## Supplemental Figures



**Supplemental Figure S1: Experiment Mapping.** This figure shows the effect of perturbing each single experiment based on the experimental error. A) Mean base pair probability RMSD, averaged between +/- 3  $\sigma$  perturbations of the experimental values. The x-axis, which is shared with subplot B, shows the experiment number. This shows how perturbing a single experiment and then propagating the perturbation through the nearest neighbor parameters values alters the predicted base pairing probabilities. B) The impact of changing an individual experimental value by - 3  $\sigma$  on the parameter values. Independent parameters are along the y-axis, organized by motif type, and the experiment number is shown on the x-axis. This shows how perturbing each experiment perturbs the nearest neighbor parameters. C) Mean base pair probability RMSD, averaged between +/- 3  $\sigma$  perturbations of the parameter values. Parameter indices are along the y-axis, grouped by parameter type and shared with subplot B. An interactive version of this figure is available at http://rna.urmc.rochester.edu/publications.html.



Supplemental Figure S2: Average parameter values and observed parameter standard deviations. Randomly perturbed experiment values were used to generate 100,000 parameter sets. A) The difference between the average values of the parameters across all 100,000 parameter sets and the values calculated using unmodified experiment values is plotted against parameter index. B) The difference between the errors calculated by the propagation of uncertainties and the observed standard deviations for each free parameter is plotted against parameter index.



Supplemental Figure S3: Score distributions for perturbed parameter sets. The average sensitivity and positive predictive value was calculated for each perturbed parameter set compared against predictions made with an unperturbed parameter set. Parameter sets were generated by either randomly perturbing every free parameter value independently or by randomly perturbing every experiment value within experimental uncertainty. 1,000 parameter sets were evaluated for both classes.



Supplemental Figure S4: Base pair probability RMSD distributions for perturbed parameter sets. Parameter sets were generated by either randomly perturbing every free parameter value independently or by randomly perturbing every experimental value within experimental uncertainty. A) The mean base pair probability RMSD across 1650 sequences was calculated for each parameter set compared against predictions made with an unperturbed parameter set. B) The mean base pair probability length-corrected RMSD across 1650 sequences was calculated for each parameter set compared against predictions made with an unperturbed parameter set. B) The mean base pair probability length-corrected RMSD across 1650 sequences was calculated for each parameter set evaluated for both classes.



Supplemental Figure S5: Convergence of mean RMSD calculations. The cumulative mean average RMSD is plotted as the number of parameter sets is increased. The convergence of the values for both data tables generated by simultaneously perturbing all free nearest neighbor parameter values and data tables generated by perturbing all experiment values within experimental uncertainty demonstrates that sufficient numbers of data table sets have been sampled for both types.



Supplemental Figure S6: Accuracy distributions for randomly perturbed parameter sets. 1000 parameter sets were generated by randomly perturbing optical melting values within experimental uncertainty. The parameter sets were then benchmarked by predicting secondary structures for 1,450 sequences of known structure. The average positive predictive value (PPV) and sensitivity scores across the RNA families are plotted (A and B respectively). The red line indicates the score for the unperturbed parameter set and the blue line indicates the score of the "average" parameter set.



Supplemental Figure S7: Accuracy scores for randomly perturbed parameter sets. 1000 parameter sets were generated by randomly perturbing optical melting values within experimental uncertainty. The parameter sets were then benchmarked by predicting secondary structures for 1,450 sequences of known structure. The sensitivities are plotted against PPVs, where the predicted structures are scored against the known structures. Each data point represents the scores for a single parameter set, with the red data point illustrating the performance of the unperturbed parameter set and the blue dot representing the scores for the "average" parameter set.



Supplemental Figure S8: RMSD difference between positive and negative  $\Delta G$  perturbations. Experiment indices are along the x-axis, organized by structure type. Difference in Mean base pair probability RMSD for the entire sequence archive except randomized sequences for +3 and -3  $\sigma$  perturbations. The details of each experiment are available in the Supplemental Tables S1-S8.

Supplementary Table 1: Helical Duplex Experiment List

Note: The top strand is shown 5' to 3'. The bottom strand is shown 3' to 5'.

| Index | ID# | Duplex                  | Folding Free<br>Energy Change<br>(kcal/mol) | Reference |
|-------|-----|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1     | R1  | UCAUGA<br>AGUACU        | -4.30                                       | (1)       |
| 2     | R3  | CAAAAAAG<br>GUUUUUUC    | -4.10                                       | (2)       |
| 3     | R4  | CAAAAAAAG<br>GUUUUUUUUC | -5.00                                       | (2)       |
| 4     | R5  | CCGG<br>GGCC            | -4.55                                       | (3)       |
| 5     | R6  | ACCGGU<br>UGGCCA        | -8.48                                       | (3)       |
| 6     | R8  | GGCC<br>CCGG            | -5.37                                       | (4)       |
| 7     | R9  | GGCC<br>CCGG            | -5.90                                       | (4)       |
| 8     | R12 | GGCC<br>CCGG            | -5.32                                       | (5)       |
| 9     | R14 | AGGCCU<br>UCCGGA        | -8.50                                       | (5)       |
| 10    | R15 | CGGCCG<br>GCCGGC        | -9.90                                       | (5)       |
| 11    | R18 | GCCGGC<br>CGGCCG        | -11.22                                      | (5)       |
| 12    | R19 | UCCGGA<br>AGGCCU        | -7.86                                       | (5)       |
| 13    | R20 | GCGC<br>CGCG            | -4.63                                       | (6)       |
| 14    | R21 | GCGCGC<br>CGCGCG        | -10.60                                      | (6)       |
| 15    | R22 | CGCGCG<br>GCGCGC        | -9.06                                       | (6)       |
| 16    | R24 | AUGCGU<br>UGCGUA        | -4.22                                       | (7)       |
| 17    | R25 | AUGCGCGU<br>UGCGCGUA    | -9.31                                       | (7)       |

| 18 | R26 | AUGCGUAU<br>UAUGCGUA | -5.27  | (7) |
|----|-----|----------------------|--------|-----|
| 19 | R27 | AUGUGCAU<br>UACGUGUA | -6.17  | (7) |
| 20 | R28 | GCUGGC<br>CGGUCG     | -6.47  | (7) |
| 21 | R29 | GGCGUC<br>CUGCGG     | -4.67  | (7) |
| 22 | R30 | CUGCGG<br>GGCGUC     | -4.31  | (7) |
| 23 | R31 | CGGCUG<br>GUCGGC     | -5.55  | (7) |
| 24 | R32 | AUGCAU<br>UACGUA     | -4.73  | (7) |
| 25 | R33 | AUGCGCAU<br>UACGCGUA | -10.19 | (7) |
| 26 | R34 | AUACGUAU<br>UAUGCAUA | -6.57  | (7) |
| 27 | R35 | AUGUACAU<br>UACAUGUA | -6.49  | (7) |
| 28 | R36 | GCUAGC<br>CGAUCG     | -7.89  | (7) |
| 29 | R37 | GACGUC<br>CUGCAG     | -7.24  | (7) |
| 30 | R38 | CUGCAG<br>GACGUC     | -7.11  | (7) |
| 31 | R39 | CAGCUG<br>GUCGAC     | -6.72  | (7) |
| 32 | R40 | UGGCCG<br>GCCGGU     | -8.56  | (8) |
| 33 | R41 | UCCGGG<br>GGGCCU     | -7.44  | (8) |
| 34 | R42 | GCCGGU<br>UGGCCG     | -9.17  | (8) |
| 35 | R43 | GGCGCU<br>UCGCGG     | -8.42  | (8) |
| 36 | R44 | GCAUGC<br>CGUACG     | -7.34  | (9) |
| 37 | R45 | GUGCAC<br>CACGUG     | -7.65  | (9) |
| 38 | R46 | GUCUAGAC<br>CAGAUCUG | -10.09 | (9) |

| 39 | R47 | GAUAUAUC<br>CUAUAUAG | -6.05  | (9)  |
|----|-----|----------------------|--------|------|
| 40 | R48 | GUAUAUAC<br>CAUAUAUG | -5.99  | (9)  |
| 41 | R49 | GAGAGA<br>CUCUCU     | -6.86  | (9)  |
| 42 | R50 | AGAGAGAG<br>UCUCUCUC | -11.14 | (9)  |
| 43 | R51 | AAUGCAUU<br>UUACGUAA | -7.17  | (9)  |
| 44 | R52 | UAUGCAUA<br>AUACGUAU | -7.22  | (9)  |
| 45 | R53 | GAUGCAUC<br>CUACGUAG | -10.18 | (9)  |
| 46 | R54 | CAUGCAUG<br>GUACGUAC | -9.72  | (9)  |
| 47 | R55 | AGAUAUCU<br>UCUAUAGA | -6.50  | (10) |
| 48 | R56 | AUCUAGAU<br>UAGAUCUA | -7.17  | (10) |
| 49 | R57 | AACUAGUU<br>UUGAUCAA | -7.15  | (10) |
| 50 | R58 | AGUUAACU<br>UCAAUUGA | -6.19  | (10) |
| 51 | R59 | ACUUAAGU<br>UGAAUUCA | -6.26  | (10) |
| 52 | R60 | GAACGUUC<br>CUUGCAAG | -9.39  | (10) |
| 53 | R61 | GUUCGAAC<br>CAAGCUUG | -8.76  | (10) |
| 54 | R62 | UCUAUAGA<br>AGAUAUCU | -6.89  | (10) |
| 55 | R63 | UAGAUCUA<br>AUCUAGAU | -7.06  | (10) |
| 56 | R64 | GUCGAC<br>CAGCUG     | -7.08  | (10) |
| 57 | R65 | ACUAUAGU<br>UGAUAUCA | -7.09  | (10) |
| 58 | R67 | UGAUCA<br>ACUAGU     | -5.00  | (10) |
| 59 | R68 | UCAUGA<br>AGUACU     | -3.82  | (10) |

| 60 | R70 | UGCGCA<br>ACGCGU     | -8.17  | (11) |
|----|-----|----------------------|--------|------|
| 61 | R71 | AGCGCU<br>UCGCGA     | -8.01  | (11) |
| 62 | R72 | GGCGCC<br>CCGCGG     | -11.31 | (11) |
| 63 | R73 | UGCGCA<br>ACGCGU     | -8.12  | (12) |
| 64 | R74 | GAUGCAUU<br>UUACGUAG | -6.82  | (13) |
| 65 | R75 | UAUGCAUG<br>GUACGUAU | -6.44  | (13) |
| 66 | R76 | GCGGCG<br>CGCCGC     | -10.43 | (14) |
| 67 | R78 | AUGGUCAU<br>UACUGGUA | -5.42  | (15) |
| 68 | R79 | CCUGUAGG<br>GGAUGUCC | -6.81  | (15) |
| 69 | R80 | CGGGUCCG<br>GCCUGGGC | -11.18 | (15) |
| 70 | R81 | CGUUGACG<br>GCAGUUGC | -6.94  | (15) |
| 71 | R82 | CUGGUCAG<br>GACUGGUC | -7.11  | (15) |
| 72 | R83 | GGAGUUCC<br>CCUUGAGG | -6.45  | (15) |
| 73 | R84 | GGAUGUCC<br>CCUGUAGG | -8.36  | (15) |
| 74 | R85 | GGCGUGCC<br>CCGUGCGG | -9.23  | (15) |
| 75 | R86 | GUCGUGAC<br>CAGUGCUG | -6.05  | (15) |
| 76 | R87 | GAGUUGAG<br>CUCGGCUC | -8.21  | (15) |
| 77 | R88 | AGGCUU<br>UUCGGA     | -4.04  | (15) |
| 78 | R89 | AGUCGAUU<br>UUAGCUGA | -5.97  | (15) |
| 79 | R90 | CGGAUUCG<br>GCUUAGGC | -6.54  | (15) |
| 80 | R91 | CCUAGG<br>GGAUCC     | -7.86  | (15) |

| 81  | R93  | GGAUCC<br>CCUAGG     | -7.46  | (15) |
|-----|------|----------------------|--------|------|
| 82  | R94  | CACAG<br>GUGUC       | -4.41  | (16) |
| 83  | R95  | UGACCUCA<br>ACUGGAGU | -12.34 | (17) |
| 84  | R96  | GAGCUC<br>CUCGAG     | -7.73  | (18) |
| 85  | R97  | GCGUGC<br>CGUGCG     | -5.11  | (18) |
| 86  | R98  | GAGGUCUC<br>CUCUGGAG | -8.77  | (19) |
| 87  | R99  | GAGCUC<br>CUCGAG     | -7.93  | (19) |
| 88  | R100 | GGUACC<br>CCAUGG     | -7.32  | (19) |
| 89  | R101 | GAGUGCUC<br>CUCGUGAG | -9.17  | (20) |
| 90  | R102 | GGUUGACC<br>CCAGUUGG | -8.30  | (20) |
| 91  | R103 | GGCUGGCC<br>CCGGUCGG | -13.26 | (20) |
| 92  | R106 | CCAUGUGG<br>GGUGUACC | -7.82  | (21) |
| 93  | R107 | CCAGUUGG<br>GGUUGACC | -5.71  | (21) |
| 94  | R108 | CCAUGG<br>GGUACC     | -7.39  | (21) |
| 95  | R109 | GAGGAG<br>CUCCUC     | -8.50  | (22) |
| 96  | R110 | GAGUGGAG<br>CUCGUCUC | -9.69  | (22) |
| 97  | R112 | GAGGUGAG<br>CUCUGCUC | -7.62  | (22) |
| 98  | R113 | CGCG<br>GCGC         | -3.66  | (1)  |
| 99  | R114 | ACGCA<br>UGCGU       | -4.96  | (1)  |
| 100 | R115 | AGCGA<br>UCGCU       | -5.06  | (1)  |
| 101 | R116 | GCACG<br>CGUGC       | -6.17  | (1)  |

| 102 | R117 | GCUCG<br>CGAGC     | -6.13  | (1) |
|-----|------|--------------------|--------|-----|
| 103 | R118 | CACGUG<br>GUGCAC   | -6.58  | (1) |
| 104 | R119 | CCGCGG<br>GGCGCC   | -9.83  | (1) |
| 105 | R120 | GCAACG<br>CGUUGC   | -6.99  | (1) |
| 106 | R121 | GCAUCG<br>CGUAGC   | -7.26  | (1) |
| 107 | R122 | GCCGCG<br>CGGCGC   | -10.87 | (1) |
| 108 | R123 | GCGCCG<br>CGCGGC   | -10.92 | (1) |
| 109 | R124 | GCGCGG<br>CGCGCC   | -11.39 | (1) |
| 110 | R125 | GCGUCG<br>CGCAGC   | -8.77  | (1) |
| 111 | R126 | GCUACG<br>CGAUGC   | -7.56  | (1) |
| 112 | R127 | GGCGCG<br>CCGCGC   | -10.77 | (1) |
| 113 | R128 | GUGGUG<br>CACCAC   | -7.68  | (1) |
| 114 | R129 | GUGUCG<br>CACAGC   | -7.18  | (1) |
| 115 | R130 | UCGCGA<br>AGCGCU   | -6.85  | (1) |
| 116 | R131 | UCUAGA<br>AGAUCU   | -4.96  | (1) |
| 117 | R132 | AAGGAGG<br>UUCCUCC | -9.53  | (1) |
| 118 | R133 | ACUGUCA<br>UGACAGU | -7.92  | (1) |
| 119 | R134 | AGUCUGA<br>UCAGACU | -7.50  | (1) |
| 120 | R135 | GACUCAG<br>CUGAGUC | -9.06  | (1) |
| 121 | R136 | GAGUGAG<br>CUCACUC | -9.70  | (1) |
| 122 | R137 | GUCACUG<br>CAGUGAC | -8.62  | (1) |

| 123 | R138 | ACCUUUGC<br>UGGAAACG     | -10.64 | (1)  |
|-----|------|--------------------------|--------|------|
| 124 | R139 | CGACGCAG<br>GCUGCGUC     | -12.32 | (1)  |
| 125 | R140 | CUCGCACA<br>GAGCGUGU     | -12.10 | (1)  |
| 126 | R141 | GGCUUCAA<br>CCGAAGUU     | -10.20 | (1)  |
| 127 | R142 | UCCUUGCA<br>AGGAACGU     | -11.09 | (1)  |
| 128 | R143 | UUCCGGAA<br>AAGGCCUU     | -10.80 | (1)  |
| 129 | R144 | UUGCGCAA<br>AACGCGUU     | -10.19 | (1)  |
| 130 | R145 | UUGGCCAA<br>AACCGGUU     | -11.02 | (1)  |
| 131 | R146 | UUGUACAA<br>AACAUGUU     | -6.71  | (1)  |
| 132 | R147 | AAGGUUGGAA<br>UUCCAACCUU | -12.69 | (1)  |
| 133 | R148 | CAUGCG<br>GUACGC         | -7.01  | (1)  |
| 134 | R150 | GCUGAG<br>CGACUC         | -7.71  | (1)  |
| 135 | R151 | GUGCAG<br>CACGUC         | -7.68  | (1)  |
| 136 | R156 | UCCGCGCA<br>AGGCGCGU     | -14.59 | (1)  |
| 137 | R157 | GCGGCG<br>CGCCGC         | -10.91 | (23) |
| 138 | R158 | GCGCGC<br>CGCGCG         | -10.82 | (23) |
| 139 | R159 | AAGGCCGGAA<br>UUCCGGCCUU | -18.15 | (24) |
| 140 | R160 | CCUCUGGUGA<br>GGAGACCGCU | -15.31 | (24) |
| 141 | R161 | AGGCCGGA<br>UCCGGCCU     | -15.26 | (24) |
| 142 | R162 | GAGCCGAC<br>CUCGGCUG     | -13.76 | (24) |
| 143 | R163 | UCACCUGA<br>AGUGGACU     | -10.84 | (24) |

| 144 | R166 | CUGGUC<br>GACCAG     | -8.05  | (25)        |
|-----|------|----------------------|--------|-------------|
| 145 | R168 | GAGUUGAC<br>CUCAACUG | -10.60 | (26)        |
| 146 | R169 | GAGUGAG<br>CUCGCUC   | -7.81  | (23)        |
| 147 | R170 | AUCUAGGU<br>UGGAUCUA | -5.90  | Unpublished |
| 148 | R171 | GUCUAGAU<br>UAGAUCUG | -7.66  | Unpublished |

Supplementary Table 2: Dangling End Duplex Experiment List

Note: The top strand is shown 5' to 3'. The bottom strand is shown 3' to 5'. Unpaired nucleotides are in lower case.

| Index | ID# | Duplex             | Folding Free Energy<br>Change | Reference |
|-------|-----|--------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
|       |     |                    | (kcal/mol)                    |           |
| 149   | D1  | UGCGCAa<br>aACGCGU | -9.60                         | (12)      |
| 150   | D2  | UGCGCAc<br>cACGCGU | -9.11                         | (12)      |
| 151   | D3  | UGCGCAg<br>gACGCGU | -9.79                         | (12)      |
| 152   | D4  | UGCGCAu<br>uACGCGU | -9.27                         | (12)      |
| 153   | D5  | AUGCAUa<br>aUACGUA | -6.06                         | (12)      |
| 154   | D6  | AUGCAUC<br>CUACGUA | -4.98                         | (12)      |
| 155   | D7  | AUGCAUg<br>gUACGUA | -6.06                         | (12)      |
| 156   | D8  | AUGCAUu<br>uUACGUA | -4.91                         | (12)      |
| 157   | D9  | CCGGa<br>aGGCC     | -6.85                         | (3)       |
| 158   | D10 | CCGGa<br>aGGCC     | -6.84                         | (3)       |
| 159   | D11 | CCGGC<br>CGGCC     | -5.25                         | (4)       |
| 160   | D12 | CCGGg<br>gGGCC     | -7.05                         | (4)       |
| 161   | D13 | CCGGu<br>uGGCC     | -5.81                         | (4)       |
| 162   | D14 | CCGGu<br>uGGCC     | -5.76                         | (3)       |
| 163   | D15 | GCGCa<br>aCGCG     | -7.92                         | (11)      |
| 164   | D16 | GGCCa<br>aCCGG     | -9.01                         | (4)       |
| 165   | D17 | GCGCc<br>cCGCG     | -6.16                         | (11)      |
| 166   | D18 | GGCCC<br>cCCGG     | -6.96                         | (4)       |

| 167 | D19 | GCGCg<br>gCGCG     | -7.70 | (11)        |
|-----|-----|--------------------|-------|-------------|
| 168 | D20 | GGCCg<br>gCCGG     | -8.88 | (4)         |
| 169 | D21 | GGCCu<br>uCCGG     | -8.16 | (5)         |
| 170 | D22 | GCGCu<br>uCGCG     | -6.93 | (11)        |
| 171 | D23 | GGCCu<br>uCCGG     | -7.98 | (4)         |
| 172 | D24 | aUGCGCA<br>ACGCGUa | -8.72 | (12)        |
| 173 | D25 | cUCAUGA<br>AGUACUc | -4.09 | Unpublished |
| 174 | D26 | aAUGCAU<br>UACGUAa | -5.38 | (12)        |
| 175 | D27 | CAUGCAU<br>UACGUAC | -5.23 | (12)        |
| 176 | D28 | gAUGCAU<br>UACGUAg | -5.44 | (12)        |
| 177 | D29 | uAUGCAU<br>UACGUAu | -5.11 | (12)        |
| 178 | D30 | aCCGG<br>GGCCa     | -5.60 | (3)         |
| 179 | D31 | cCCGG<br>GGCCc     | -5.27 | Unpublished |
| 180 | D32 | gCCGG<br>GGCCg     | -4.90 | (5)         |
| 181 | D33 | uCCGG<br>GGCCu     | -4.84 | (5)         |
| 182 | D34 | aGGCC<br>CCGGa     | -5.81 | (5)         |
| 183 | D35 | CGGCC<br>CCGGC     | -5.79 | (5)         |
| 184 | D36 | cGCGC<br>CGCGc     | -5.27 | (11)        |
| 185 | D37 | gGCGC<br>CGCGg     | -4.55 | (11)        |
| 186 | D38 | uGGCC<br>CCGGu     | -5.17 | (5)         |
| 187 | D39 | uGCGC<br>CGCGu     | -5.08 | (11)        |

| 188 | D40 | GGCCc<br>cCCGG     | -7.22  | (4)  |
|-----|-----|--------------------|--------|------|
| 189 | D41 | GCCGGUa<br>aUGGCCG | -11.37 | (8)  |
| 190 | D42 | GCGGCGa<br>aCGCCGC | -14.63 | (14) |
| 191 | D43 | GACCGCa<br>aCUGGCG | -12.17 | (14) |
| 192 | D44 | AGCGCGp<br>pGCGCGA | -8.73  | (27) |
| 193 | D45 | GCCGGAg<br>gAGGCCG | -8.44  | (27) |

Supplementary Table 3: Terminal Mismatch Duplex Experiment List

Note: The top strand is shown 5' to 3'. The bottom strand is shown 3' to 5'. Unpaired nucleotides are in lower case.

| Index | ID# | Duplex               | Folding Free Energy<br>Change | Reference |
|-------|-----|----------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
|       |     |                      | (kcal/mol)                    |           |
| 194   | T1  | aUGCGCAa<br>aACGCGUa | -9.68                         | (13)      |
| 195   | T2  | aUGCGCAc<br>cACGCGUa | -9.42                         | (13)      |
| 196   | Т3  | aUGCGCAg<br>gACGCGUa | -9.77                         | (13)      |
| 197   | T4  | aGCGCa<br>aCGCGa     | -7.64                         | (28)      |
| 198   | T5  | cGGCCa<br>aCCGGc     | -8.30                         | (28)      |
| 199   | T6  | gGCGCa<br>aCGCGg     | -7.52                         | (28)      |
| 200   | T7  | uGGCCc<br>cCCGGu     | -6.90                         | (28)      |
| 201   | T8  | gGCGCg<br>gCGCGg     | -7.71                         | (28)      |
| 202   | Т9  | cGGCCu<br>uCCGGc     | -8.09                         | (28)      |
| 203   | T10 | uGCGCu<br>uCGCGu     | -7.01                         | (8)       |
| 204   | T11 | aCCGGa<br>aGGCCa     | -6.73                         | (29)      |
| 205   | T12 | gCCGGa<br>aGGCCg     | -7.03                         | (8)       |
| 206   | T13 | aCCGGc<br>cGGCCa     | -6.72                         | (29)      |
| 207   | T14 | aCCGGg<br>gGGCCa     | -7.71                         | (29)      |
| 208   | T15 | gCCGGg<br>gGGCCg     | -7.48                         | (8)       |
| 209   | T16 | aUCCGGGa<br>aGGGCCUa | -7.94                         | (30)      |
| 210   | T17 | aUGGCCGg<br>gGCCGGUa | -9.72                         | (30)      |
| 211   | T18 | uUGGCCGu<br>uGCCGGUu | -9.70                         | (31)      |

| 212 | T19 | aAUGCAUa<br>aUACGUAa | -6.61  | (13) |
|-----|-----|----------------------|--------|------|
| 213 | T20 | cAUGCAUa<br>aUACGUAc | -6.25  | (13) |
| 214 | T21 | gAUGCAUa<br>aUACGUAg | -6.93  | (13) |
| 215 | T22 | aAUGCAUc<br>cUACGUAa | -6.17  | (13) |
| 216 | T23 | CAUGCAUC<br>CUACGUAC | -5.90  | (13) |
| 217 | T24 | uAUGCAUc<br>cUACGUAu | -5.66  | (13) |
| 218 | T25 | aAUGCAUg<br>gUACGUAa | -6.96  | (13) |
| 219 | T26 | gAUGCAUg<br>gUACGUAg | -7.02  | (13) |
| 220 | T27 | cAUGCAUu<br>uUACGUAc | -5.91  | (13) |
| 221 | T28 | uAUGCAUu<br>uUACGUAu | -5.75  | (13) |
| 222 | T29 | aGCGUa<br>aUGCGa     | -3.97  | (30) |
| 223 | Т30 | aGGCGCUg<br>gUCGCGGa | -9.38  | (30) |
| 224 | T31 | gGCCGGUg<br>gUGGCCGg | -10.79 | (30) |
| 225 | T32 | uGCCGGUu<br>uUGGCCGu | -9.97  | (31) |
| 226 | Т33 | aGCGCg<br>gCGCGa     | -7.47  | (27) |

## Supplementary Table 4: Hairpin Loop Experiment List

| Note: The sequence is shown 5' to 3'. l | Jnpaired nucleotides are in lower case. |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|

| Index | ID# | Duplex             | Folding Free<br>Energy Change<br>(kcal/mol) | Reference |
|-------|-----|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 227   | H1  | GGAauaUCC          | 0.64                                        | (32)      |
| 228   | H2  | GGAGaaaUUCC        | -0.93                                       | (30)      |
| 229   | H3  | GGCauaGCC          | -0.96                                       | (32)      |
| 230   | H4  | GGGaaaUCC          | 0.33                                        | (30)      |
| 231   | H5  | GGGauaCCC          | -0.21                                       | (32)      |
| 232   | H6  | GGGAUACaaaGUAUCCA  | -6.30                                       | (33)      |
| 233   | H7  | GGGAUACcccGUAUCCA  | -4.64                                       | (33)      |
| 234   | H8  | GGGAUACuuuGUAUCCA  | -7.03                                       | (33)      |
| 235   | H9  | GGUauaACC          | 0.58                                        | (32)      |
| 236   | H10 | GGUauaGCC          | 0.87                                        | (30)      |
| 237   | H11 | GCGauuaUGC         | -0.32                                       | (30)      |
| 238   | H12 | GCGGauuaUCGC       | -1.41                                       | (30)      |
| 239   | H13 | GGAauuaUCC         | -0.06                                       | (32)      |
| 240   | H14 | GGCauuaGCC         | -2.52                                       | (32)      |
| 241   | H15 | GGGaccaUCC         | -1.81                                       | (30)      |
| 242   | H16 | GGGauuaCCC         | -1.28                                       | (32)      |
| 243   | H17 | GGGAUACaaaaGUAUCCA | -7.60                                       | (33)      |
| 244   | H18 | GGGAUACcccGUAUCCA  | -4.30                                       | (33)      |
| 245   | H19 | GGGAUACuuuuGUAUCCA | -8.16                                       | (33)      |
| 246   | H20 | GGUauuaACC         | -1.79                                       | (32)      |
| 247   | H21 | GGUauuaGCC         | 0.17                                        | (30)      |
| 248   | H22 | GGUgcaaGCC         | -1.44                                       | (30)      |
| 249   | H23 | GGCgagaGCC         | -3.31                                       | (31)      |
| 250   | H24 | GGCgcgaGCC         | -3.50                                       | (31)      |
| 251   | H25 | GGCgggaGCC         | -3.23                                       | (31)      |

| 252 | H26 | GGCgugaGCC          | -3.16 | (31) |
|-----|-----|---------------------|-------|------|
| 253 | H27 | GGCgaaaGCC          | -3.19 | (31) |
| 254 | H28 | GGCgcaaGCC          | -3.35 | (31) |
| 255 | H29 | GGCggaaGCC          | -3.23 | (31) |
| 256 | H30 | GGCguaaGCC          | -3.53 | (31) |
| 257 | H31 | GGACuuuuGUCC        | -4.20 | (34) |
| 258 | H32 | GGAGuucgCUCC        | -4.05 | (34) |
| 259 | H33 | GGACgcuuGUCC        | -4.43 | (34) |
| 260 | H34 | GCGgaagaUGC         | -0.28 | (30) |
| 261 | H35 | GGAauuuaUCC         | 0.42  | (32) |
| 262 | H36 | GGCauauaGCC         | -2.38 | (32) |
| 263 | H37 | GGCauuuaGCC         | -2.66 | (32) |
| 264 | H38 | GGGauauaCCC         | -1.38 | (32) |
| 265 | H39 | GGGauuuaCCC         | -1.70 | (32) |
| 266 | H40 | GGGauuuaUCC         | -0.70 | (30) |
| 267 | H41 | GGGAUACaaaaaGUAUCCA | -7.72 | (33) |
| 268 | H42 | GGGAUACccccGUAUCCA  | -4.10 | (33) |
| 269 | H43 | GGGAUACuuuuuGUAUCCA | -8.13 | (33) |
| 270 | H44 | GGUauuuaACC         | -0.25 | (32) |
| 271 | H45 | GGUauuuaGCC         | -0.57 | (30) |
| 272 | H46 | ACCgacacaGGU        | -1.60 | (28) |
| 273 | H47 | AGGAauaauaUCCU      | -2.38 | (35) |
| 274 | H48 | AGGUauaauaGCCU      | -2.21 | (35) |
| 275 | H49 | CGGuuaauuCCG        | -1.95 | (28) |
| 276 | H50 | CUCUacaccaAGAG      | -1.78 | (28) |
| 277 | H51 | GCGgugaaaUGC        | -0.69 | (30) |
| 278 | H52 | GCGuuaauuUGC        | 0.35  | (30) |
| 279 | H53 | GGAauaauaUCC        | -0.73 | (35) |
| 280 | H54 | GGAguaauaUCC        | -1.72 | (28) |

| 281 | H55 | GGCauaauaGCC    | -2.76 | (35) |
|-----|-----|-----------------|-------|------|
| 282 | H56 | GGCauaaucGCC    | -2.56 | (28) |
| 283 | H57 | GGCauaaugGCC    | -3.11 | (28) |
| 284 | H58 | GGCcuaauaGCC    | -2.15 | (28) |
| 285 | H59 | GGCcuaaucGCC    | -2.38 | (28) |
| 286 | H60 | GGCcuaauuGCC    | -1.82 | (28) |
| 287 | H61 | GGCguaauaGCC    | -3.47 | (35) |
| 288 | H62 | GGCguaaugGCC    | -3.85 | (28) |
| 289 | H63 | GGCuuaaucGCC    | -2.89 | (28) |
| 290 | H64 | GGCuuaauuGCC    | -6.23 | (28) |
| 291 | H65 | GGGauaauaUCC    | -1.42 | (35) |
| 292 | H66 | GGUauaauaACC    | -0.34 | (35) |
| 293 | H67 | GGUauaauaGCC    | -0.47 | (35) |
| 294 | H68 | GGUguaauaACC    | -1.54 | (28) |
| 295 | H69 | GGUguaauaGCC    | -1.85 | (28) |
| 296 | H70 | GGUguaaugACC    | -1.04 | (28) |
| 297 | H71 | GGUguaaugGCC    | -1.29 | (30) |
| 298 | H72 | GUGguaauaCAC    | -1.08 | (28) |
| 299 | H73 | GUGguaauaUAC    | 0.94  | (28) |
| 300 | H74 | GGAuuaauuUCC    | -1.29 | (31) |
| 301 | H75 | GGUuuaauuACC    | -0.83 | (31) |
| 302 | H76 | GGUuuaauuGCC    | -0.53 | (31) |
| 303 | H77 | GCGguaaugCGC    | -2.54 | (31) |
| 304 | H78 | GGAguaaugUCC    | -1.16 | (31) |
| 305 | H80 | GCGguaaugUGC    | -0.80 | (31) |
| 306 | H81 | GCGAauaaauaUCGC | -2.41 | (32) |
| 307 | H82 | GGCauaaauaGCC   | -2.11 | (32) |
| 308 | H83 | GGGacggacaUCC   | -1.03 | (30) |
| 309 | H84 | GGGauaaauaCCC   | -2.12 | (32) |

| 310 | H85  | GGGauaaauaUCC           | -0.22 | (30) |
|-----|------|-------------------------|-------|------|
| 311 | H86  | GGGAUACaaaaaaaGUAUCCA   | -7.19 | (33) |
| 312 | H87  | GGGAUACcccccGUAUCCA     | -2.91 | (33) |
| 313 | H88  | GGGAUACuuuuuuuGUAUCCA   | -7.38 | (33) |
| 314 | H89  | GGUauaaauaACC           | -0.41 | (32) |
| 315 | H90  | GGUauaaauaGCC           | 0.56  | (30) |
| 316 | H91  | GGUguaaaaaGCC           | -0.66 | (30) |
| 317 | H92  | GCGaauucauaUGC          | -0.65 | (30) |
| 318 | H93  | GCUgaauggaaGGC          | -1.28 | (30) |
| 319 | H94  | GGAauaaaauaUCC          | -2.19 | (32) |
| 320 | H95  | GGCauaaaauaGCC          | -2.16 | (32) |
| 321 | H96  | GGGauaaaauaCCC          | -2.35 | (32) |
| 322 | H97  | GGGauaaaauaUCC          | -1.65 | (30) |
| 323 | H98  | GGUaauucauaGCC          | -0.08 | (30) |
| 324 | H99  | GGUauaaaauaACC          | 0.51  | (32) |
| 325 | H100 | GGUauaaaauaGCC          | 0.03  | (30) |
| 326 | H101 | GCGAauaaaaauaUCGC       | -2.23 | (32) |
| 327 | H102 | GCGUauaaaaauaACGC       | -1.08 | (32) |
| 328 | H103 | GGAauaaaaauaUCC         | 0.25  | (32) |
| 329 | H104 | GGCauaaaaauaGCC         | -2.14 | (32) |
| 330 | H105 | GGGauaaaaauaCCC         | -2.09 | (32) |
| 331 | H106 | GGGAUACaaaaaaaaaGUAUCCA | -5.55 | (33) |
| 332 | H107 | GGGAUACccccccCGUAUCCA   | -2.10 | (33) |
| 333 | H108 | GGGAUACuuuuuuuuGUAUCCA  | -8.05 | (33) |
| 334 | H126 | GGACaacGUCC             | -1.32 | (36) |
| 335 | H127 | GGAGuuaCUCC             | -0.92 | (36) |
| 336 | H132 | GGCuacgGCC              | -3.22 | (31) |
| 337 | H133 | GGCuccgGCC              | -3.95 | (31) |
| 338 | H134 | GGCuucgGCC              | -4.09 | (31) |

| 339 | H135 | GAAGAcaguguUCUUC | -5.52 | (37) |
|-----|------|------------------|-------|------|
| 340 | H136 | GAAGAcagugcUCUUC | -5.44 | (37) |
| 341 | H137 | GAAGAcaguacUCUUC | -4.44 | (37) |
| 342 | H138 | GGAcagugcUCC     | -1.02 | (31) |
| 343 | H139 | GGAcagugaUCC     | -1.59 | (31) |
| 344 | H141 | GGACuuugGUCC     | -3.79 | (38) |
| 345 | H148 | GGACuucgGUCC     | -6.31 | (34) |
| 346 | H149 | GGACuuugGUCC     | -4.30 | (34) |
| 347 | H150 | GGACuacgGUCC     | -5.68 | (34) |
| 348 | H152 | GGACcaagGUCC     | -4.02 | (39) |
| 349 | H153 | GGACccagGUCC     | -3.83 | (39) |
| 350 | H154 | GGACcgagGUCC     | -3.67 | (39) |
| 351 | H155 | GGACcuagGUCC     | -3.64 | (39) |
| 352 | H156 | GGACcacgGUCC     | -3.56 | (39) |
| 353 | H158 | GGACcgcgGUCC     | -3.67 | (39) |
| 354 | H159 | GGACcucgGUCC     | -4.77 | (39) |
| 355 | H160 | GGACuaagGUCC     | -3.61 | (39) |
| 356 | H161 | GGACucagGUCC     | -3.61 | (39) |
| 357 | H163 | GGACuuagGUCC     | -3.76 | (39) |
| 358 | H164 | GGACuacgGUCC     | -4.88 | (39) |
| 359 | H165 | GGACuccgGUCC     | -4.45 | (39) |
| 360 | H166 | GGACugcgGUCC     | -4.42 | (39) |
| 361 | H167 | GGACuucgGUCC     | -4.78 | (39) |
| 362 | H170 | GGACaacgGUCC     | -1.77 | (39) |

Supplementary Table 5: Internal Loop Duplex Experiment List

Note: The top strand is shown 5' to 3'. The bottom strand is shown 3' to 5'. Unpaired nucleotides are in lower case. The underscore character (\_) does not represent a nucleotide. It is used to maintain alignment between the top and bottom strands.

| Index | ID# | Duplex  | Folding Free                | Reference |
|-------|-----|---------|-----------------------------|-----------|
|       |     |         | Energy Change<br>(kcal/mol) |           |
| 363   | 11  | GAGcGAG | -5.63                       | (23)      |
|       |     | CUCaCUC |                             |           |
| 364   | 12  | GAGaGAG | -5.32                       | (23)      |
|       |     | CUCgCUC |                             |           |
| 365   | 13  | GAGcGAG | -5.22                       | (23)      |
|       |     | CUCuCUC |                             |           |
| 366   | 14  | GAGuGAG | -5.24                       | (23)      |
|       |     | CUCuCUC |                             |           |
| 367   | 15  | GAGaGAG | -4.95                       | (23)      |
|       |     | CUCCCUC |                             |           |
| 368   | 16  | GAGaGAG | -4.85                       | (23)      |
|       |     | CUCaCUC |                             |           |
| 369   | 17  | GAGcGAG | -4.75                       | (23)      |
|       |     | CUCcCUC |                             |           |
| 370   | 18  | GAGuGAG | -4.75                       | (23)      |
|       |     | CUCcCUC |                             |           |
| 371   | 19  | GCGuCCG | -8.23                       | (23)      |
|       |     | CGCuGGC |                             |           |
| 372   | 110 | GCGuCGC | -7.90                       | (23)      |
|       |     | CGCuGCG |                             |           |
| 373   | 111 | GCGuGCG | -7.79                       | (23)      |
|       |     | CGCuCGC |                             |           |
| 374   | 112 | GCCuGCG | -8.15                       | (23)      |
|       |     | CGGuCGC |                             |           |
| 375   | 113 | CGCuGCG | -6.31                       | (23)      |
|       |     | GCGuCGC |                             |           |
| 376   | 114 | GCGuUCG | -5.99                       | (23)      |
|       |     | CGCuAGC |                             |           |
| 377   | 115 | GUGuUCG | -3.80                       | (23)      |
|       |     | CACuAGC |                             |           |
| 378   | 116 | GCAuUCG | -4.98                       | (23)      |
|       |     | CGUuAGC |                             |           |
| 379   | 117 | GCAuACG | -4.55                       | (23)      |
|       |     | CGUuUGC |                             |           |

| 380 | 118 | GCUuACG<br>CGAuUGC     | -4.47 | (23) |
|-----|-----|------------------------|-------|------|
| 381 | 119 | CGCaGCG<br>GCGaCGC     | -6.08 | (17) |
| 382 | 120 | GCGaCCG<br>CGCaGGC     | -6.67 | (23) |
| 383 | 121 | GGCaGCC<br>CCGaCGG     | -7.83 | (23) |
| 384 | 122 | GgCUGAG<br>CgGACUC     | -6.87 | (23) |
| 385 | 123 | CGgCAUG<br>GCgGUAC     | -6.07 | (23) |
| 386 | 124 | GUGgCAG<br>CACgGUC     | -6.66 | (23) |
| 387 | 125 | GCGgCGC<br>CGCgGCG     | -9.28 | (23) |
| 388 | 126 | CGCgGCG<br>GCGgCGC     | -8.14 | (23) |
| 389 | 127 | UGACaCUCA<br>ACUGaGAGU | -7.94 | (17) |
| 390 | 128 | GAGaGGAG<br>CUCgUCUC   | -5.83 | (22) |
| 391 | 129 | GAGuGGAG<br>CUCuUCUC   | -6.26 | (22) |
| 392 | 130 | GAGaGGAG<br>CUCaUCUC   | -5.27 | (22) |
| 393 | 131 | GAGgUGAG<br>CUCaGCUC   | -4.97 | (22) |
| 394 | 132 | GAGaUGAG<br>CUCgGCUC   | -4.67 | (22) |
| 395 | 133 | GAGuUGAG<br>CUCuGCUC   | -4.69 | (22) |
| 396 | 134 | GAGaUGAG<br>CUCaGCUC   | -4.36 | (22) |
| 397 | 135 | GAGUaGAG<br>CUCGgCUC   | -6.11 | (22) |
| 398 | 136 | GAGUgGAG<br>CUCGaCUC   | -6.09 | (22) |
| 399 | 137 | GAGUuGAG<br>CUCGuCUC   | -6.24 | (22) |
| 400 | 138 | GAGUCGAG<br>CUCGcCUC   | -5.56 | (22) |

| 401 | 139 | GAGUCGAG<br>CUCGaCUC     | -6.00 | (22) |
|-----|-----|--------------------------|-------|------|
| 402 | 140 | GAGUaGAG<br>CUCGaCUC     | -5.15 | (22) |
| 403 | 141 | GAGGaGAG<br>CUCUgCUC     | -6.56 | (22) |
| 404 | 142 | GAGGuGAG<br>CUCUuCUC     | -5.21 | (22) |
| 405 | 143 | GAGGCGAG<br>CUCUuCUC     | -5.39 | (22) |
| 406 | 144 | GAGGCGAG<br>CUCUaCUC     | -5.83 | (22) |
| 407 | 145 | GAGGaGAG<br>CUCUaCUC     | -5.74 | (22) |
| 408 | 146 | UGACa_CUCA<br>ACUGaaGAGU | -6.80 | (40) |
| 409 | 147 | UGACa_CUCA<br>ACUGaaGAGU | -6.43 | (17) |
| 410 | 148 | UGAGa_GUCA<br>ACUCaaCAGU | -6.60 | (17) |
| 411 | 149 | UGACa_CUCA<br>ACUGagGAGU | -8.32 | (40) |
| 412 | 150 | UCAGa_GUGA<br>AGUCagCACU | -6.44 | (24) |
| 413 | 151 | UGACa_CUCA<br>ACUGccGAGU | -7.42 | (40) |
| 414 | 152 | UGACa_CUCA<br>ACUGgaGAGU | -8.01 | (40) |
| 415 | 153 | UGAGa_GUCA<br>ACUCgaCAGU | -6.98 | (40) |
| 416 | 154 | UGACc_CUCA<br>ACUGaaGAGU | -6.80 | (40) |
| 417 | 155 | UGACc_CUCA<br>ACUGauGAGU | -6.60 | (40) |
| 418 | 156 | UGACc_CUCA<br>ACUGccGAGU | -6.62 | (40) |
| 419 | 157 | UGACc_CUCA<br>ACUGcuGAGU | -7.16 | (40) |
| 420 | 158 | UGACg_CUCA<br>ACUGaaGAGU | -7.35 | (40) |
| 421 | 159 | UGACg_CUCA<br>ACUGagGAGU | -7.92 | (40) |

| 422 | 160 | UGACg_CUCA<br>ACUGgaGAGU | -8.32  | (40)        |
|-----|-----|--------------------------|--------|-------------|
| 423 | 161 | UGACu_CUCA<br>ACUGccGAGU | -6.85  | (40)        |
| 424 | 162 | UCACu_CUGA<br>AGUGcuGACU | -5.91  | (24)        |
| 425 | 163 | UGACu_CUCA<br>ACUGucGAGU | -7.54  | (40)        |
| 426 | 164 | UGACu_CUCA<br>ACUGuuGAGU | -7.90  | (40)        |
| 427 | 165 | AGGCu_CGGA<br>UCCGuuGCCU | -10.43 | (24)        |
| 428 | 166 | GCGagCGC<br>CGCgaGCG     | -8.46  | (18)        |
| 429 | 167 | GCGuuCGC<br>CGCuuGCG     | -7.66  | (19)        |
| 430 | 168 | CGGcaCCG<br>GCCacGGC     | -5.49  | (19)        |
| 431 | 169 | CUGcuCAG<br>GACucGUC     | -2.32  | (19)        |
| 432 | 170 | CGGcuCCG<br>GCCucGGC     | -5.57  | (19)        |
| 433 | 171 | GCGacCGC<br>CGCcaGCG     | -6.23  | (19)        |
| 434 | 172 | GCGaaCGC<br>CGCaaGCG     | -5.66  | (19)        |
| 435 | 173 | GGCagGCC<br>CCGgaCGG     | -9.44  | Unpublished |
| 436 | 174 | CGCagGCG<br>GCGgaCGC     | -7.76  | (41)        |
| 437 | 175 | CGCuuGCG<br>GCGuuCGC     | -7.18  | (42)        |
| 438 | 176 | UGCggGCA<br>ACGggCGU     | -5.02  | (42)        |
| 439 | 177 | CGCcaGCG<br>GCGacCGC     | -5.69  | (42)        |
| 440 | 178 | CGCcuGCG<br>GCGucCGC     | -5.45  | (42)        |
| 441 | 179 | CGCucGCG<br>GCGcuCGC     | -5.38  | (42)        |
| 442 | 180 | CGCccGCG<br>GCGccCGC     | -5.13  | (42)        |

| 443 | 181  | GGCacGCC<br>CCGcaCGG     | -6.97 | (42) |
|-----|------|--------------------------|-------|------|
| 444 | 182  | CGCaaGCG<br>GCGaaCGC     | -5.44 | (17) |
| 445 | 183  | GCUgaAGC<br>CGAagUCG     | -5.88 | (18) |
| 446 | 184  | GCUuuAGC<br>CGAuuUCG     | -5.50 | (19) |
| 447 | 185  | GGUcaACC<br>CCAacUGG     | -4.14 | (19) |
| 448 | 186  | GGUcuACC<br>CCAucUGG     | -3.86 | (19) |
| 449 | 187  | GGUucACC<br>CCAcuUGG     | -3.21 | (19) |
| 450 | 188  | GCUaaAGC<br>CGAaaUCG     | -3.82 | (19) |
| 451 | 189  | GGAgaUCC<br>CCUagAGG     | -6.41 | (18) |
| 452 | 190  | GCAgaUGC<br>CGUagACG     | -5.61 | (18) |
| 453 | 191  | GCAuuUGC<br>CGUuuACG     | -5.61 | (19) |
| 454 | 192  | GGAcaUCC<br>CCUacAGG     | -4.01 | (19) |
| 455 | 193  | GGAacUCC<br>CCUcaAGG     | -3.89 | (19) |
| 456 | 194  | GCAaaUGC<br>CGUaaACG     | -3.52 | (19) |
| 457 | 195  | GGCgaGCC<br>CCGagCGG     | -9.69 | (41) |
| 458 | 196  | GAGgaGAG<br>CUCagCUC     | -6.91 | (22) |
| 459 | 197  | GAGaaGAG<br>CUCggCUC     | -5.74 | (22) |
| 460 | 198  | GAGuaGAG<br>CUCugCUC     | -4.26 | (22) |
| 461 | 199  | GAGaaGAG<br>CUCcgCUC     | -4.61 | (22) |
| 462 | 1100 | UGAGaaGUCA<br>ACUCaaCAGU | -7.04 | (17) |
| 463 | 1101 | GAGaaGAG<br>CUCagCUC     | -5.39 | (22) |

| 464 | 1102 | GAGagGAG<br>CUCgaCUC | -5.92 | (22) |
|-----|------|----------------------|-------|------|
| 465 | 1103 | GAGugGAG<br>CUCuaCUC | -4.37 | (22) |
| 466 | 1104 | GAGcgGAG<br>CUCaaCUC | -5.99 | (22) |
| 467 | 1105 | GAGagGAG<br>CUCcaCUC | -6.19 | (22) |
| 468 | 1106 | GAGagGAG<br>CUCaaCUC | -5.23 | (22) |
| 469 | 1107 | GAGguGAG<br>CUCauCUC | -4.77 | (22) |
| 470 | 1108 | GAGauGAG<br>CUCguCUC | -3.88 | (22) |
| 471 | 1109 | GAGuuGAG<br>CUCuuCUC | -5.88 | (22) |
| 472 | 1110 | GAGauGAG<br>CUCcuCUC | -4.96 | (22) |
| 473 | 1111 | GAGauGAG<br>CUCauCUC | -3.85 | (22) |
| 474 | 1112 | GAGaaGAG<br>CUCgcCUC | -4.49 | (22) |
| 475 | 1113 | GAGuaGAG<br>CUCucCUC | -5.41 | (22) |
| 476 | 1114 | GAGuuGAG<br>CUCucCUC | -5.10 | (22) |
| 477 | 1115 | GAGacGAG<br>CUCguCUC | -4.69 | (22) |
| 478 | 1116 | GAGgcGAG<br>CUCacCUC | -4.47 | (22) |
| 479 | 1117 | GAGacGAG<br>CUCgcCUC | -4.53 | (22) |
| 480 | 1118 | GAGucGAG<br>CUCucCUC | -5.31 | (22) |
| 481 | 1119 | GAGacGAG<br>CUCccCUC | -3.34 | (22) |
| 482 | 1120 | GAGacGAG<br>CUCacCUC | -3.03 | (22) |
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| 484 | 1122 | GAGacGAG<br>CUCgaCUC | -4.81 | (22) |

| 485 | 1123 | GAGucGAG<br>CUCuaCUC | -5.24 | (22) |
|-----|------|----------------------|-------|------|
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| 487 | I125 | GAGacGAG<br>CUCaaCUC | -4.58 | (22) |
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| 490 | l128 | GAGuaGAG<br>CUCuaCUC | -3.77 | (22) |
| 491 | l129 | GAGaaGAG<br>CUCaaCUC | -4.71 | (22) |
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| 531 | 1169 | UCCUaUGCA<br>AGGAgagACGU       | -6.63  | (24) |
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| 610 | 1248 | GAGCgaaCGAC<br>CUCGauaGCUG | -9.34 | (26) |

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| 612 | 1250 | GGCgaaGCC<br>CCGaagCGG     | -7.74  | (26) |
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| 615 | 1253 | GAGCgagCGAC<br>CUCGaagGCUG | -9.64  | (26) |
| 616 | 1254 | CGCgaaGGC<br>GCGaccCCG     | -7.48  | (26) |
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| 621 | 1259 | CGCucuGGC<br>GCGuuuCCG     | -7.83  | (26) |
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| 632 | 1270 | CGCaaaGGC<br>GCGaagCCG     | -8.26  | (26) |
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| 646 | 1284 | GCagGCG<br>GCGgaCG         | -6.33  | (41) |
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| 648 | 1286 | GCgaGCA<br>ACGagCG         | -6.78  | (41) |
| 649 | 1287 | GCgaGCU<br>UCGagCG         | -5.84  | (41) |
| 650 | 1288 | CAGgaCUG<br>GUCagGAC       | -6.13  | (18) |
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| 653 | 1291 | GCUgaGGC<br>CGGagUCG     | -6.70 | (18) |
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| 654 | 1292 | GCGgaUGC<br>CGUagGCG     | -4.63 | (18) |
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| 665 | 1307 | GAGUagUGAC<br>CUCGaaGCUG | -5.18 | (43) |
| 666 | 1308 | GAGUaaUGAC<br>CUCGaaGCUG | -5.22 | (43) |

Supplementary Table 6: Multibranch Loop Duplex Experiment List

Note: The top strand is shown 5' to 3'. The bottom strand is shown 5' to 3'. Unpaired nucleotides are in lower case. The underscore character (\_) is used to delimit parts of the sequence that form different helices without intervening unpaired nucleotides.

| Index | ID# | Duplex                                 | Folding Free | Reference |
|-------|-----|----------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|
|       |     |                                        | Energy       |           |
|       |     |                                        | Change       |           |
|       |     |                                        | (kcal/mol)   |           |
| 667   | M1  | GGAG_CGGCuucgGCCG_GACG<br>CGUCaaCUCC   | -5.42        | (45)      |
| 668   | M2  | GGAGaCGGCuucgGCCG_GACG<br>CGUCauaCUCC  | -4.05        | (45)      |
| 669   | M3  | GGAGaCGGCuucgGCCG_GCAG<br>CUGCauaCUCC  | -5.85        | (45)      |
| 670   | M4  | GGAGgCGGCuucgGCCGuGACG<br>CGUCcauaCUCC | -6.01        | (45)      |
| 671   | M5  | GGAGaCGGCuucgGCCGcGACG<br>CGUCauaCUCC  | -4.78        | (45)      |
| 672   | M6  | GGAGgCGGCuucgGCCGuGACG<br>CGUCauaCUCC  | -6.17        | (45)      |
| 673   | M7  | GGAG_CGGCuucgGCCG_GACG<br>CGUC_CUCC    | -5.71        | (45)      |
| 674   | M8  | GGAGaCGGCuucgGCCG_GACG<br>CGUCcauaCUCC | -4.59        | (45)      |
| 675   | M9  | GGAG_CGGCuucgGCCG_GACG<br>CGUCauaCUCC  | -5.43        | (45)      |
| 676   | M10 | GGAG_CGGCuucgGCCG_GACG                 | -5.92        | (45)      |
| 677   | M11 | GGAGaCGGCuuceGCCGcGACG                 | -5 25        | (45)      |
| ••••  |     | CGUCcauaCUCC                           | 0.20         | ()        |
| 678   | M12 | GGAGaCGGCuuceGCCGaGACG                 | -5.91        | (45)      |
|       |     | CGUCcauaCUCC                           |              | (,        |
| 679   | M13 |                                        | -8.38        | (46)      |
|       |     |                                        | 0.00         | ()        |
| 680   | M14 | GGCAG GCGCuucgGCGC GGAGG               | -10.41       | (46)      |
|       |     | CCUCCaCUGCC                            | -            | ( - )     |
| 681   | M15 | GGCAG GCGCuucgGCGC GGAGG               | -11.51       | (46)      |
|       |     |                                        |              |           |
| 682   | M16 | GGCAG GCGCuucgGCGC GGAGG               | -11.48       | (46)      |
|       | _   | CCUCCaaaCUGCC                          | _            | ( - )     |
| 683   | M17 | GGCAG GCGCuucgGCGC GGAGG               | -12.88       | (46)      |
|       |     | CCUCCauaCUGCC                          |              |           |
| 684   | M18 | GGCAG GCGCuucgGCGC GGAGG               | -12.47       | (46)      |
|       |     | CCUCCaaaaCUGCC                         |              |           |
| 685   | M19 | GGCAGaGCGCuucgGCGC GGAGG               | -8.80        | (46)      |
|       |     |                                        |              |           |
| 686   | M20 | GGCAGaGCGCuucgGCGC_GGAGG               | -10.54       | (46)      |
|       |     |                                        |              |           |
| 687   | M21 | GGCAGaGCGCuucgGCGC_GGAGG               | -11.13       | (46)      |
|       |     | CCUCCaaCUGCC                           |              |           |

| 688 | M22 | GGCAGaGCGCuucgGCGC_GGAGG   | -10.69 | (46) |
|-----|-----|----------------------------|--------|------|
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|     |     | CCUCCaaaaCUGCC             |        |      |
| 691 | M25 | GGCAGaaGCGCuucgGCGC_GGAGG  | -9.72  | (46) |
|     |     |                            |        |      |
| 692 | M26 | GGCAGaaGCGCuucgGCGC_GGAGG  | -11.59 | (46) |
|     |     | CCUCCaCUGCC                |        |      |
| 693 | M27 | GGCAGaaGCGCuucgGCGC_GGAGG  | -11.86 | (46) |
|     |     | CCUCCaaCUGCC               |        |      |
| 694 | M28 | GGCAGaaGCGCuucgGCGC_GGAGG  | -11.26 | (46) |
|     |     | CCUCCaaaCUGCC              |        |      |
| 695 | M29 | GGCAGaaGCGCuucgGCGC_GGAGG  | -11.48 | (46) |
|     |     | CCUCCauaCUGCC              |        |      |
| 696 | M30 | GGCAGaaGCGCuucgGCGC_GGAGG  | -10.97 | (46) |
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| 698 | M32 | GGCAGaaGCGCuucgGCGCaGGAGG  | -12.89 | (46) |
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| 700 | M34 | GGCAGaaGCGCuucgGCGCaGGAGG  | -13.15 | (46) |
|     |     | CCUCCaaaCUGCC              |        |      |
| 701 | M35 | GGCAGaaGCGCuucgGCGCaGGAGG  | -12.93 | (46) |
|     |     | CCUCCauaCUGCC              |        |      |
| 702 | M36 | GGCAGaaGCGCuucgGCGCaGGAGG  | -12.37 | (46) |
|     |     | CCUCCaaaaCUGCC             |        |      |
| 703 | M37 | GGCAGaaGCGCuucgGCGCaaGGAGG | -12.50 | (46) |
|     |     |                            |        |      |
| 704 | M38 | GGCAGaaGCGCuucgGCGCaaGGAGG | -13.15 | (46) |
|     |     | CCUCCaCUGCC                |        |      |
| 705 | M39 | GGCAGaaGCGCuucgGCGCaaGGAGG | -12.88 | (46) |
|     |     | CCUCCaaCUGCC               |        |      |
| 706 | M40 | GGCAGaaGCGCuucgGCGCaaGGAGG | -12.64 | (46) |
|     |     | CCUCCaaaCUGCC              |        |      |
| 707 | M41 | GGCAGaaGCGCuucgGCGCaaGGAGG | -13.23 | (46) |
|     |     | CCUCCauaCUGCC              |        |      |
| 708 | M42 | GGCAGaaGCGCuucgGCGCaaGGAGG | -12.95 | (46) |
|     |     | CCUCCaaaaCUGCC             |        |      |
| 709 | M43 | GGCAG_UCGCuucgGCGA_GGAGG   | -9.15  | (46) |
|     |     |                            |        |      |
| 710 | M49 | GGCAGaUCGCuucgGCGA_GGAGG   | -9.84  | (46) |
|     |     | CCUCC_CUGCC                |        |      |
| 711 | M50 | GGCAGaUCGCuucgGCGA_GGAGG   | -11.79 | (46) |
|     |     | CCUCCaCUGCC                |        |      |
| 712 | M51 | GGCAGaUCGCuucgGCGA_GGAGG   | -12.38 | (46) |
|     |     | CCUCCaaCUGCC               |        |      |
| 713 | M52 | GGCAGaUCGCuucgGCGA_GGAGG   | -12.00 | (46) |

|     |     | CCUCCaaaCUGCC                                            |        |      |
|-----|-----|----------------------------------------------------------|--------|------|
| 714 | M53 | GGCAGaUCGCuucgGCGA_GGAGG<br>CCUCCauaCUGCC                | -12.06 | (46) |
| 715 | M54 | GGCAGaUCGCuucgGCGA_GGAGG<br>CCUCCaaaaCUGCC               | -11.91 | (46) |
| 716 | M55 | GGCAG_CGGCuucgGCCG_GCGCgcaaGCGC_GGAGG<br>CCUCC_CUGCC     | -16.48 | (46) |
| 717 | M56 | GGCAG_CGGCuucgGCCG_GCGCgcaaGCGC_GGAGG<br>CCUCCaCUGCC     | -13.90 | (46) |
| 718 | M57 | GGCAG_CGGCuucgGCCG_GCGCgcaaGCGC_GGAGG<br>CCUCCaaCUGCC    | -12.40 | (46) |
| 719 | M58 | GGCAG_CGGCuucgGCCG_GCGCgcaaGCGC_GGAGG<br>CCUCCaaaCUGCC   | -11.19 | (46) |
| 720 | M59 | GGCAG_CGGCuucgGCCG_GCGCgcaaGCGC_GGAGG<br>CCUCCaaaaCUGCC  | -10.46 | (46) |
| 721 | M60 | GGCAGaCGGCuucgGCCG_GCGCgcaaGCGC_GGAGG<br>CCUCC_CUGCC     | -13.12 | (46) |
| 722 | M61 | GGCAGaCGGCuucgGCCG_GCGCgcaaGCGC_GGAGG<br>CCUCCaCUGCC     | -15.40 | (46) |
| 723 | M62 | GGCAGaCGGCuucgGCCG_GCGCgcaaGCGC_GGAGG<br>CCUCCaaCUGCC    | -13.52 | (46) |
| 724 | M63 | GGCAGaCGGCuucgGCCG_GCGCgcaaGCGC_GGAGG<br>CCUCCaaaCUGCC   | -11.86 | (46) |
| 725 | M64 | GGCAGaCGGCuucgGCCG_GCGCgcaaGCGC_GGAGG<br>CCUCCauaCUGCC   | -12.31 | (46) |
| 726 | M65 | GGCAGaCGGCuucgGCCG_GCGCgcaaGCGC_GGAGG<br>CCUCCaaaaCUGCC  | -11.18 | (46) |
| 727 | M66 | GGCAGaCGGCuucgGCCG_GCGCgcaaGCGCaGGAGG<br>CCUCC_CUGCC     | -13.58 | (46) |
| 728 | M67 | GGCAGaCGGCuucgGCCG_GCGCgcaaGCGCaGGAGG<br>CCUCCaCUGCC     | -13.36 | (46) |
| 729 | M68 | GGCAGaCGGCuucgGCCG_GCGCgcaaGCGCaGGAGG<br>CCUCCaaCUGCC    | -14.76 | (46) |
| 730 | M69 | GGCAGaCGGCuucgGCCG_GCGCgcaaGCGCaGGAGG<br>CCUCCaaaCUGCC   | -13.01 | (46) |
| 731 | M70 | GGCAGaCGGCuucgGCCG_GCGCgcaaGCGCaGGAGG<br>CCUCCauaCUGCC   | -12.59 | (46) |
| 732 | M71 | GGCAGaCGGCuucgGCCG_GCGCgcaaGCGCaGGAGG<br>CCUCCaaaaCUGCC  | -12.66 | (46) |
| 733 | M72 | GGCAGaaCGGCuucgGCCGaaGCGCgcaaGCGCaaGGAGG<br>CCUCC_CUGCC  | -11.77 | (46) |
| 734 | M73 | GGCAGaaCGGCuucgGCCGaaGCGCgcaaGCGCaaGGAGG<br>CCUCCaCUGCC  | -12.65 | (46) |
| 735 | M74 | GGCAGaaCGGCuucgGCCGaaGCGCgcaaGCGCaaGGAGG<br>CCUCCaaCUGCC | -12.77 | (46) |

Supplementary Table 7: Bulge Loop Duplex Experiment List

Note: The top strand is shown 5' to 3'. The bottom strand is shown 3' to 5'. Lower case letters in the top strand indicate unpaired nucleotides. Lower case letters in the bottom strand indicate nucleotides that can base pair with multiple possible nucleotides in the top strand. The underscore character (\_) is used to maintain alignment between the top and bottom strands.

| Index | ID# | Duplex                     | Folding Free<br>Energy Change<br>(kcal/mol) | Reference |
|-------|-----|----------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 736   | B1  | GCGaGCG<br>CGC_CGC         | -6.76                                       | (14)      |
| 737   | B2  | GCGuGCG<br>CGC_CGC         | -6.51                                       | (14)      |
| 738   | B3  | CGCaCGC<br>GCG_GCG         | -6.85                                       | (14)      |
| 739   | B4  | GCGaaGCG<br>CGCCGC         | -5.17                                       | (14)      |
| 740   | B5  | GCGuuGCG<br>CGCCGC         | -5.01                                       | (14)      |
| 741   | B6  | CGCaaCGC<br>GCGGCG         | -5.33                                       | (14)      |
| 742   | B7  | GCGaaaGCG<br>CGCCGC        | -4.76                                       | (14)      |
| 743   | B8  | GCGuuuGCG<br>CGCCGC        | -4.85                                       | (14)      |
| 744   | B9  | CGCaaaCGC<br>GCGGCG        | -6.63                                       | (14)      |
| 745   | B12 | GCGaaGCGa<br>aCGCCGC       | -6.64                                       | (14)      |
| 746   | B13 | CGCaaCGCa<br>aGCGGCG       | -7.16                                       | (14)      |
| 747   | B14 | GCGaaaGCGa<br>aCGCCGC      | -5.39                                       | (14)      |
| 748   | B15 | CGCaaaCGCa<br>aGCGGCG      | -7.38                                       | (14)      |
| 749   | B18 | GCGaaGUCa<br>aCGCCAG       | -6.60                                       | (14)      |
| 750   | B19 | GCGaaaGUCa<br>aCGCCAG      | -5.07                                       | (14)      |
| 751   | B20 | CCAUUaCUACC<br>GGUAA_GAUGG | -9.76                                       | (47)      |
| 752   | B21 | GCACaGAGG<br>CGUG_CUCC     | -9.07                                       | (47)      |

| 753 | B22 | GACCaUGUC<br>CUGG_ACAG     | -8.16  | (47) |
|-----|-----|----------------------------|--------|------|
| 754 | B23 | UGAGaGUCA<br>ACUC_CAGU     | -7.82  | (47) |
| 755 | B24 | UGACaCUCA<br>ACUG_GAGU     | -7.17  | (47) |
| 756 | B25 | GACUaUGUC<br>CUGA_ACAG     | -6.06  | (47) |
| 757 | B26 | CAUGUgACUAC<br>GUACA_UGAUG | -8.89  | (47) |
| 758 | B27 | UGACgCUCA<br>ACUG_GAGU     | -7.57  | (47) |
| 759 | B28 | GACUgUGUC<br>CUGA_ACAG     | -7.40  | (47) |
| 760 | B29 | GACAgAGUC<br>CUGU_UCAG     | -6.63  | (47) |
| 761 | B30 | GCACuGAGG<br>CGUG_CUCC     | -9.63  | (47) |
| 762 | B31 | ACUGuGAGU<br>UGAC_CUCA     | -8.06  | (47) |
| 763 | B32 | UGACuCUCA<br>ACUG_GAGU     | -7.79  | (47) |
| 764 | B33 | GACAuAGUC<br>CUGU_UCAG     | -6.48  | (47) |
| 765 | B34 | CAUGAcGCUAC<br>GUACU_CGAUG | -10.58 | (47) |
| 766 | B35 | CAUGUCACUAC<br>GUACA_UGAUG | -8.61  | (47) |
| 767 | B36 | UGAGcGUCA<br>ACUC_CAGU     | -8.41  | (47) |
| 768 | B37 | GACUCUGUC<br>CUGA_ACAG     | -7.29  | (47) |
| 769 | B38 | UCCUcGAAC<br>AGGA_CUUG     | -6.69  | (47) |
| 770 | B39 | GACAcAGUC<br>CUGU_UCAG     | -5.93  | (47) |
| 771 | B40 | GACCaaGUC<br>CUGG_uCAG     | -9.40  | (47) |
| 772 | B41 | GACGaaGUC<br>CUGC_uCAG     | -8.24  | (47) |
| 773 | B42 | GACaaaGUC<br>CUG_uuCAG     | -6.87  | (47) |

| 774 | B43 | AGCUggCAG<br>UCGA_cGUC | -9.56 | (47) |
|-----|-----|------------------------|-------|------|
| 775 | B44 | UGAgggUCA<br>ACU_ccAGU | -9.03 | (47) |
| 776 | B45 | AGCAggCAG<br>UCGU_cGUC | -8.59 | (47) |
| 777 | B46 | AGACggCAG<br>UCUG_cGUC | -8.07 | (47) |
| 778 | B47 | GACCuuGUC<br>CUGG_aCAG | -9.28 | (47) |
| 779 | B48 | GACuuuGUC<br>CUG_aaCAG | -7.25 | (47) |
| 780 | B49 | UGAcccUCA<br>ACU_ggAGU | -9.33 | (47) |
| 781 | B50 | UCCUccAAC<br>AGGA_gUUG | -8.41 | (47) |
| 782 | B51 | UCCAccAAC<br>AGGU_gUUG | -8.17 | (47) |
| 783 | B52 | CGGUaGUCU<br>GCCG_CAGA | -8.29 | (47) |
| 784 | B53 | UGAUaCUCA<br>ACUG_GAGU | -5.79 | (47) |

Supplementary Table 8: Coaxial Stacking Experiment List

Note: The top strand is shown 5' to 3'. The bottom strand is shown 3' to 5'. Unpaired nucleotides are in lower case. The top strand forms a hairpin loop whose stem can coaxially stack with the stem formed by base pairing with the bottom strand.

| Index | ID# | Duplex                               | Folding Free<br>Energy Change<br>(kcal/mol) | Reference |
|-------|-----|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 785   | X1  | GGACGCAGUGGCaaaaaGCCACUG<br>CCUGA    | -7.79                                       | (48)      |
| 786   | X2  | GGACGCAGUGGCaaaaaGCCACUGA<br>CCUG    | -6.28                                       | (48)      |
| 787   | X3  | GGACGAGUGGCgcaaGCCACU<br>CCUGA       | -7.41                                       | (48)      |
| 788   | X4  | GGACGAGUGGCgcaaGCCACUA<br>CCUG       | -5.87                                       | (48)      |
| 789   | X5  | GGACGAGUGGCgcaaGCCACGA<br>CCUG       | -5.69                                       | (48)      |
| 790   | X6  | GGACGAGUGGCgcaaGCCACGA<br>CCUGA      | -6.67                                       | (48)      |
| 791   | X7  | GGACACAGUGGCaaaaaGCCACUG<br>CCUGG    | -7.79                                       | (48)      |
| 792   | X8  | GGAGCCAGUGGCaaaaaGCCACUG<br>CCUCC    | -5.64                                       | (48)      |
| 793   | X9  | GGACCCAGUGGCaaaaaGCCACUG<br>CCUGC    | -6.41                                       | (48)      |
| 794   | X10 | GGACGCAGUGGCaaaaaGCCACUGp<br>CCUGAa  | -6.34                                       | (48)      |
| 795   | X11 | GGACGCAGUGGCaaaaasGCCACUGaa<br>CCUGA | -6.18                                       | (48)      |
| 796   | X12 | GGACGCAGUGGCaaaaaGCCACUGpa<br>CCUGA  | -6.50                                       | (48)      |
| 797   | X13 | GGACGCAGUGGCaaaaaGCCACUGAa<br>CCUGp  | -5.64                                       | (48)      |
| 798   | X14 | GGACGCAGUGGCaaaaaGCCACUGAgg<br>CCUG  | -5.43                                       | (48)      |
| 799   | X15 | GGACGAGUGGCgcaaGCCACUaa<br>CCUGA     | -6.08                                       | (48)      |
| 800   | X16 | GGACGAGUGGCgcaaGCCACGp<br>CCUGAa     | -6.22                                       | (48)      |
| 801   | X17 | GGAGCCAGUGGCaaaaaGCCACUGa<br>CCUCCa  | -5.12                                       | (48)      |

| 802 | X18 | GGACCCAGUGGCaaaaaGCCACUGa | -5.66 | (48) |
|-----|-----|---------------------------|-------|------|
|     |     | CCUGCa                    |       |      |

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