

**Figure S1:** Cross experiment peak intensities in dependence of the evolution delay  $\tau_M$  of the crosscorrelated relaxation for the 14mer (above) and the 30mer RNA (below). Data has been obtained at 700MHz with 512 transients per t<sub>1</sub>-increment for the 14mer and 1024 transients for the 30mer.

Residue	$\Gamma^{\mathrm{DD},\mathrm{CSA}}_{\mathrm{H1'C1',N1/9}}$		
	600MHz	700MHz	
G1	-	-	
G2	-0.72	-0.75	
C3	-0.15	-0.15	
A4	-	-0.52	
C5	-0.39	-0.29	
U6	-	0.34	
U7	0.84	1.20	
C8	1.13	1.12	
G9	1.66	2.41	
G10	-0.92	-1.08	
U11	-0.29	-	
G12	-0.59	-0.58	
C13	-0.25	-0.20	
C14	0.60	0.72	

**Table S1:**  $\Gamma_{C1'H1',N1/9}^{DD,CSA}$  for the 14mer RNA at 600MHz and 700Mz field strength.

Residue	$\Gamma^{\text{DD},\text{CSA}}_{\text{H1'C1',N1/9}}$	χ [°]		
	[Hz]	$\Gamma_{\rm H1'C1',N1/9}^{\rm  DD,CSA}$	<sup>3</sup> J(C,H)	NMR- structure
G2	-1.17	$211 \pm 1$	$194 \pm 4$	$193.6 \pm 0.5$
C3	-3.21	$196 \pm 1$	$194.5 \pm 4.5$	$204.3 \pm 0.9$
C5	-3.57	$194 \pm 1$	$191.5 \pm 4.5$	201.1 ± 1.3
C7	1.59	$209 \pm 1$	201 ± 9	206 ± 3
<b>G</b> 9	-	-	209.5 ± 2.5	198.7 ± 1.6
G10	-	-	$195 \pm 0$	196.7 ± 1.5
C14	2.05	$210 \pm 1$	$197 \pm 4$	201.6 ± 2.2
C16	-	-	$202.5 \pm 10.5$	197.8 ± 4.9
G17	1.91	90 ± 1	97 ± 5	$65.2 \pm 1.1$
G18	-	-	-	
C21	-2.43	$198 \pm 1$	200 ± 8	199.8 ± 1.6
C22	-3.38	$196 \pm 1$	$194 \pm 4$	197.5 ± 1.6
G26	-	-	$222.5 \pm 14.5$	$196.8 \pm 0.9$
G28	-0.75	$212 \pm 1$	$200 \pm 3$	$193.2 \pm 0.7$
C30	1.49	$209 \pm 1$	$208 \pm 4$	211.1 ± 1.5
RMSD [°]		9.3	8.7	

**Table S2:**  $\Gamma_{H1'C1',N1/9}^{DD,CSA}$  for the 30mer RNA at 900MHz and resulting  $\chi$  angles compared to the  $\chi$  angles from the NMR-structure and from the interpretation of <sup>3</sup>J(C,H)-coupling constants. Angle deviations for the  $\Gamma$ -rates were calculated using the averaged RMSD of 0.1Hz as determined for the 14mer; deviations for <sup>3</sup>J(C,H)-derived  $\chi$  angles were calculated from the deviations of angles resulting from the analysis of <sup>3</sup>J(C2/4,H1') and <sup>3</sup>J(C6/8,H1').