

Supplementary Information

Influenza virus segment 5 (+)RNA - secondary structure and new targets for antiviral strategies

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| Name | Length (nt) | Sequence 5'→3' ^a |
|--------|-------------|---|
| For_c5 | 45 | GCGTAATACGACTCACTATAGGGGAGCAAAGCAGGGTAGATAATC |
| Rev_c5 | 22 | AGTAGAAACAAGGGTATTTTTTC |
| FM5 | 40 | GCGTAATACGACTCACTATAGGGGATGGCGTCTCAAGGCAC |
| RM5 | 29 | TTAATTGTCATACTCCTCTGCATTGTCTC |

Table S1. Primers for polymerase chain reaction using to obtain DNA template for (+)RNA5 and coding region 5. ^a The underlined nucleotides residues are the polymerase T7 promoter.

| Name | Length (nt) | Complementary region in segment 5 RNA | Sequence 5'→3' ^a |
|-------------------|-------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| M1 ^a | 32 | 1533-1565 | AGTAGAAACAAGGGTATTTTTCTTTAATTGTC |
| RTM5 ^a | 27 | 1516-1540 | TTAATTGTCATACTCCTCTGCATTGTC |
| M2 ^a | 24 | 1302-1324 | CCATAATGGTCGCTCTTTTCGAAG |
| M3 ^a | 20 | 1047-1066 | GGTCCTCAAATGCTGCAGAG |
| M4 ^a | 24 | 782-805 | CAATTCAGCATTCCCAGGATTTTC |
| M5 ^a | 20 | 517-536 | CACATCCTTGGGTCCATTCC |
| M6 ^a | 25 | 259-283 | CCAGGTATCTGTTTCCTTCTTTCATC |

Table S2. Primers for reverse transcription. ^a Primers were labeled with 6-TAMRA, 5-FAM, 6-JOE or 5-ROX at 5' end.

| Name | Length (nt) | Sequence 5'→3' |
|-----------------|-------------|---|
| RT | 22 | ATGAGTCTTCTAACCAGGTCG |
| PF ^a | 52 | GCGTAATACGACTCACTATAGGGTACTCTAGCTCTATGTTGACAAAATGAC |
| PR | 26 | ATGAGTCTTCTAACCAGGTCGAAAC |
| QF | 23 | AGACCAATCTTGTACCTCTGAC |
| QR | 26 | AGGGCATTGTTGGACAAAGCGTCTACG |
| Q ^b | 27 | TCACCGTGCCAGTGAGCGAGGACTGC |

Table S3. Primers for qRT-PCR. ^a The underlined nucleotides residues are the polymerase T7 promoter. ^b Primer was labeled with, 5-FAM at 5' end 6-TAMRA at 3' end.

| Binding site ^a | Probe sequence ^b | Strength of probe binding ^c | ΔG°_{37} of duplex for complementary binding site ^d (kcal/mol) | Nucleotide of RNA target complementary to 3'G of hexamer probe | ΔG°_{37} of duplex for possible mismatched sites (kcal/mol) ^e |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| <u>11/ 122/ 1422</u> | CCcUg | S | -5.5 (-9.22) 11 -5.4 (-9.22) 122 -6.2 (-9.22) 1422 | - | - |
| 12 / <u>551 /929</u> | AcCcUg | M | -9.3 (-12.12) 12 -7.0 (-10.18) 551 -7.6 (-10.18) 929 | 12C 551A 929A | -8.6 (1422) -7.9 (122) |
| <u>95</u> | CcCcA | M | -8.7 (-9.88) 95 | - | -5.7 (154) |
| 96/ <u>1429</u> | UCcCc | M | -8.8 (-9.54) 1429 -8.6 (-9.54) 96 | - | - |
| <u>250/ 540/ 936</u> | dGdGdg | M | -7.7 (-12.84) 250 -7.7 (-12.84) 936 -7.4 (-12.84) 540 | 250C 936C 540C | - |
| 301 (<u>350</u>) | uCcCg | S | -7.8 (-9.61) 301 -8.1 (-9.61) 350 | - | -6.9 (155/156) -6.9 (96/97) -6.9 (728/729) -6.9 (791/792) -6.9 (206/207) -6.9 (1429/1430) -6.7 (644/645) -6.7 (1091/1092) -6.6 (605/606) -6.0 (95/96) |
| <u>630</u> | AuCcGg | S | -6.8 (-8.65) 630 | 630G | -5.0 (349/350) -4.8 (300/301) |
| <u>953/ 1479</u> | dDgGdg | M | -4.5 (-10.59) 953 -4.7 (-10.59) 1479 | 953A 1479U | - |
| <u>954/ 1480</u> | dDdGgg | S | -4.8 (-7.93) 1480 -4.2 (-7.93) 954 | 1480U 954U | - |
| <u>956</u> | gGdDdg | M | -7.5 (-11.68) 956 | 956C | -4.2 (1477/1478) |
| 1299/ <u>1477</u> | GgDdGg | M | -9.3 (-12.75) 1477 -9.2 (-12.75) 1299 | 1477C 1299C | -7.2 (955/956) |
| <u>1431/ 1529</u> | DcUcCg | M | -7.2 (-10.04) 1431 -7.8 (-10.04) 1529 | 1431G 1529A | -7.0 (156/157) -7.0 (207/208) -6.5 (388/389) -6.5 (666/667) -6.5 (422/423) -6.5 (567/568) -5.6 (95/96) |
| <u>1555</u> | CDdGgg | M | -8.7 (-12.32) 1555 | 1555C | -6.1 (1480/1481) |
| <u>154/ 1202</u> | CcCdA | M | -6.4 (-8.23) 154 -5.7 (-8.23) 1202 | - | -6.2 (94/95) -6.2 (790/791) -5.5 (356/357) |
| <u>155/ 791</u> | uCcCa | S | -7.0 (-8.86) 155 | - | -6.9 (206/207) -6.9 (301/302) -6.9 (728/729) -6.9 (1429/1430) -6.9 (350/351) -6.9 (791) -6.9 (96/97) -6.7 (644/645) |

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| | | | | | -6.6 (1091/1092) -6.6 (605/606) -4.7 (1202/1203) |
| <u>156/ 207/ 1430</u> | CUCcC | S | -8.5 (-9.16) 156 -8.3 (-9.16) 207 -7.6 (-9.16) 1430 | - | -5.9 (1514/1515) -5.8 (388/389) -5.8 (567/568) -5.7 (301/302) -5.6 (666/667) -5.6 (728/729) -5.6 (422/423) -5.4 (644/645) -5.4 (96/97) |
| <u>264</u> | UcUuUcA | M | -6.8 (-9.12) 264 | - | -6.9 (705) -6.8 (921) -6.7 (237/238) -6.7 (775/776) -6.4 (344/345) -5.8 (845) -5.8 (424/425) -5.8 1224/1225) -5.7 (643/6440 -5.6 (1090/1091) |
| <u>13/ 601/ 930</u> | UdCcCg | M | -8.0 (-9.85) 601 -8.0 (-9.85) 13 -7.7 (9.85) 930 | 13A 601G 930A | -6.4 (551/552) -6.2 (300/301) |
| <u>365/ 501/ 753/ 778/ 1311</u> | GcUcUg | M | -7.8 (-10.26) 365 -7.8 (-10.26) 501 -8.2 (-10.26) 753 -8.3 (-10.26) 778 -8.2 (-10.26) 1311 | 365G 501G 753A 778G 1311A | -8.9 (122/123) -6.6 (12) |
| <u>237/ 344/ 362/ 364/ 424/ 500/ 668/ 705/ 775/ 777/ 845/ 921/ 923</u> | CUCUcg | S | -8.6 (-11.51) 775 -8.2 (-11.51) 500 -7.9 (-9.08) 424 -7.9 (-9.08) 668 -7.9 (-9.08) 845 -7.7 (-9.08) 923 -7.7 (-9.08) 344 -7.7 (-9.08) 237 -7.7 (-9.08) 705 -7.1 (-9.08) 921 -7.1 (-9.08) 777 -7.7 (-9.08) 362 -7.7 (-9.08) 364 | 775C 500C 424G 668G 845U 923A 344G 237A 705U 921U 777A 362U 364A | -7.0 (156) -7.0 (207) -6.3 (1430) |
| <u>343/ 389/ 423/ 568/ 667/ 1515</u> | UcUcCg | S | -8.1 (-9.81) 343 -8.1 (-9.81) 423 -7.9 (-9.81) 389 -7.9 (-9.81) 568 -8.1 (-9.81) 667 -8.6 (-11.89) 1515 | 343A 423U 389A 568A 667U 1515C | -8.1 (1428/1429) -7.2 (96) -6.1 (1528/1529) -5.2 (775/776) |
| <u>386/ 425/ 669/ 846/ 1089/ 1110/ 1128/ 1243/ 1526</u> | CcUcUg | M | -9.5 (-12.03) 1128 -9.4 (-12.03) 1243 -9.3 (-12.03) 1089 -9.2 (-12.03) 1526 -7.6 (-10.09) 846 -7.6 (-10.09) 425 -7.5 (-10.09) 386 -7.5 (-10.09) 1110 -6.9 (-10.09) 669 | 1128C 1243C 1089C 1526C 846G 425G 386A 1110A 669G | -7.7 (1422/1423) |
| <u>341/ 387/ 398/ 426/, 566/</u> | uCcUcg | M | -9.1 (-12.42) 566 -8.1 (-9.99) 341 | 566C 341G | -8.1 (1428/1429) -7.2 (96) |

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| <u>847/ 1062/</u> <u>1111/ 1225/</u> <u>1367/ 1527</u> | | | -8.1 (-9.99) 387 -8.1 (-9.99) 1527 -8.1 (-9.99) 1225 -7.9 (-9.99) 847 -7.9 (-9.99) 398 -7.8 (-9.99) 1367 -7.8 (-9.99) 1062 -7.8 (-9.99) 426 -7.8 (-9.99) 1111 | 387A 1527A 1225A 847A 398G 1367U 1062U 426A 1111A | |
| <u>206/ 605/ 644/</u> <u>728/ 1091</u> | UcCcUg | S | -7.9 (-10.47) 728 -7.9 (-10.47) 206 -7.8 (-10.47) 644 -7.7 (-10.47) 1091 -7.7 (-10.47) 605 | 728A 206A 644G 1091G 605U | -8.9 (1428/1429) -8.5 (1422/143) -7.6 (11/12) -7.6 (96) -7.3 (122) -5.9 (928/929) -5.9 (550/551) |
| <u>645</u> | AuCcCg | S | -7.3 (-9.11) 645 | 645A | -8.1 (350) -7.8 (301) -6.9 (155/156) -6.9 (728/729) -6.9 (791/792) -6.9 (206/207) -6.9 (96/97) -6.7 (1091/1092) -6.7 (605/606) |
| <u>880/ 1556</u> | DcDdGg | S | -6.4 (-11.31) 1556 -4.8 (-8.73) 880 | 1556C 880G | - |

Table S4. Isoenergetic microarrays probes that bind strongly and moderately to (+)RNA5 and their thermodynamic properties. a - probable binding sites of probes, sites are denoted by the middle nucleotide of the complementary RNA region (or two nucleotides for probes with an even number of nucleotides), underlined are sites accessible according to (+)RNA5 secondary structure (Figure 1); b - nucleotides in capital letter (A, C, G, U, D) are 2'-O-methyl-RNA nucleotides, lower case letters (a, c, g, u, d) are LNA nucleotides, D and d are 2,6 - diaminopurine (2'-O-methyl type or LNA, respectively); c - binding was considered strong (S), medium (M) and weak (W), when the integrated intensities were $\geq 1/3$, $\geq 1/9$ and $\geq 1/27$ of the strongest intensity. Hybridization condition: buffer 300 mM KCl, 5 mM MgCl₂, 50 mM HEPES, pH 7.0, 37°C; d - ΔG_{37}° calculated as RNA/RNA duplex and, in parenthesis, as modified probe/RNA duplex for listed binding sites ^{1,2}; e - calculated in RNAstructure program as RNA/RNA duplex and, in parenthesis, the site of binding for which calculation was done. Only alternative binding sites of probes with thermodynamic stability more favorable than -4.0 kcal/mol are noted.

| Sites of RNase H cleavage | Sequence of DNA oligonucleotide | Complementary region for DNA in (+)RNA5 |
|---|---------------------------------|---|
| 157 ^s | CTCCCAATG | 150-158 |
| 423 ^s , 847 ^s , 923 ^s , 925 ^s | CTCTCCATT | 418-426 |
| 604-605 ^s | CTACCCC | 598-604 |
| 262-264 ^s | CTTTCATCA | 258-266 |
| 287 ^s | GTTCTTCCA | 281-289 |
| 365 ^s | CTCTCTCAC | 358-365 |
| 760 ^s | CCATCATTG | 755-763 |
| 356 ^s | CCCATTTC | 350-358 |
| 620 ^s | GCTCCATC | 615-622 |
| 642 ^s | CTCGTTTTA | 635-643 |
| 1153 ^{s*} , 1154 ^{s*} | TGTTCTCA | 1149-1156 |
| 58-60 ^s , 997-999 ^s , 729 ^w | TTTCCCTTT | 724-732 |
| 880 ^w | CACAAGCAG | 875-883 |
| 473 ^w | ATTTAGATTG | 468-477 |
| 1181 ^w | TCAAGAGTG | 1176-1184 |
| 705 ^w | ATTCTCTCA | 703-710 |
| - | CAAATCCTC | 396-404 |
| - | AAGGTCCTC | 1060-1068 |
| - | GGATCTATT | 943-953 |

Table S5. RNase H cleavage sites induced by DNA oligonucleotides in (+)RNA5. s - sites of strong RNase H cleavage, w - sites of weak RNase H cleavage "-, no cleavage. *-published data ³.

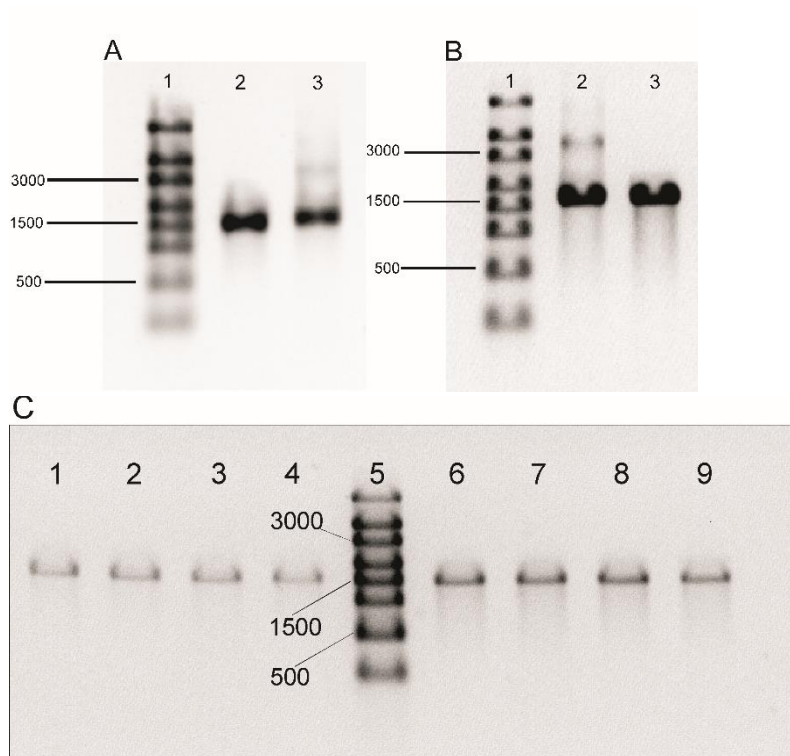


Figure S1. A) - (+)RNA5 analysis by agarose gel electrophoresis. 1 - RNA Ladder - RiboRuler High Range RNA Ladder; 2 - (+)RNA5 after folding described in Methods (in buffer: 100 mM KCl and 5 mM MgCl₂, 50 mM HEPES pH 7.0) and slow cooling to 23°C; 3 - (+)RNA without folding – the homodimer is present. B) - (+)RNA5-ORF analysis by agarose gel electrophoresis. 1 - RNA ladder (RiboRuler High Range RNA Ladder); 2 - (+)RNA5-ORF without folding – the homodimer is present; 3 - (+)RNA5-ORF after folding described in Methods (in buffer 100 mM KCl and 5 mM MgCl₂, 50 mM HEPES pH 7.0) and slow cooling to 23°C. C) - (+)RNA5 after folding described in Methods in appropriate buffer: 1 - (+)RNA5 after folding in buffer: 100 mM KCl, 5 mM MgCl₂, 50 mM HEPES pH 7.0 and slow cooling to 23°C; 2 - (+)RNA5 after folding in buffer: 100 mM KCl and 5 mM MgCl₂, 50 mM HEPES pH 7.0 and slow cooling to 37°C; 3 - RNA5 after folding in buffer: 300 mM KCl, 5 mM MgCl₂, 50 mM HEPES pH 7.0 and slow cooling to 23°C; 4 - (+)RNA5 after folding in buffer: 300 mM KCl, 5 mM MgCl₂, 50 mM HEPES pH 7.0 and slow cooling to 37°C; 5 - RNA Ladder - RiboRuler High Range RNA Ladder; 6 - (+)RNA5-ORF after folding in buffer: 100 mM KCl, 5 mM MgCl₂, 50 mM HEPES pH 7.0 and slow cooling to 23°C; 7 - (+)RNA5-ORF after folding in buffer: 100 mM KCl, 5 mM MgCl₂, 50 mM HEPES pH 7.0 and slow cooling to 37°C; 8 - (+)RNA5-ORF after folding in buffer: 300 mM KCl, 5 mM MgCl₂, 50 mM HEPES pH 7.0 and slow cooling to 23°C; 9 - (+)RNA5-ORF after folding in buffer: 300 mM KCl and 5 mM MgCl₂, 50 mM HEPES pH 7.0 and slow cooling to 37°C.

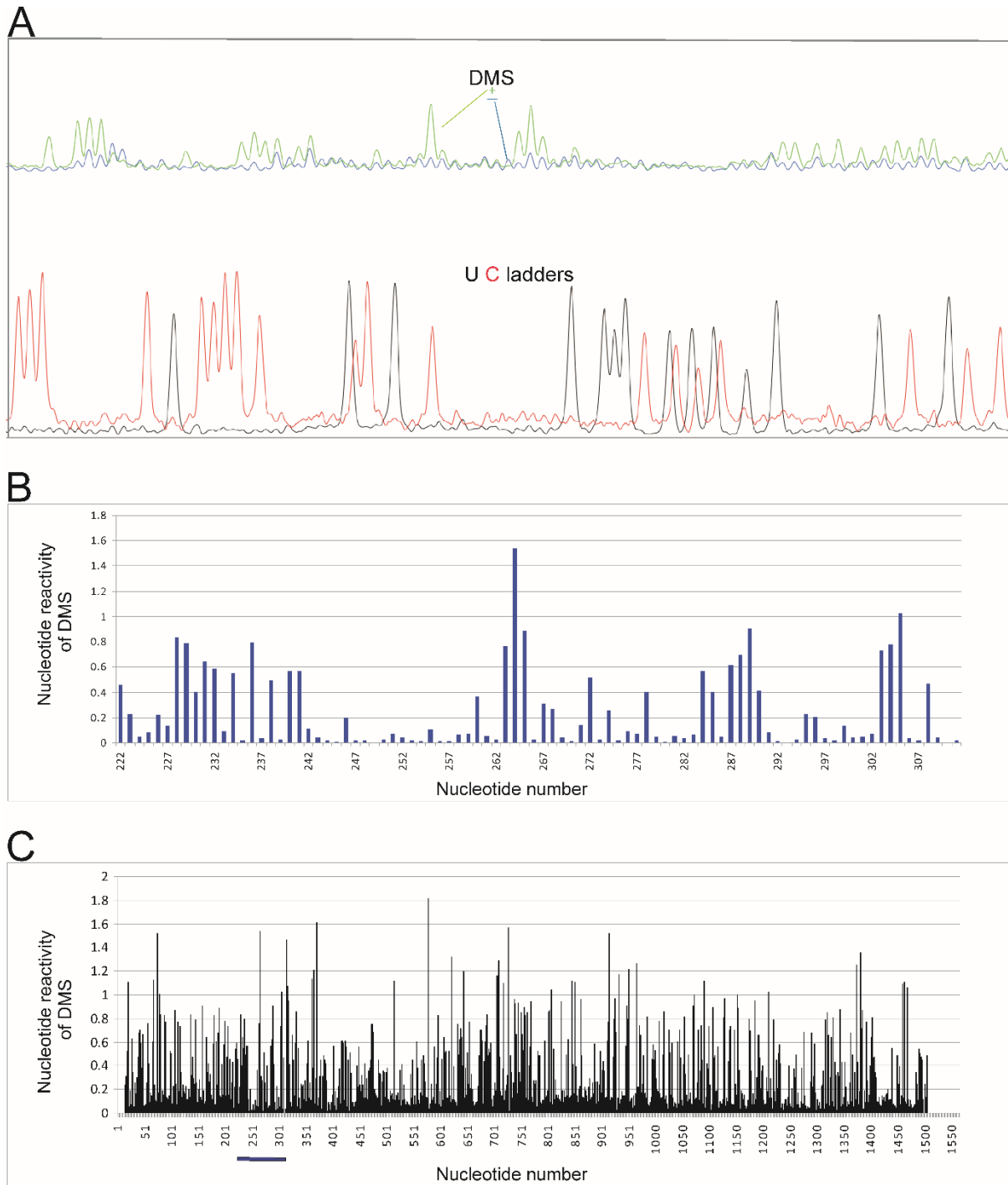


Figure S2. Chemical modifications data at 23°C with DMS for (+)RNA5 detected by reverse transcription with labeled primers followed by capillary electrophoresis. A) - Example of capillary electrophoresis raw data for nt 311-222 (using only Fitted Baseline Adjust option in ShapeFinder program) showing modified RNA (dark green line), unmodified control (light green line) and dideoxy ladders (C – red line and U – black line). B) - (+)RNA5 nucleotides reactivities of DMS mapping for the same fragment showed in panel A, in reverse order (222-311 nt) on the graph. C) - (+)RNA5 nucleotides reactivities of DMS mapping across the entire (+)RNA5 on the graph. The nt region (222-311) showed on panel B is marked by line.

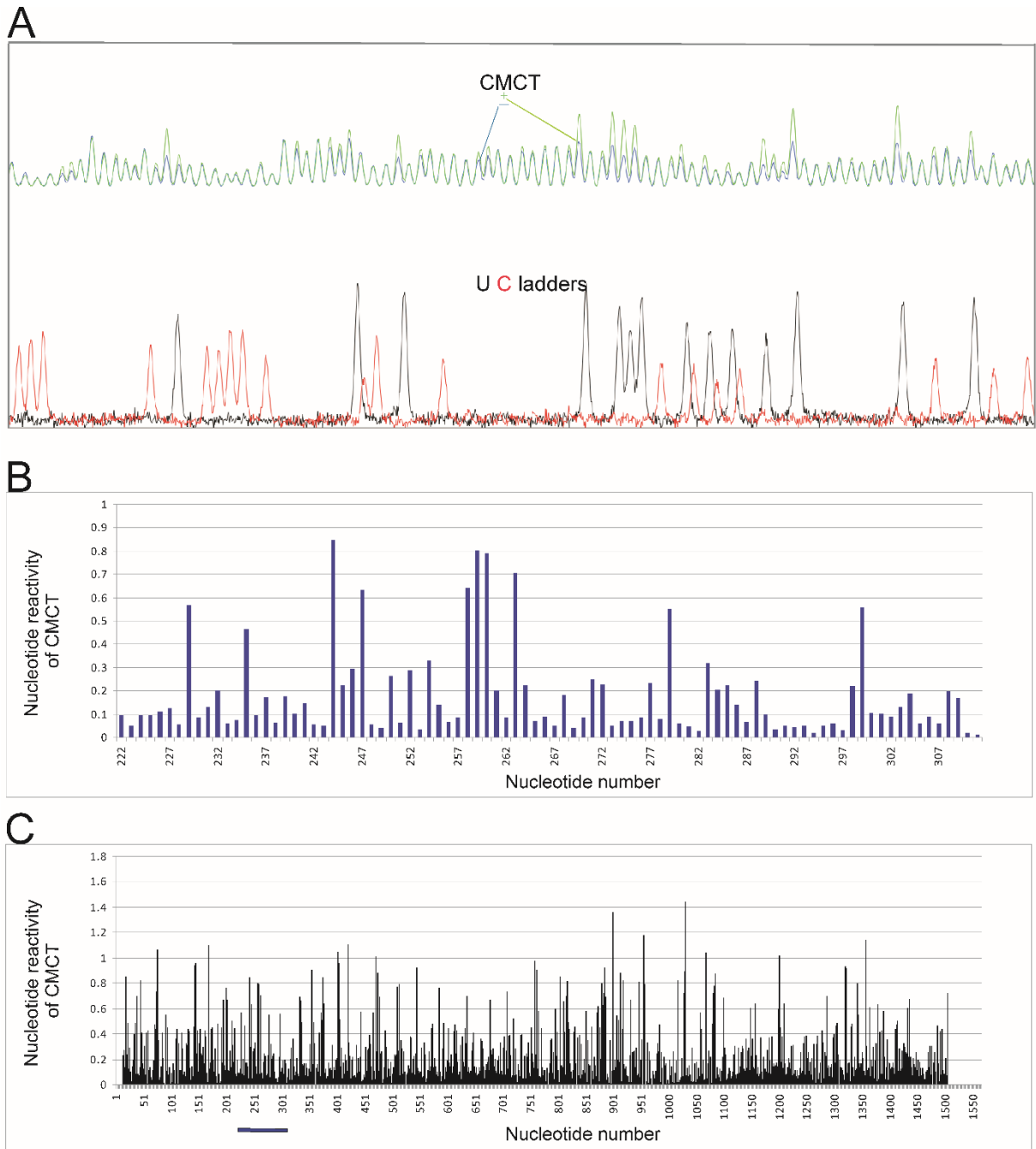


Figure S3. Chemical modifications data at 23°C with CMCT for (+)RNA5 detected by reverse transcription with labeled primers followed by capillary electrophoresis. A) - Example of capillary electrophoresis raw data for nt 311-222 (using only Fitted Baseline Adjust option in ShapeFinder program) showing modified RNA (dark green line), unmodified control (light green line) and dideoxy ladders (C – red line and U – black line). B) - (+)RNA5 nucleotides reactivities of CMCT mapping for the same fragment showed in panel A, in reverse order (222-311 nt) on the graph. C) - (+)RNA5 nucleotides reactivities of CMCT mapping across the entire (+)RNA5 on the graph. The nt region (222-311) showed on panel B is marked by line.

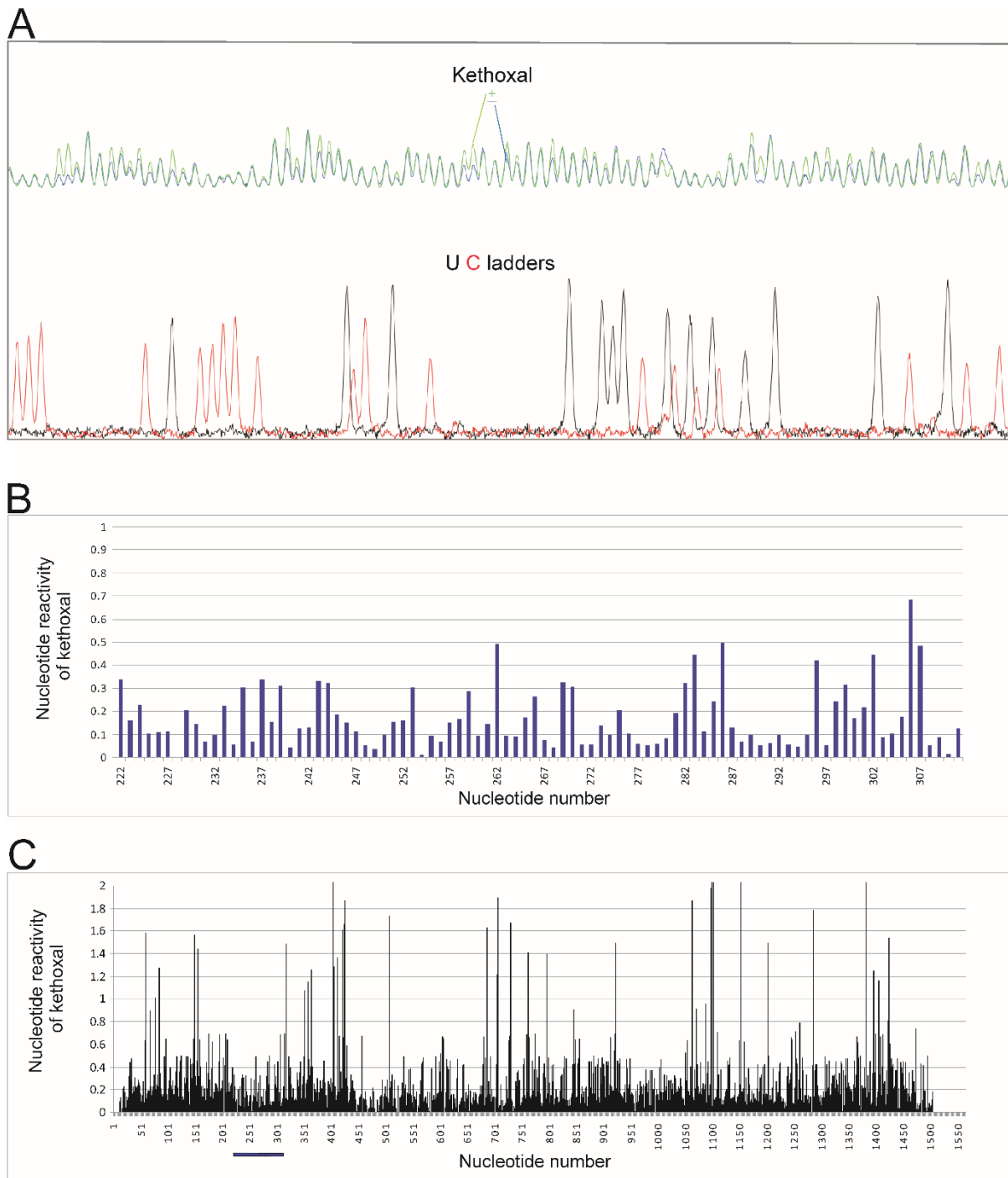


Figure S4. Chemical modifications data at 23°C with kethoxal for (+)RNA5 detected by reverse transcription with labeled primers followed by capillary electrophoresis. A) - Example of capillary electrophoresis raw data for nt 311-222 (using only Fitted Baseline Adjust option in ShapeFinder program) showing modified RNA (dark green line), unmodified control (light green line) and dideoxy ladders (C – red line and U – black line). B) - (+)RNA5 nucleotides reactivities of kethoxal mapping for the same fragment showed in panel A, in reverse order (222-311 nt.) on the graph. C) - (+)RNA5 nucleotides reactivities of kethoxal mapping across the entire (+)RNA5 on the graph. The nt region (222-311) showed on panel B is marked by line.

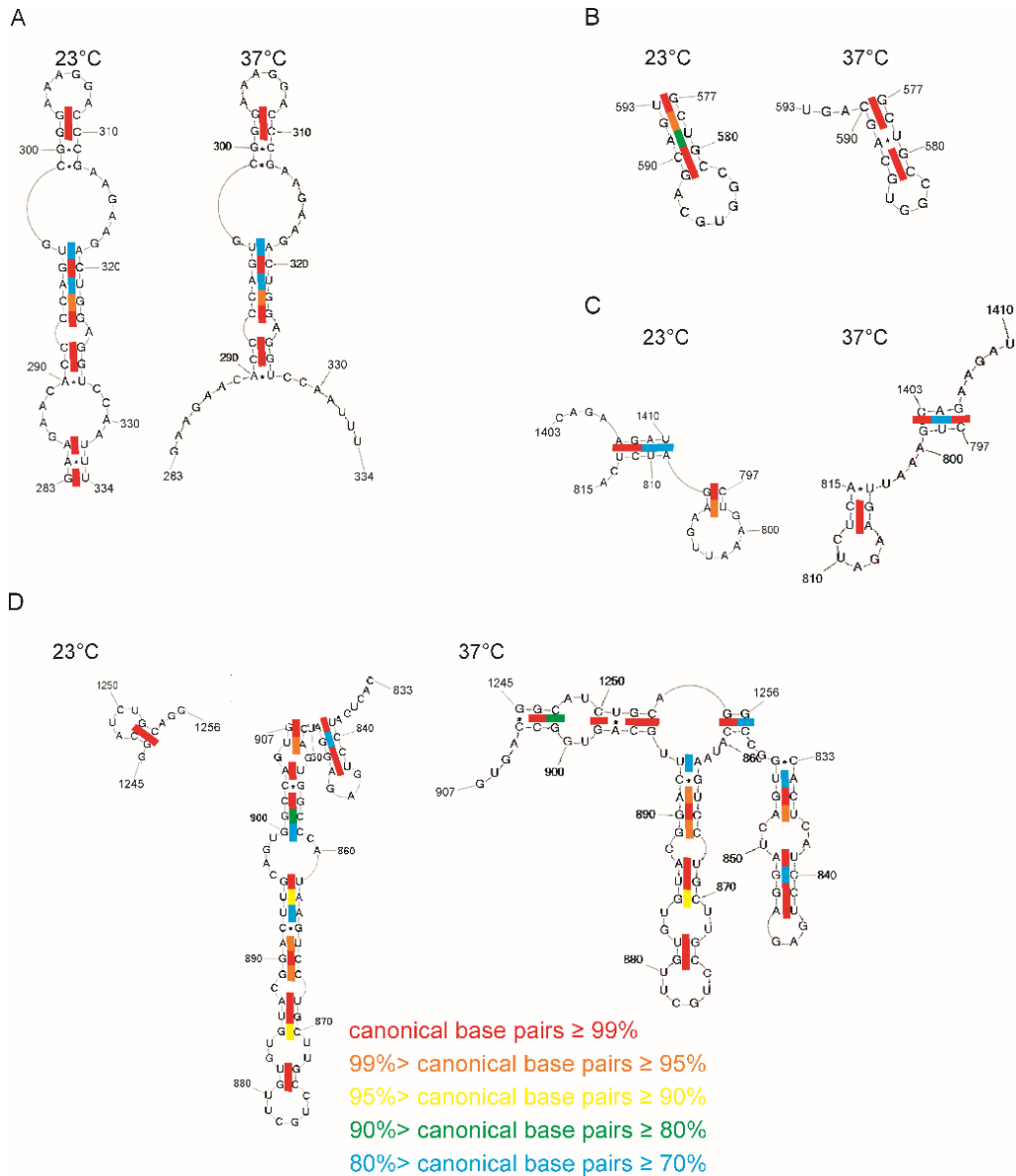


Figure S5. Differences between (+)RNA5 secondary structures predicted based on constraints from 23°C versus 37°C. Differences are in regions: A) - 283-290/332-334; B) - 577-593; C) - 797-815/1403-1410; D) - 833-907/1245-1256.

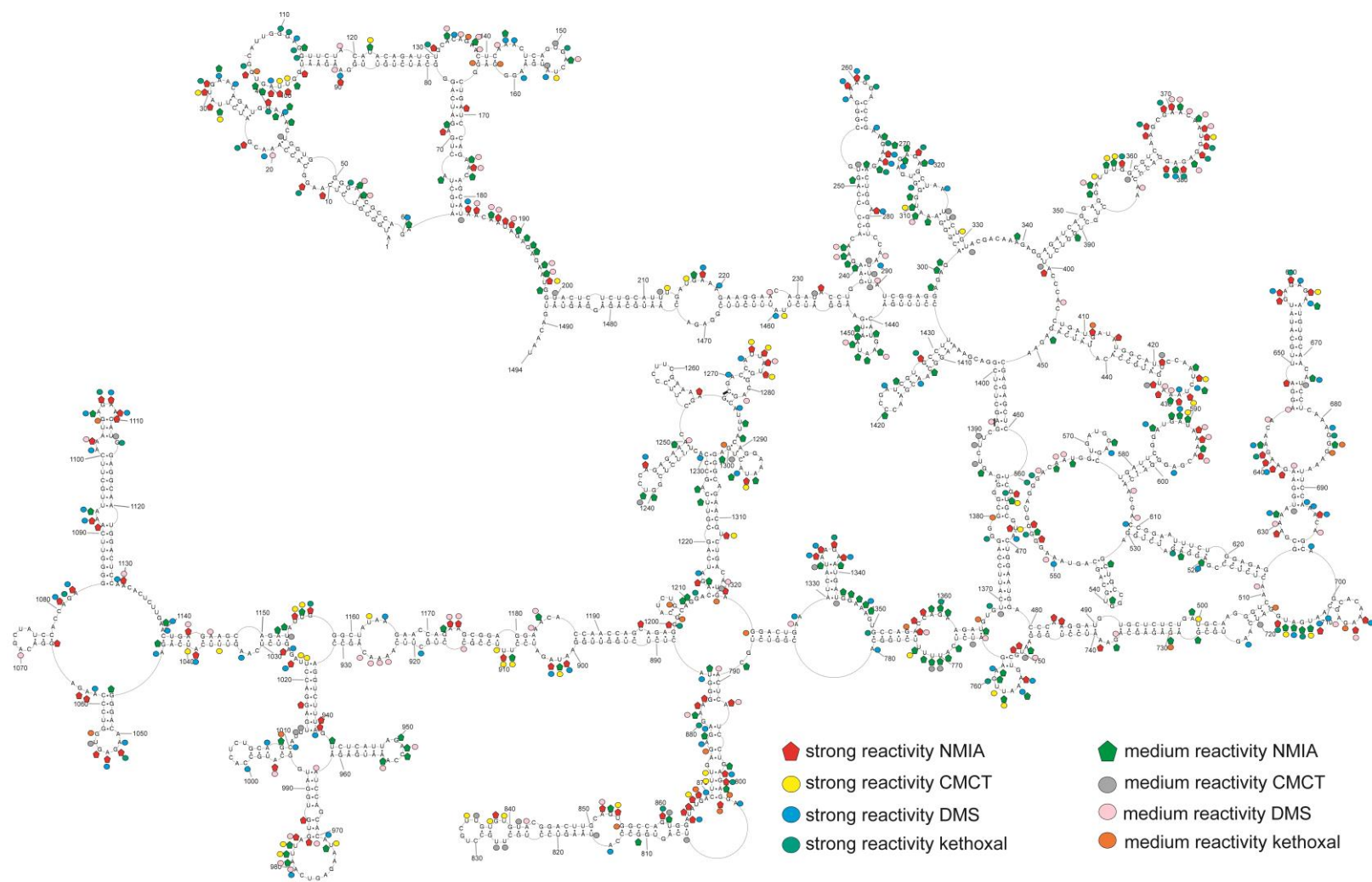
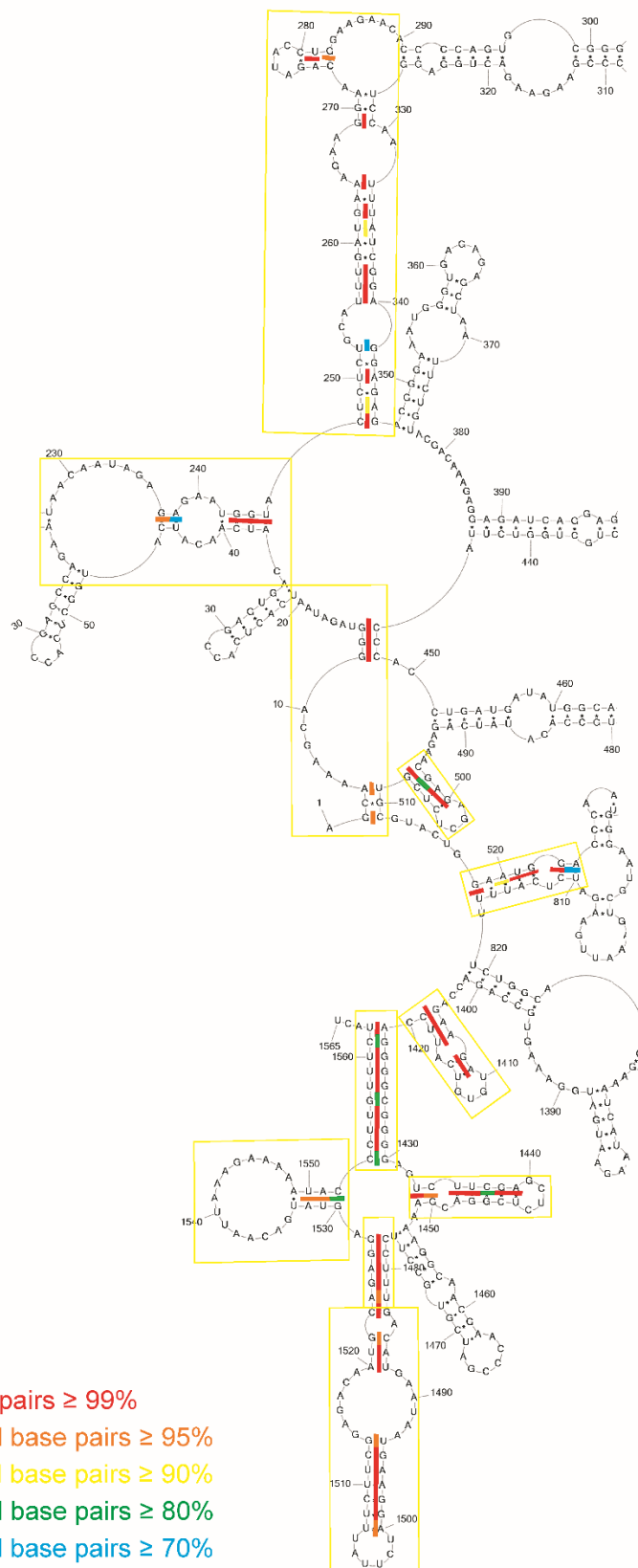


Figure S6. Self-folding of (+)RNA5-ORF predicted by RNAstructure 5.5 using as constraints experimental data obtained at 23°C: strong reactivity of DMS, CMCT, kethoxal and SHAPE reactivities converted to pseudo- free energies. Additionally there are marked medium reactivity of DMS, CMCT and kethoxal. The numbering of (+)RNA5-ORF is from its 5' end. The AUG start codon is nucleotides 1–3..



canonical base pairs $\geq 99\%$
 99%> canonical base pairs $\geq 95\%$
 95%> canonical base pairs $\geq 90\%$
 90%> canonical base pairs $\geq 80\%$
 80%> canonical base pairs $\geq 70\%$

Figure S7. Conservation of (+)RNA5 structure motifs characteristic for constrained secondary structure using a “maximum pairing distance 600” parameter in RNAstructure 5.5. Colors indicate percentage of canonical base pairing preserved across type A strains for (+)RNA segment 5. In yellow boxes were indicated different base pairing region comparing to Figure 1.

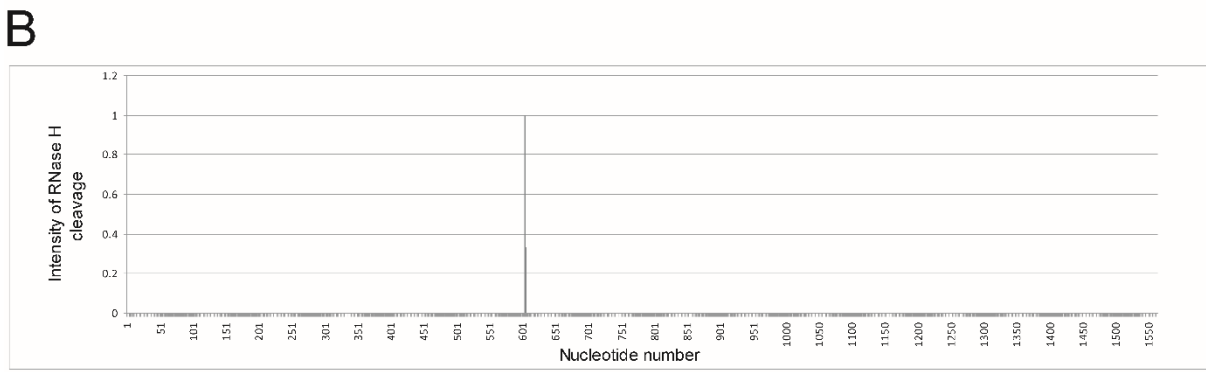
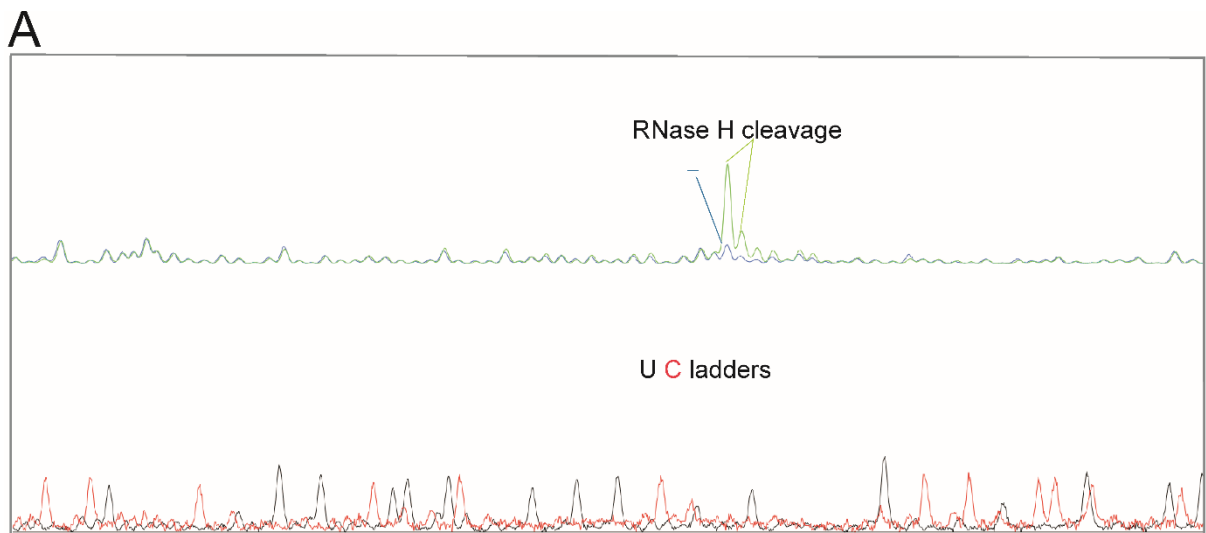


Figure S8. RNase H cleavage of (+)RNA5 with CTACCCC oligonucleotide, detected by reverse transcription with labeled primers followed by capillary electrophoresis. A) - Example of capillary electrophoresis raw data fragment showing region 653-571 nt (using only Fitted Baseline Adjust option in ShapeFinder program) showing RNase H cleavage (green line), control (without DNA oligonucleotide) (blue line) and dideoxy ladders (C – red line and U – black line). B) - Intensity of RNase H cleavage of (+)RNA5 with CTACCCC oligonucleotide on the graph.

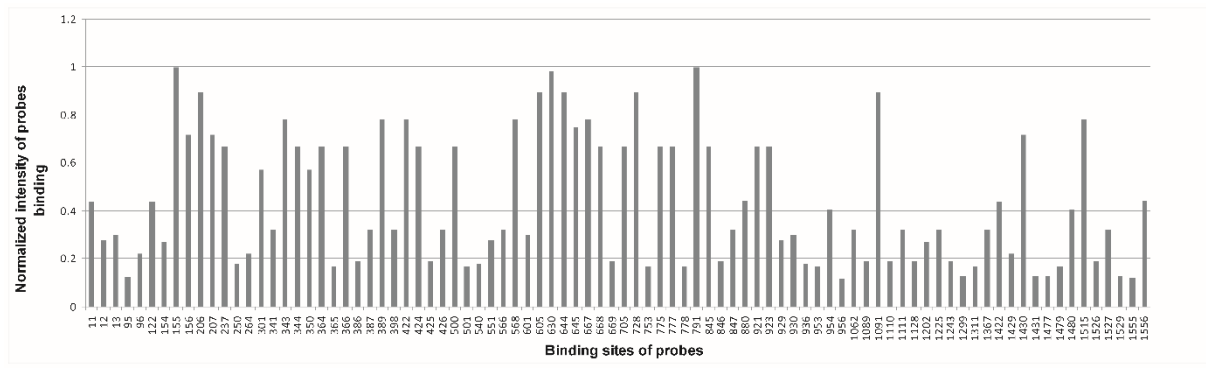


Figure S9. Results of hybridization of (+)RNA5 to isoenergetic microarrays. All complementary sites for probes that bind strongly or moderately are shown. Binding was considered strong (S), medium (M) and weak (W), when the integrated intensities were $\geq 1/3$ ($\geq 1/9$ and $\geq 1/27$ of the strongest intensity). In graph bindings were normalized to the strongest intensity and have values in range 1–0, showing bindings: $0.33 \leq$ strong and $0.11 \leq$ medium < 0.33 .

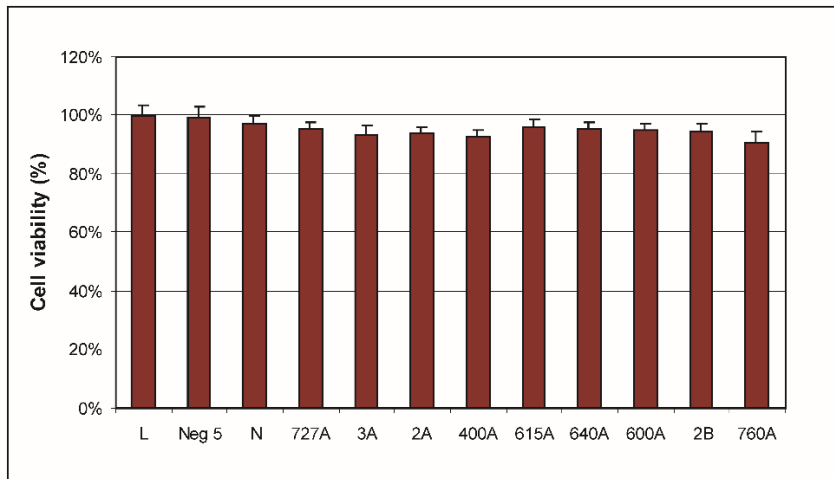


Figure S10. Cell viability measured in MTT test after transfection with 750 nM ASOs. The mean was calculated from three independent experiments, each containing three technical repeats, and the standard deviation is shown. L - MDCK cells treated with Lipofectamine 2000; Neg 5 – MDCK cells transfected with control ASO Neg 5; N - MDCK cells transfected with control ASO N.

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