





Supplementary information, Figure S1.

- A. FP assays of wild-type and mutants of YTH^{YTHDF2} toward m6A-RNA. One- and two-step binding modes were used for fitting the data. R² values for all the analyses are indicated above the curves. Two-step binding mode seems to be much better than one-step binding mode for fitting the experimental data. In the two-step binding mode, the binding affinity (Kd) of the first step is indicated. A lower limit of the Kd value is reported because saturation of the binding could not be achieved during FP assays.
- B. Ribbon representation of YTH^{YTHDF2} dimer in one asymmetric unit of the crystals. The two molecules are colored in blue and green, respectively. The protein is monomer in solution (data not shown). The dimer may be resulted from crystal packing the crystals.
- C. Structural comparison of YTH domains of YTHDF2 and YTHDC1. Two structures are shown in ribbon representation in two different views. YTH^{YTHDF2} and YTH^{YTHDC1} (PDB:2YUD) are colored in blue and grey, respectively. Secondary structures of YTH^{YTHDF2} are indicated and critical residues that are potentially involved in RNA-binding of YTH^{YTHDF2} are shown in stick representation.
- D. EMSA assay using A-RNA or m6A-RNA with the increasing amount of YTH^{YTHDF2} mutant (K416A) as indicated. The experiments were performed as in Figure 1C.
- E. Relative m6A-RNA-binding affinity of YTHDF2 in HEK293T cells. (Top left panel) Standard curves for adenosine (A) and m6A for quantification. Good line-arity was obtained as indicated. Note that two standard curves were generated for low-concentration (110-225000 fmol) and high-concentration (112500-1800000 fmol) of adenosine. (Top right panel) Relative m6A-RNA-binding affinity of

YTHDF2 in HEK293T cells. Standard nucleosides were used for each set of experiments. The nucleosides were detected by LC-MS/MS immunoprecipitated by YTHDF2 proteins. Protein concentration was determined by immunoblotting followed by band densitometry. (Bottom panel) LC-MS/MS for detection the ratio of m6A/A from HEK293T that were transfected with wild-type and mutant YTHDF2 and empty vector. Error bars represent SD for triplicate experiment. Note that transfection of YHTDF2 did not affect the m6A/A ratio in HEK293T cell.

- F. Relative target enrichment by RNA-IP from HeLa cells of wild-type and mutant YTH^{YTHDF2} . *SON* and *CREBBP* are targets and *HPRT1* serves as a negative control. The error bars represent \pm SD for duplicate experiments.
- G. The CD spectra of wild-type and mutants of YTH^{YTHDF2} . The CD curves show negative absorption peaks at 222 nm and 208 nm, which is similar to that of typical α helix and consistent with the observation in crystal structure. Color scheme is indicated. Although mutation W432A of YTH^{YTHDF2} showed a slight change compared to wild-type protein, the protein still possessed RNA-binding affinity, supporting that the mutant is well-folded.
- H. Comparison of YTH domains in YTHDF2 structure and that in YTHDC1-m6A-RNA and ZrMRB1-m6A-RNA complex structures. The compared structures are shown in ribbon representation with m6A-binding residues shown in stick representation. YTHDC1-m6A-RNA (PDB:4R3I)[8] and ZrMRB1-m6A-RNA (PDB:4U8T)[9] complex structures were reported when our manuscript was under revision in Cell Research.