Supporting Information

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Fig. S1. RtcB splices 5'-OH DNA with a ribonucleoside-2',3'-cyclic-PO₄ terminus. (*A*) Reaction mixtures (10 μ L) containing 50 mM Tris·HCl (pH 8.0), 2 mM MnCl₂, 100 μ M GTP, 0.02 μ M _{Ho}D17R>p (shown with the 3' ribonucleoside shaded and the ³²P-label denoted by •), and RtcB as specified were incubated at 37 °C for 30 min. The products were analyzed by urea-PAGE and visualized by autoradiography. The positions of the linear substrate and ligated circle are indicated (*Right*). (*B*) Reaction mixture containing 50 mM Tris·HCl (pH 8.0), 2 mM MnCl₂, 100 μ M GTP, 1 μ M RtcB, and 0.02 μ M _{Ho}D17R>p was incubated at 37 °C. Aliquots were withdrawn at the times specified and quenched immediately. The products were analyzed by urea-PAGE and visualized by autoradiography. The positions of the linear substrate and guanylylated intermediate are indicated (*Left*); the position of the ligated circle is indicated (*Right*).



ноCAATTGCGACCCppG

Fig. 52. Transfer of guanylate from DNAppG to RtcB to form RtcB–GMP. Reaction mixtures (10 μ L) containing 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 2 mM MnCl₂, 0.1 μ M of gel-purified ³²P-GMP–labeled DNAppG (shown with the ³²P-label denoted by •), and either no enzyme (lane –) or 2 μ M wild-type RtcB (WT) or H337A mutant were incubated at 37 °C for 20 min. The products were analyzed by SDS/PAGE; an autoradiograph of the dried gel is shown. The RtcB–GMP adduct is indicated (*Right*). The positions and sizes (in kilodaltons) of marker polypeptides are indicated (*Left*).



Fig. S3. *E. coli* RtcB guanylylates but does not seal a 3'-PO₄/5'-OH nick in duplex DNA. The 5' ³²P-labeled 3'-PO₄/5'-OH nicked duplex DNA substrate is shown (*Lower*) with the ³²P-label denoted by •. The substrate was prepared by annealing the labeled 18-mer pDNAp strand (pD18p) and the unlabeled 18-mer $_{HO}DNA_{OH}$ strand to the unlabeled 36-mer template strand and then separating the nicked duplex from single strands and two-strand tailed duplexes by native polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis. The three-strand nicked duplex was located by autoradiography and then eluted from an excised gel slice by soaking overnight at 4 °C in 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 1 mM EDTA. RtcB reaction mixtures (10 µL) containing 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 2 mM MnCl₂, 100 µM GTP, 0.1 µM nicked duplex DNA, and RtcB as specified were incubated at 37 °C for 30 min. The products were analyzed by urea-PAGE and visualized by autoradiography. No labeled species corresponding to a 36-mer nick sealing product was detected.



 ${}_{\rm HO}{\rm CATATCCGTGTCGCCCTCp}\\ {\rm GTATAGGCACAGCGGGAGTAAGGCTATCACTGATGT_{OH}}$

HOCATATCCGTGTCGCCCTCP

Fig. 54. Effect of duplex secondary structure on ligation of a $_{HO}$ D17Rp strand. The 3' ³²P-labeled D17Rp single strand is shown (*Lower Center*) with the ³²P-label denoted by • and the terminal ribonucleotide shaded in gray. The 5'-OH tailed duplex substrate (*Lower Left*) was prepared by annealing the labeled D17Rp strand to the unlabeled 36-mer template strand. The nicked duplex substrate (*Lower Right*) was prepared by annealing the labeled D17Rp strand and the unlabeled 18-mer $_{HO}$ DNA_{OH} strand to the unlabeled 36-mer template strand. The tailed duplex and three-strand nicked duplex were purified by native gel electrophoresis and eluted from excised gel slices by soaking overnight at 4 °C in 10 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 100 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA. RtcB reactions (10 µL) containing 50 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.0), 2 mM MnCl₂, 0.1 mM GTP, 0.02 µM ³²P-labeled D17Rp single-strand, tailed-duplex, or nicked-duplex substrates and RtcB as specified were incubated at 37 °C for 30 min. The products were analyzed by urea-PAGE and visualized by autoradiography. The position of a 5' ³²P-labeled 36-mer marker DNA strand (of identical sequence to the expected nick sealing product) that was analyzed in parallel is indicated (*Left* and *Right*). RtcB efficiently catalyzed intramolecular ligation of the D17Rp single strand to form a circular product that migrated faster than the linear substrate. A minor product corresponding to a dimer circle is denoted by the asterisk to the *Right* of the *Center* panel. Annealing of D17Rp to the 36-mer suppressed circularization, allowing for only inefficient joining of the 3'-PO₄ to the 5'-OH of the tailed duplex to form a stem-loop product (loop).