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	Our web collection on <u>statistics for biologists</u> contains articles on many of the points above.
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Data collection

Bruker Topspin 3.2 (600MHz NMR spectrometer), Bruker Topspin 3.5 (800MHz NMR spectrometer)

Data analysis

NMRPipe 9.6, Sparky 3.113, ChemEx 0.6.1, custom python scripts (Python 2.7.12, numpy 1.11.0, matplotlib 1.5.1)

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All the key data are provided in the supporting tables, including accession codes of BMRB data that we analyzed, sequences of RNA constructs that we measured, chemical shift lookup table, and fitting results of NMR relaxation dispersion experiments. The NMR data acquired by us have been deposited in BMRB database with accession codes provided in the manuscript.

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Sample size	The number of RNA samples that we prepared were determined so that each base pair triplet appears at least twice. In this way the minimum requirement of statistics can be ensured for any base pair triplet, and at the same time potential mistakes such as mis-assignment can be recognized efficiently.			
Data exclusions	No data were excluded from the analyses.			
Replication	We constructed training dataset and testing dataset to avoid overfitting of data.			
Randomization	The RNA constructs were allocated into experimental groups randomly. The training dataset and testing dataset were constructed randomly, too. We also used an additional scheme to design training/testing datasets to make sure the result is very much reproducible.			
Blinding	We were blinded to group allocation during data collection and analysis.			

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