Supplementary Information:

Topological constraints of RNA pseudoknotted and loop-kissing motifs: applications to three-dimensional structure prediction

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(C) Tertiary motifs (cross-linked base pairs)

Figure S1: Definition of the RNA motifs: (A) secondary structural motifs of hairpin, bulge, internal loop, and multi-branched junction; (B) single-stranded loops of helix2, tail and hairpin. (C) tertiary structural motifs of PK and KISS, involving cross-linked base pairs; The red dotted lines denote the looping circuits within motifs. For example, the KISS motif has four looping circuits, while the secondary structural motifs only have one looping circuit.



Figure S2: Calculation of the minimal bounding box (MBB) for HLH. a = (L + 1) Å is the loop-size dependent adaptive grid size. The conditional statement of "dis $< 2(L+1) \times 3.9$ Å" ensures that the sampling of (dx, dy, dz) for the displacement is within a (loop-size dependent) reasonable region. We use the all atom A-form helical structures for helices H1 and H2 to account for the steric clash between helices. We calculate all the atom pair-wise distances between helices and consider the steric clash if the number of atom pairs with their distances less than 2.0 Å > a given threshold (here, we use 5). For each helical configuration without steric clash between helices, we use Vfold to generate the virtual-bond (P-C4'-P) loop conformations (starting from H1) and calculate the distances between the atom C4' of the loop end and the atom P of the corresponding nucleotide in H2. If the distance is within the region of (3.9 - 1.9, 3.9 + 1.9) Å, the sampled loop is compatible with the given helical configuration, and the corresponding helical configuration is considered as a Vfold-allowed helical configuration for the HLH motif. Otherwise, it is Vfold-disallowed, if none of the sampled loop conformations meets the criteria. The geometric center of the terminal base pair in H2 (dx, dy, dz) of all the vfold-allowed configurations sweeps out a 3D region. The minimum box that contains such a region defines the MBB. Vfold model uses two bonds (P-C4' and C4'-P) to represent each nucleotide in loops, and enumerates loop backbone conformations with the bond length of 3.9 Å, and bond angle of $\sim 109.5^{\circ}$. Differed from the previous treatment for the loop backbone flexibility, we use the loop-size dependent torsional angles to sample the loop conformations. Specifically, we use ten, six, five, four, and three uniformly spaced rotation angles α between 0 and 2π to sample the loop conformations for the loops of size 1-nt, 2-nt, 3-nt, 4-nt, and > 5-nt, respectively.



Figure S3: 100 quasi-uniformly distributed points on the surface of a sphere, generated by the Monte Carlo simulations. During the MC simulations, we randomly move particles on the surface of a sphere to minimize the total Lennard-Jones potential.



Figure S4: (A) The 2D and 3D (side- and top-view) structures of the PK motif, defined by the size of (H1-L1-L2-L3-H2), which contains two helices and three loops. Helices and loops are denoted by the numbers of base pairs and unpaired nucleotides, respectively. (B) The 2D and 3D (side- and top-view) structures of the KISS motif, defined by the size of (H1-H2-H3)-(L1-L2-L3-L4-L5-L6), which contains three helices and six loops. We introduce a virtual loop, L6, to effectively consider the influence of the L3-H3(bp)-L6-H1(bp) circuit in the topology constraints of the generalized hairpin-hairpin kissing motif, while omitting the additional freedom from the Hab helix. The size of L6 = La + Lb + 2. The kissing helix H2 (in red) locks the structure to the same global topology despite the sizes of the helices and the loops, as shown the 3D KISS structures in (B-2). The 2D and 3D structures of two extended kissing motifs: (C) hairpin-internal loop kissing; (D) hairpin-stem loop terminal loop kissing. Small changes in sequence lead to slight changes in the 2D structures, such as the different sizes of loops and helices. However, the kissing helices H2 in (C-1) and H3 in (D-1) (in red) lock the structures to the same topology, as shown in (C-2) and (D-2), indicating that it is the topology constraints and the sequence-dependent interactions that select specific/functional conformations within the allowed conformational ensemble. All 3D structures are in ribbon representation for clarity.



Figure S5: Topological constraints for KISS, which contains three helices and six loops. (1) We randomly assemble the threehelix configurations with the HLHs of H1-L2-H2 and H2-L4-H3 in the corresponding MBBs. N₂₄ and N²⁴_{tot} are the numbers of the Vfold-allowed and total randomly sampled helix configurations, respectively. (2) For each of the Vfold-allowed (H1-H2-H3)-(L2-L4) configuration, we use Vfold to generate the virtual-bond structures of loop L1, L3, L5, and L6, resulting in the topological constraints of different loop connections. N_x is the number of Vfold-allowed three-helix configurations with the respective loop connections. (3) The fraction of $F_{KISS} = N_{123456} / N_{tot}^{24}$ defines the total topological constraint of the KISS motif.



Figure S6: The quantification of the conformational sampling and the projections of the allowed (large dark gray) and disallowed (small light gray) helix configurations on six planes (three for translation, and three for rotation) for (A) 1a60, (B) 1e95, (C) 1hvu, and (D) 1ymo, respectively.



Figure S7: The quantification of the conformational sampling and the projections of the allowed (large dark gray) and disallowed (small light gray) helix configurations on six planes (three for translation, and three for rotation) for (A) 2ap0, (B) 2n6q, (C) 2tpk, and (D) 4p5j, respectively.



Figure S8: The quantification of the conformational sampling and the projections of the allowed (large dark gray) and disallowed (small light gray) helix configurations on six planes (three for translation, and three for rotation) for (A) 1kpd, (B) 1rnk, (C) 1yg4, and (D) 2a43, respectively.



Figure S9: The quantification of the conformational sampling and the projections of the allowed (large dark gray) and disallowed (small light gray) helix configurations on six planes (three for translation, and three for rotation) for (A) 2rp1, (B) 2xdd, (C) 4ato, and (D) 437d, respectively.



Figure S10: The quantification of the conformational sampling and the projections of the allowed (large dark gray) and disallowed (small light gray) helix configurations on six planes (three for translation, and three for rotation) for (A) 4rmo, (B) 1kaj, (C) 2m58, and (D) 2m8k, respectively.

PDB	sequence/2D structure (in dot-bracket format)	Ref.
1a60	CCCCUUUUCCGAGGGUCAUCGGA	[1]
	[[[(((((]]])))))	[1]
1e95	GCGGCCAGCUCCAGGCCGCCAAACAAUAUGGAGC	[2]
	((((((([[[[]]]]])))))]]]]]]]	[2]
1hvu	UUCCGUUUUCAGUCGGGAAAAACUGAA	[3]
	[[[[(((((([]]])))))))))	[9]
1ymo	GGGCUGUUUUUCUCGCUGACUUUCAGCCCCAAACAAAAAGUCAGC	[4]
		[']
2n6q	AACCUUCACCAAUUAGGUUCAAAUAAGUGGU	[5]
	[[[[((((((((((()))))))))))))))))))))	[+]
2tpk	UGACCAGCUAUGAGGUCAUACAUCGUCAUAGC	[6]
		[.]
4p5j	CCCCUCUUCCGAGGGUCAUCGGAA	[7]
2m8k	GGUUUCUUUUUAGUGAUUUUUCCAAACCCCUUUGUGCAAAAAUCAUU	[8]
2ap0	AGUGGcGCCGACCACUUAAAAAACAACGG	[9]
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1kpd	GGCGCAGUGGGCUAGCGCCACUCAAAGGCCC	[10]
1rnk	GGCGCAGUGGGCUAGCGCCACUCAAAAGGCCCA	[11]
1yg4		[12]
2a43		[13]
2rp1		[14]
	AGGIGAIIIIIGCIIACCUUUAAGIIGCA	
2xdd	((((,[[.))))]]]	[15]
	GGUGUAACCUUACCGUAGUAGGU	
4ato	[[[((((.]]]))))	[16]
	CGCGGCACCgucCGCGGAACAAACGG	
437d	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	[17]
	ACCACUGACCGAUAUGUGGUAUAUAAAUGGUCGG	
4rmo	((((([[[[)))))]]]]]	[18]
1kaj	GGCGCAGUGGGCUAGCGCCACUCAAAAGCCC	
	((((([[[[))))]]]]	[19]
2m58	GAGACGCCAGUCACUCAGAUAUCCUGG	[00]
	[[[((((]]]))))	[20]

Table S1: The sequence and 2D structure defined from the corresponding references for the cases of PK motif.

PDB	sequence/2D structure (in dot-bracket format)	Ref.
1e8o	GGGCCGGGCGCGGCGCGCGCCUGUAGUCCCAGCUACUCGGGAGGCUC	[21]
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3skl	GGCUUAUACAGGGUAGCAUAAUGGGCUACUGACCCCGCCUUCAAACCUAUUUGGAGACUAUAAGUC	[22]
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3ds7	GGACAUACAAUCGCGUGGAUAUGGCACGCAAGAUCCCGCCGGGCACCGUAAAUGUCCGACUAUGUCC	[23]
	(((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((()))))))	
3ivn	GGCCAGUAUAACCUCAAUGAUAUGGUUUGAGGGUGUCUACCAGGAACCGUAAAAUCCUGACUACUGGUC	[24]
	(((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((()))))))	[2+]
41x5	GGCUUCAUAUAAUCCGAAUGAUAUGGUUUCGGAGCUUCCACCAAGAGCCUUAAACUCUUGAUUAUGAAGUC	[25]
	(((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((()))))))	[23]
4wfl	GCGGGGAGGUAGCGGUGCCCUGUACCUGCAAUCCGCUCUAGCAGGGC	[26]
	((((((([[[[)))))((((((]]]]])))))))	[20]
4uyk	GGCCGGGGGGUUCGGCGUCCCCUGUAACCGGAAACCGCCGAUAUGCCGGGGGCC	[27]
	((((((((((((((())))))))))))))))))))))))	[27]

Table S2: The sequence and 2D structure defined from the corresponding references for the cases of KISS motif.

PDB	sequence/2D structure
3MR8	
3DF1	GCACCGGCUAACUCCGUGCCAGCCGCGGGUAAUACGGAGGGUGC
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4B3T	GCGCCGGCCAACUCCGUGCCAGCAGCCGCGGUAAUACGGAGGGCGC
	((((([[[((((((((.]]))))))))))))))
4KJ6	GCACCGGCUAACUCCGUGCCAGCAGCCGCGGUAAUACGGAGGGUGC
	((((([[[(((((((.]])))))))))))))))
3JYV	UUGGAGGCAAGUCUGGUGCCAGCAGCCGCGGUAAUUCCAGCUCCAA
	((([[[((((((.]]])))))).))).
5413	GAGUUGGUAAAUCUCGUGCCAGCCACCGCGGUCAUACGAUUAACCC
JAJJ	(.((([[[))])))))))))))))))))))))))))
2150	GCACCGGCUAACUCCGUGCCAGCAGCCGCGGUAAUACGGAGGGUGC
3339	((((([[[((((((((((()))))))))))))))))
2151	GCACCGGCUAACUCCGUGCCAGCAGCCGCGGUAAUACGGAGGGUGC
2121	(((((([[(((((((((((())))))))))))))))
2020	UUGGAGGGCAAGUCUGGUGCCAGCAGCCGCGGUAAUUCCAGCUCCAA
3030	((((([[))]))))))))))))))))))))))))))
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4KZY	((((.[[)])))))))))))))))))))))))))))
	GGGCUGGGCAAGGCCGGUGGCAGCCGCCGCGGUAAUACCGGCGGCCC
3 J 43	((((([[((((((]].)))))))))))
	UUGGAGGGCAAGUCUGGUGCCAGCAGCCGCGGUAAUUCCAGCUCCAA
4D5L	((((.[)).).))))
	CUGGAGGGCAAGUCUGGUGCCAGCAGCCGCGGUAAUUCCAGCUCCAG
3JAM	(((.([[(.((((((])))))))))))))
4BPP	UUGGAGGGCAAGUCAUGGUGCCAGCAGCCGCGGUAAUUCCAGCUCCAA
	((((([[(.((((((])))))))))))

PDB	sequence/2D structure
3J3E	GAACGCAGCAAACUGUGCGUCAUCGUGUGAACUGCAGGACACAUGAACAUCGACAUUUU
	((((((.[[))))(.(((((]])))))))))))
4410	GAACGCAGCGAAAUGCGAUACGCAAUGCGAAUUGCAGAACCGCGAGUCAUCAGAUCUUU
4AIC	((((((.[[))))(.((((]])))))))))
3J3F	GAACGCAGCUAGCUGCGAGAAUUAAUGUGAAUUGCAGGACACAUUGAUCAUCGACACUUC
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4BYP	GAACGCAGCGAAAUGCGAUACGUAAUGUGAAUUGCAGAAUUCCGUGAAUCAUCGAAUCUUU
	((((((([[))))(((((()])))))))))))
3EZX	GAACGCAGCAAAGUGCGAUAAGUGGUAUCAAUUGCAGAAUCAUUUCAUUGCCCAAUCUUU
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3J0Y	GGACGUGCUAAUCUGCGAUAAGCGUCGGUAAGGUGAUAUGAACCGUUAUAACCGGCGAUUUCC
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3J50	GGACGUGCUAAUCUGCGAUAAGCGUCGGUAAGGUGAUAUGAACCGUUAUAACCGGCGAUUUCC
3J51	GGACGUGCUAAUCUGCGAUAAGCGUCGGUAAGGUGAUAUGAACCGUUAUAACCGGCGAUUUUCC
3J5E	GGACGUGCUAAUCUGCGAUAAGCGUCGGUAAGGUGAUAUGAACCGUUAUAACCGGCGAUUUCC
3J3W	
3JQ4	
2VHM	
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3BBO	(.())
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	GGACGUGCUAAUCUGCGAUAAGCGUCGGUAAGGUGAUAUGAACCGUUAUAACCGGCGAUUUCC
3BBX	((((((.[[[[.])))((((((((([]]]].)))))))))))))
5 A D.V.	GGACGUGCUAAUCUGCGAUAAGCGUCGGUAAGGUGAUAUGAACCGUUAUAACCGGCGAUUUCC
SADY	(((((((.[[.])))(((((((((([]]].))))))))))))))
21/47	GGACGUGGCUACCUGCGAUAAGCCAGGGGGGGGCGGGGGGGG
2 • 47	(((((((.[]])))((((((((((.]]]))))))))
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11.97	$((((\dots [\dots [\dots [\dots]))))))))))))))))))))))))))))$
2GYA	GGACGUGCUAAUCUGCGAUAAGCGUCGGUAAGGUGAUAUGAACCGUUUAACCGGCGAUUUCC
	$\dots (.(.[[.])))) \dots ((((((([])]))))) \dots))))$
1Y69	GGACGCGAUUACCUGCGAAAAGCCCCGACGAGCUGGAGAUACGCUUUGACUCGGGGAUGUCC
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1Z58	GGACGCGAUUACCUGCGAAAAAGCCCCGACGAGCUGGAGAUACGCUUUGACUCGGGGAUGUCC
	(((.()))))
2B9P	GGACGUGGCUACCUGCGAUAAGCCAGGGGGGGGGCGGGGGGGG
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Table S4: The sequence and 2D structure extracted by RNApdbee for the cases shown in Fig. S4(D-2).

PDB	sequence/2D structure
1 10	GGGAGCUCAACUCUCCCCCCUUUUCCGAGGGUCAUCGGAACCA
1860	(((((())))))((([[[[[[])))]]]]]
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51110	((((([[[((((((.]))))))))))))))
5kh8	GGCGAUGGUGUUCGCCAUAAACGCUCUUCGGAGCUAAUGACACCUAC
JKIIO	((((([[[[]))))((((()))))]]]]]]
6f7()	AGGCGCAUUUGAACUGUAUUGUACGCCUUGCA-GCAAAAGUACUAAAAA
4ena	GGGCGAUGAGGCCCGCCCAAACUGCCCUGAAAAGGGCUGAUGGCCUCUACUG
4rge	
2m58	
	GCUUGGUGCUUAGCUUCUUUCACCAAGCAUAUUACACGCGGAUAACCGCCAAAGGAGAA
2miy	((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((
	GGACGUGCUAAUCUGCGAUAAGCGUCGGUAAGGUGAUAUGAACCGUUAUAACCGGCGAUUUCC
3bbx	((((((.[[[[.])])((((((((([]]]].)))))))))))))
61 .:	ACUCGUUUGAGCGAGUAUAAACAGUUGGUUAGGCUCAAAGCGGAGAGCAG-UCUGCUCUCGUCCAA
SKIJ	(((((([[[[[]]))))))))))))))))))))))))))
2n8v	GGAACAGCUGUACUGGGCAGUUACAGCAGUCGUAUGGUAACACAUGCGGCGUUCCGAAAUACCAUGCCUG
2110	((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((((
5kpv	GGACACUGAUGAUCGCGUGGAUAUGGCACGCAUUGAAUUGUUGGACACCGUAAAUGUCCUAACACGUGUCC
экру	
5tpy	GGGUCAGGCCGGCGAAAGUCGCCACAGUUUGGGGGAAAGCUGUGCAGCCUGUAACCCCCCCACGAAAGUGGG
5d51	
	GGAACCGCGAAAGCGGUUCCACGACGAUACUUAUUUCCUUUGAUCGUCGUUAUUACUGGCCUUCGGCCACAAAGGAGA
4jf2	
	AGCUCGCCAGUUAGCGAGGUCUGUCUCGACACGACAGAUAAUCGGGUGCAACUCCCGCCCCUCUUCCGAGGGUCAUCGGAACCA
4p5j	···((((([)))))(((((((())))))))····((((]))))((([[[[[[])))]]]]]
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Sije	AGAUGAGCCG
4rzd	
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	CCGAGGGUCAUCGGAAC
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	GUAGAGCAAGGAGACUCA
	(((]]]]))).
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	GAAUCGACAGAAGGUGCACGGUC

Table S5: The sequence and 2D structure used for the benchmark test.

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