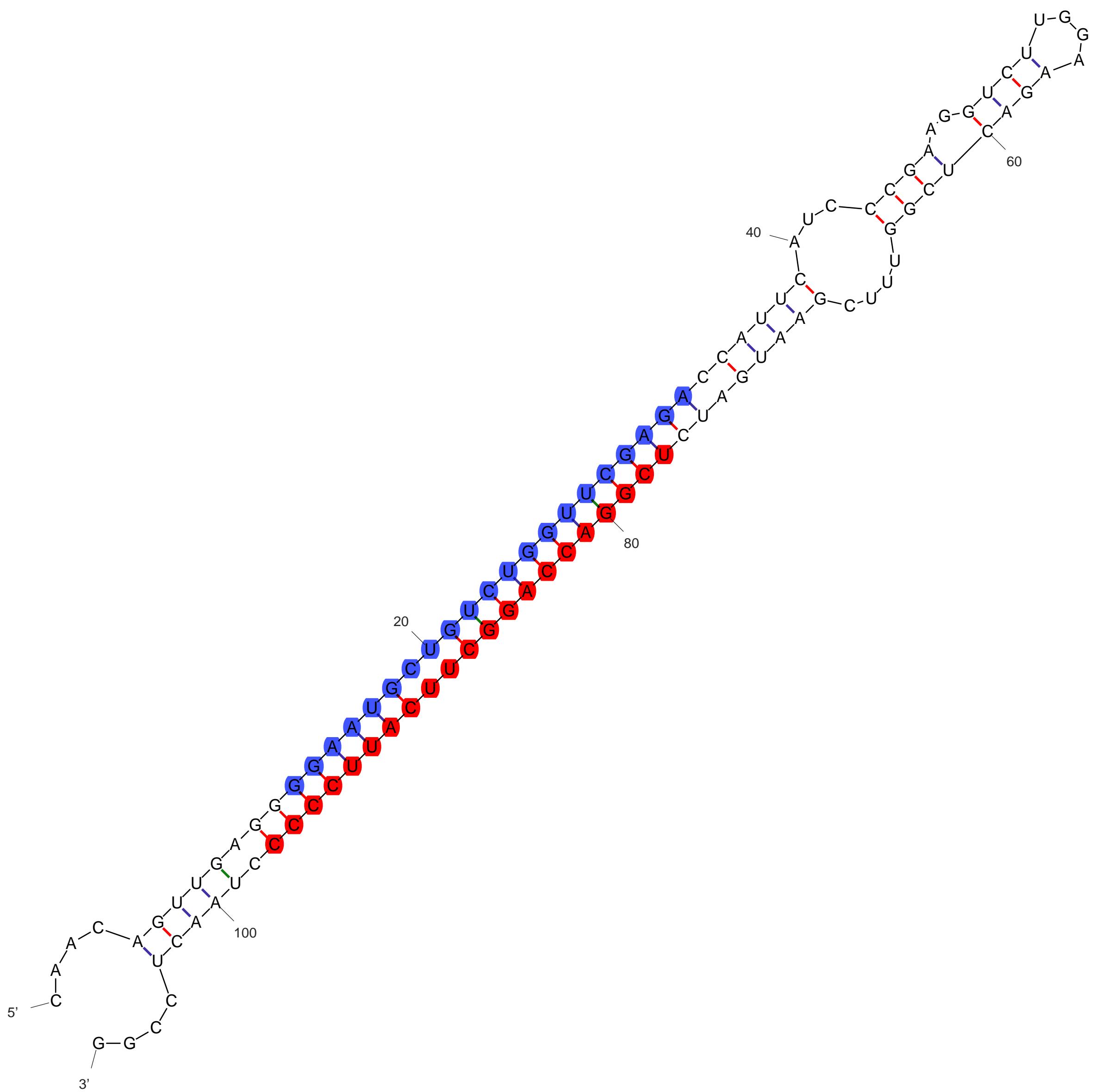




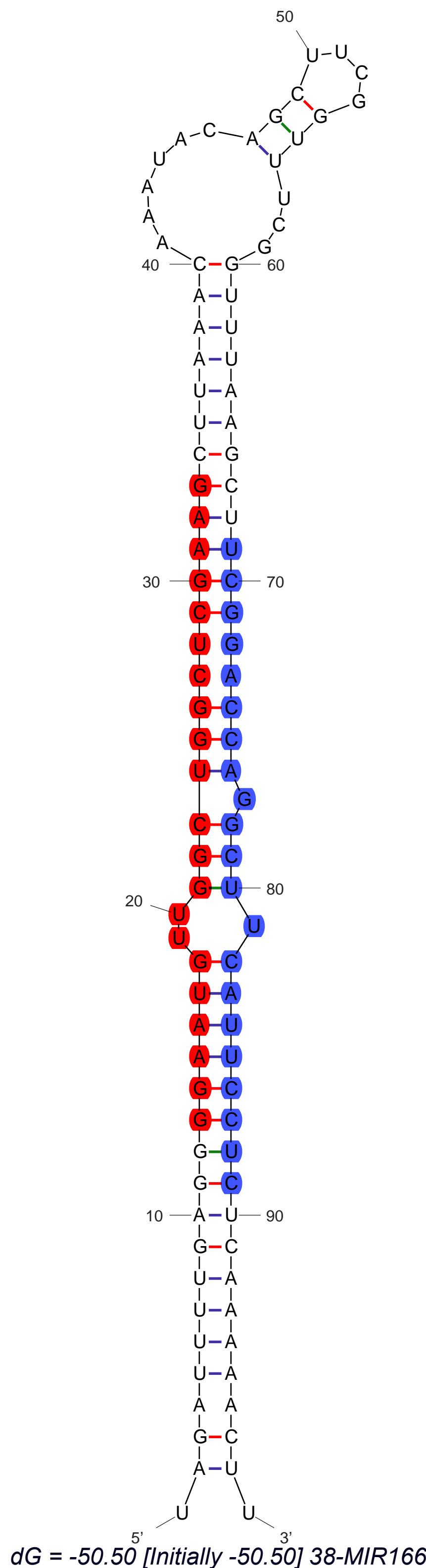
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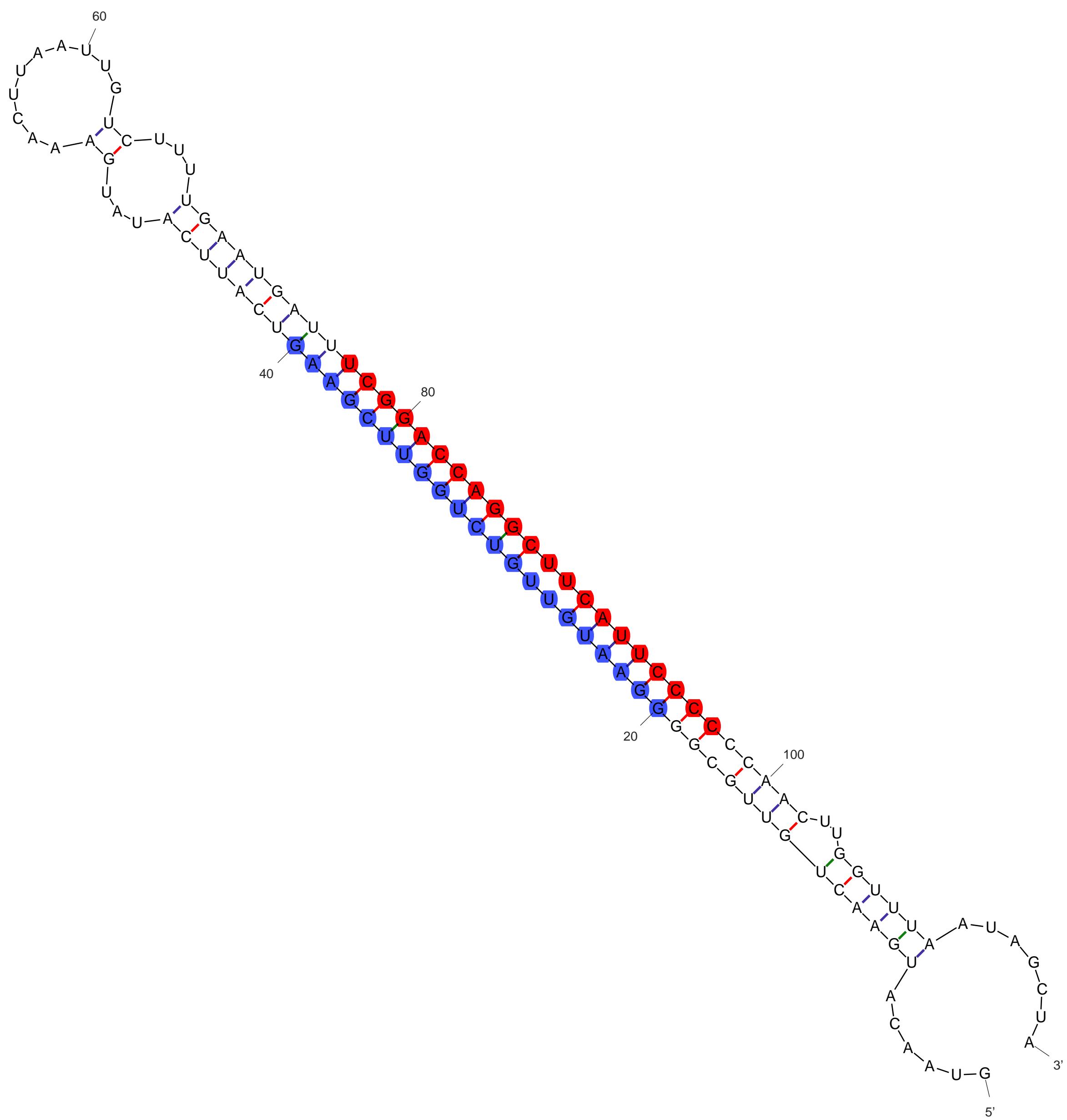


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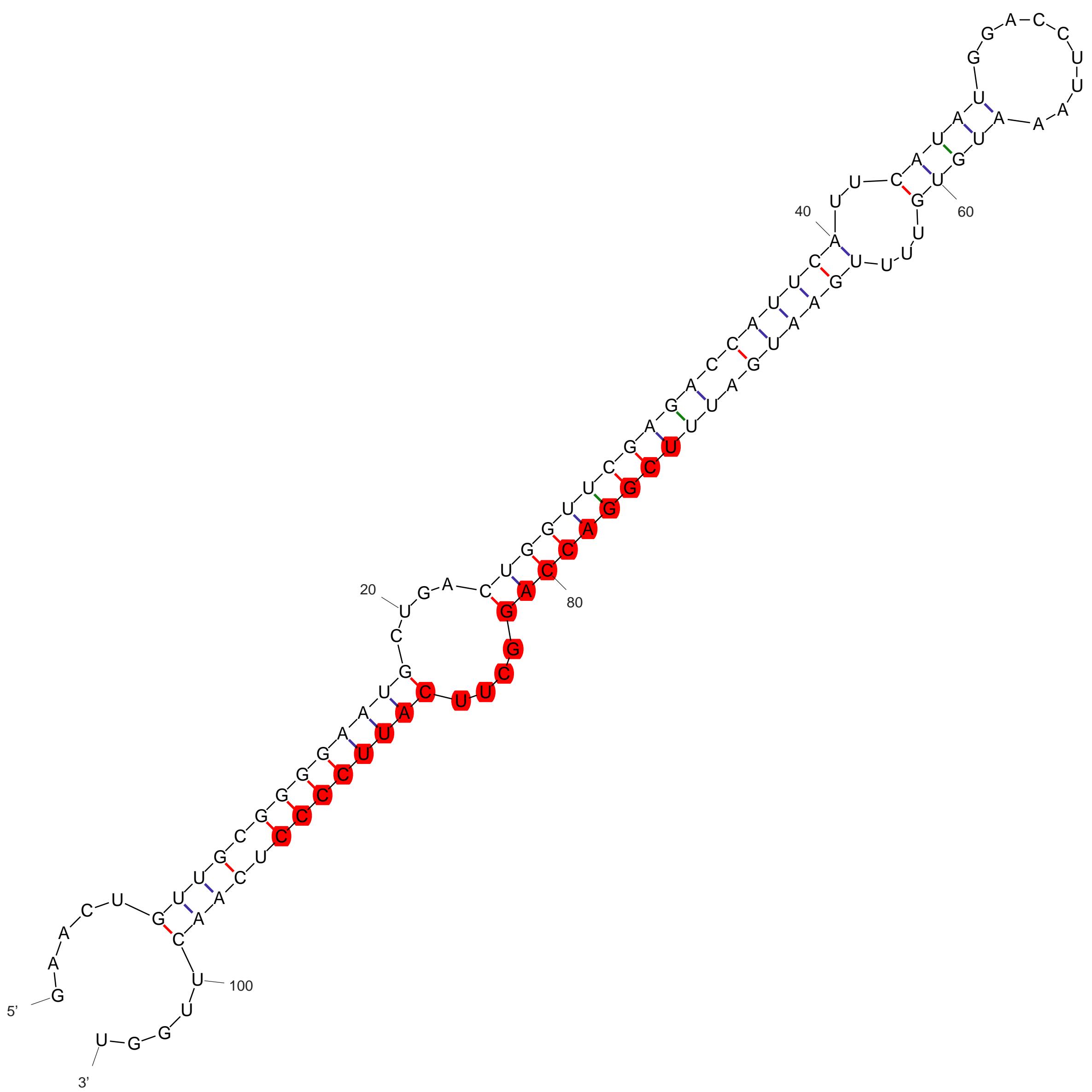


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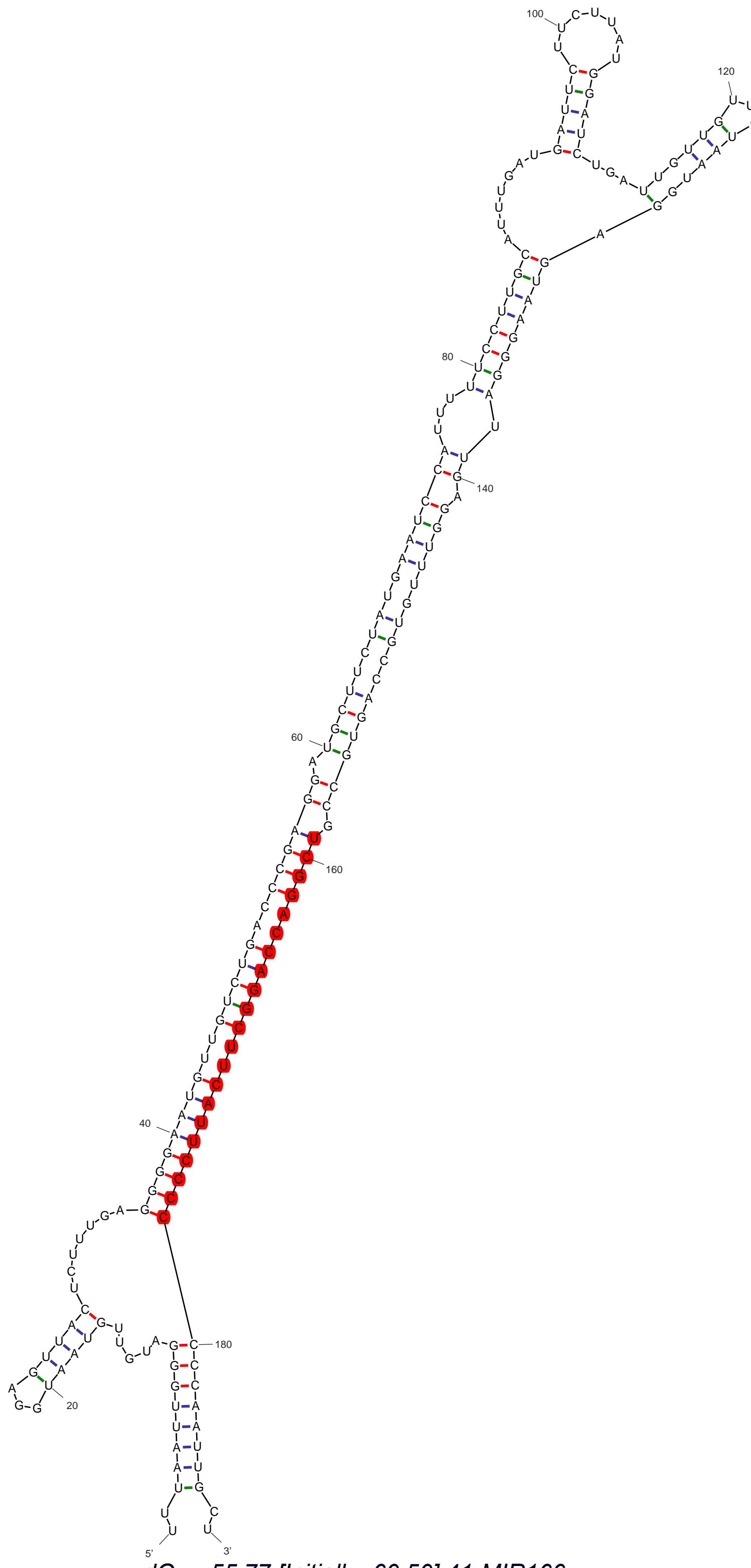


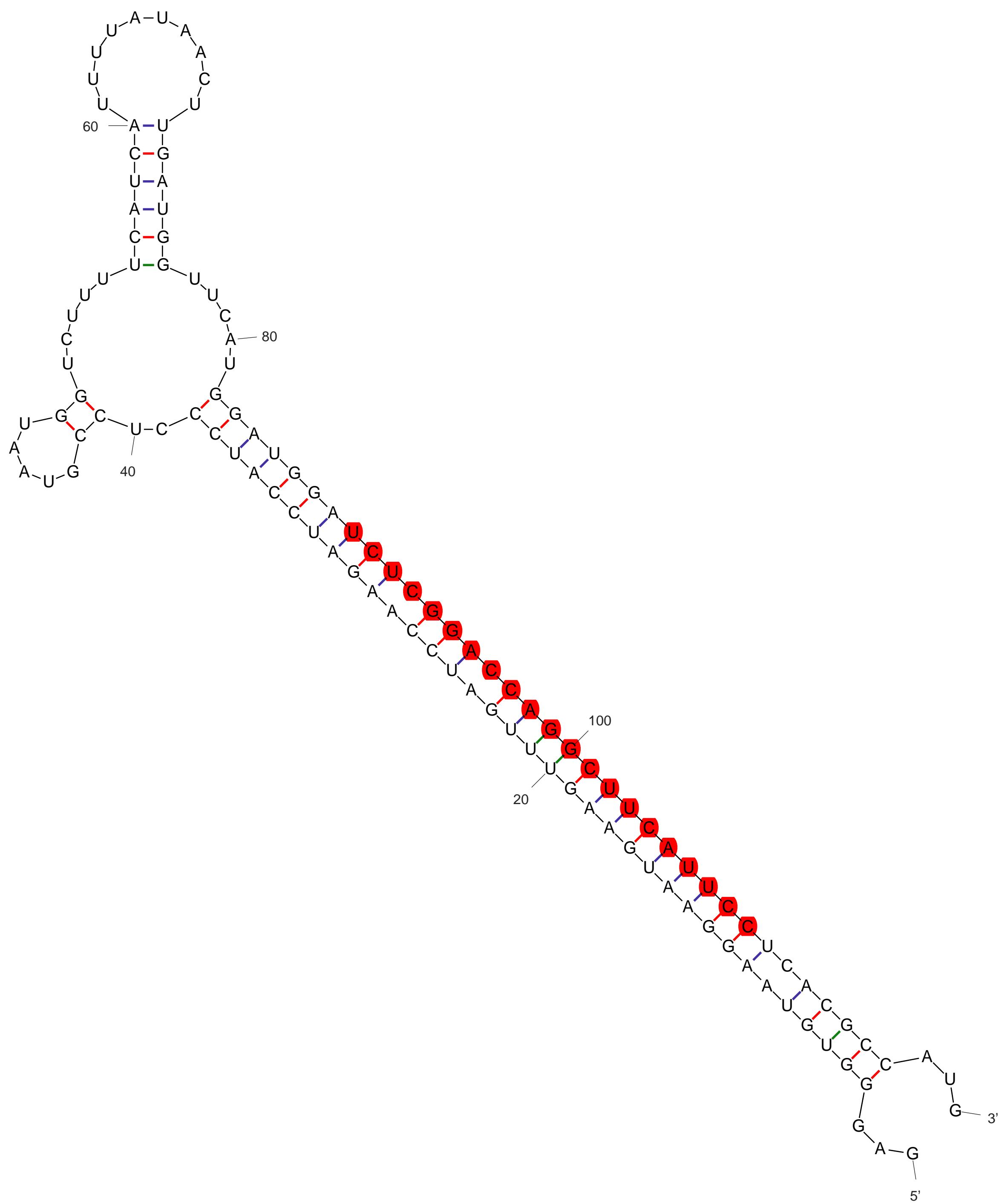


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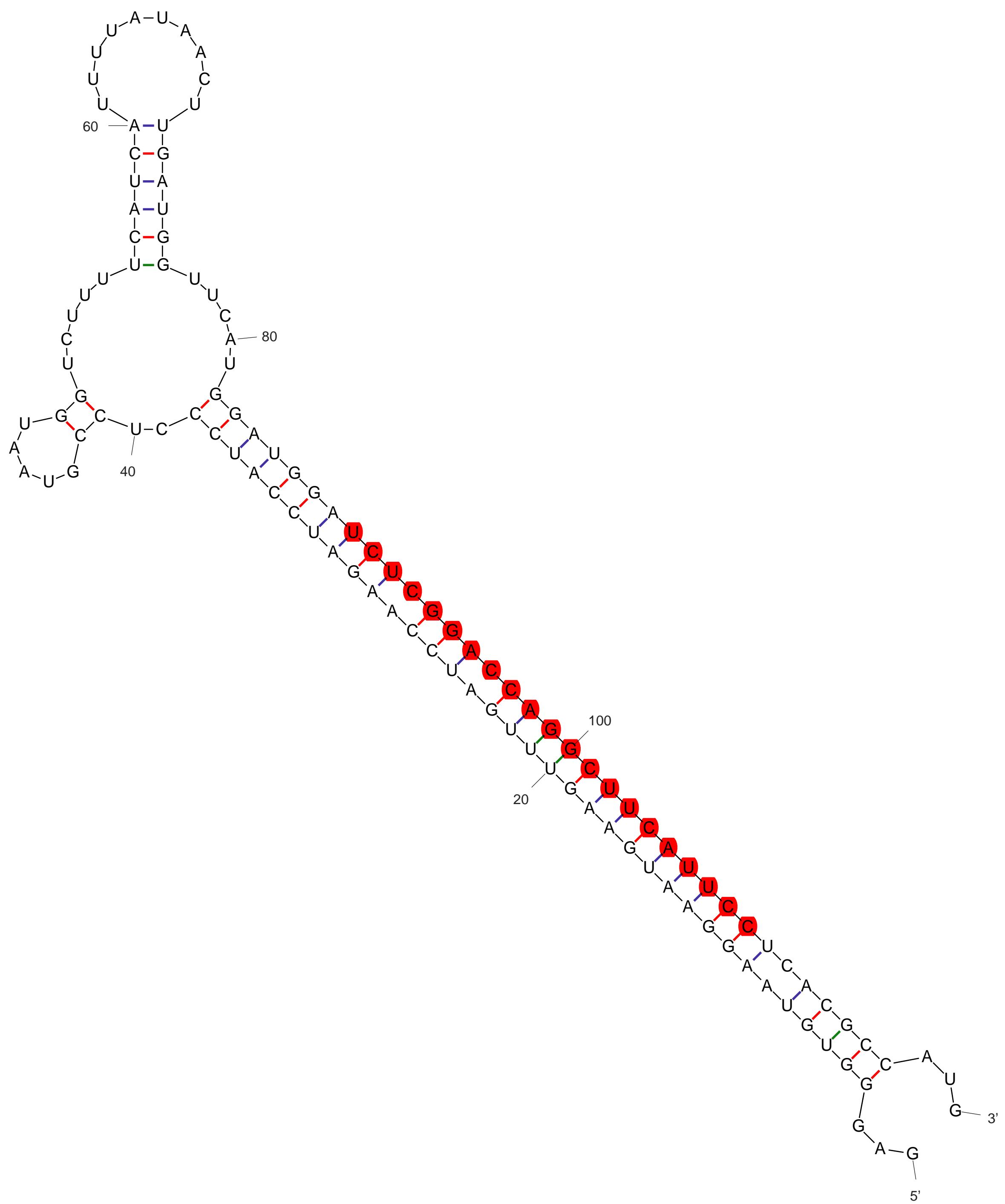


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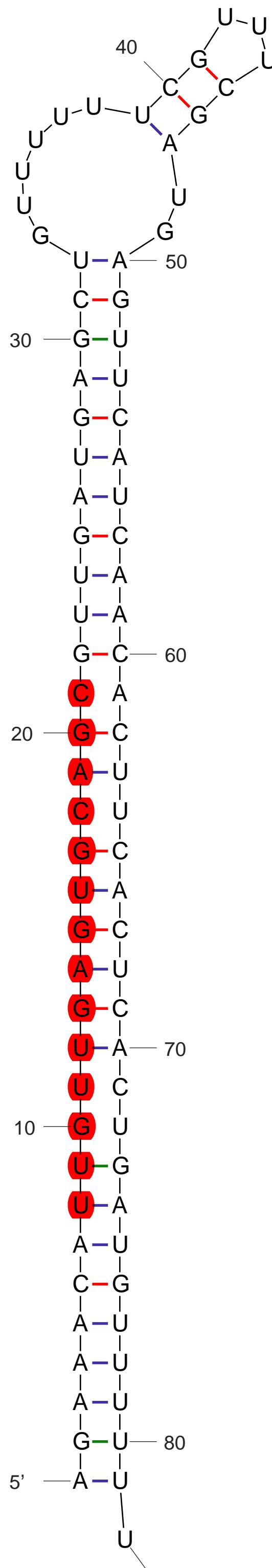




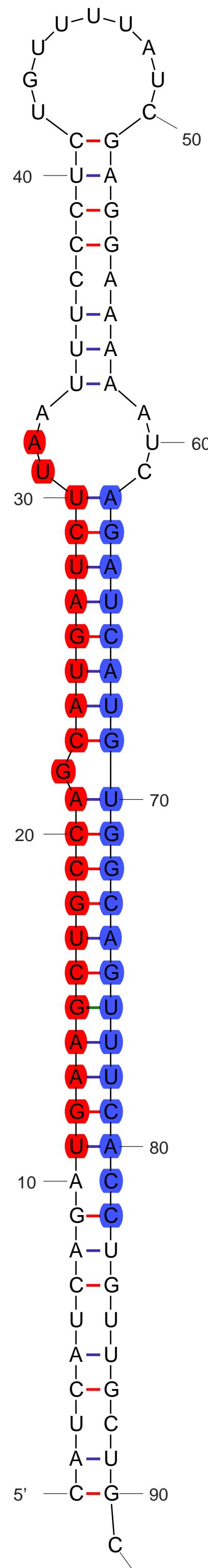
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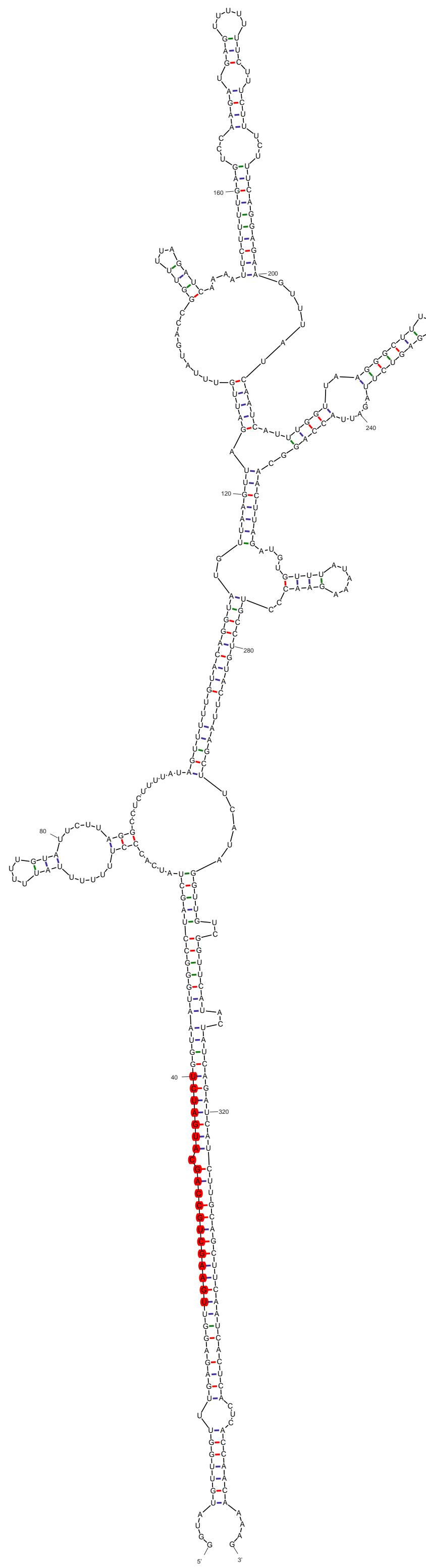
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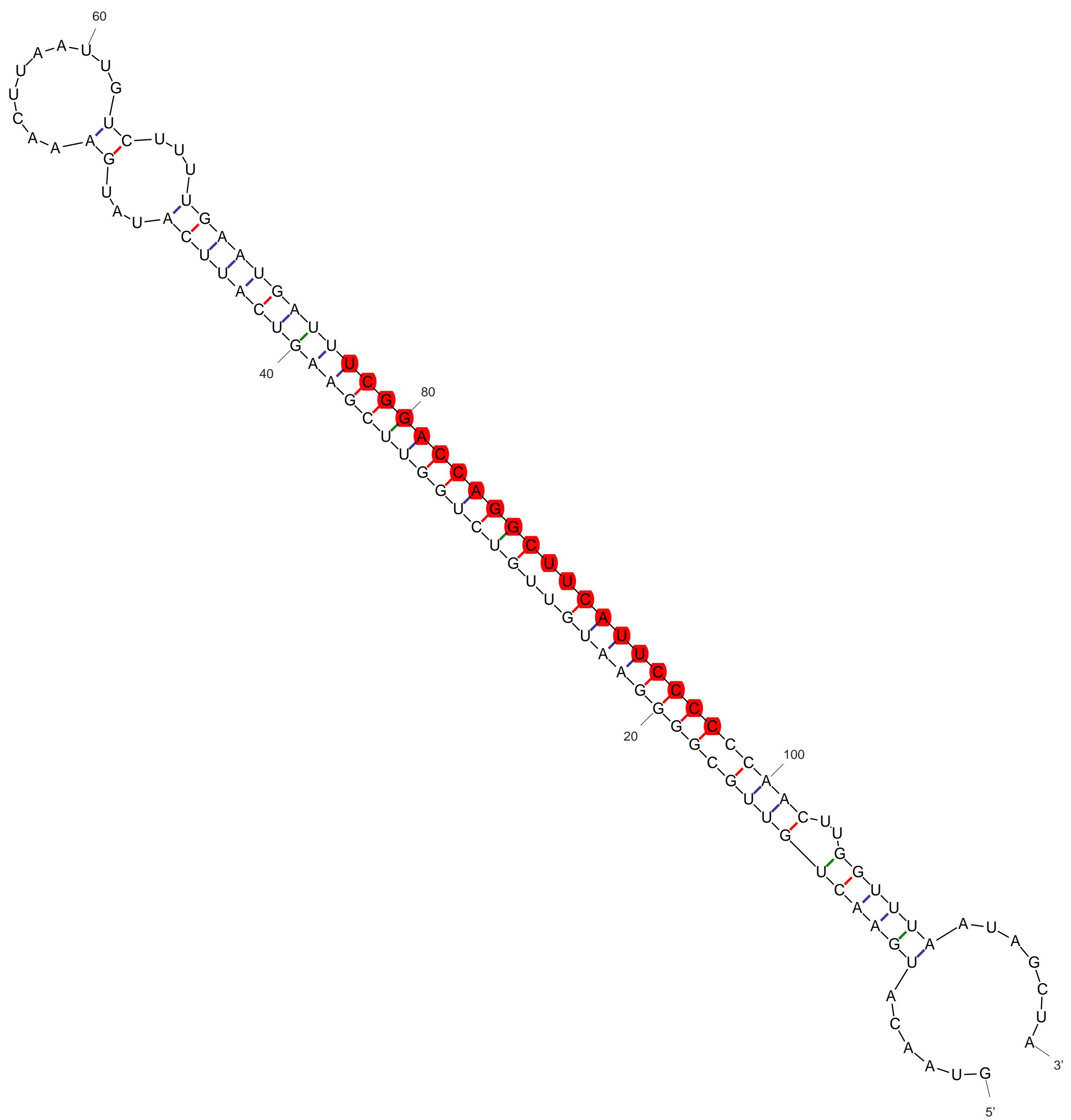
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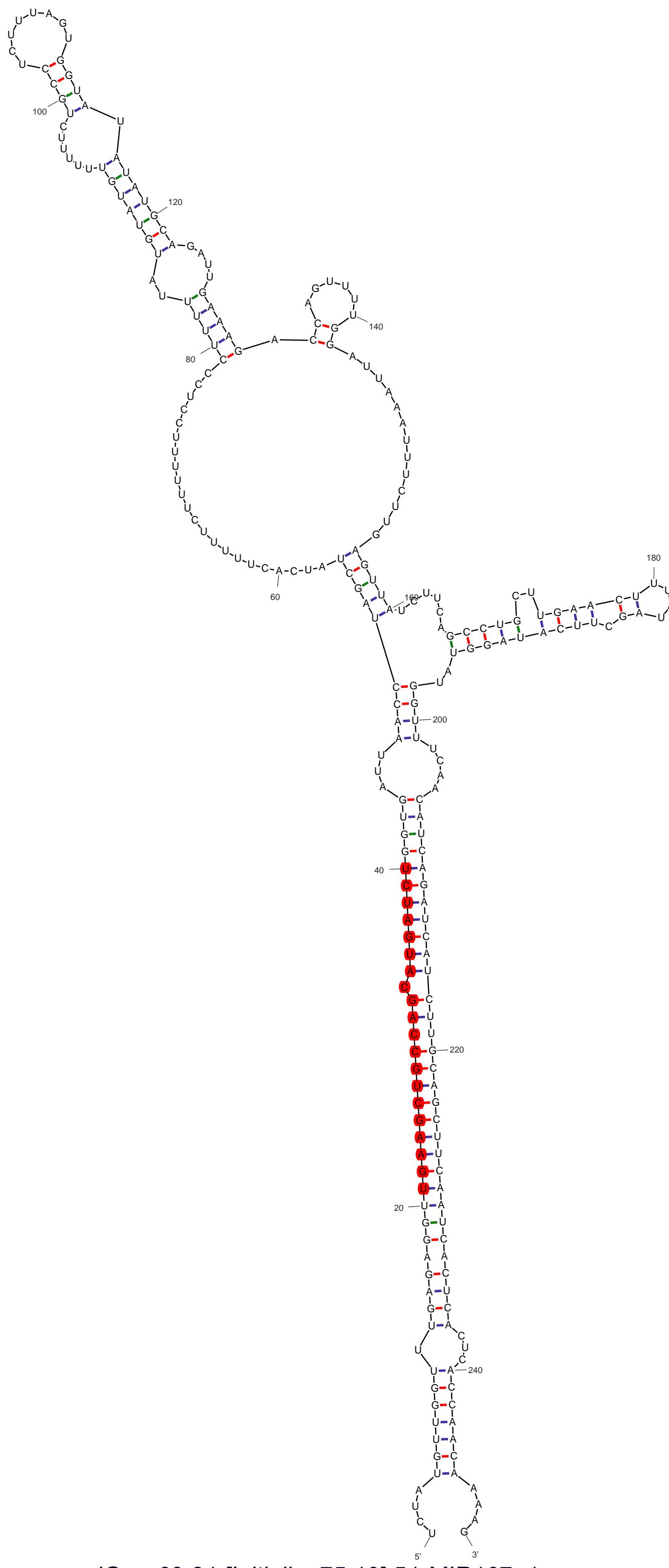
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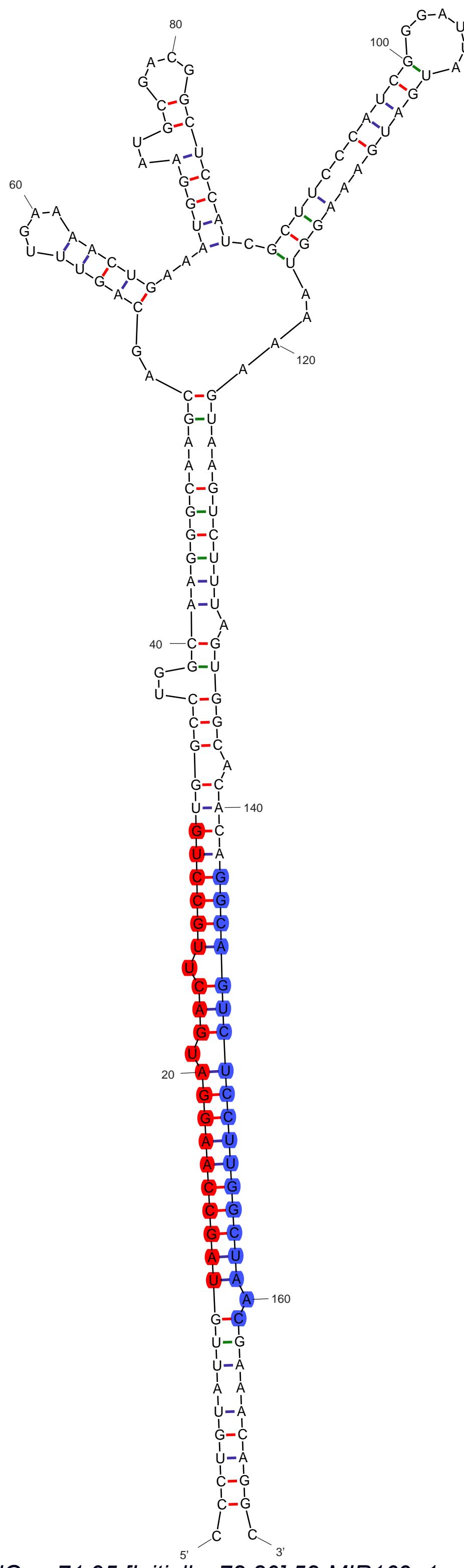


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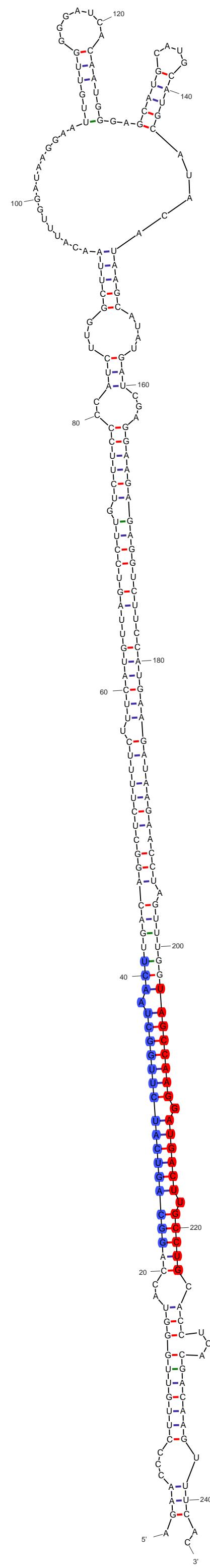


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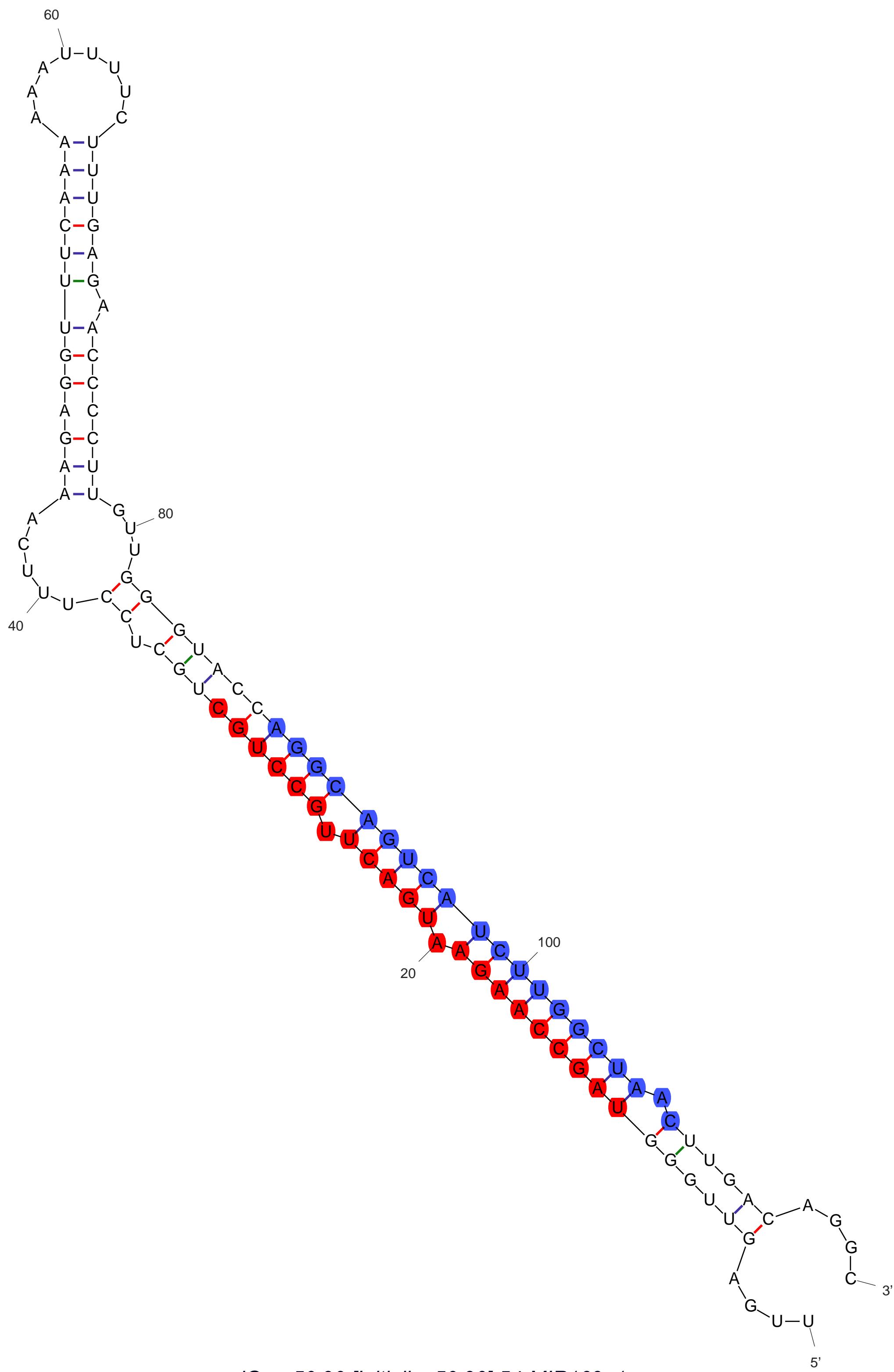


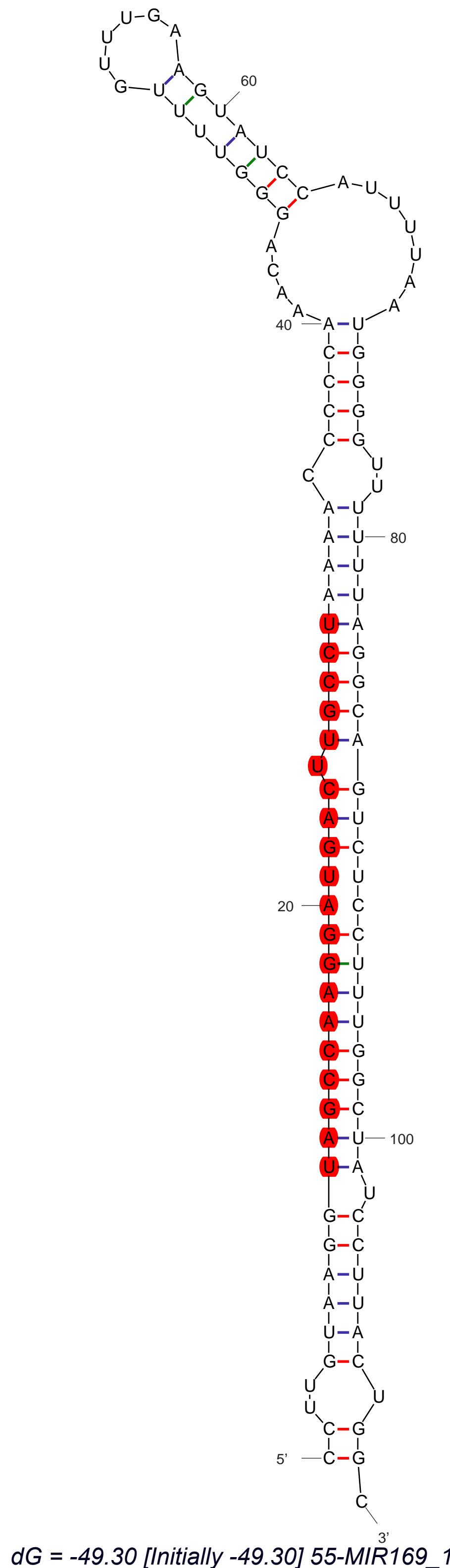


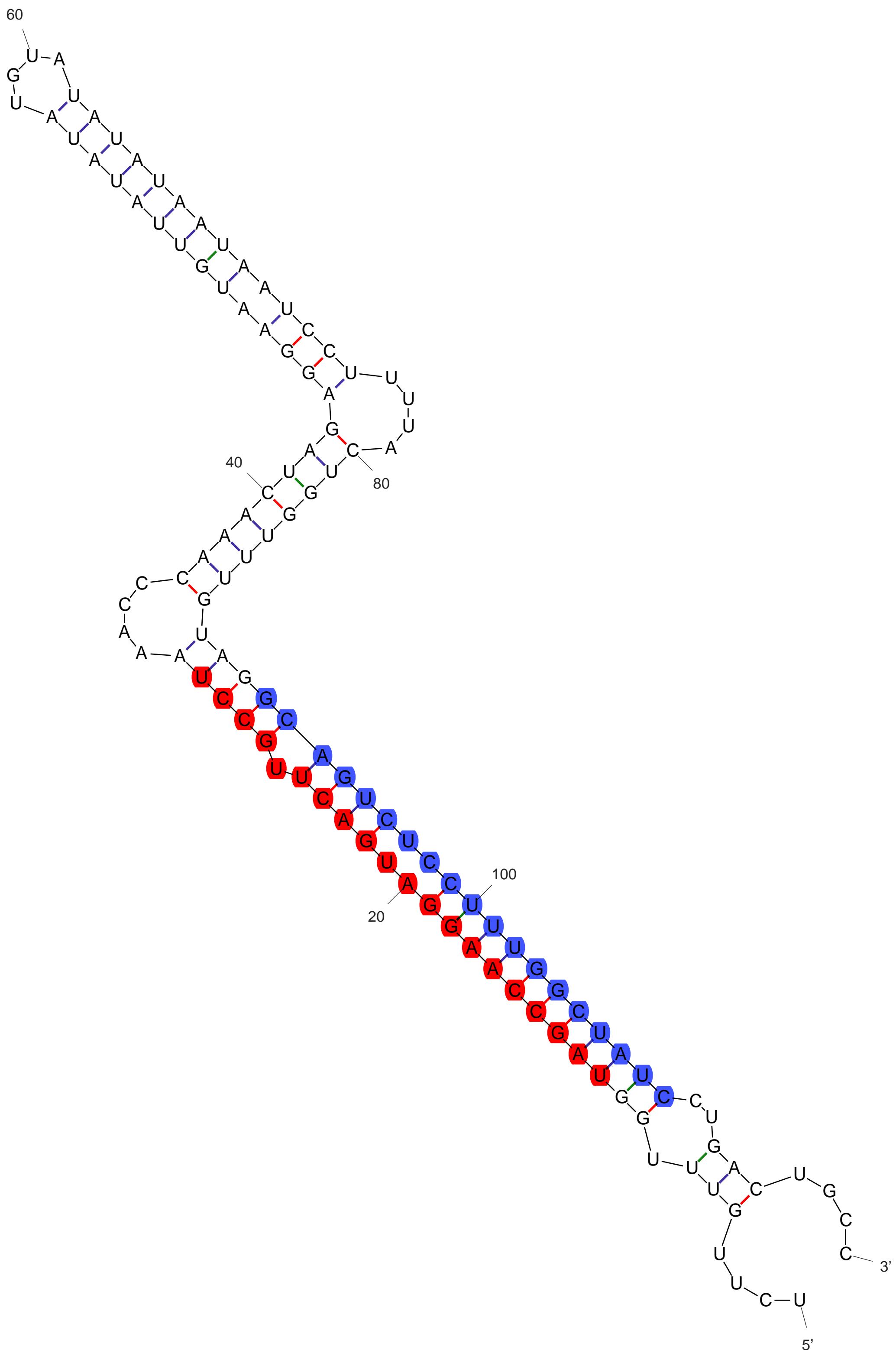
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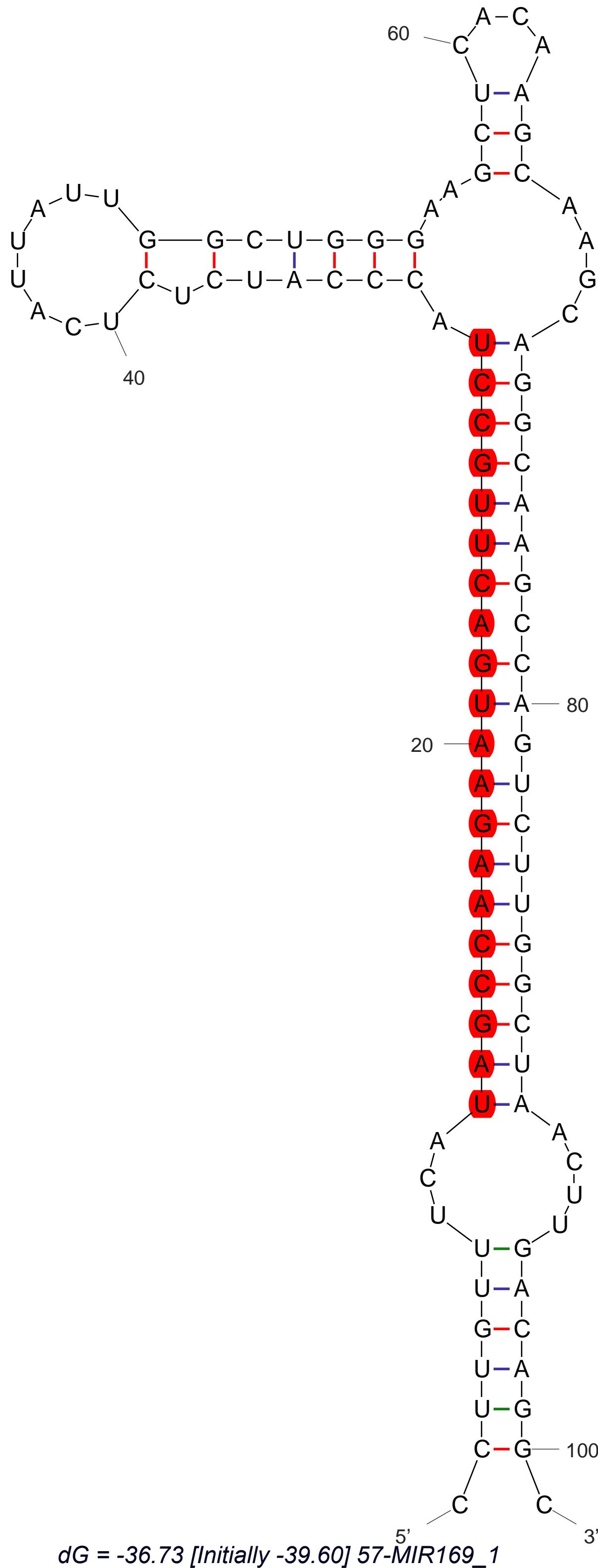


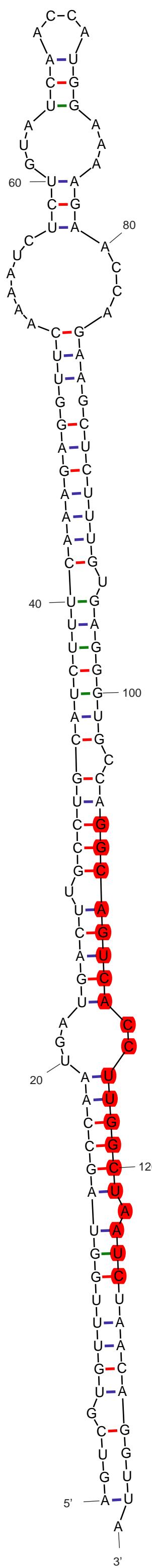
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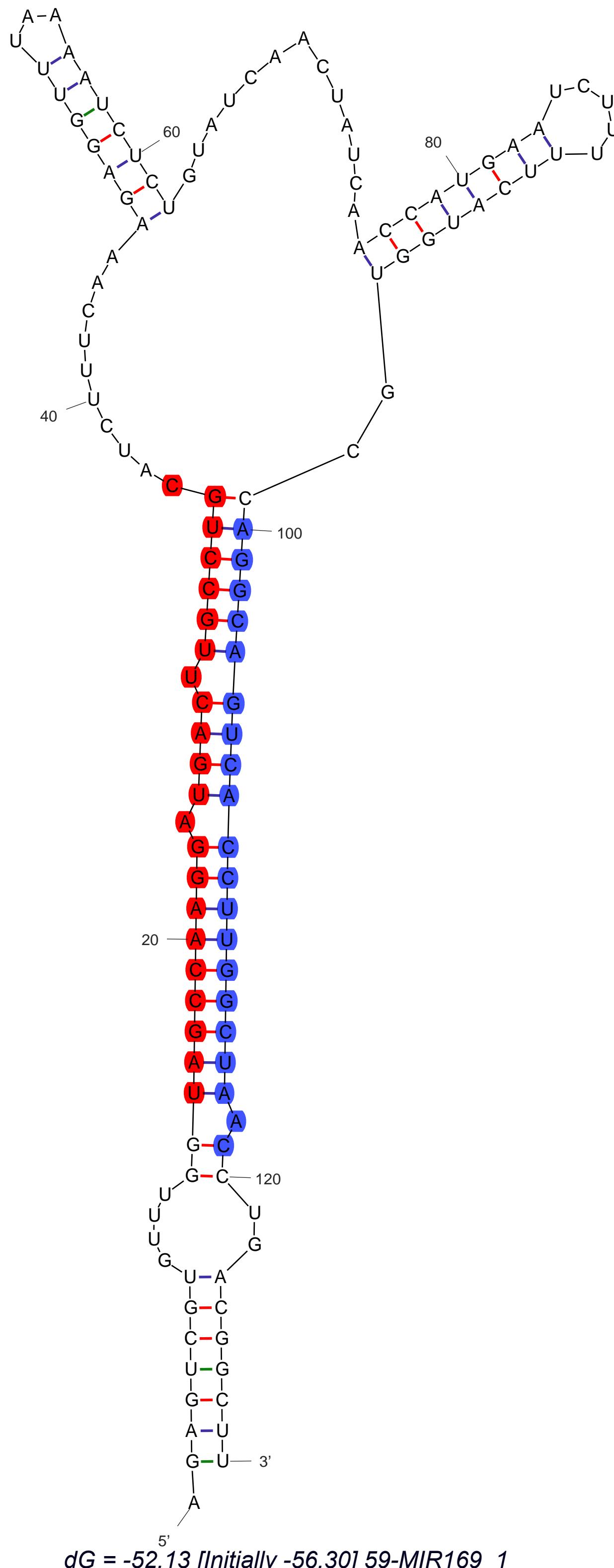


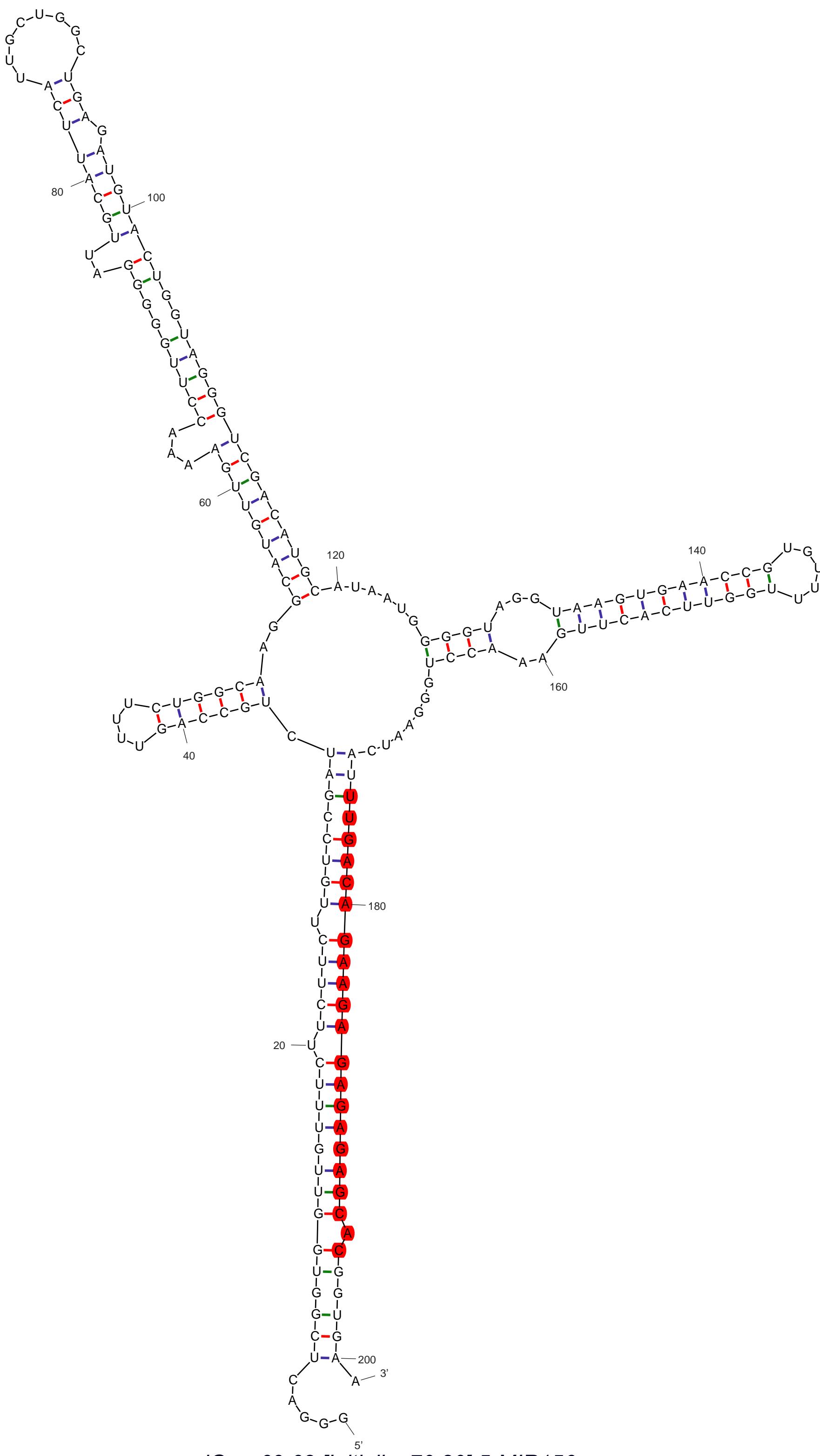


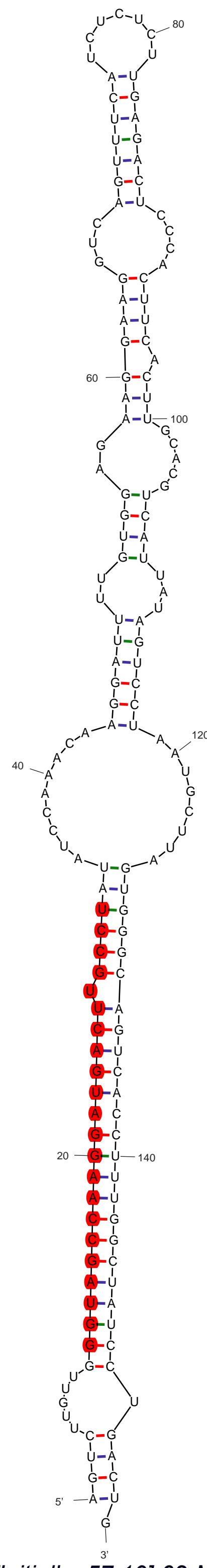




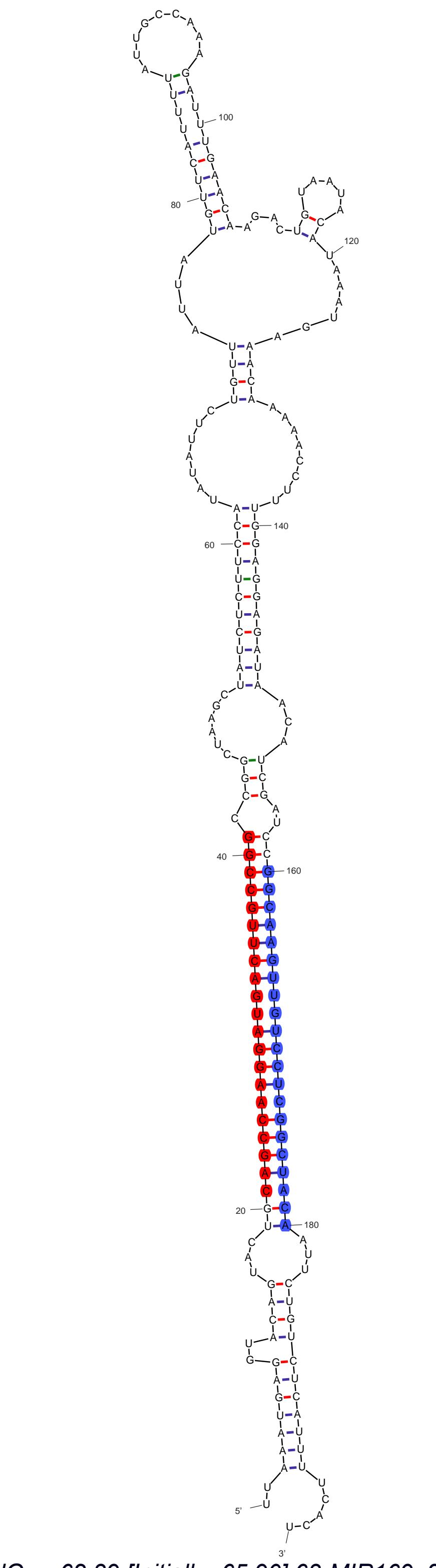
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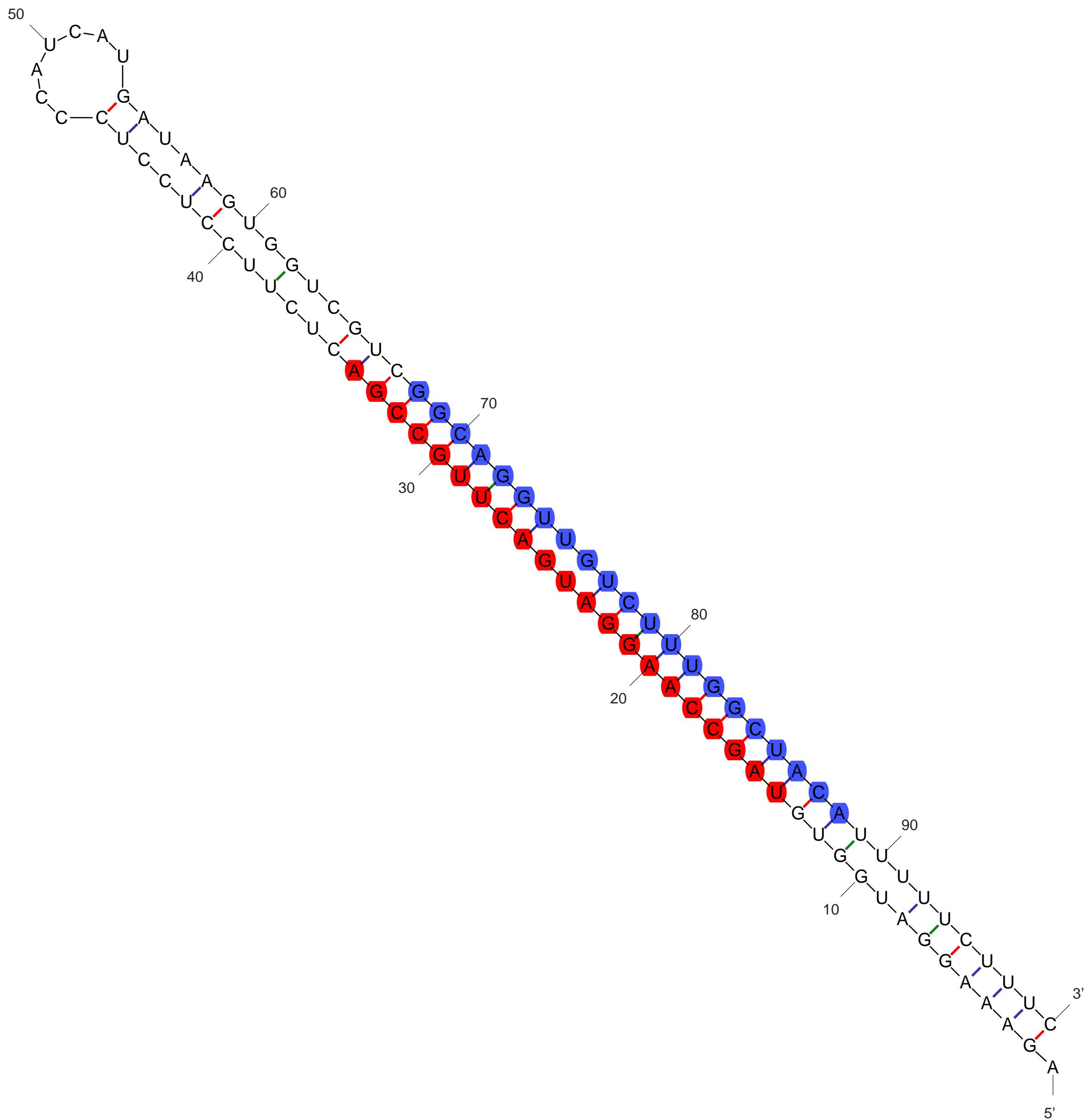




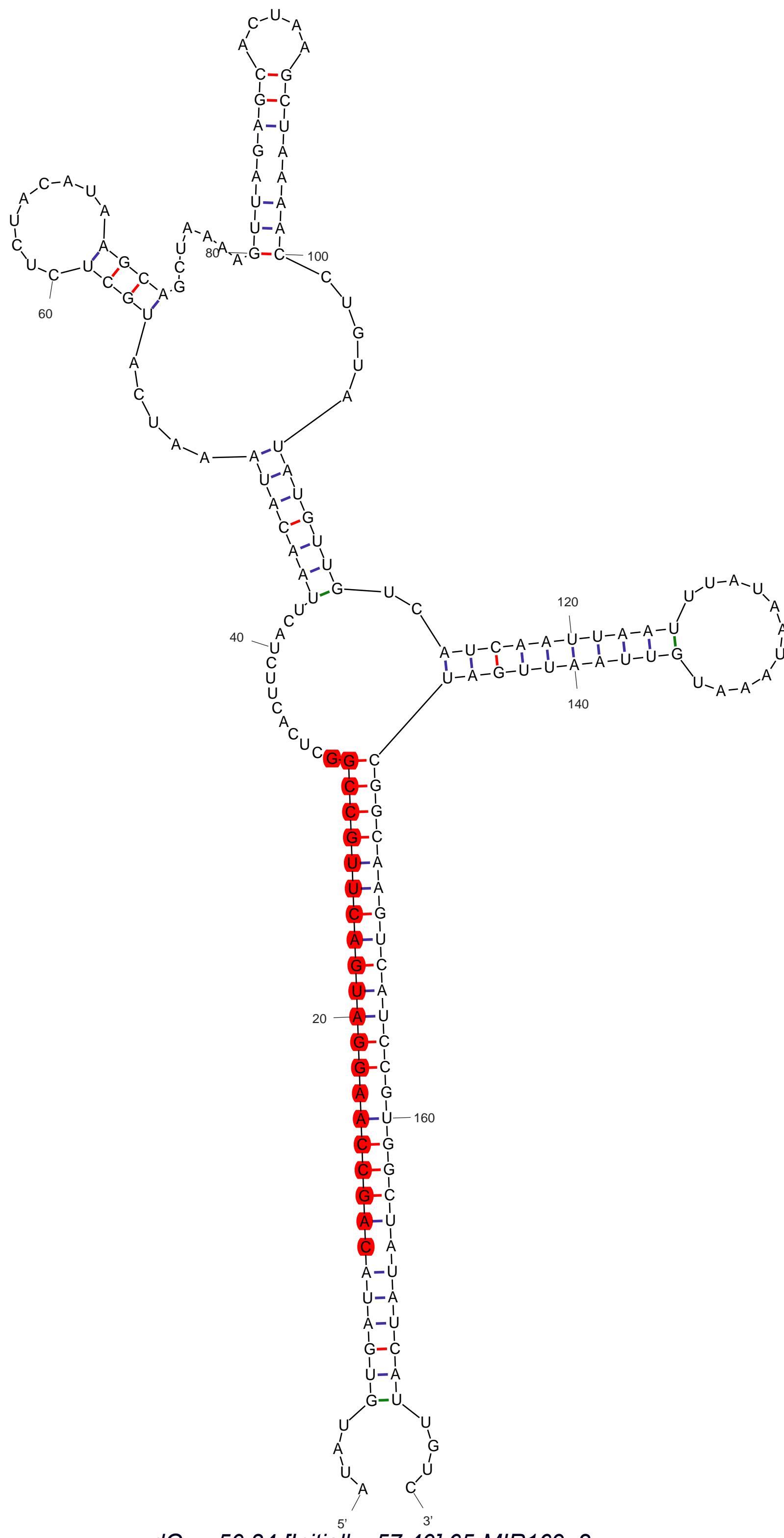


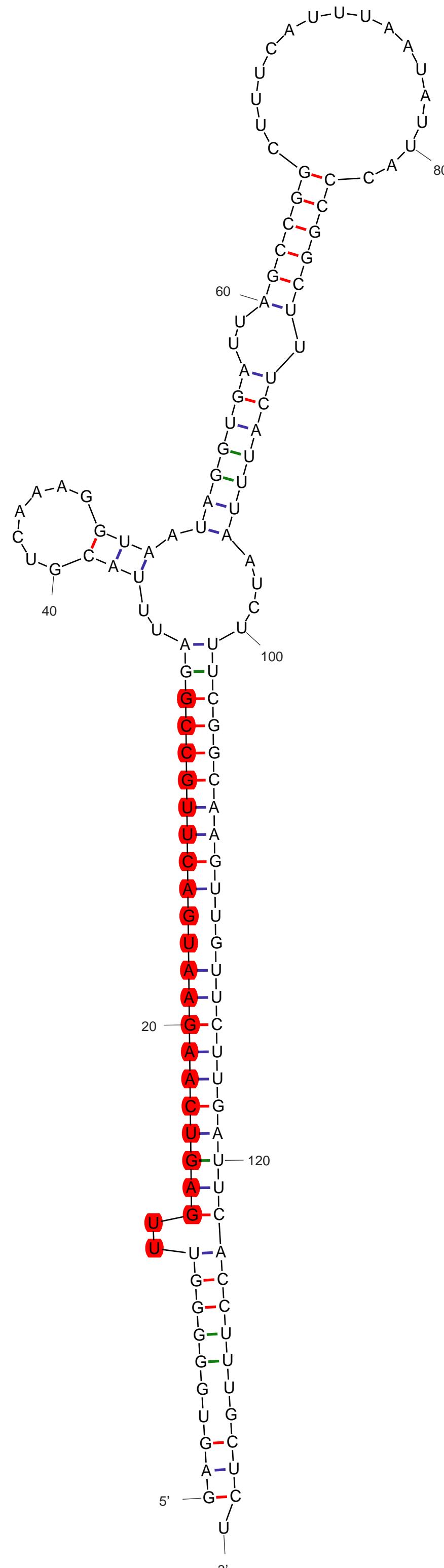
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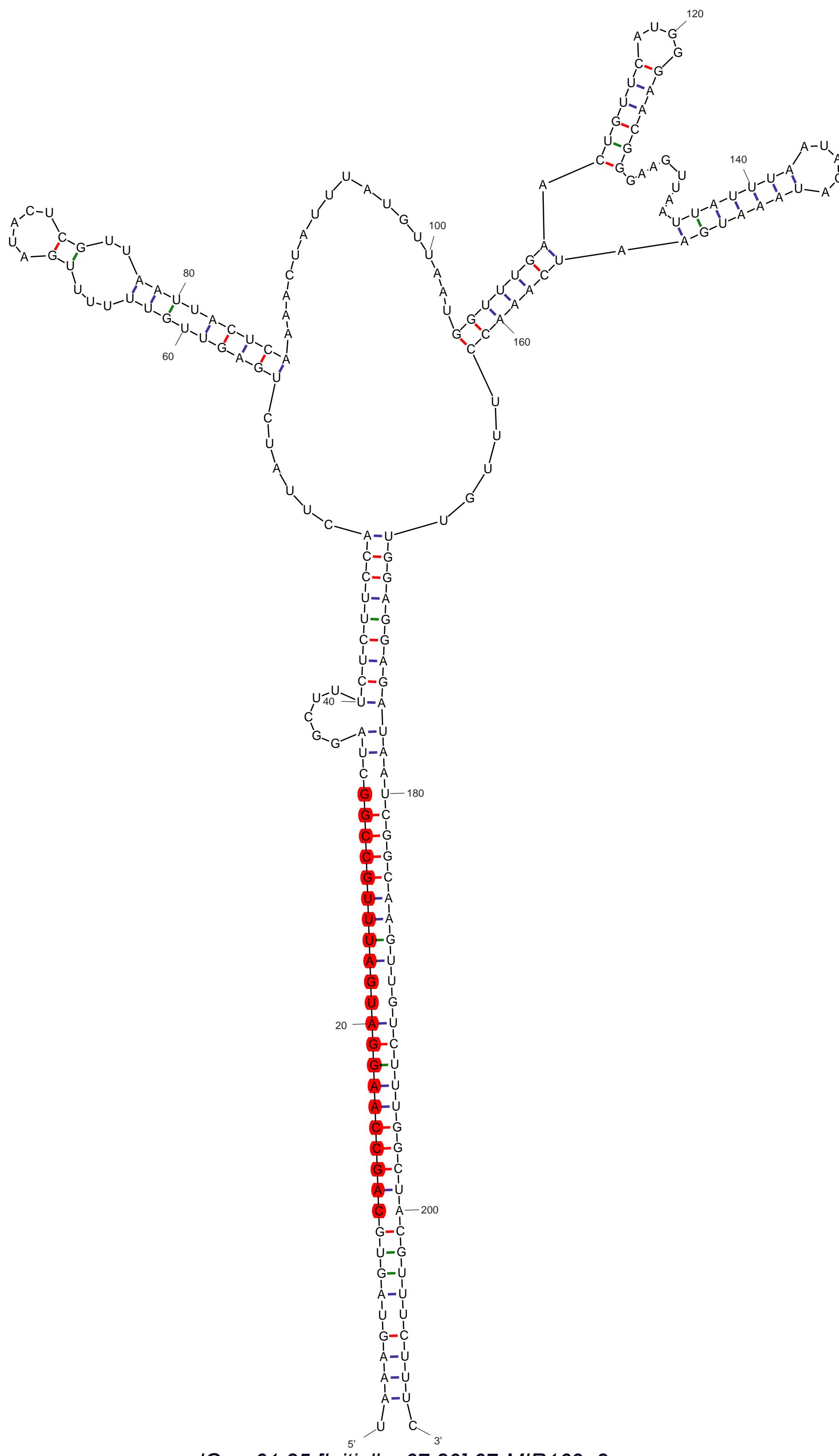


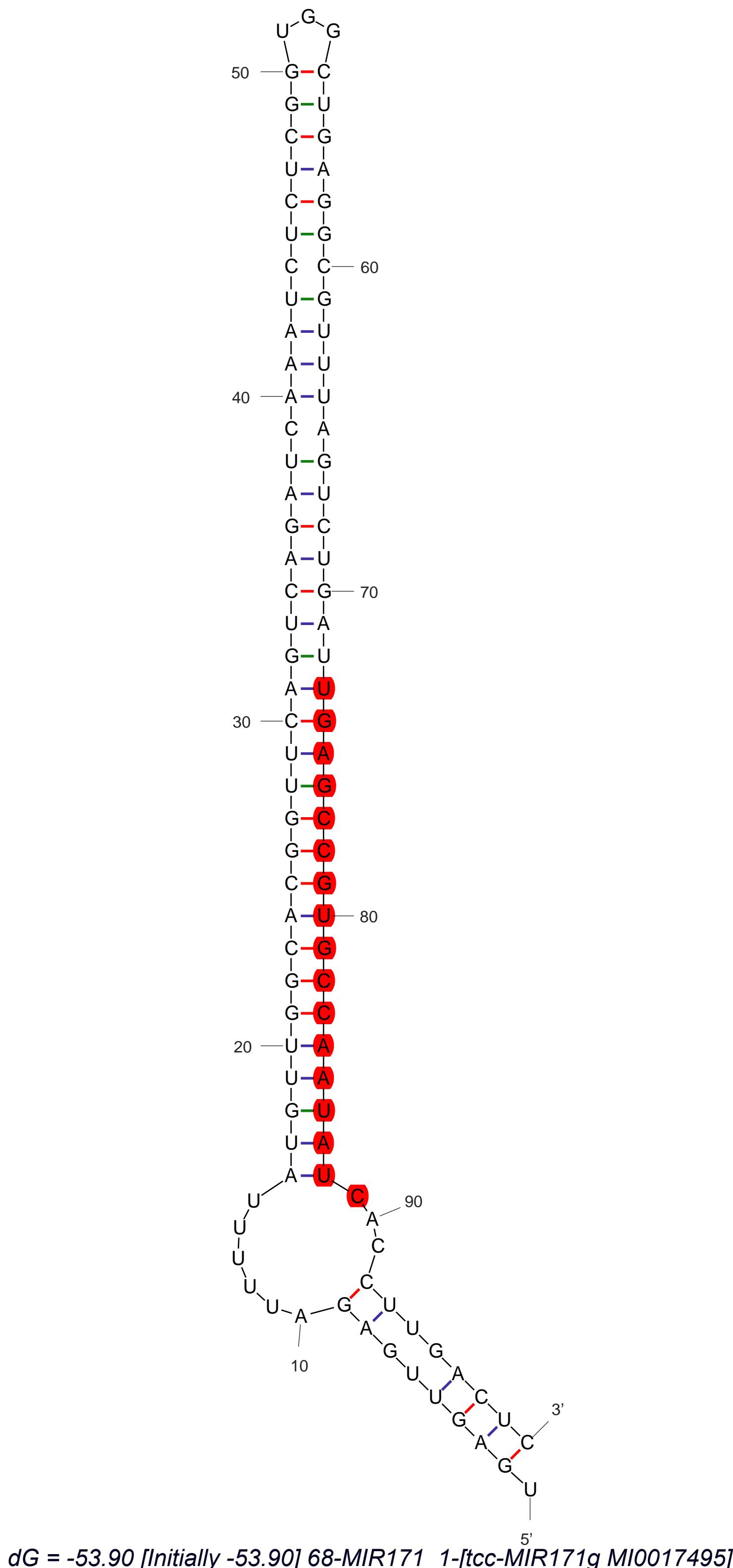
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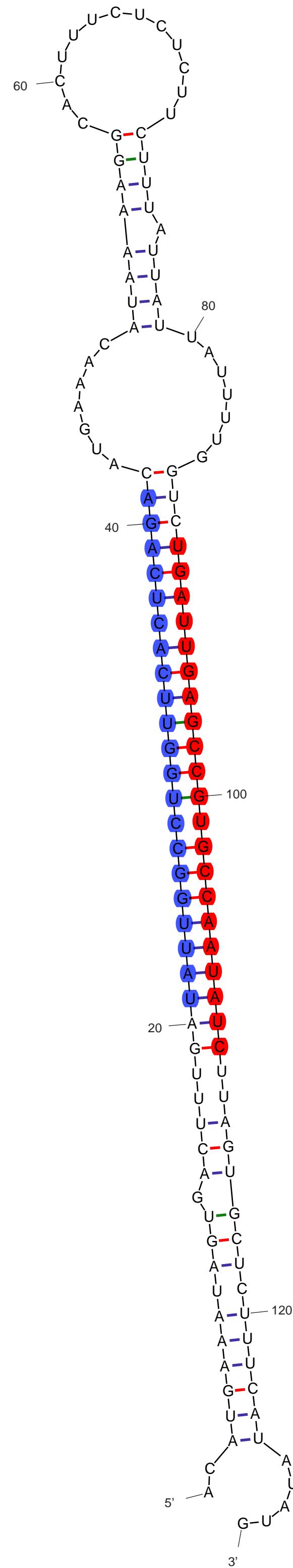




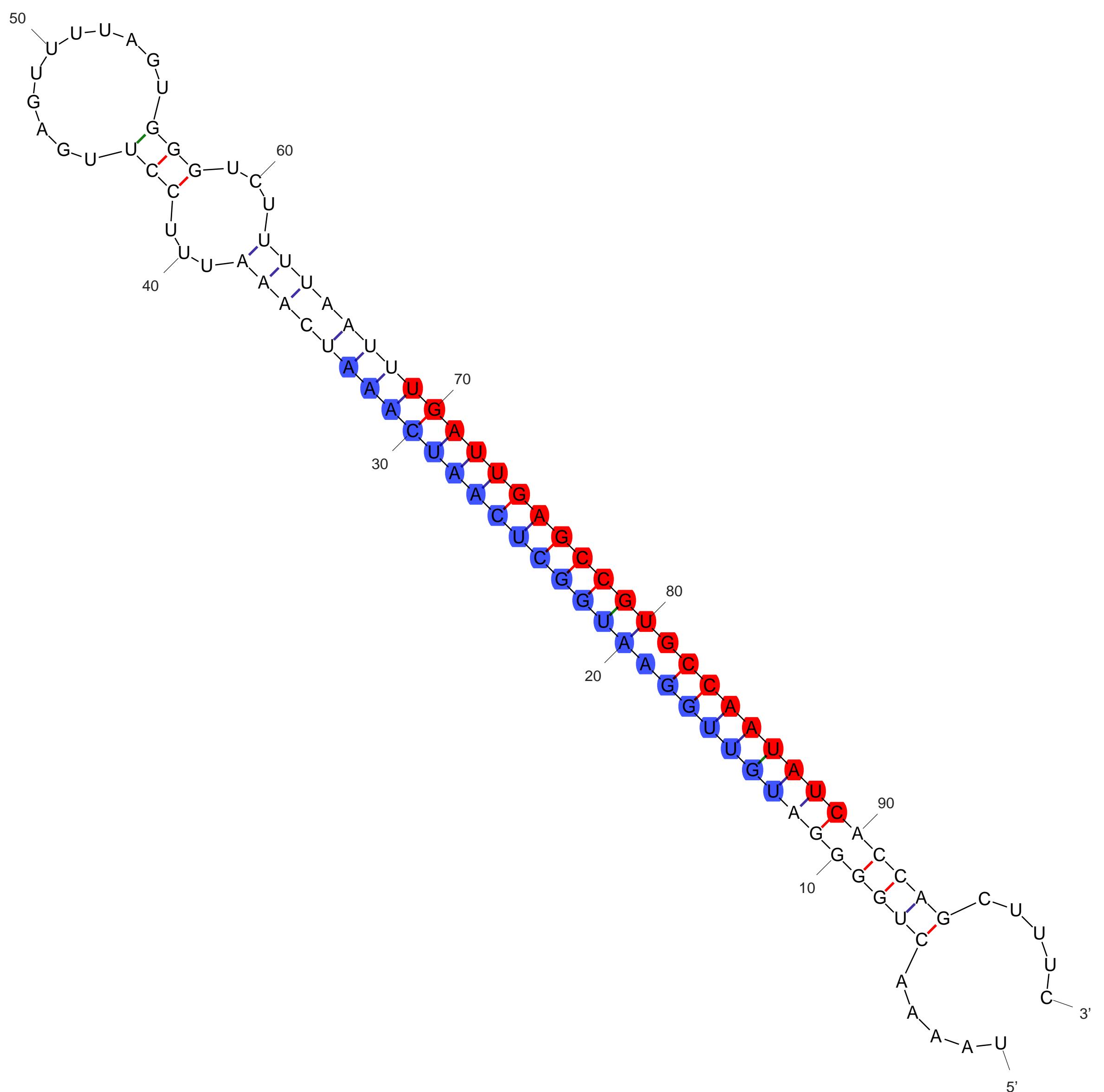
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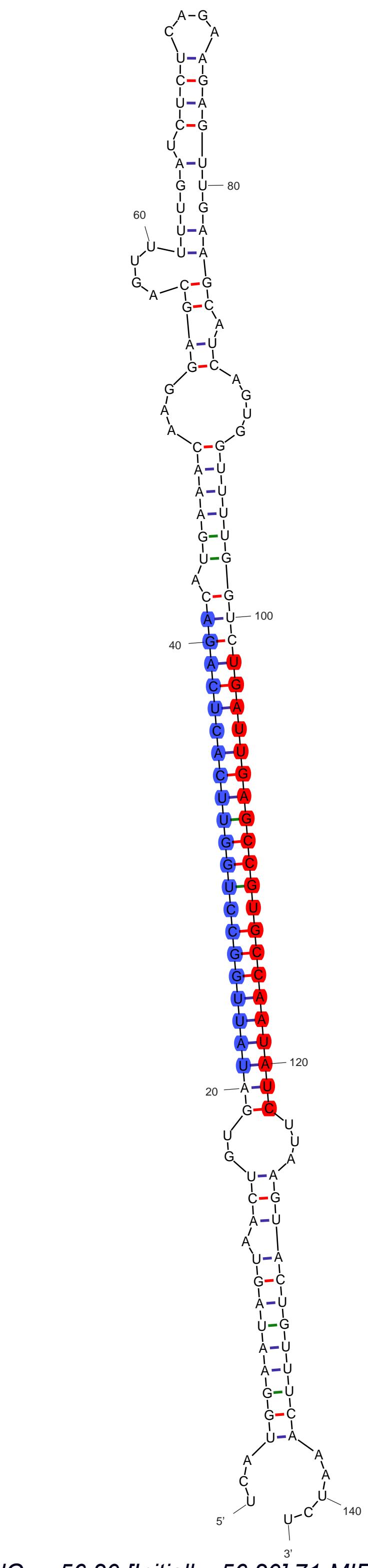




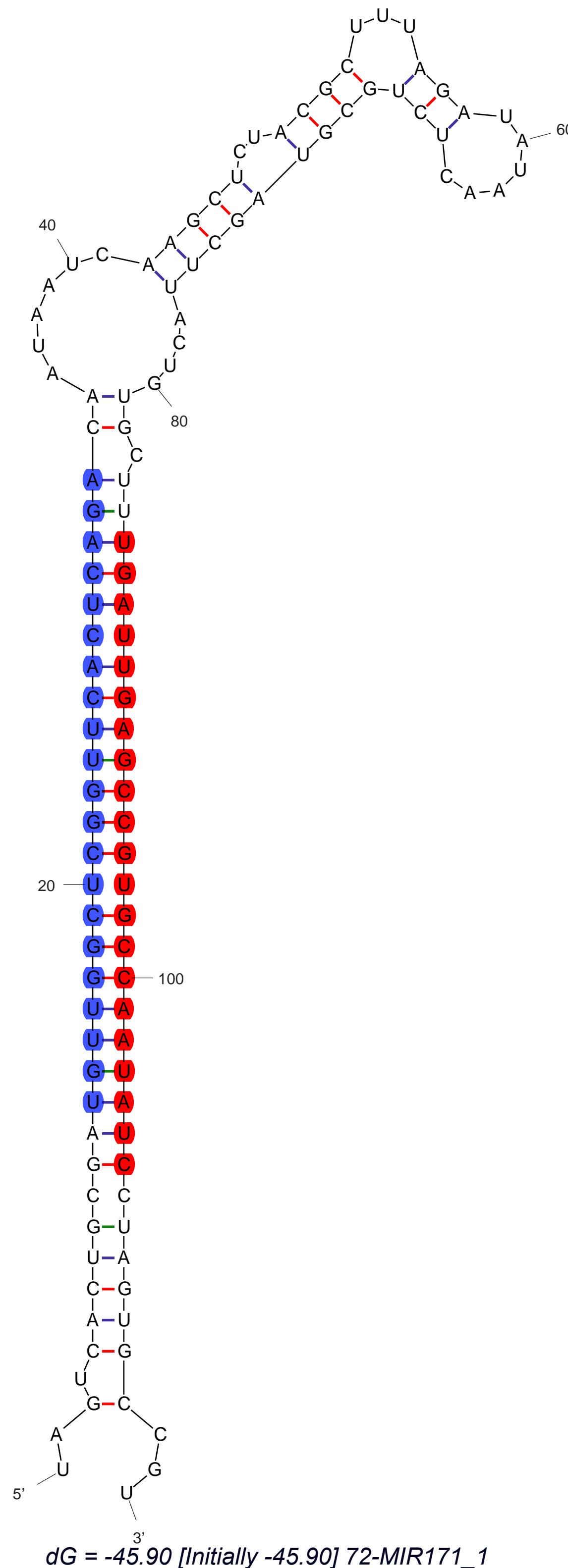
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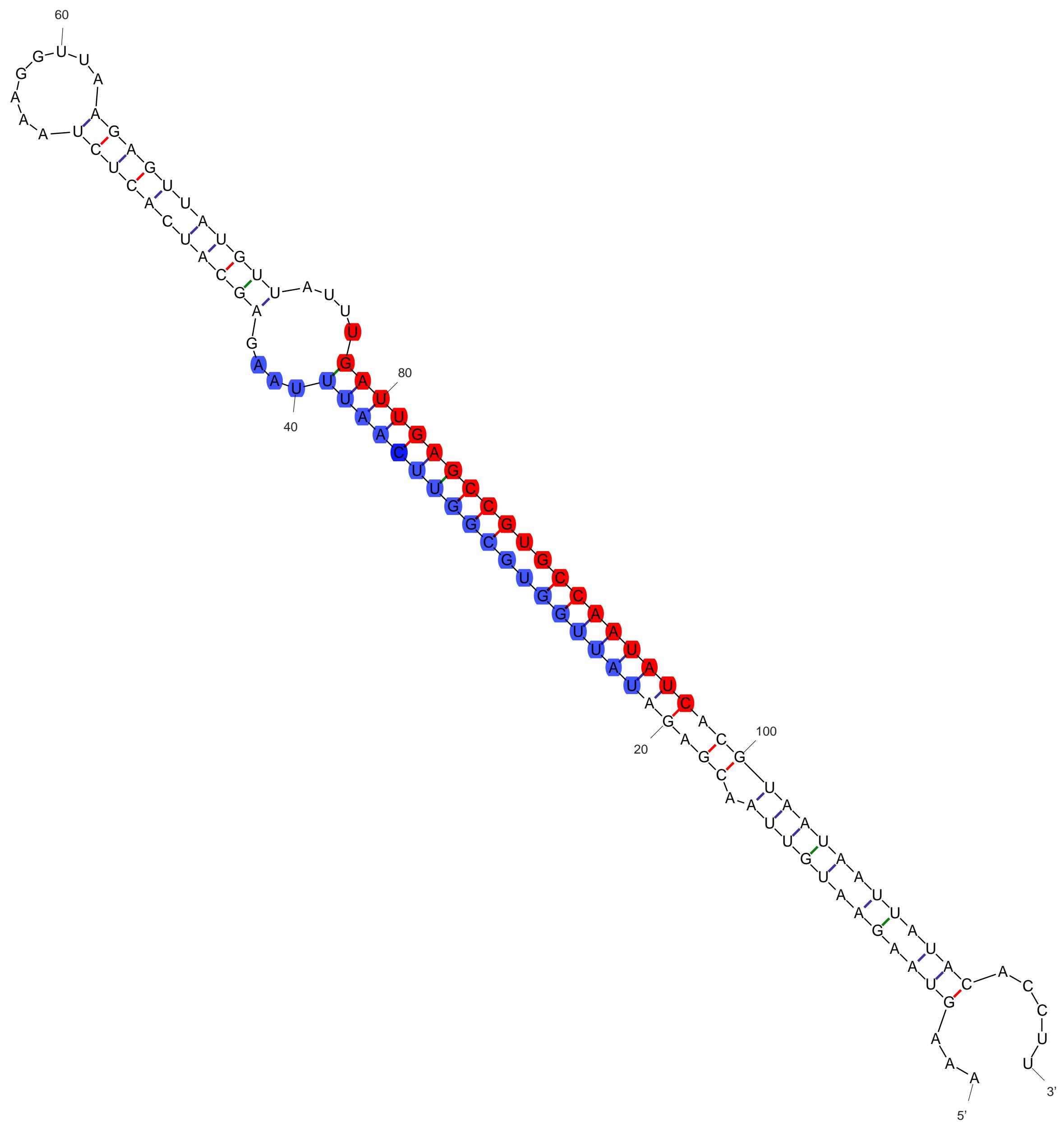


$dG = -42.50$  [Initially -43.00] 70-MIR171\_1-[tcc-MIR171f MI0017494]

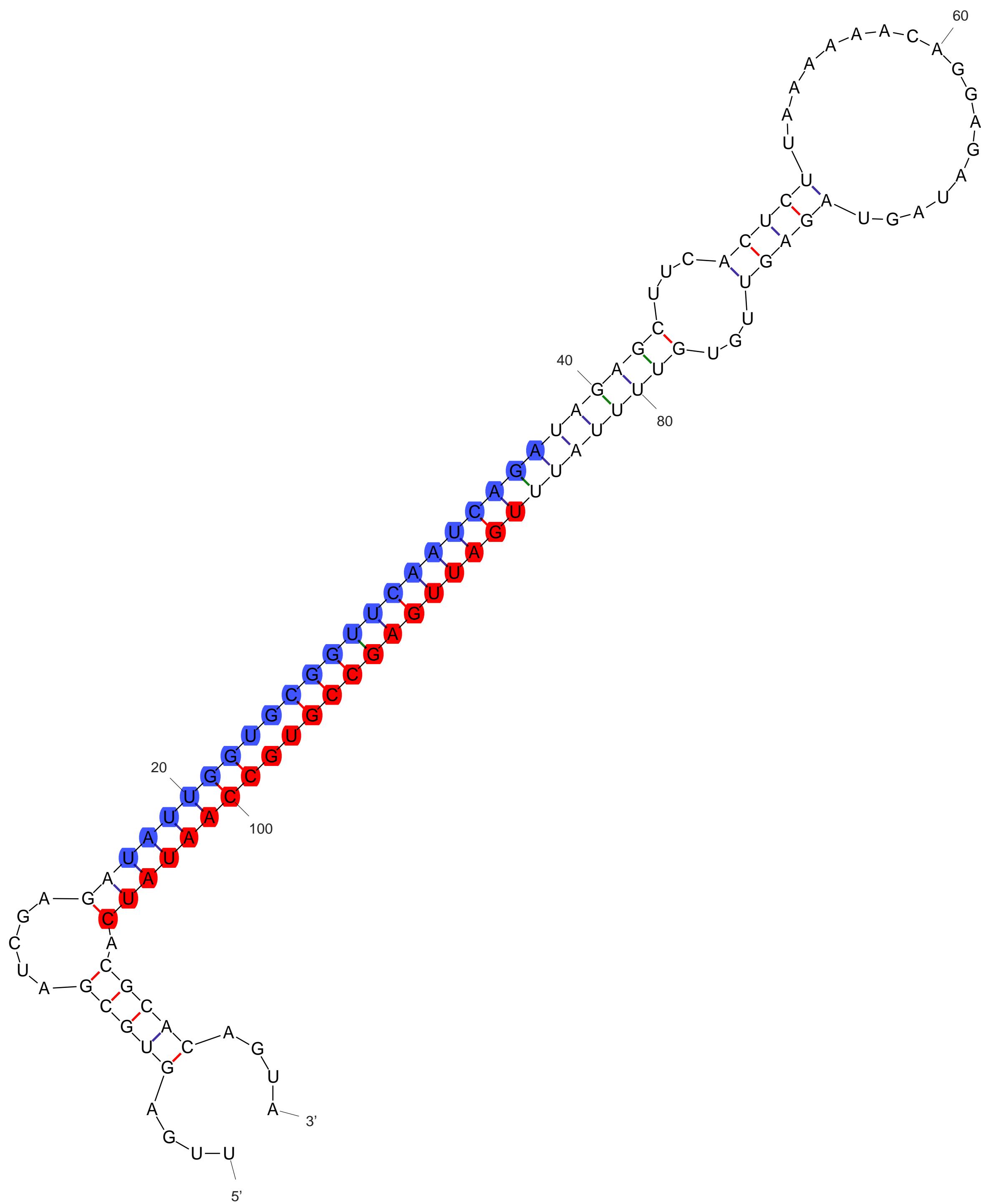


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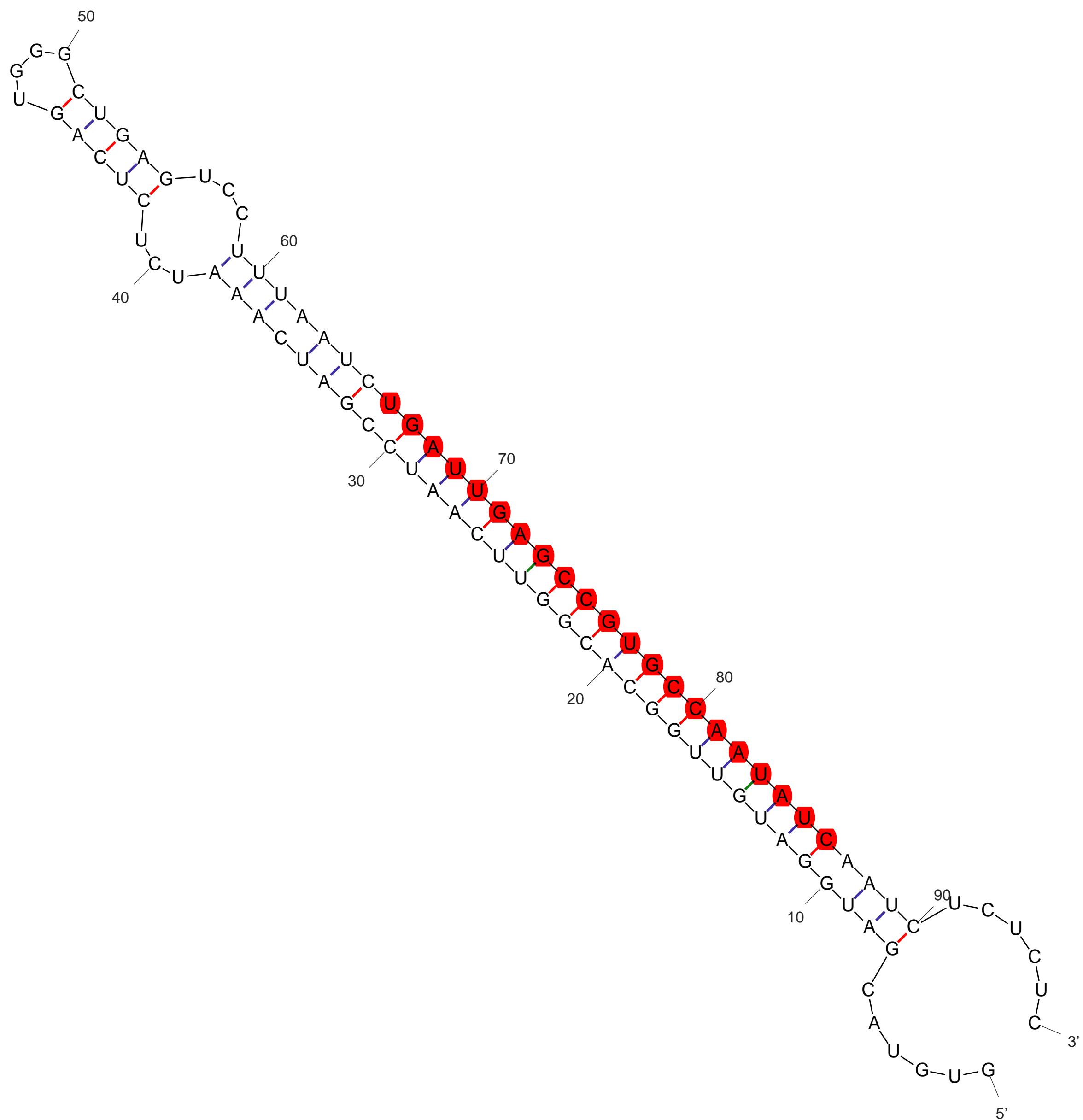


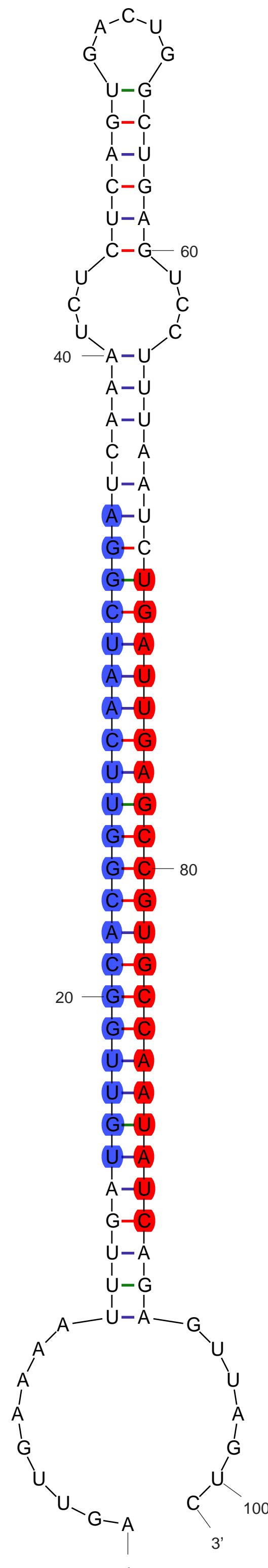


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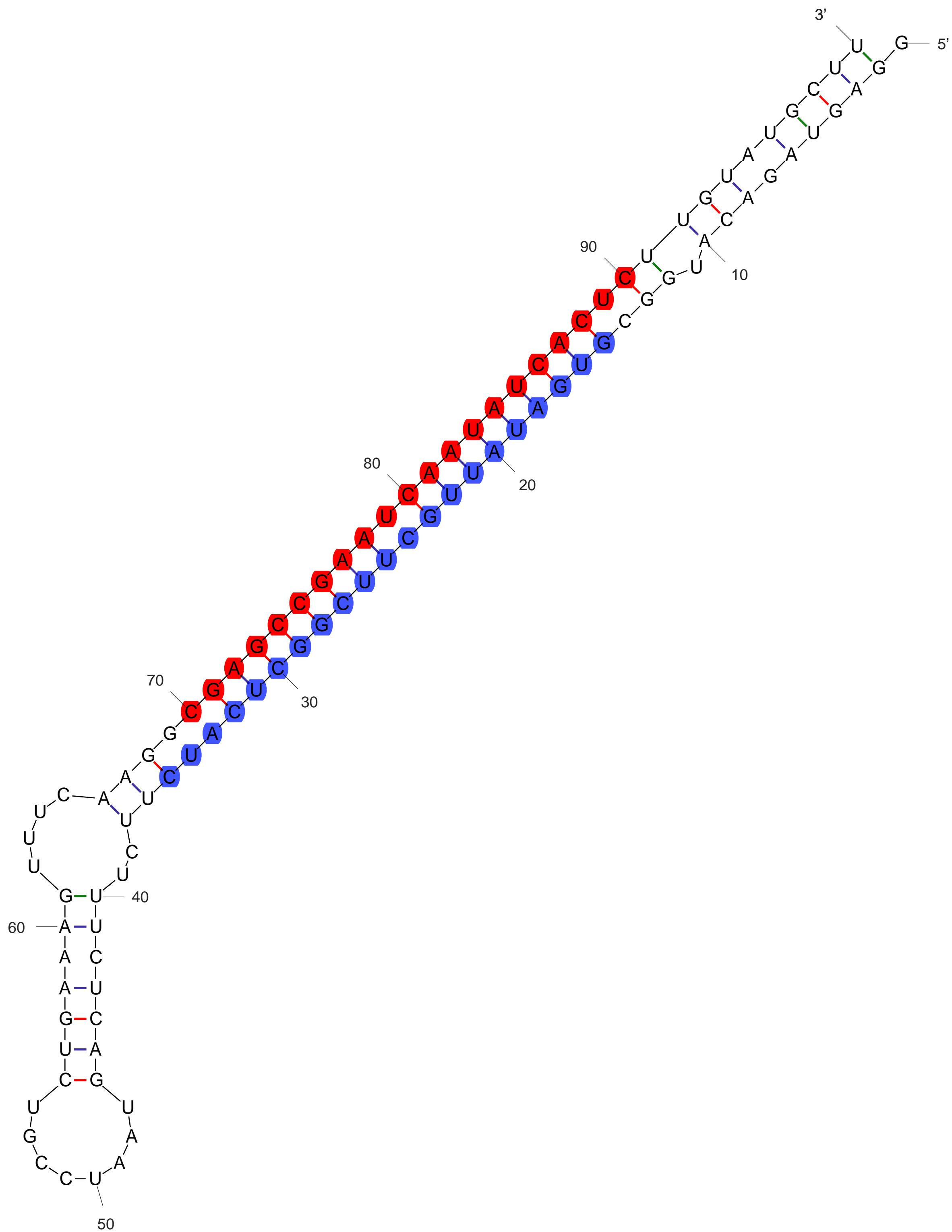


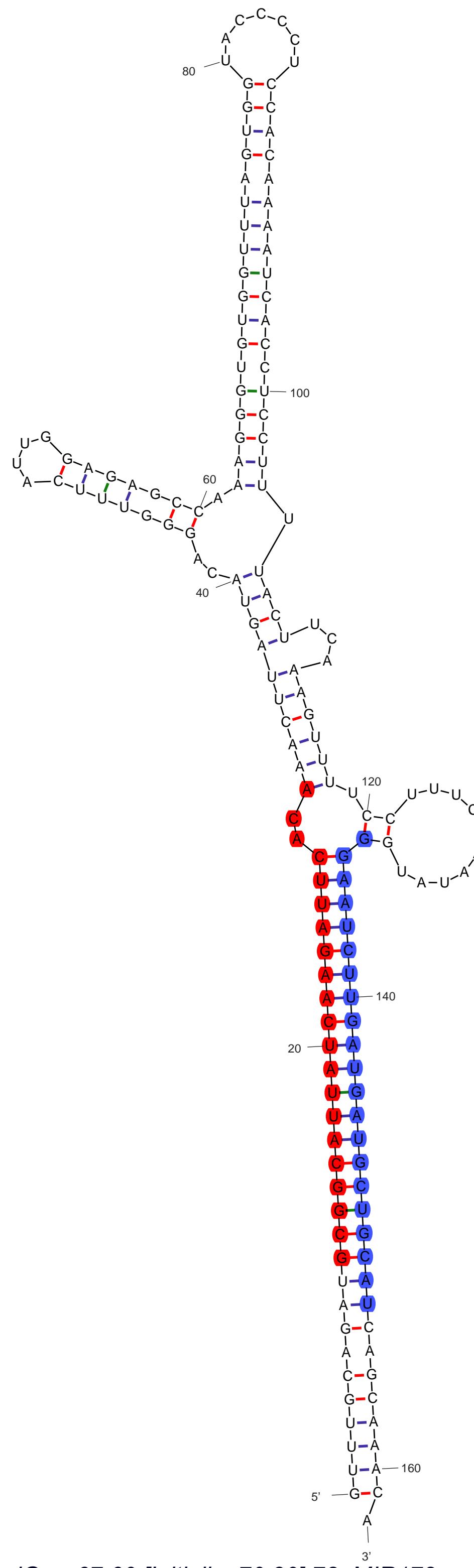
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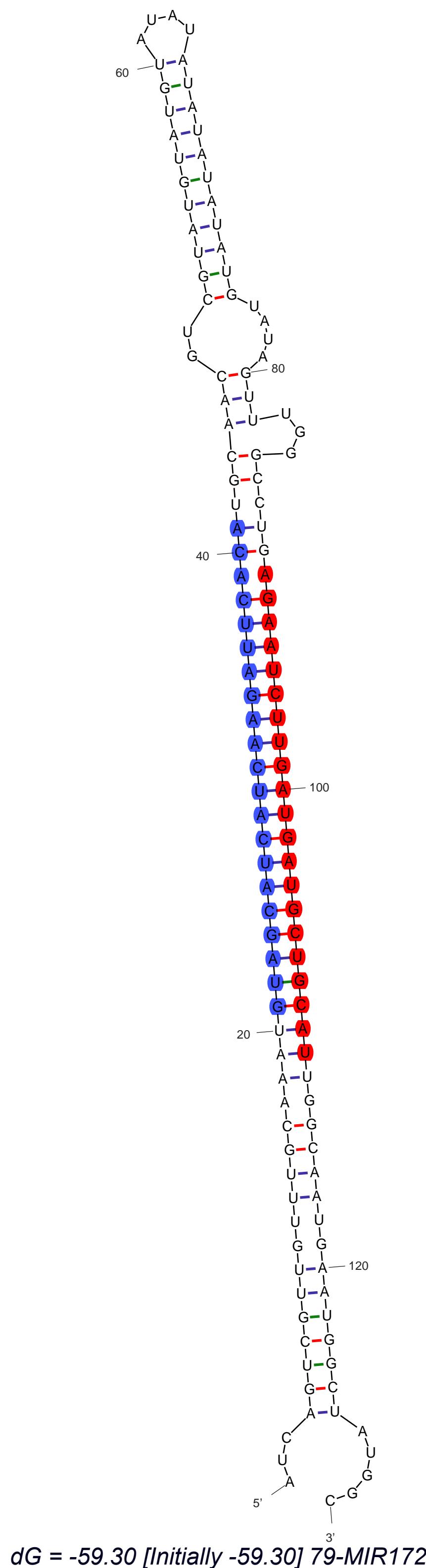


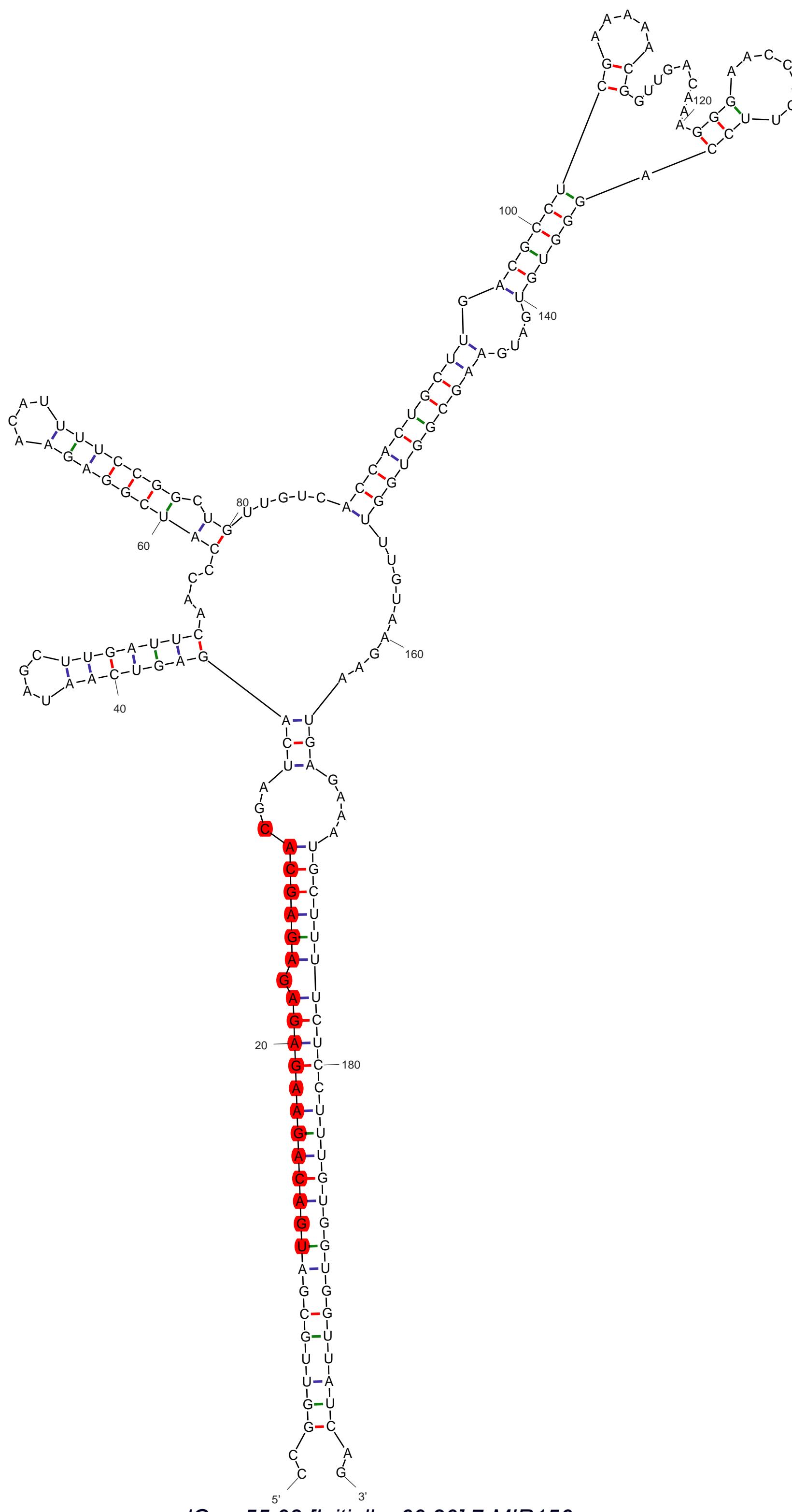


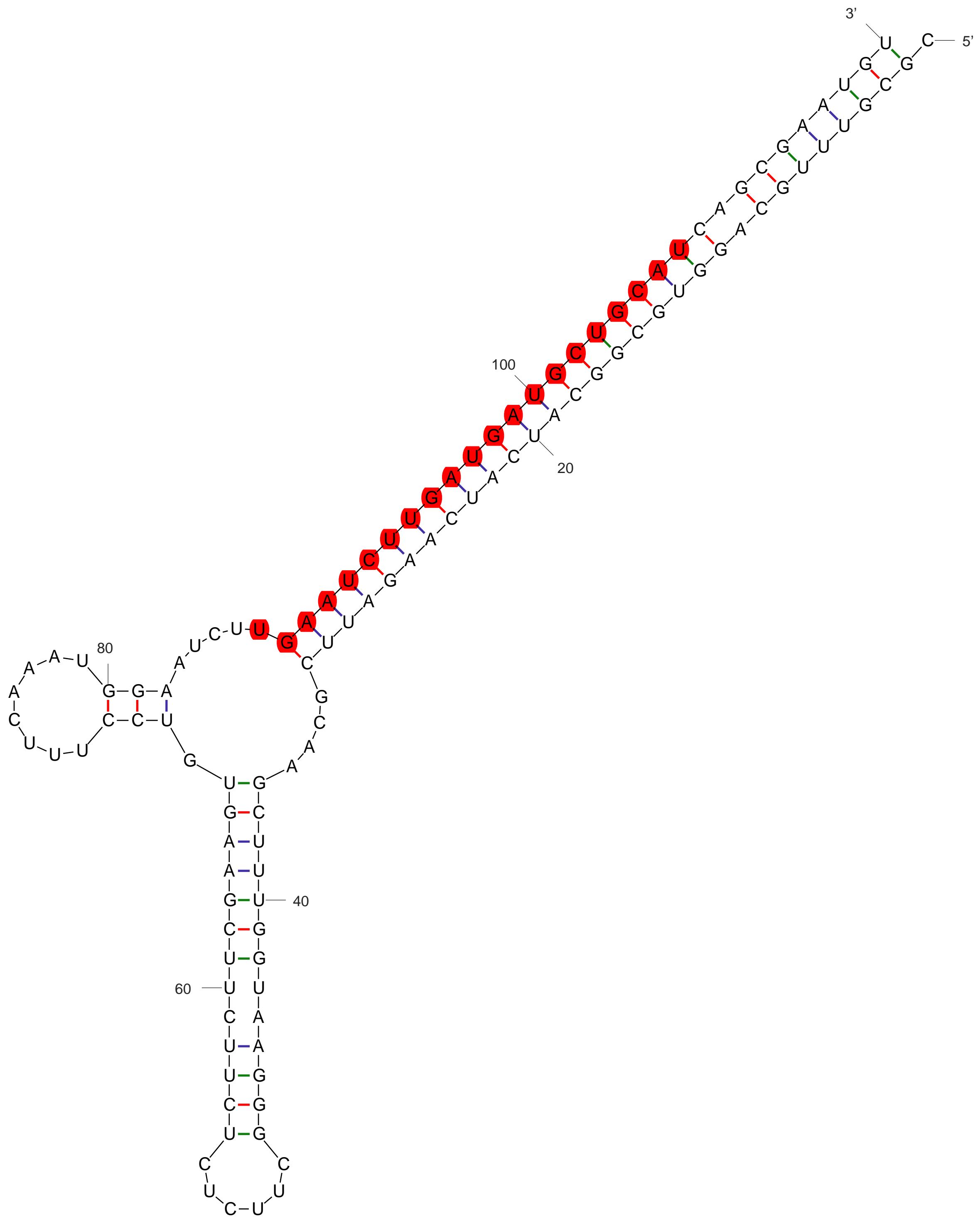
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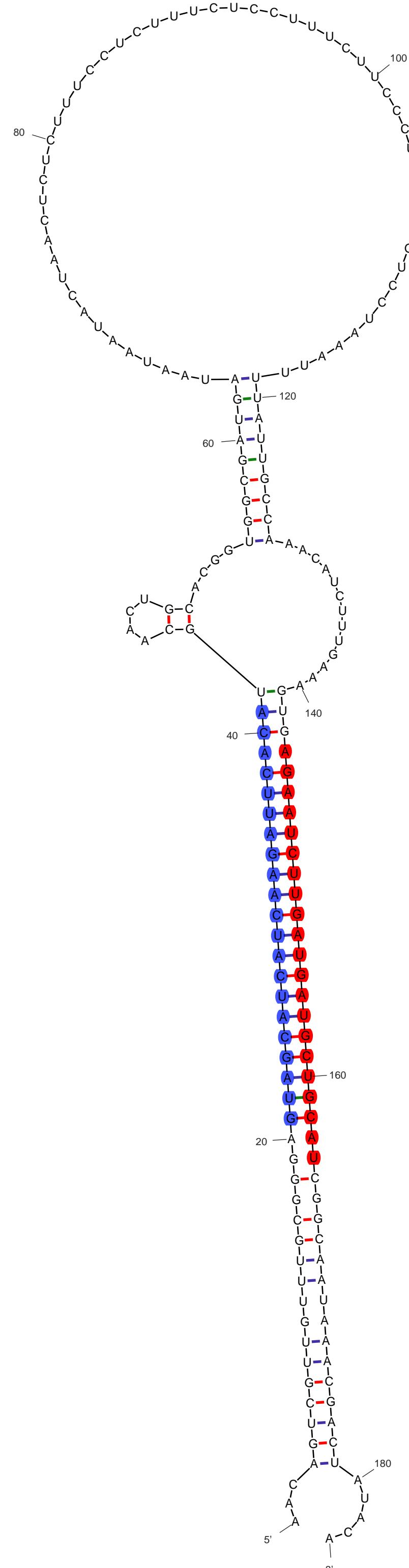




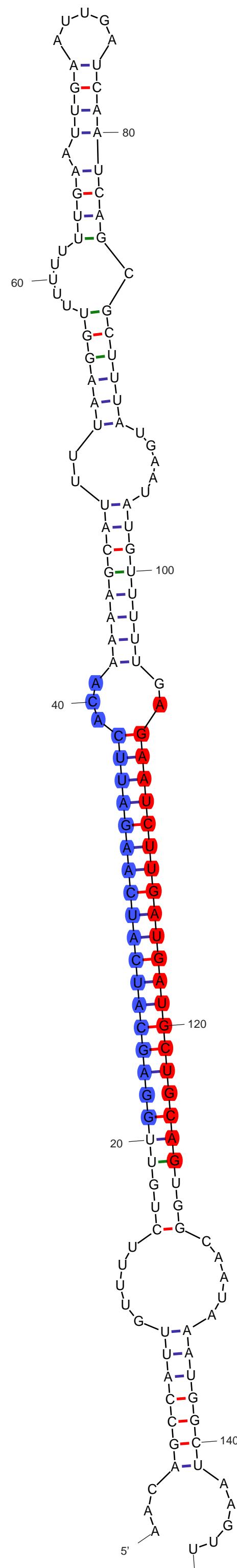




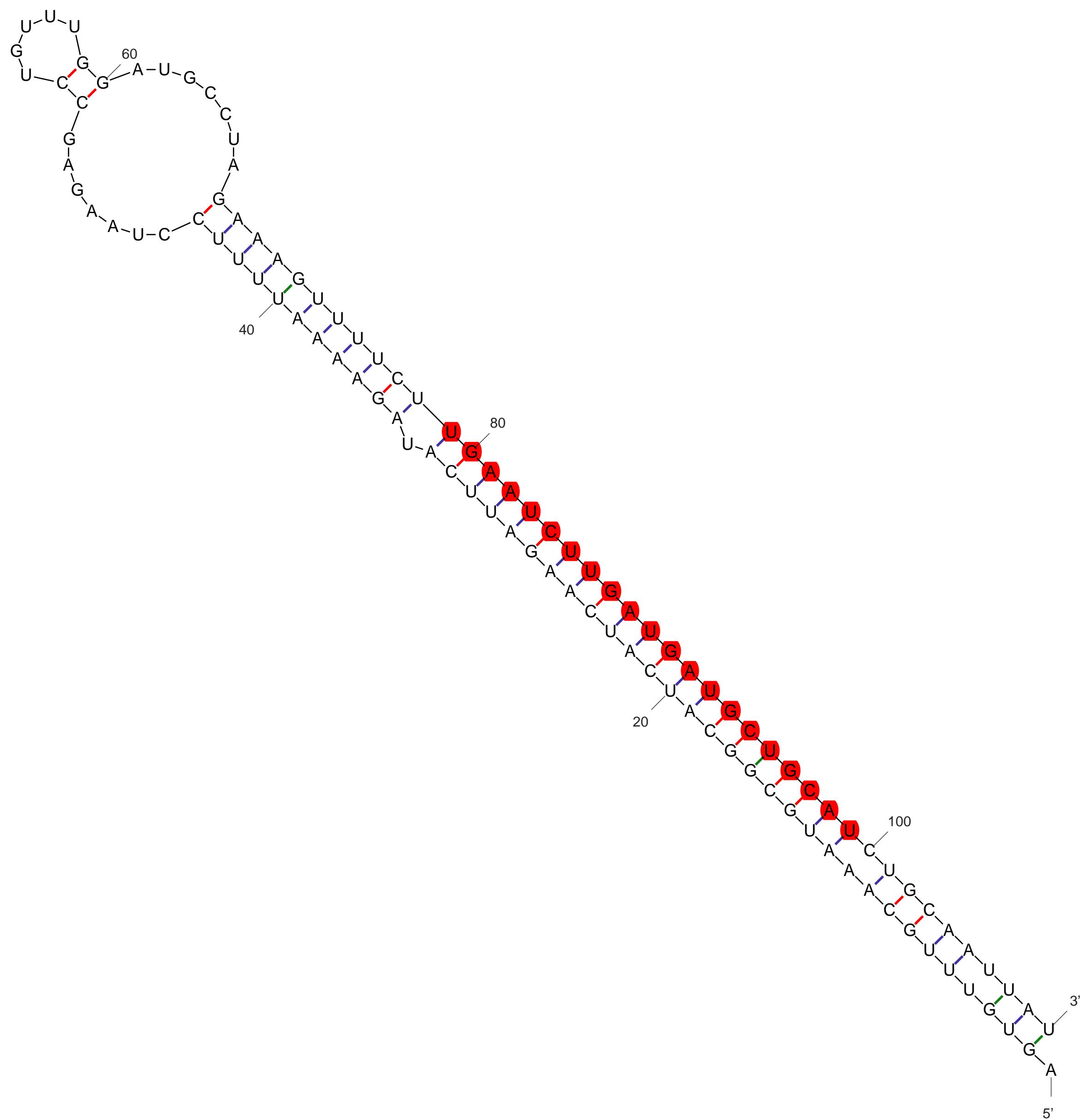
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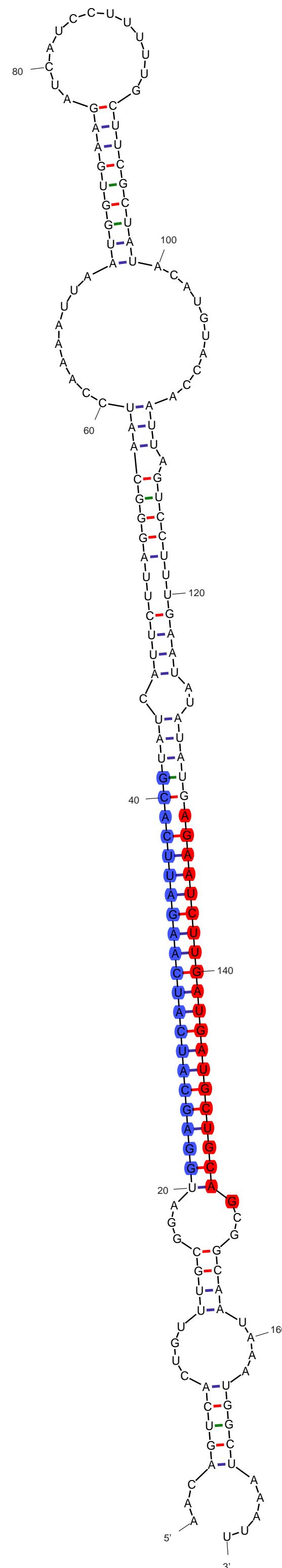
$dG = -54.80$  [Initially -58.45] 81-MIR172



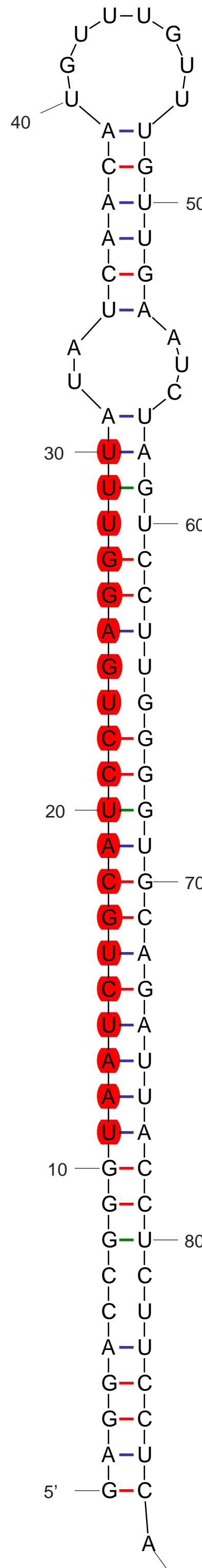
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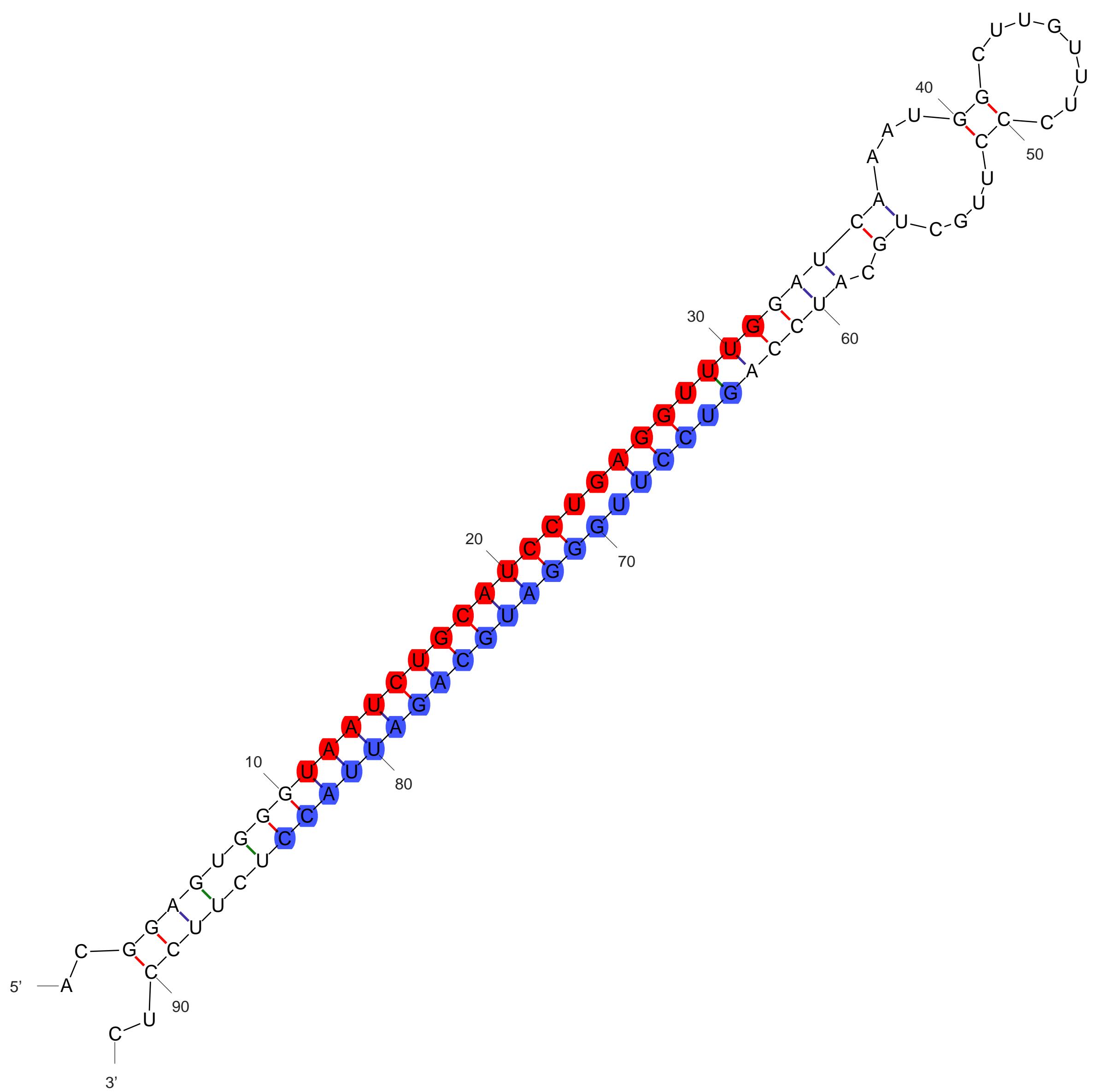
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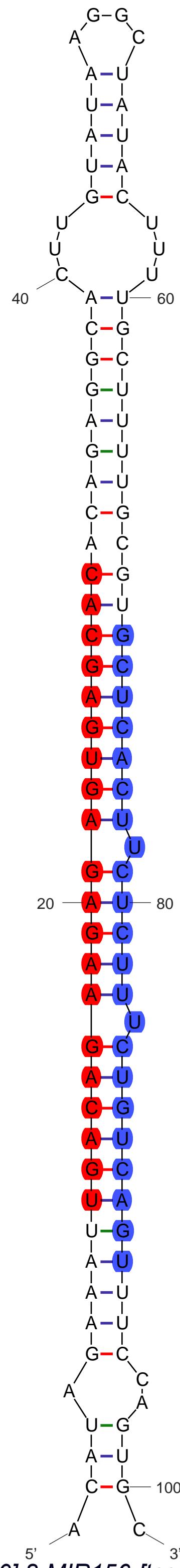
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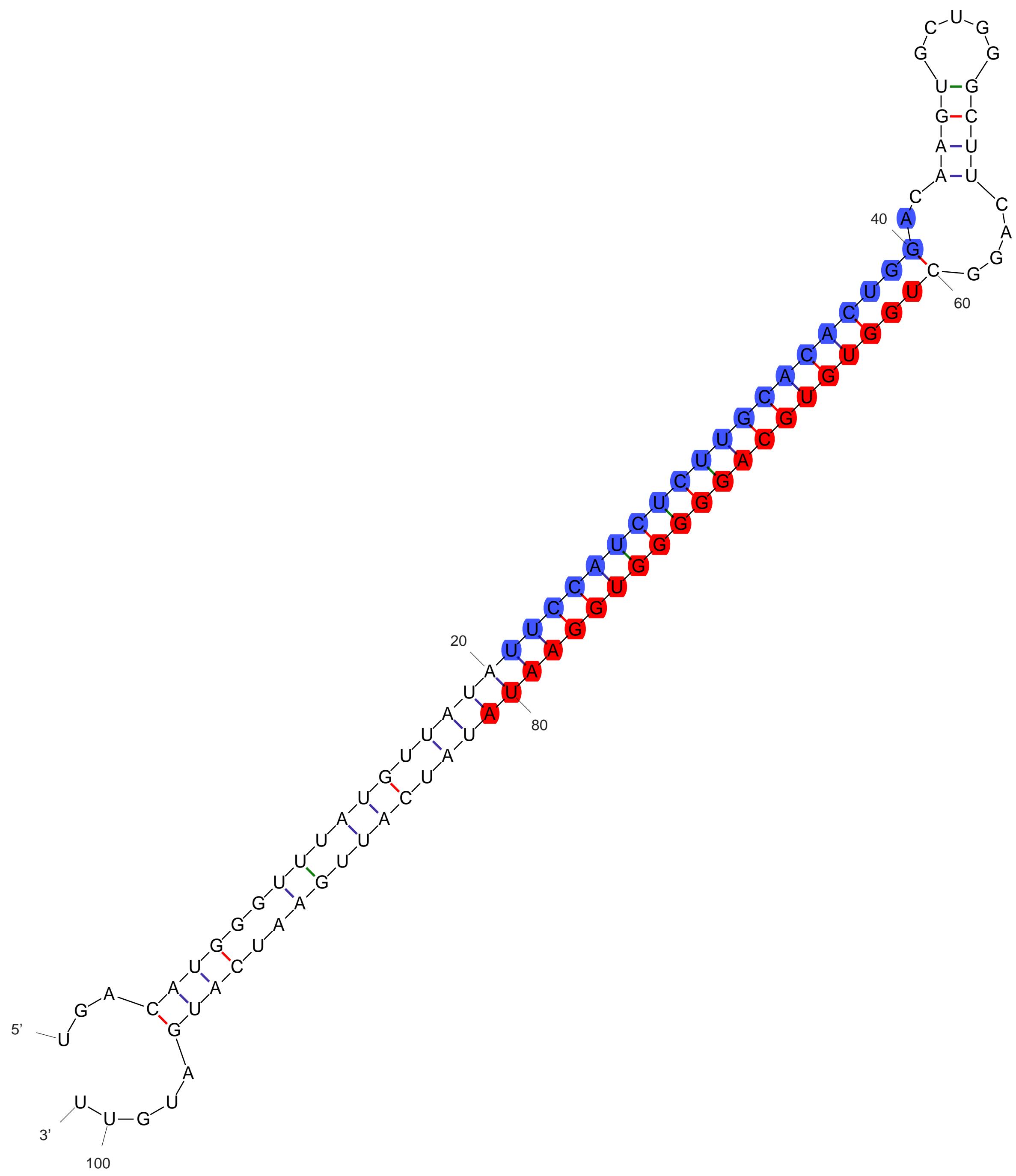
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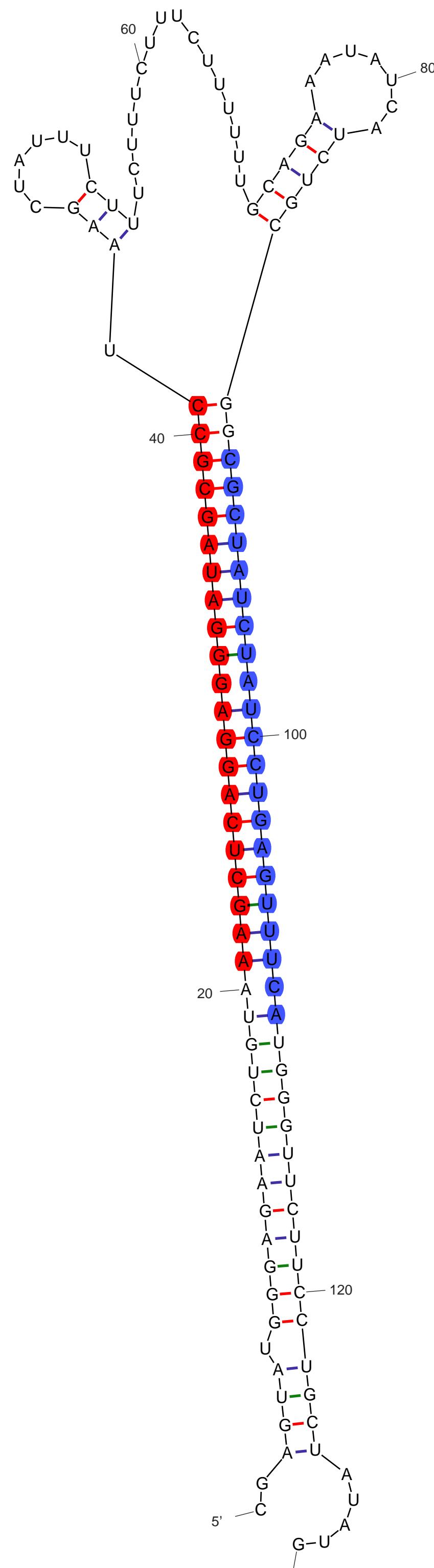
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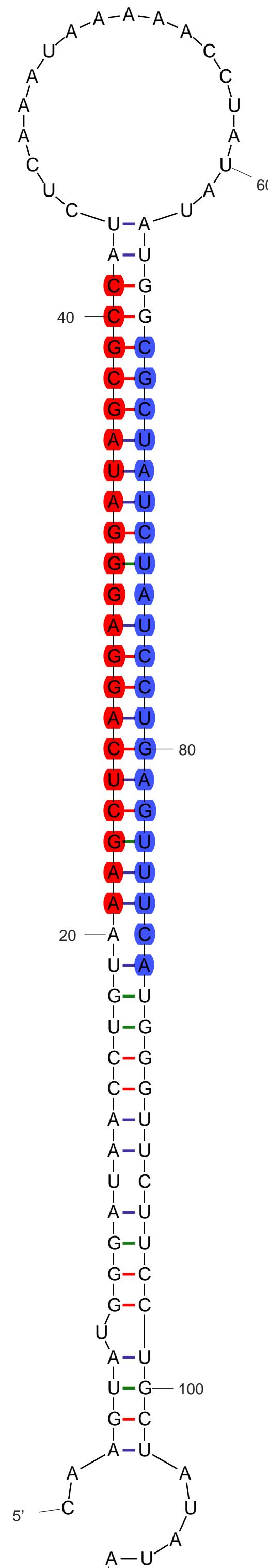
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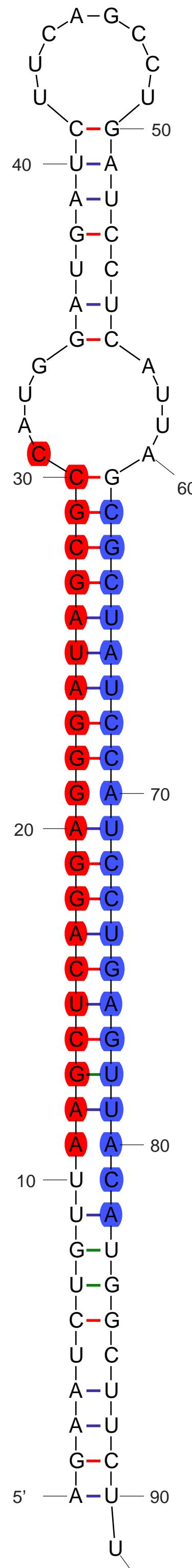
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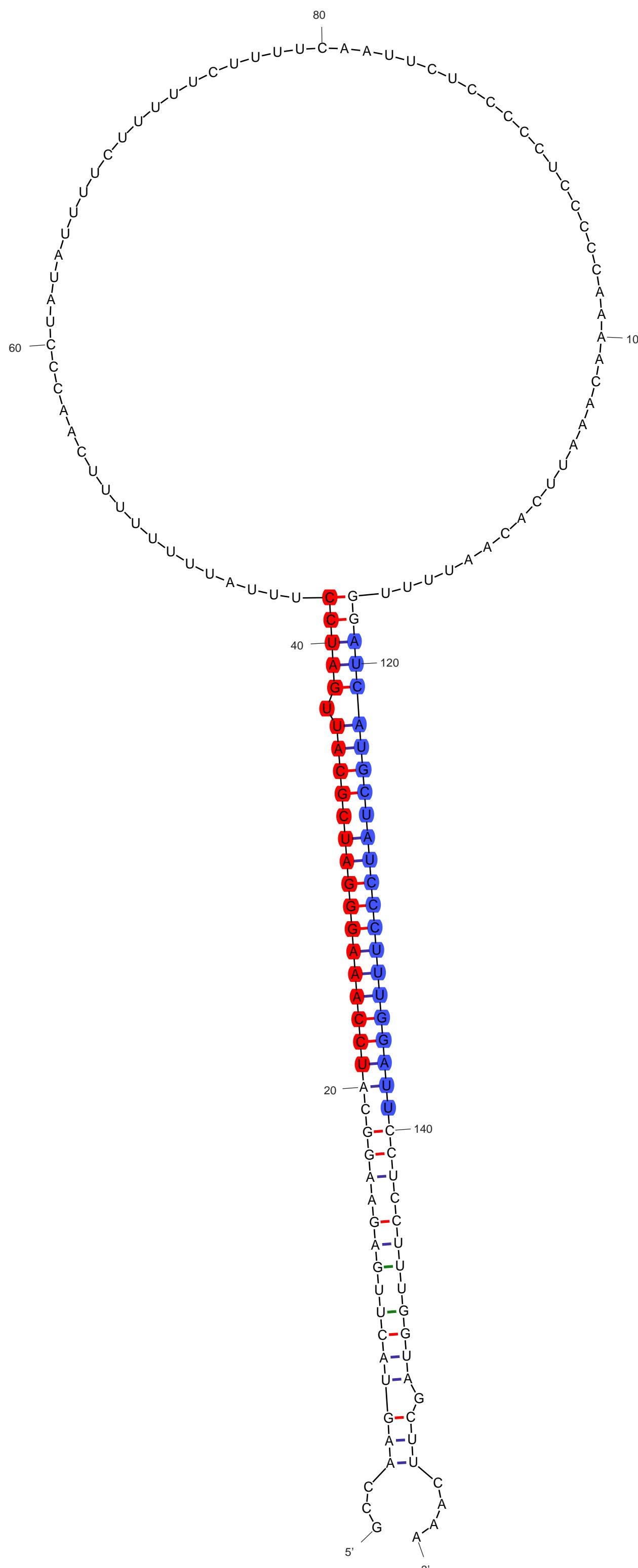
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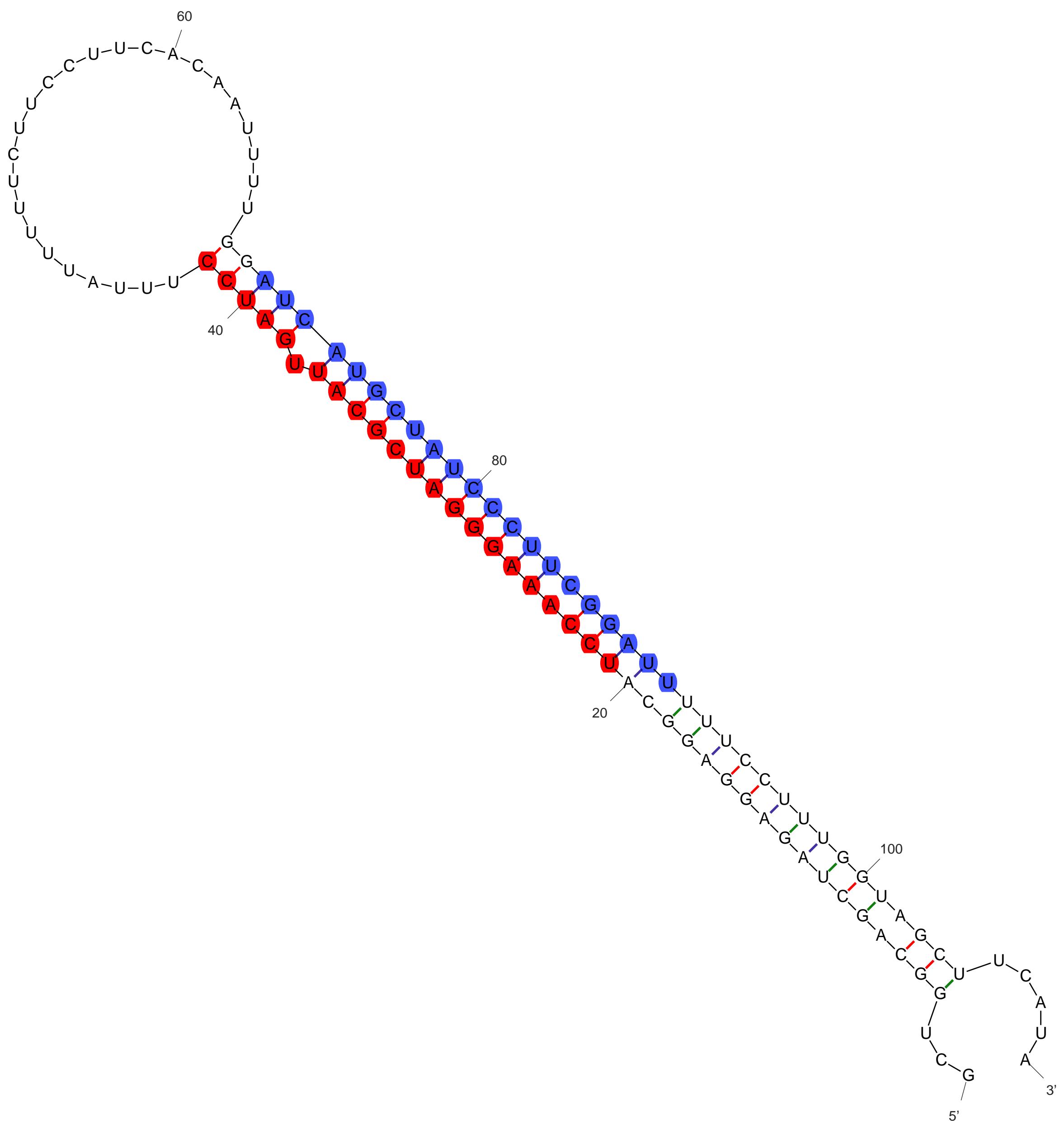
$dG = -50.90$  [Initially -50.90] 95-MIR390



$dG = -41.90$  [Initially  $-41.90$ ] 96-MIR390



$dG = -41.03$  [Initially -41.02] 97-MIR393



$dG = -45.20$  [Initially -45.20] 99-MIR393