## Supplemental Material to:

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# RNA pentaloop structures as effective targets of regulators belonging to the RsmA/CsrA protein family

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY DATA:

**Supplementary Table S1**. Theoretical binding free energies ( $\Delta G$ ) ±SD for complex formation between RsmE and four RNA oligomers<sup>a</sup>

Gene	RNA loop sequence <sup>b</sup>	$\Delta G_1$	$\Delta G_2$
		(kcal/mol)	(kcal/mol)
hcnA	ACGGA <b>U</b>	-87.2 ± 13.6	-69.3 ± 14.5
hcnA∆U	ACGGA-	-70.4 ± 11.6	-60.7 ± 11.7
pltA	AGGGA-	-81.5 ± 13.8	-66.7 ± 10.2
<i>pltA</i> +U	AGGGA <b>U</b>	-91.2 ± 14.0	-85.2 ± 12.2

<sup>a</sup> The  $\Delta G$  values were obtained by the MM-GBSA method as described in Materials and Methods and are averaged over four molecular dynamic trajectories. The RNA oligomers having higher ( $\Delta G_1$ ) and lower ( $\Delta G_2$ ) affinities for RsmE were treated separately.

<sup>b</sup> -: no nucleotide.

Supplementary Table S2. Oligonucleotides used in this study

Oligonucleotides	Sequence (5'→3')		
6628	CCCATTCATTTTTCGCGGATGAACCCAGCATG		
6628rev	CTGGGTTCATCCGCGAAAAATGAATGGGGTAC		
9512	CCCATTCATTTTTCACGGAGAACCCAGCATG		
9512rev	CTGGGTTCTCCGTGAAAAATGAATGGGGGTAC		
9524	CCCAGTGCGCCTAACAGGGAGTGGGGCATG		
9524rev	CCCCACTCCCTGTTAGGCGCACTGGGGTAC		
9525	CCCAGTGCGCCTAACAGGGATGTGGGGCATG		
9525rev	CCCCACATCCCTGTTAGGCGCACTGGGGTAC		
9536	CTTCTGAAAAGAATGGAATCAAGAGGAGCATG		
9536rev	CTCCTCTTGATTCCATTCTTTTCAGAAGGTAC		
9537	CTTCTGAAAAGAATGGATCAAGAGGAGCATG		
9537rev	CTCCTCTTGATCCATTCTTTTCAGAAGGTAC		
10001	CCCATTCATTTTTCAGGGAGAACCCAGCATG		
10001rev	CTGGGTTCTGGGTGAAAAATGAATGGGGTAC		
10002	CCCATTCATTTTTCAGGAAGAACCCAGCATG		
10002rev	CTGGGTTCTTCCTGAAAAATGAATGGGGTAC		
10101	CCCAGTGCGCCTAACAAGGAGTGGGGGCATG		
10101rev	CCCCACTCCTTGTTAGGCGCACTGGGGTAC		
10102	CCCATTCATTTTCGCGGACGAACCCAGCATG		
10102rev	CTGGGTTCGTCCGCGAAAAATGAATGGGGTAC		

**Supplementary Figure S1.** RsmE cross-linking experiments. 12% sodium d polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis of RsmE cross-linking experiment: glutaraldehyde performed as described in ref 52. Lane 1 : RsmE (monomer lanes 2 and 3 : different concentrations of RsmE treated with glutaraldehy ladder: molecular weight markers.



**Supplementary Figure S2**. Correlation between mean computed  $\Delta G$  values (Table 3) and experimentally obtained  $\Delta G$  values (Table 2). The theoretical values were averaged over all trajectories; values for distinct RNA chains were treated separately and divided into groups of lower and higher  $\Delta G$  observed per system. The assumption was made that the lower values represent the  $\Delta G$  of the first RNA chain bound to the protein, and the higher  $\Delta G$  values represent the second chain. Panel A shows the correlation between the lower theoretical  $\Delta G$  values and the experimental  $\Delta G_1$  values; panel B shows the correlation between the higher theoretical  $\Delta G$  values and the experimental  $\Delta G_2$  values. Purple star – *hcnA*; blue cross – *hcnA* $\Delta U$ ; green cross – *pltA*; blue square – *pltA*+U.

