

**NMR Localization of Divalent Cations at the Active Site of the *Neurospora* VS
Ribozyme Provides Insights Into RNA-Metal Ion Interactions**

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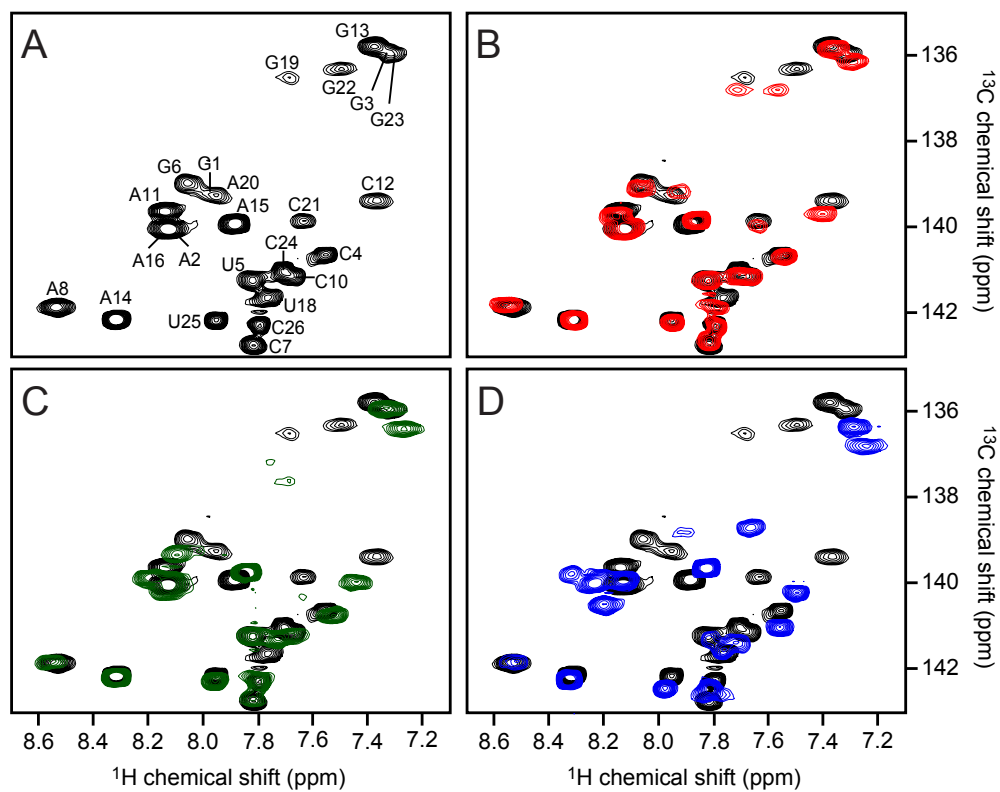


Figure S1. Effect of Cd^{2+} ions on SLVI RNA. Comparison of the H6/H8-C6/C8 region of 2D ^1H - ^{13}C CT-HSQC spectra of SLVI at selected points of the Cd^{2+} titration. (A)-(D) Spectra are shown for CdCl_2 : MgCl_2 concentrations of (A)-(D) 0.0:5.0 mM (black), (B) 0.25 mM:4.75 mM (red), (C) 1 mM:4 mM (green), and (D) 4 mM:1mM (purple).

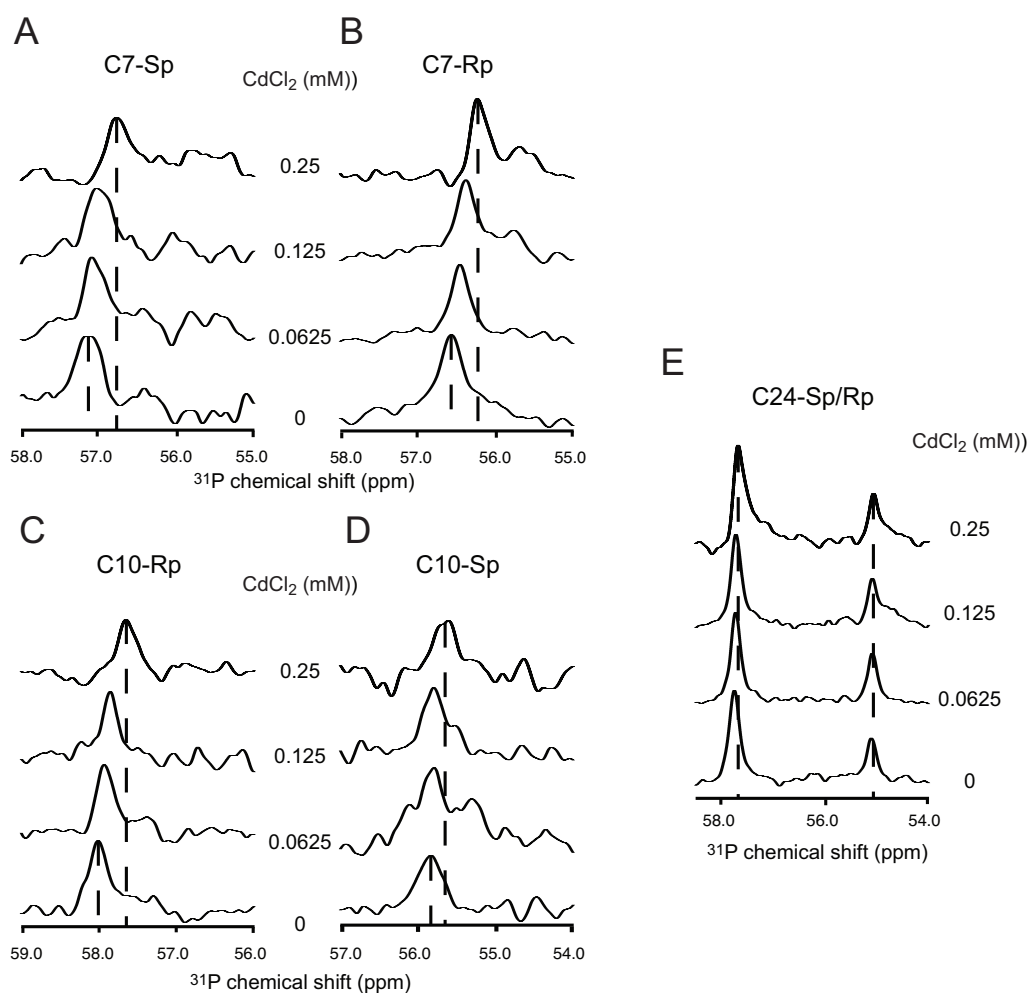


Figure S2. Effect of the addition of Cd^{2+} ions on the ^{31}P NMR spectrum of selected SLVI RNAs containing single phosphorothioate modifications. The 1D ^{31}P NMR spectra of (A) SLVI-C7-S_p, (B) SLVI-C7-R_p, (C) SLVI-C10-R_p, (D) SLVI-C10-S_p and (E) SLVI-C24-S_p/R_p were collected in buffer containing CdCl_2 : MgCl_2 concentrations of 0.0:5.0, 0.0625:4.9375, 0.125:4.875 and 0.25:4.75 mM. Only the most downfield region of the spectra containing the signal from the phosphorothioate is shown.

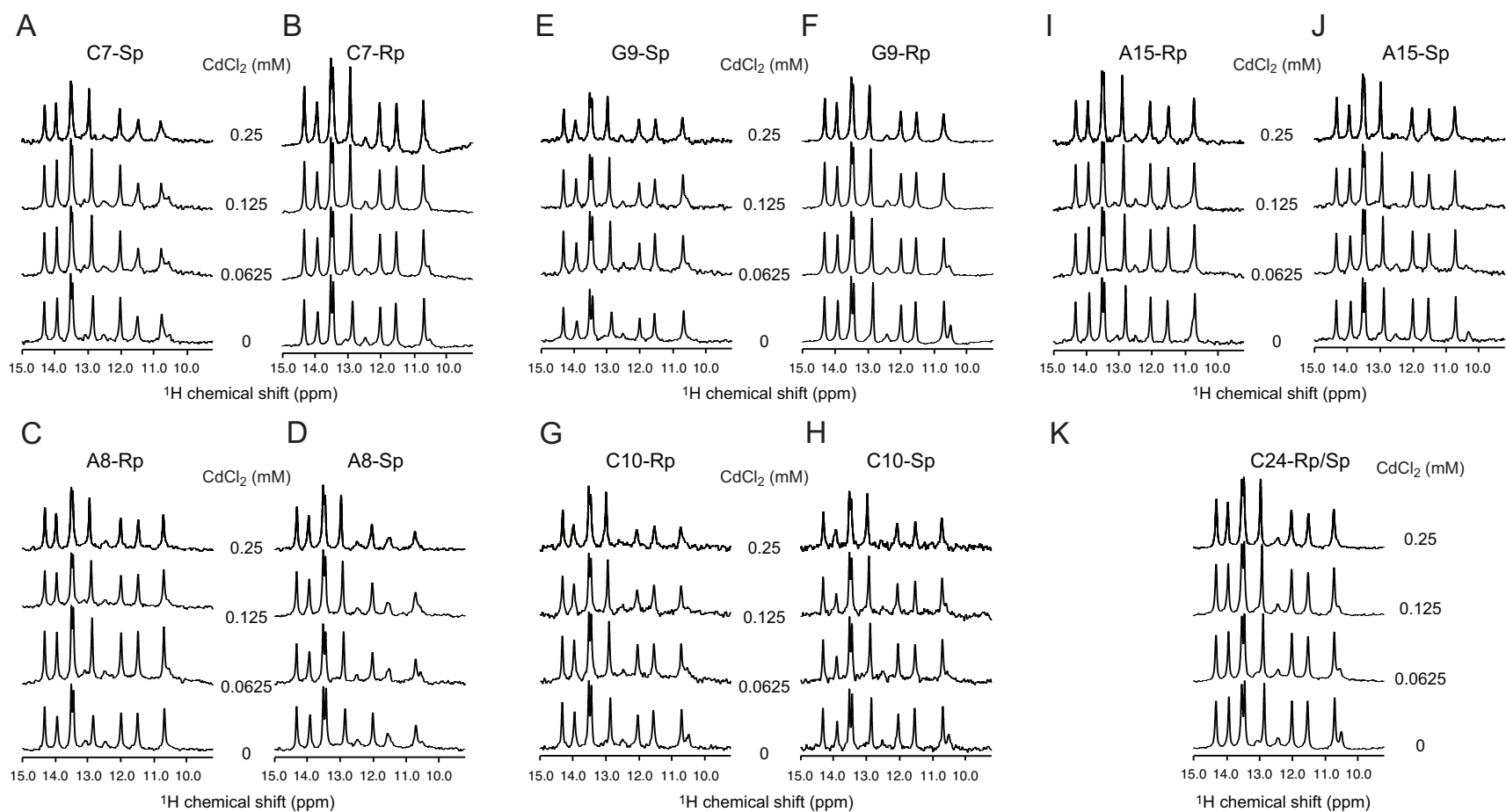


Figure S3. Effect of the addition of Cd^{2+} on the imino region of the ^1H NMR spectra of SLVI RNAs containing single phosphorothioate modifications. The 1D ^1H spectra of (A) SLVI-C7-S_p, (B) SLVI-C7-R_p, (C) SLVI-A8-R_p, (D) SLVI-A8-S_p, (E) SLVI-G9-S_p, (F) SLVI-G9-R_p, (G) SLVI-C10-S_p, (H) SLVI-C10-R_p (I) SLVI-A15-R_p, (J) SLVI-A15-S_p, and (K) SLVI-C24-S_p/R_p were collected in buffer containing CdCl_2 : MgCl_2 concentrations of 0.0:5.0, 0.0625:4.9375, 0.125:4.875 and 0.25:4.75 mM.

Supporting Tables

Table S1. Distance restraints derived from Mn²⁺-induced PRE.

Site	Atoms	I ₀ /I _{Mn}	Restraint
Site 1	G13 N1-H1	51	1.8-7.0 Å
	G13 C8-H8	20	1.8-7.0 Å
	G13 C3'-H3'	8	1.8-7.0 Å
	A16 N7	9	1.8-7.0 Å
	A14 H3'	6	1.8-8.0 Å
	A14 H5' or H5''	5	1.8-8.0 Å
	A15 N7	6	1.8-8.0 Å
	A16 H3'	5	1.8-8.0 Å
	A16 N9	4	1.8-8.0 Å
	A15 N9	7	1.8-8.0 Å
Site 1 or 2	C12 H6	7.5	1.8-10.0 Å
	C12 H5	6	1.8-10.0 Å
	G17 H8	6	1.8-10.0 Å
	G17 H1	5	1.8-10.0 Å
	C12 H41	5	1.8-10.0 Å
	C12 H42	5	1.8-10.0 Å
	G17 H5' or H5''	5	1.8-10.0 Å
Site 2	A11 N7	14	1.8-7.0 Å
	U18 C5-H5	8.5	1.8-7.0 Å
	C10 N4-H42	8	1.8-7.0 Å
	C10 N4-H41	6	1.8-8.0 Å
	G19 H8	7.5	1.8-8.0 Å
	C10 H41	6	1.8-8.0 Å
	A11 N9	5	1.8-8.0 Å
	A11 H8	4	1.8-8.0 Å
	G17 H3'	4	1.8-8.0 Å
	U18 H3	4	1.8-8.0 Å
Site 2 or 3	G9 H8	4	1.8-10.0 Å
Site 3	G6 H2'	6	1.8-8.0 Å
	A8 H8	5	1.8-8.0 Å
	A8 H3'	4	1.8-8.0 Å
	A8 H4'	4	1.8-8.0 Å
	A8 N9	4	1.8-8.0 Å
Site 3 or 4	G6 H8	5	1.8-10.0 Å
Site 4	G23 N7	15	1.8-7.0 Å
	G23 C8-H8	12	1.8-7.0 Å
	G22 C8-H8	9	1.8-7.0 Å
	U5 N3-H3	9	1.8-7.0 Å
	G6 N1-H1	8	1.8-7.0 Å
	A20 N7	5	1.8-8.0 Å
Site 4 or 5	U5 H5	4	1.8-8.0 Å
	G3 N9	6	1.8-10.0 Å
	C24 H42	5	1.8-10.0 Å
	C21 H5	5	1.8-10.0 Å
Site 5	C4 H41	4	1.8-10.0 Å
	G3 N7	15	1.8-7.0 Å
	G1 C8-H8	13	1.8-7.0 Å
	C26 H41	6	1.8-8.0 Å
	A2 N7	5	1.8-8.0 Å
	A2 H8	4	1.8-8.0 Å

Table S2. Results from the WebFR3D motif search.

Site	Searched motif ^a	Number of raw hits ^b	Number of hits with a cation ^b	Number of positive hits ^b	PDB entry (positive hits)	Residues (positive hits)	Metal ion ^c (positive hits)
Site 1	NR G — A C — G 5' 3'	111	13	3	3U5F 1FJG 1JTW	1121-1126 897-902 6-11	Mg 2162 Mg 1586 Na 25
Site 2	3' 5' C — G A — U C — G 5' 3'	173	18	8	3U5H 3U5H 2ZNI 3V2F 3V2F 3V2F 3V7E 3BNL	1183-1185/1321-1323 1497-1499/1517-1519 26-28/42-44 589-591/666-668 414-416/2407-2409 2678-2680/2727-2729 48-50/85-87 8-10/13-15	Mg 4027 Mg 3997 Ca 82 Mg 3471 Mg 3288 Mg 3626 NCO 910 NCO 026
Site 3 (search 1)	3' 5' C — G G N A N G — C 5' 3'	1	0	0	-	-	
Site 3 (search 2)	3' 5' N — N G N A N N — N 5' 3'	1	0	0	-	-	

Site 4	3' 5'	92	4	3	1FJG	1509-1511/1524-1526	Mg 1592
	G — C				3V2F	1767-1769/1983-1985	Mg 3524
	U — G				3U5H	1671-1673/1774-1776	Mg 4578
Site 5	C — G	297	26	16	3U5H	272- 274/291-293	Mg 4333
	5' 3'				3U5H	1379-1381/1424-1426	Mg 3948
	3' 5'				3U5H	333-335/28-30	Mg 4491
	G — C				3U5H	2251-2253/2263-2265	Mg 4458
	A — U				3U5H	2670-2672/2682-2684	Mg4118
	G — C				1S72	116-118/122-124	Mg 8039
	5' 3'				3U5F	1478-1480/1527-1529	Mg 2087
					3IVK	72-74/83-85	Mg 137
					3V2F	1277-1279/1291-1293	Mg 3500
					3T4B	309-311/325-327	Ni 1015
					3CUN	66-68/78-80	Mg 506
					397D	26-28/37-39	Ca 49
					2XZM	266-268/275-277	Mg 43
					2ZJR	1666-1668/1989-1991	Mg 2901
					4ENB	8-10/45-47	Iri 104
	1FJG	407-409/433-435	Mg 1609				

^a N are undefined nucleotides and R are purines

^b See Experimental Procedures

^c Refers to metal ion residue in the pdb files, where Mg is a magnesium ion, Na is a sodium ion, Ca is a calcium ion, NCO is a cobalt hexamine ion, Ni is a nickel ion and Iri is a iridium hexamine ion.