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Supplementary Figure Legends

Supplementary Figure 1: Sequencing metrics of QuantM-seq from HEK293 cells. Read count histograms of mapping quality scores (MAPQ) derived from QuantM-seq of HEK 293 cells for biological replicate 1 (**a**) and biological replicate 2 (**b**). Bar charts of read lengths vs. read counts classified as MAPQ > 10 or MAPQ <= 10 for QuantM-seq of HEK 293 cells for biological replicate 1 (**c**) and biological replicate 2 (**d**). **e**, A histogram depicting the total mapped reads (MAPQ > 10) for YAMAT-seq (YAMAT), Hydro-tRNA-seq with high coverage (Hydro_HC), Hydro-tRNA-seq with lower coverage (Hydro), QuantM-tRNA-seq (QuantM), DM-tRNA-seq performed on PAGE purified tRNA +/- pretreatment with demethylase (Total RNA DM +/-), DM-tRNA-seq performed on total RNA +/- pretreatment with demethylase (Purified tRNA DM +/-). Each bar represents a separate biological replicate for each methodology performed on HEK293 cells. **f**, Fraction of reads Assigned (MAPQ > 10), Unassigned Mapping Quality (MAPQ <= 10), or unmapped. Each bar represents a separate biological replicate for each methodology performed on HEK293 cells.

Supplementary Figure 2: Comparison of QuantM-seq with other tRNA-seq protocols, including a high output Hydro-seq library. Plots of log₁₀ -transformed reads per million for unique tRNA sequences. QuantM-seq is always represented by cyan dots compared to YAMAT-seq (N=2 biological replicates) (**a**), Hydro_HC high coverage hydro-seq library (N=1 sample) (**b**), or lower coverage Hydro-seq libraries (N=3 biological replicates) (**c**) in red. Error bars represent standard deviation of replicates. **d**, Pearson correlation coefficients between gene-level expression for each dataset. Total RNA DM(-): DM-tRNA-seq performed on total RNA without demethylase treatment, Total RNA DM(+): DM-tRNA-seq performed on total RNA with demethylase treatment, Purified tRNA DM(-): DM-tRNA-seq performed on gel purified tRNA without demethylase treatment, Purified tRNA DM(+): DM-tRNA-seq performed on gel purified tRNA without demethylase treatment, Purified tRNA DM(+): DM-tRNA-seq performed on gel purified tRNA without demethylase treatment. Bar charts of percentage of reads from DM-tRNA-seq on total RNA (e) or purified tRNA (f) where reverse transcriptase stalls or falls of in the T-loop, anticodon (AC) loop, D-loop, or at the end of tRNA (full length; FL). Red and Blue bars represent two separate biological replicates. cDNA represents values derived from densitometry of cDNA gels, reads are values from sequencing reads. * - denotes short reads (15 nt) that represent stalling at m1A in the T-loop clearly evident in cDNA were discarded from the GEO record.

Supplementary Figure 3: Demethylase treatment prior to QuantM-seq does not detectably improve quantitation. a, Scatter plot of average relative amount of *in vitro* transcribed *E. coli* tRNAs spiked into two HEK293 QuantM-seq libraries versus amounts detected by sequencing in reads per million. Shaded area represents the 95% confidence interval of the linear trendline. b, Bar chart of percentage reads from QuantM-seq of RNA from HEK293 cells treated with or without demethylase (DM) where reverse transcriptase stalls or falls off in the T-loop, anticodon (AC) loop, D-loop, or at the end of tRNA (full length; FL). Each bar represents individual biological replicates. c, Pearson correlation coefficients between QuantM-seq libraries with and without demethylase treatment (DM - demethylase). d, Scatter plot of expression values

from QuantM-seq performed on HEK293 RNA treated with demethylase versus tRNA array intensities. Shaded area represents the 95% confidence interval of the linear trendline.

Supplementary Figure 4: QuantM-seq of RNA from mouse tissues. a, Bar graph depicting sequencing depth for each mouse tissue tRNA dataset analyzed. **b**, Pearson correlation coefficients for isodecoder-level expression between each mouse tissue.

Supplementary Figure 5: Variants in sequencing change across tissues in tRNA bases known to be modified. a, Pearson correlation coefficients between isodecoderlevel variant fractions for each mouse tissue. Only tRNA bases with variant fractions that were >1% in all tissue samples were considered as potential sequence variants. b, Heatmaps for three isodecoders representing variant fractions at each tRNA position (x-axis) across tissue samples (y-axis). RNA from a CNS tissue (spinal cord) and a non-CNS tissue (heart) were either treated or untreated with demethylase before QuantM-seq. Note that position 56 (*), which varies only in CNS tissues (Fig. 6), loses variation upon treatment with demethylase, indicating that the m¹A was methyl group was removed. The numbers below the plot indicate nucleotide position.