

## High salt solution structure of a left-handed RNA double helix

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### SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

Table S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR chemical shifts  $\delta_H$  (p.p.m.) of (CGCGCG)<sub>2</sub> in the Z-RNA form at 303 K in D<sub>2</sub>O.

Residue	H8/H6	H5	H1'	H2'	H3'	H4'	H5'	H5''	imino	amino	
C1	7.33	5.88	5.83	3.88	4.45	3.76	3.01	2.57	-	8.28	6.29
G2	7.84	-	5.95	4.45	5.26	4.35	4.24	4.24	13.14	-	-
C3	7.25	5.27	5.85	4.00	4.61	3.93	3.88	2.51	-	8.54	5.84
G4	7.91	-	5.96	4.49	5.20	4.35	4.29	4.20	13.01	-	-
C5	7.34	5.37	5.92	4.06	4.65	3.99	3.89	2.65	-	8.51	5.86
G6	7.86	-	5.90	5.11	4.79	4.32	4.24	4.22	13.04	-	-

Table S2. Experimental  $J_{1',2'}$ ,  $J_{2',3'}$  and  $J_{3',4'}$  coupling constants, sugar pucker parameters<sup>a)</sup> and percentage of N conformers for (CGCGCG)<sub>2</sub> in the Z-RNA form.

Residue	coupling constants [Hz] <sup>b)</sup>			PSEUROT <sup>c)</sup>					12 final structures <sup>d)</sup>	
	$J_{1',2'}$	$J_{2',3'}$	$J_{3',4'}$	$P_N$	$\Phi_N$	$P_S$	$\Phi_S$	$\%_N$	$P$	$\Phi$
C1	8.0	4.7	≤1.0	17 (16)	31 (6)	177 (17)	39 (6)	2	198 (1)	35 (1)
G2	≤1.0	5.5	9.8	35 (2)	40 (2)	-	-	100	48 (2)	41 (1)
C3	7.8	4.4	0.9	-28 (14)	36 (4)	185 (17)	41 (6)	2	135 (3)	40 (2)
G4	≤1.0	5.9	9.2	32 (1)	35 (1)	-	-	100	44 (2)	36 (2)
C5	7.8	3.9	1.4	-21 (15)	29 (7)	184 (22)	48 (8)	6	162 (3)	41 (1)
G6	3.8	6.2	5.2	48 (16)	27 (9)	190 (59)	25 (8)	68	24 (4)	36 (1)

<sup>a)</sup> average values are given with standard deviations in parentheses.

<sup>b)</sup> ± 1Hz

<sup>c)</sup> all five values  $P_N$ ,  $P_S$ ,  $\Phi_N$ ,  $\Phi_S$ ,  $\%_N$  were fitted to experimental data. Initial values of  $\Phi_N$ ,  $\Phi_S$  were of 30° and initial  $\%_N$  was 50%. Initial values of  $P_N$  and  $P_S$  changed independently from 0° to 360° every 10°. For statistics, only results giving r.m.s.d. values less than 0.5 [Hz] were employed.

<sup>d)</sup> ref (37)

Table S3. Backbone and glycosidic torsion angles<sup>a)</sup> for 12 conformers representing the refined structure of (CGCGCG)<sub>2</sub> in the Z-RNA form (*left column*) and 11 reference X-ray Z-DNA structures<sup>b)</sup> of d(CGCGCG)<sub>2</sub> (*right column*).

Res.	$\alpha$		$\beta$		$\gamma$		$\delta$		$\epsilon$		$\zeta$		$\chi$	
C1	-	-	-	-	46(2)	39(38)	153(1)	143(6)	-68(1)	-93(4)	76(2)	75(5)	-151(2)	-150(5)
G2	49(4)	65(5)	-163(2)	-172(3)	-175(3)	177(3)	81(1)	95(7)	-104(1)	-117(7) <sup>c</sup>	-55(2)	-64(17) <sup>c</sup>	60(2)	62(5)
C3	-145(2)	-150(9) <sup>c</sup>	175(4)	-132(15) <sup>c</sup>	71(1)	54(4)	127(2)	147(4)	-72(1)	-95(5)	76(2)	75(4)	-159(2)	-156(4)
G4	69(3)	66(5)	-159(1)	-174(6)	172(1)	179(3)	86(2)	95(5)	-105(1)	-123(9) <sup>c</sup>	-65(3)	-55(16) <sup>c</sup>	61(1)	60(6)
C5	-134(4)	-155(8) <sup>c</sup>	-158(3)	-133(12) <sup>c</sup>	54(4)	49(7)	146(1)	141(5)	-83(4)	-95(4)	71(1)	70(7)	-141(2)	-155(6)
G6	62(2)	79(7)	-165(1)	-179(5)	-173(1)	176(3)	84(1)	148(5)	-	-	-	-	47(2)	76(3)

<sup>a)</sup>  $P \propto O5' \beta C5' \gamma C4' \delta C3' \epsilon O3' \zeta P$ ; average values with standard deviations in parentheses are given

<sup>b)</sup> PDB ID: 131D, 1D39, 1D48, 1DCG, 1DJ6, 1I0T, 1ICK, 292D, 293D, 2DCG, 336D.

<sup>c)</sup> GpC step typical of the Z<sub>I</sub>-DNA form

<sup>d)</sup> GpC step typical of the Z<sub>II</sub>-DNA form

Table S4. Lower (*left column*) and upper (*right column*) limits [ $^{\circ}$ ] for the initial torsion angle restraints used in the structure determination (CYANA) of (CGCGCG)<sub>2</sub> in the Z-RNA form

Residue	$\beta$		$\gamma$		$\chi$		$\nu_1$		$\nu_2$		$\delta$		$\epsilon$	
C1 (C7)	132	228	40	70	-200	-120	17	50	-50	-23	127	168	188	292
G2 (G8)	165	195	na	na	26	106	-18	-8	27	39	75	85	188	292
C3 (C9)	132	228	40	70	-200	-120	17	50	-50	-23	127	168	188	292
G4 (G10)	165	195	na	na	26	106	-16	-7	23	35	80	90	188	292
C5 (C11)	132	228	40	70	-200	-120	16	50	-50	-26	127	170	188	292
G6 (G12)	165	195	na	na	26	106	-18	44	-29	39	75	123	-	-

Fig. S1.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of (CGCGCG)<sub>2</sub> at 0M (right-handed form) (*bottom*) and 6M NaClO<sub>4</sub> (left-handed form) (*top*).

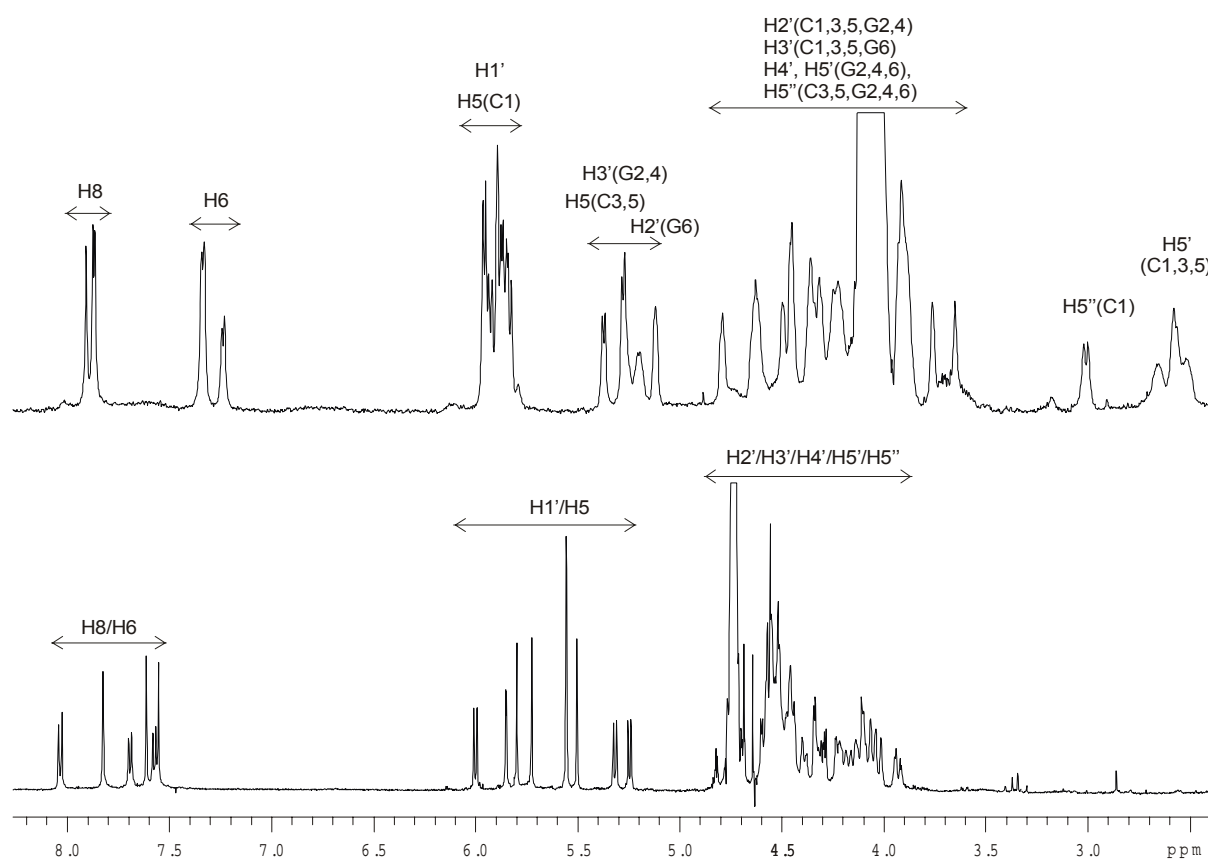


Fig. S2. Applied protocol for the structure determination (CYANA) of the (CGCGCG)<sub>2</sub> in Z-RNA form. At the structure calculation stage, the TAD algorithm was implemented to a new subroutine *ndrs.cya* which allows for automatic NOE distance restraints selection.

