

THE COMPUTATIONAL DESIGN OF THE SPIKE GLYCOPROTEIN GENE siRNA OF SARS-COV-2



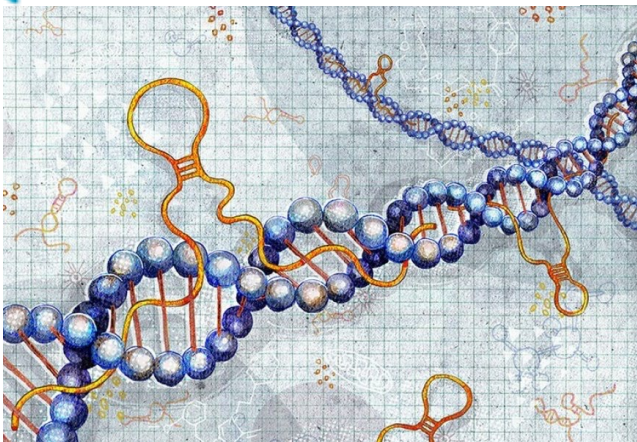
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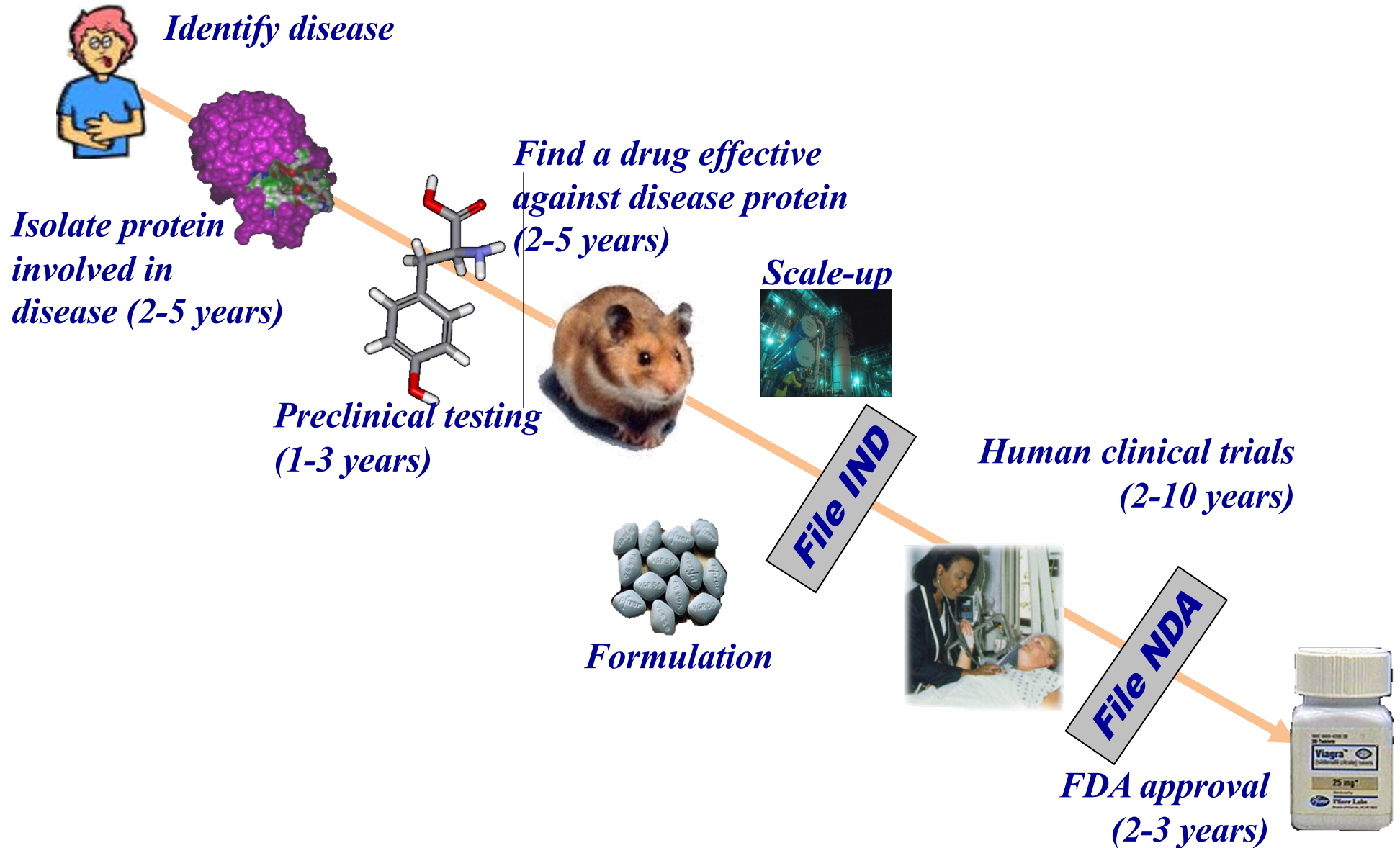
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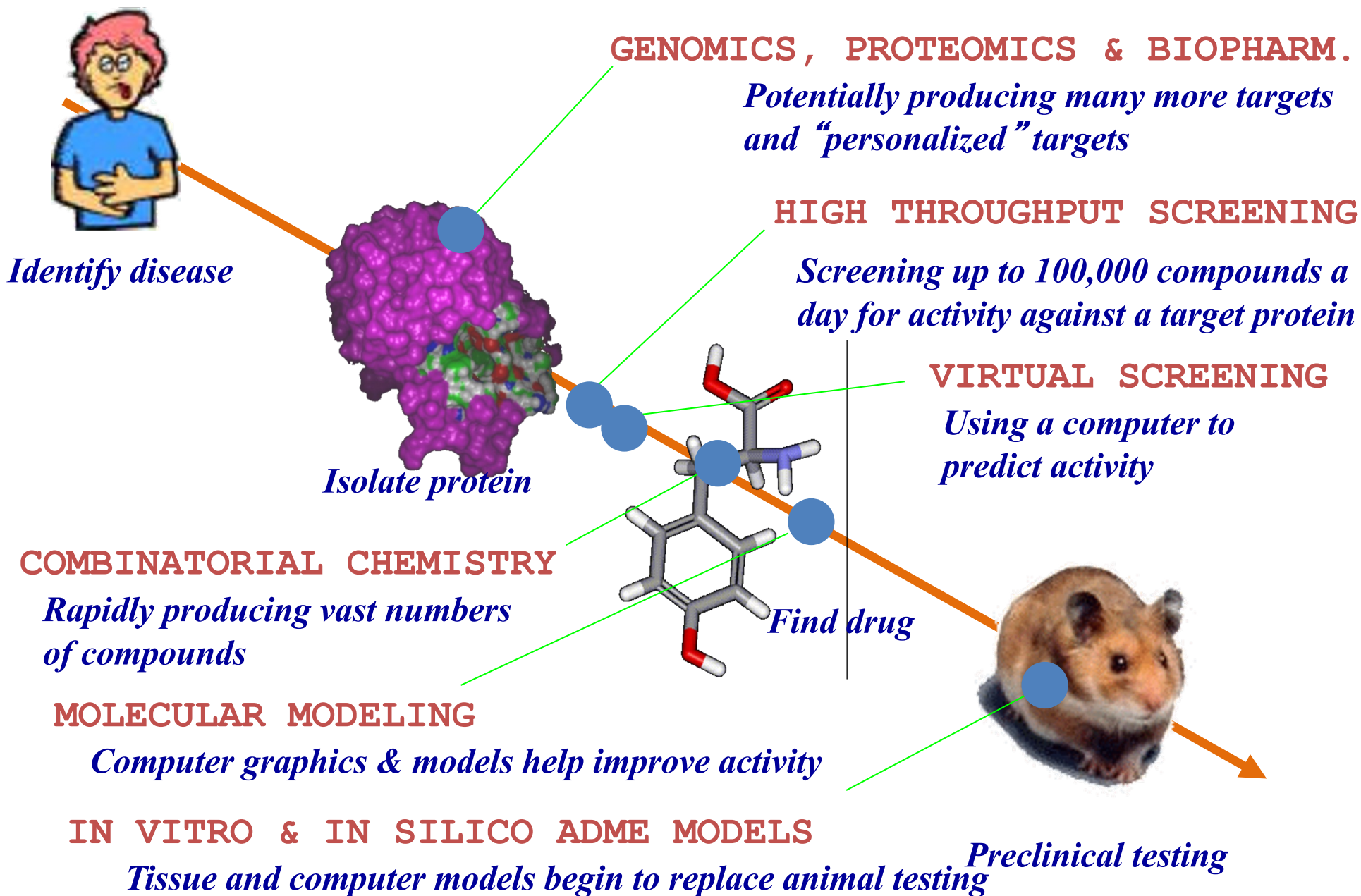
BACKGROUND

Drug Discovery today are facing a serious challenge because of the increased cost and enormous amount of time taken to discover a new drug, and also because of rigorous competition amongst different pharmaceutical companies.

Drug Discovery & Development



Technology is impacting this process



CADD methods (COMPUTER AIDED DRUG DESIGN)



- To examine, evaluate and compare complex molecular structure
- To modify structure and assess geometric and energetic consequences of such modifications
- To perform conformational analysis
- To build macromolecules


CADD Methods ...

- To dock small molecules into macromolecules
- To observe the dynamics between the ligands and the macromolecules
- To map pharmacophore group or ligands
- To analyze relationship between chemical structure and biological activity
- To predict activity of compounds/analogues before the synthesis

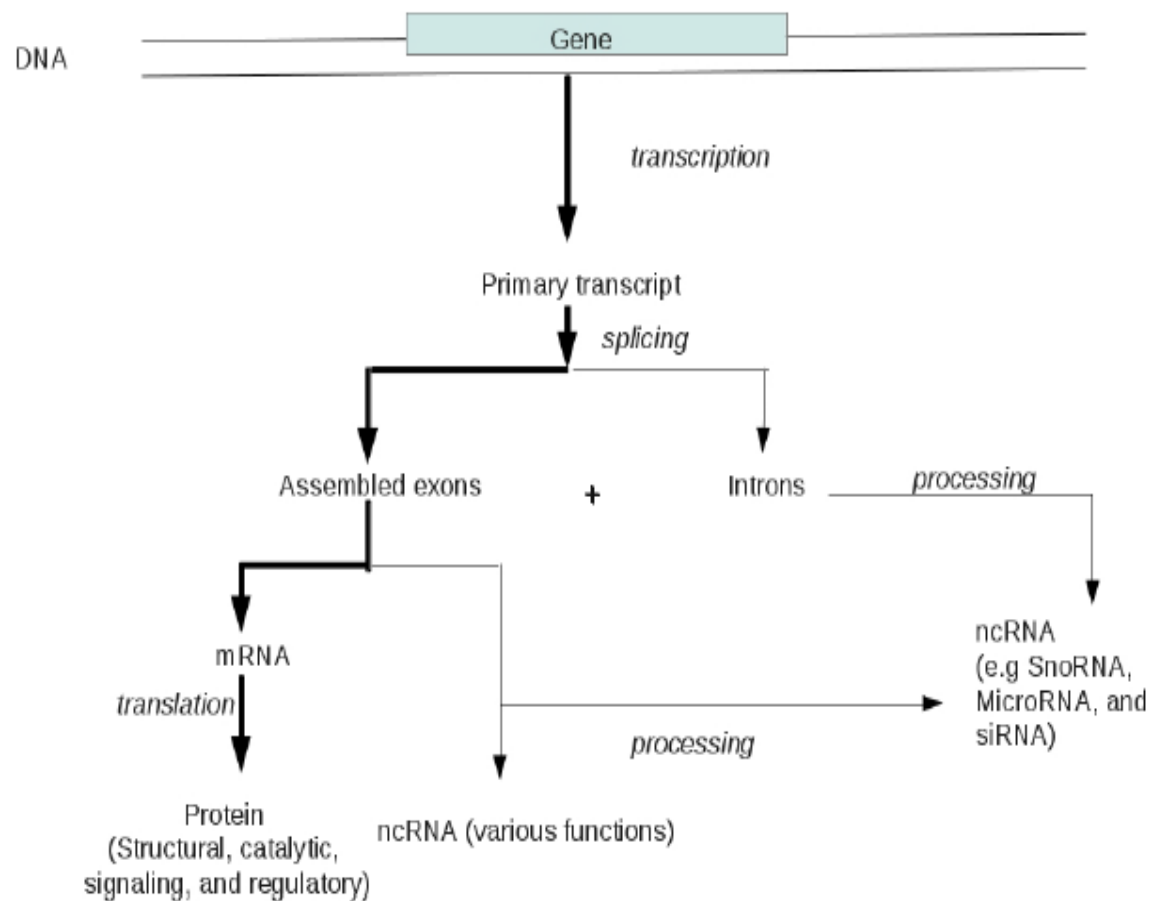




MOTIVASI


- Berdasarkan Teori Dogma Sentral, Protein adalah regulator terpenting.
 - Berarti, hanya sekitar 5% dari Genome Manusia yang penting, sisanya adalah 'sampah'
 - Skema ini tidak dapat atasi tantangan biomedis termutakhir
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John Mattick's Scheme





'Dunia RNA'

- Aliran Informasi Mattick menunjukkan berbagai tipe RNA berperan dalam regulasi gen
 - Mereka adalah: snoRNA, longNCRNA, miRNA, dll
 - 'last universal common ancestor' (**LUCA**) adalah *virus-like* dengan inti RNA
 - *Non Coding* RNA (ncRNA) berperan dalam regulasi gen walau tidak ditranslasi ke protein
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Contoh Struktur 2D RNA

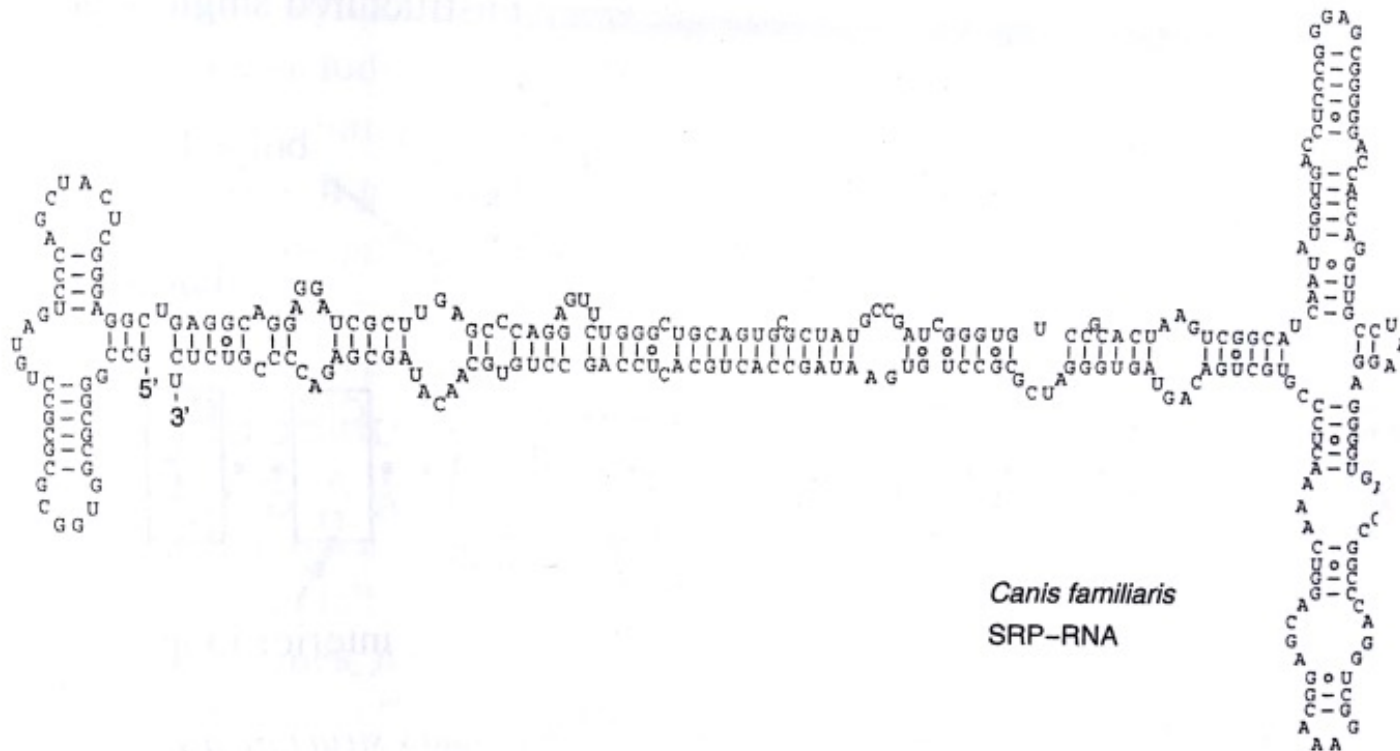


Figure 10.1 The RNA secondary structure of signal recognition particle (SRP) RNA from the dog, *Canis familiaris*.

INFORMATION PLOT RNA

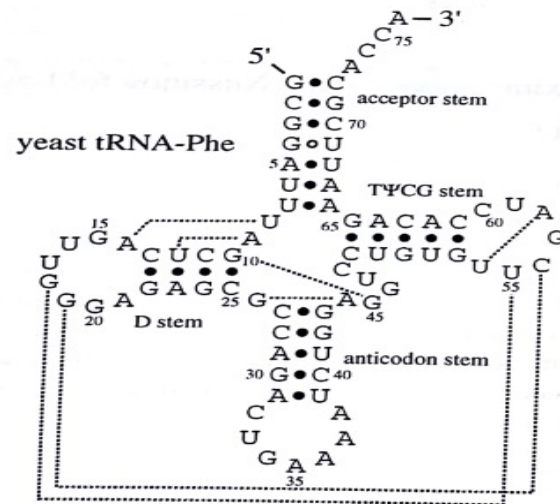
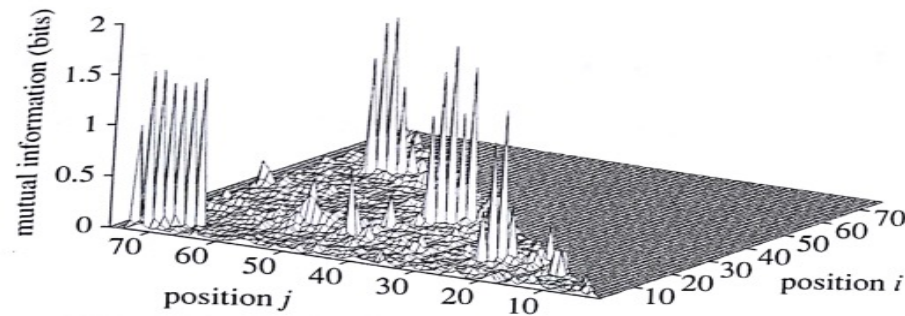


Figure 10.6 A mutual information plot of a tRNA alignment (top) shows four strong diagonals of covarying positions, corresponding to the four stems of the tRNA cloverleaf structure (bottom; the secondary structure of yeast phenylalanine tRNA is shown). Dashed lines indicate some of the additional tertiary contacts observed in the yeast tRNA-Phe crystal structure. Some of these tertiary contacts produce correlated pairs which can be seen weakly in the mutual information plot.

PERHITUNGAN ENERGI BEBAS RNA

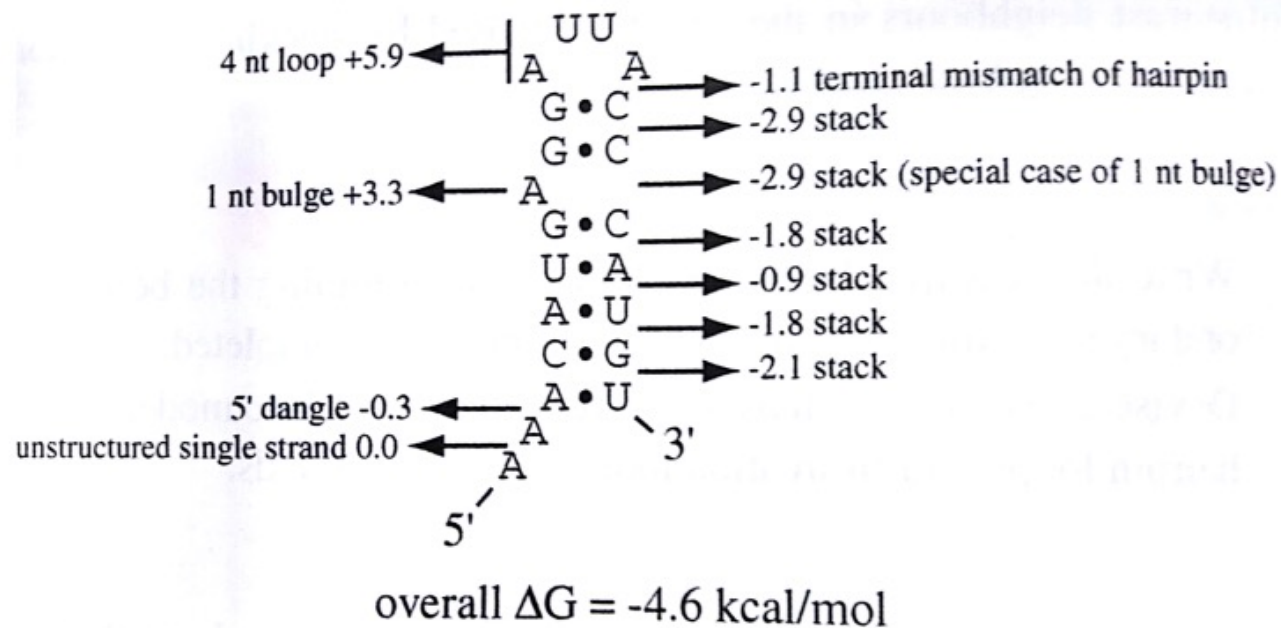
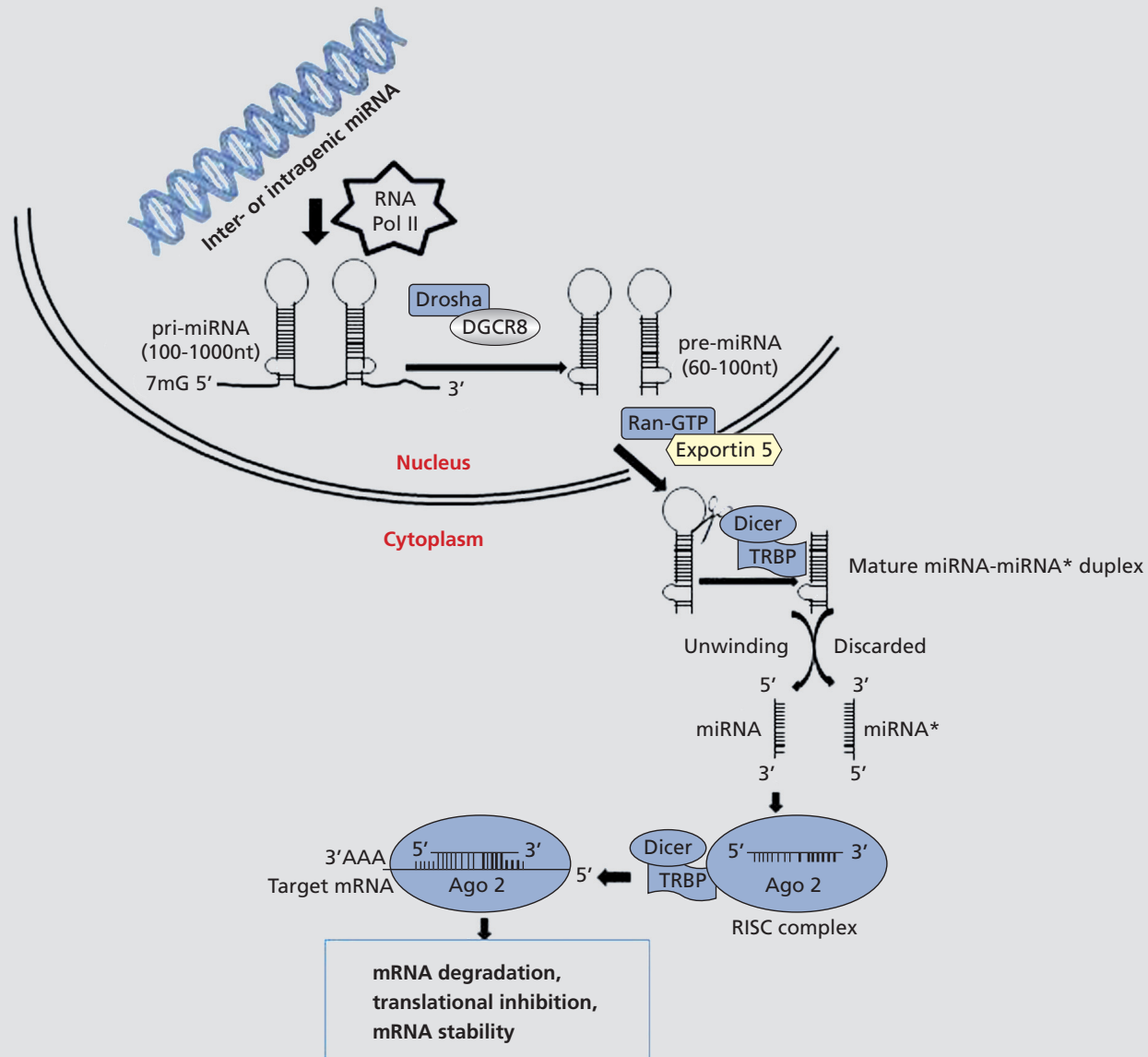



Figure 10.10 An example ΔG calculation for an RNA stem loop (the wild type R17 coat protein binding site).

miRNA Biogenesis

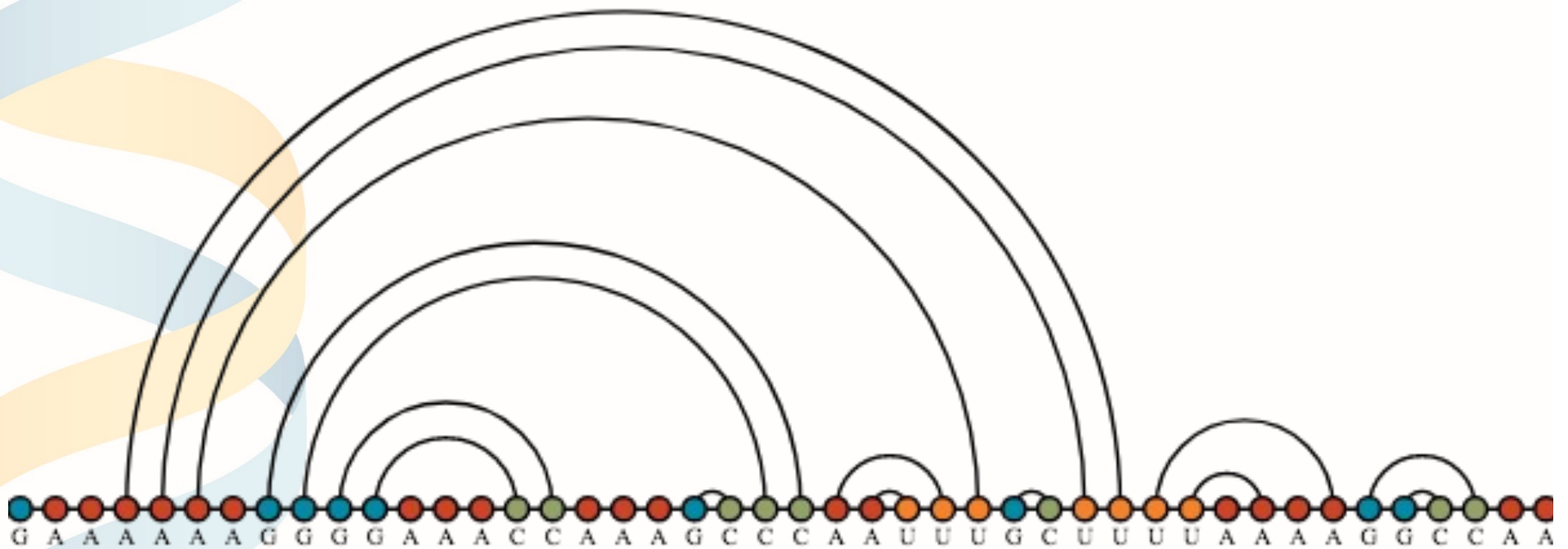




Komputasi RNA

- 'Big Data' ncRNA seyogyanya diolah oleh praktisi bioinformatika.
 - **Tools Bioinformatika** dapat digunakan untuk itu
 - **RNA Vienna Package** adalah paket komputasi ncRNA
 - **Mengapa harus RNA Vienna?** Karena sudah banyak dipublish pada jurnal internasional bereputasi, digunakan sebagai benchmark protokol komputasi
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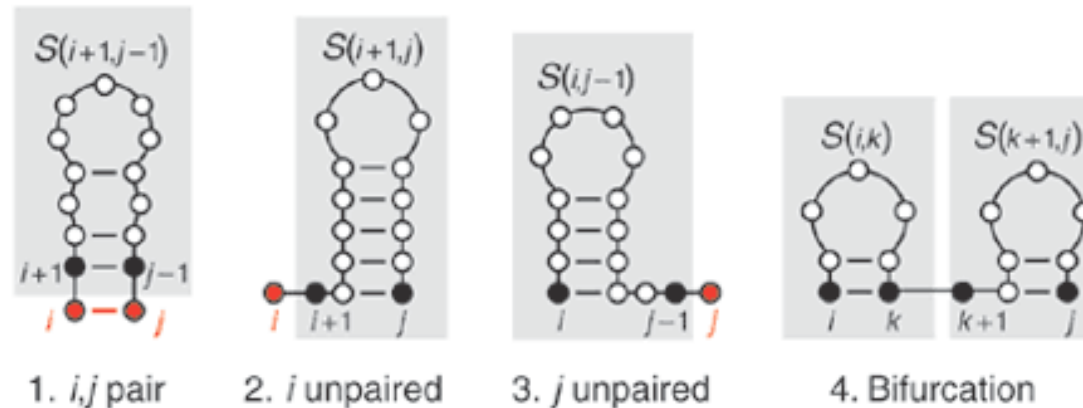
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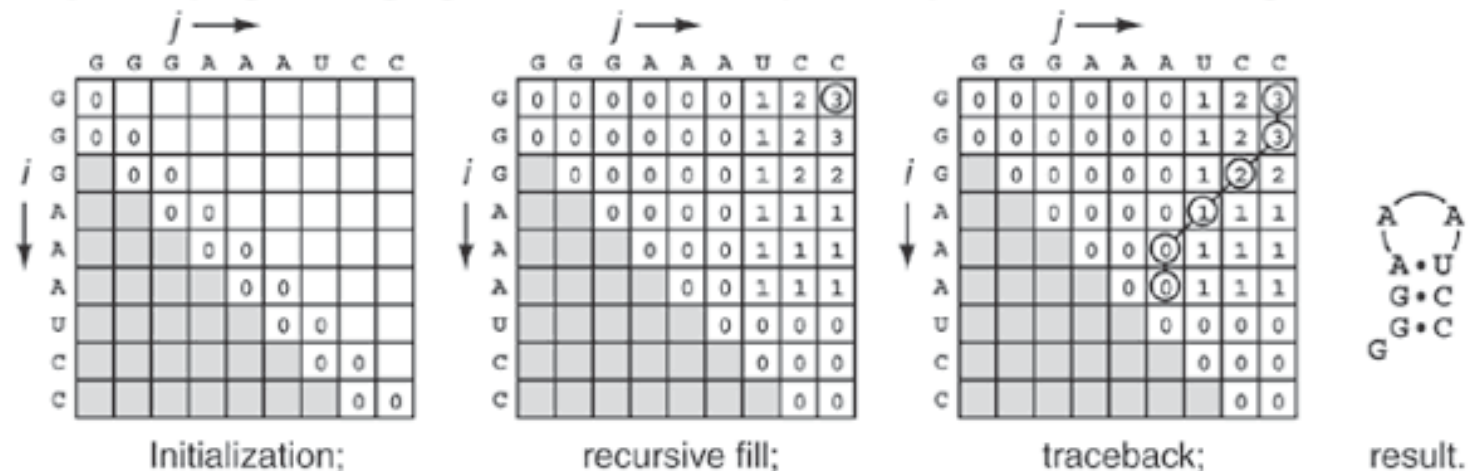
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DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING (2)

a Recursive definition of the best score for a sub-sequence i, j looks at four possibilities:



b Dynamic programming algorithm for all sub-sequences i, j , from smallest to largest:



- <https://www.nature.com/articles/nbt1104-1457>

DYNAMIC PROGRAMMING (3)

COMPUTATIONAL CHEMISTRY WITH RNA SECONDARY STRUCTURES

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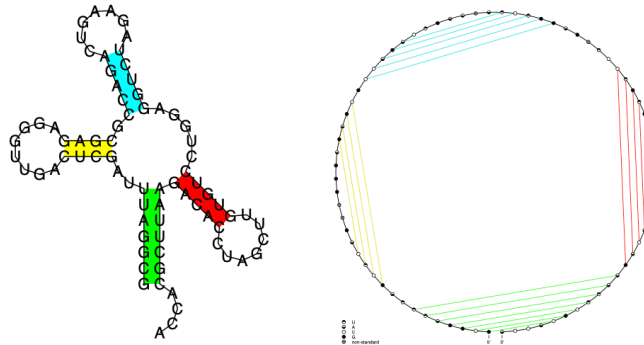


Figure 1. Secondary structure of phenylalanine-tRNA from yeast as conventional drawing and in circular representation. The chords in the circular representation must not cross in secondary structure graphs.

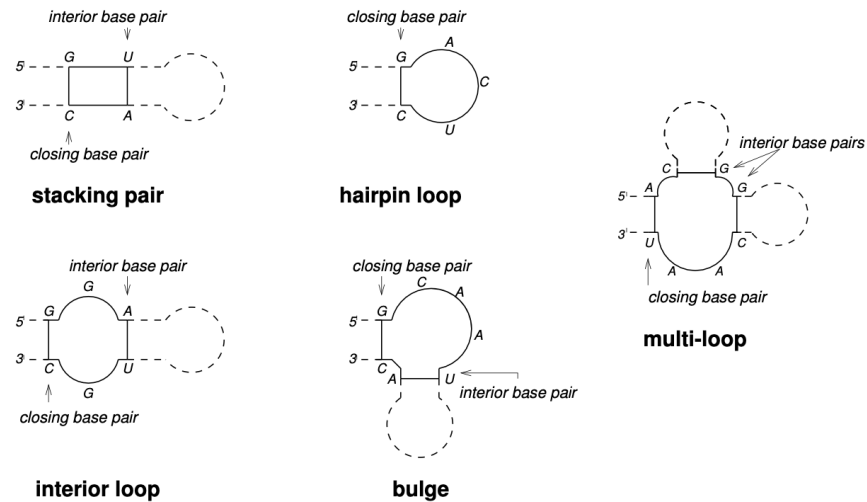


Figure 2. Secondary structure elements that form the basis of the energy model for nucleic acids.

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NUSSINOV ALGORITHM (1)

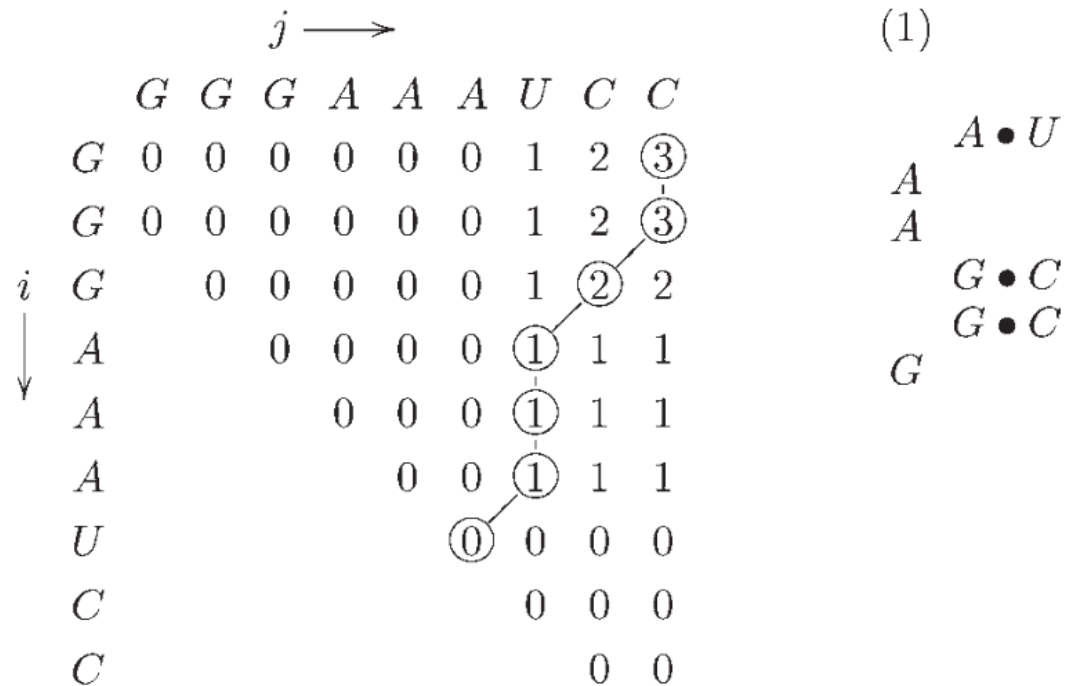


Figure 10.1. The traceback path produced by the Nussinov folding algorithm for the sequence *GGGAAAUCC*. The scores on the optimal path are indicated circles. The starting point of the path is located at the top right-hand corner. The secondary structure (1) associated with the optimal path is shown on the right.

NUSSINOV ALGORITHM (2)

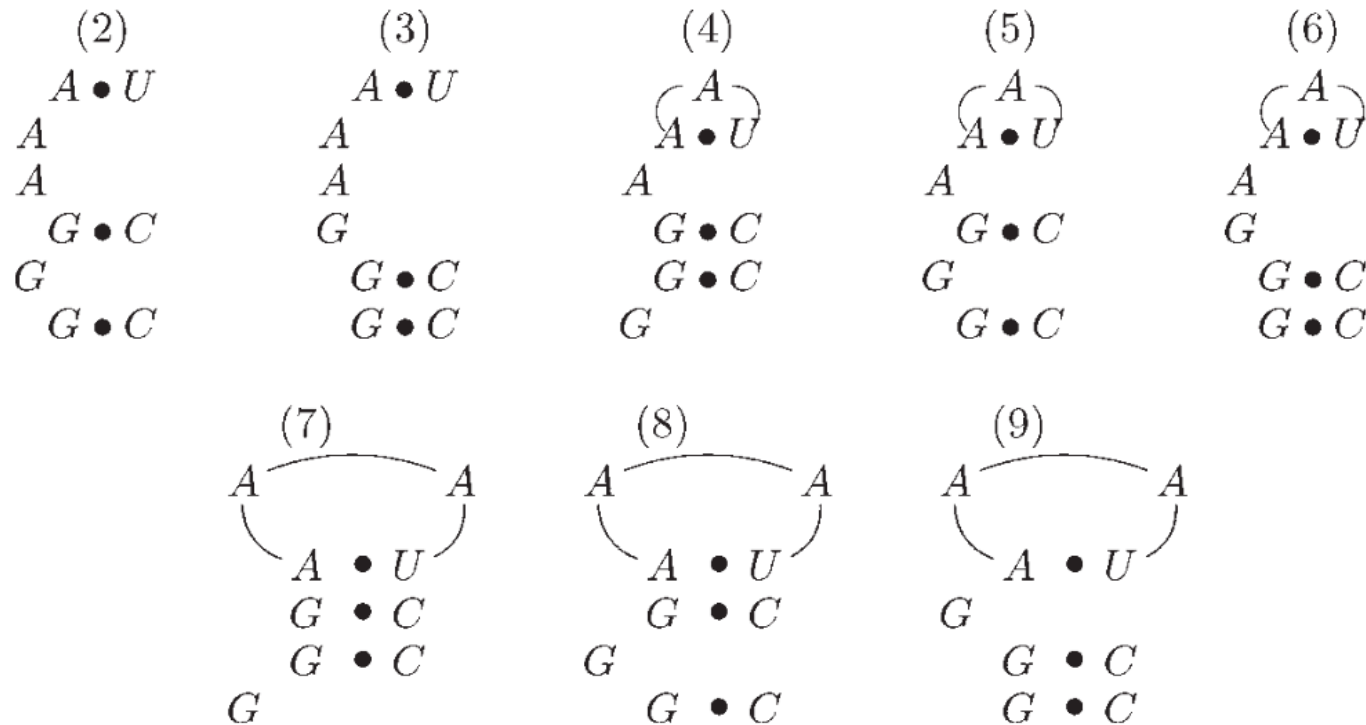


Figure 10.2. Eight alternative secondary structures (with three base pairs) of sequence *GGGAAUCC*.

Representasi Struktur 2D RNA

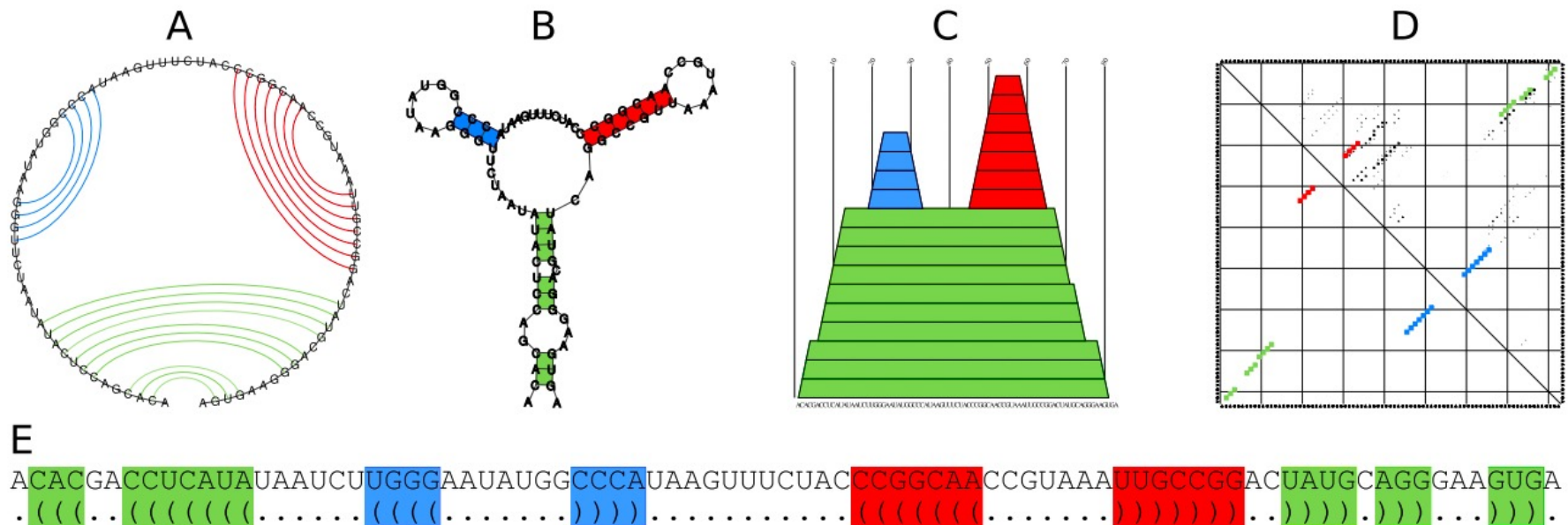



Figure 1.5. *Representations of RNA secondary structures. A) Circle plot. B) Conventional secondary structure plot. C) Mountain plot. D) Dot plot. E) Dot/bracket string notation. All plots represent the same structure, its the purine riboswitch (Rfam RF00167). Adopted from [Hofacker & Stadler 2007].*



Vienna RNA Package

- Developed by **Ivo Hofacker** et al from University of Vienna, Austria, and **Peter Stadler** et al from University of Leipzig, Germany.
 - Easy to use, and has web interface
 - Offline tools is available in **Linux** platform -> It's cheap!
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Vienna RNA Package Interface

ViennaRNA Web Services
Institute for Theoretical Chemistry

■ Structure prediction ■ Folding Kinetics ■ Sequence Design ■ ncRNA Prediction ■ Genome Wide Screening ■ Other

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The ViennaRNA Web Services

This server provides programs, web services, and databases, related to our work on RNA secondary structures. For general information and other offerings from our group see the [main TBI web server](#).

Web Servers

Thermodynamic Structure Prediction

- **RNAfold server...**
...predicts minimum free energy structures and base pair probabilities from single RNA or DNA sequences.
- **RNAalifold server...**
...predicts *consensus* secondary structures from an alignment of several related RNA or DNA sequences. You need to upload an alignment.
- **RNAeval server...**
...provides a detailed thermodynamic description of a sequence/structure pair.
- **RNAcofold server...**
...allows you to predict the secondary structure of a dimer.
- **RNAup server...**
...allows you to predict the accessibility of a target region.

ncRNA Prediction

- **Structure conservation analysis server...**
...will assist you in detecting evolutionarily conserved RNA secondary structures in multiple sequence alignments.
- **RNAz server...**
...will assist you in detecting thermodynamically stable and evolutionarily conserved RNA secondary structures in multiple sequence alignments.
- **Bcheck...**
...predicts rnpB genes.
- **RNAstrand server...**
...allows you to predict the reading direction of evolutionarily conserved RNA secondary structures.

Folding Kinetics

- **barriers server...**
...allows you to get insights into RNA folding

Sequence Design

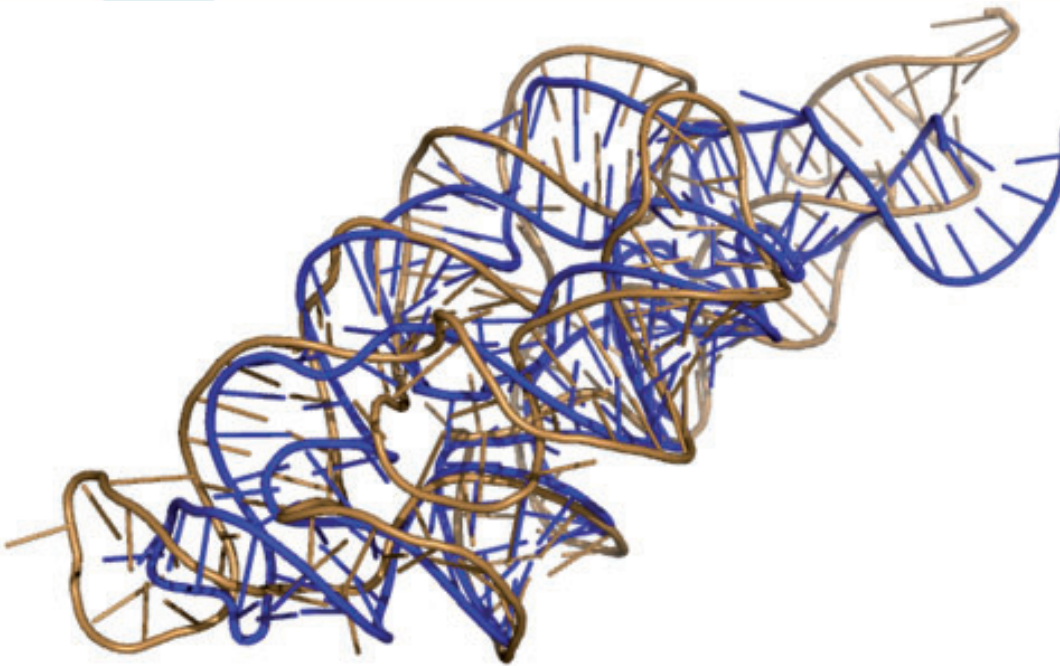
- **RNAinverse server...**
...allows you to design RNA sequences for

Genome Wide Screening

- **RNApredator...**
...predicts targets of small bacterial RNAs

Figure 6: Vienna RNA Package Interface (<http://rna.tbi.univie.ac.at/>)

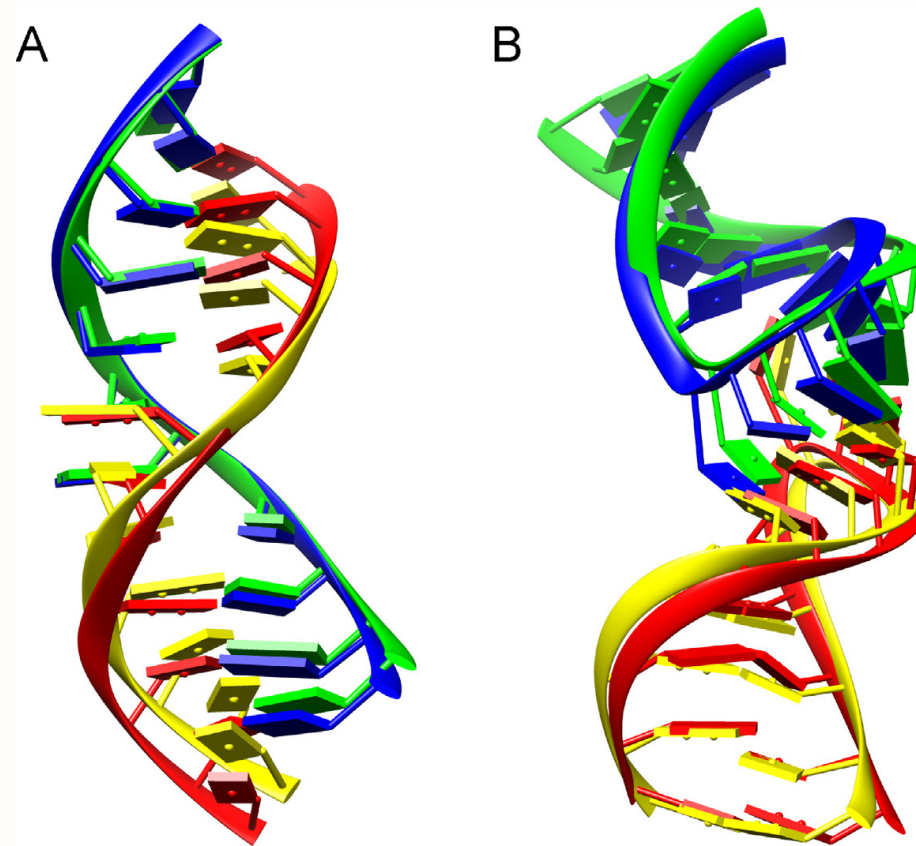
Ifold RNA



Ifold RNA is an online software that uses discrete molecular dynamics method to model the RNA 3D structure

Fig. 1. The structure of M-box riboswitch predicted by iFoldRNA v2 (sand color) is superimposed on the top of the crystal structure (PDB ID: 3pdr) (blue). RMSD between the predicted and the crystal structures is 7.7 Å. *P*-value, showing statistical significance of the prediction (Hajdin *et al.*, 2010), is less than 10^{-6} . RMSD was calculated using phosphate atoms only. INF = 0.725 (Parisien *et al.*, 2009). Experimental HRP data and base-pairing information were used (Ding *et al.*, 2012) (Color version of this figure is available at *Bioinformatics* online.)

HNADDOCK



HNADDOCK is a web server that implement specific DNA/RNA – DNA/RNA interaction function to its docking method

Figure 5. Comparison between the crystal structure (blue and red) and HNADDOCK server prediction (green and yellow) for two RNA–RNA docking examples: (A) structure input (target code: 1KD5; ranked #1, IRMSD = 1.98 Å); (B) sequence input (target code: 1KIS; ranked #4, IRMSD = 2.39 Å),

Pipeline Predictor Short ncRNA

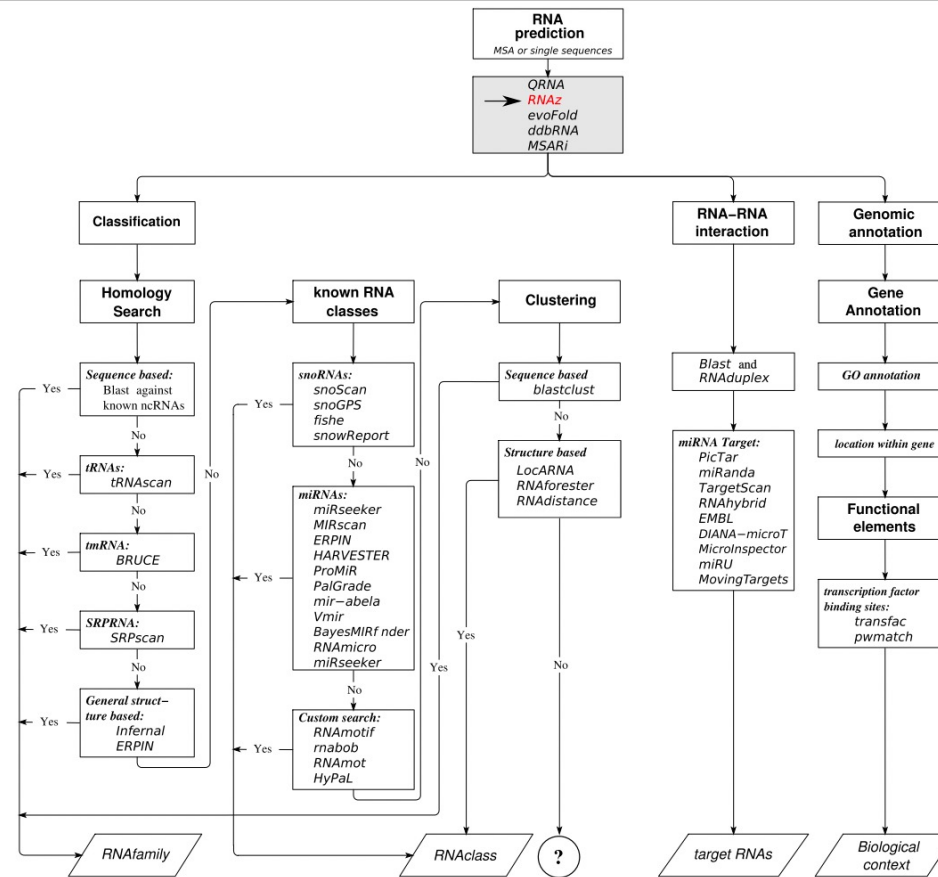


Figure 2.2. Flow chart for the annotation of short structured ncRNAs. The figure is an updated version from the published one in Bompfünnewerer Consortium et al. [2007]. RNA families in the sense of the Rfam database are predominantly defined by sequence homology, while RNA classes are defined via functional and/or structural similarities that may or may not be the consequence of common ancestry. Computational RNA prediction is the key to a pile of subsequent analyses which coherently contribute to accurate RNA annotation and, in the long run, steadily improve our understandings of vitally important RNA-mediated cellular processes.

Clusters of Complex Structure

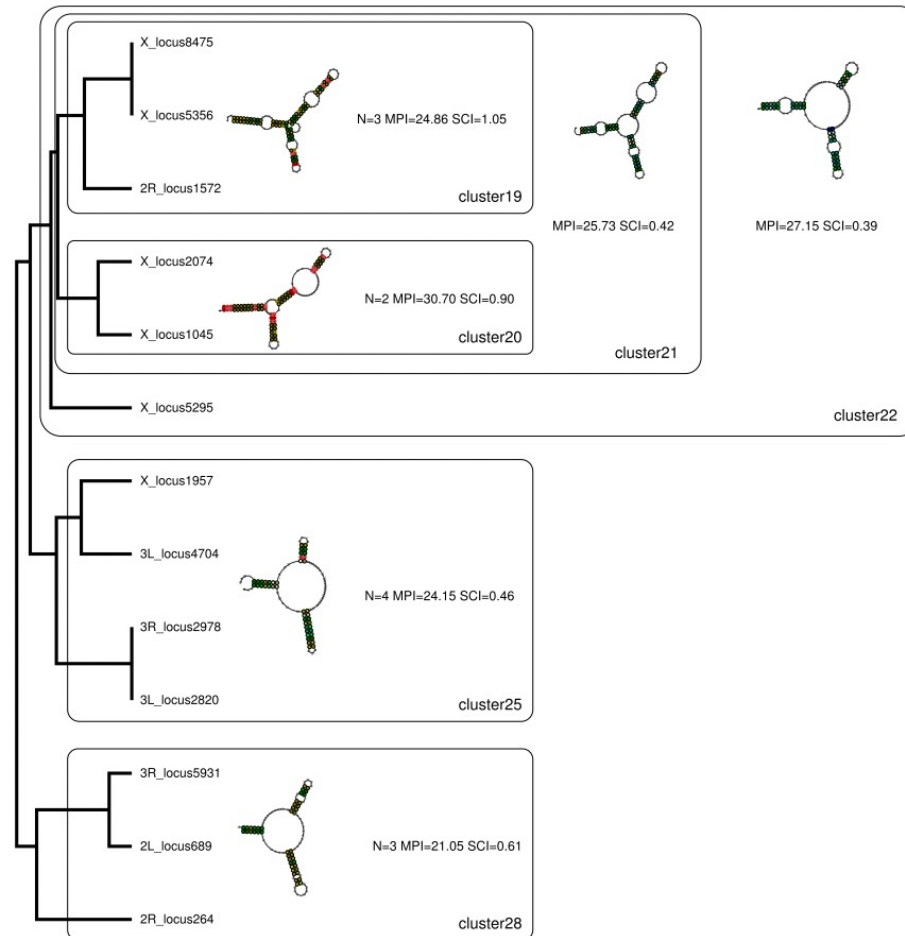
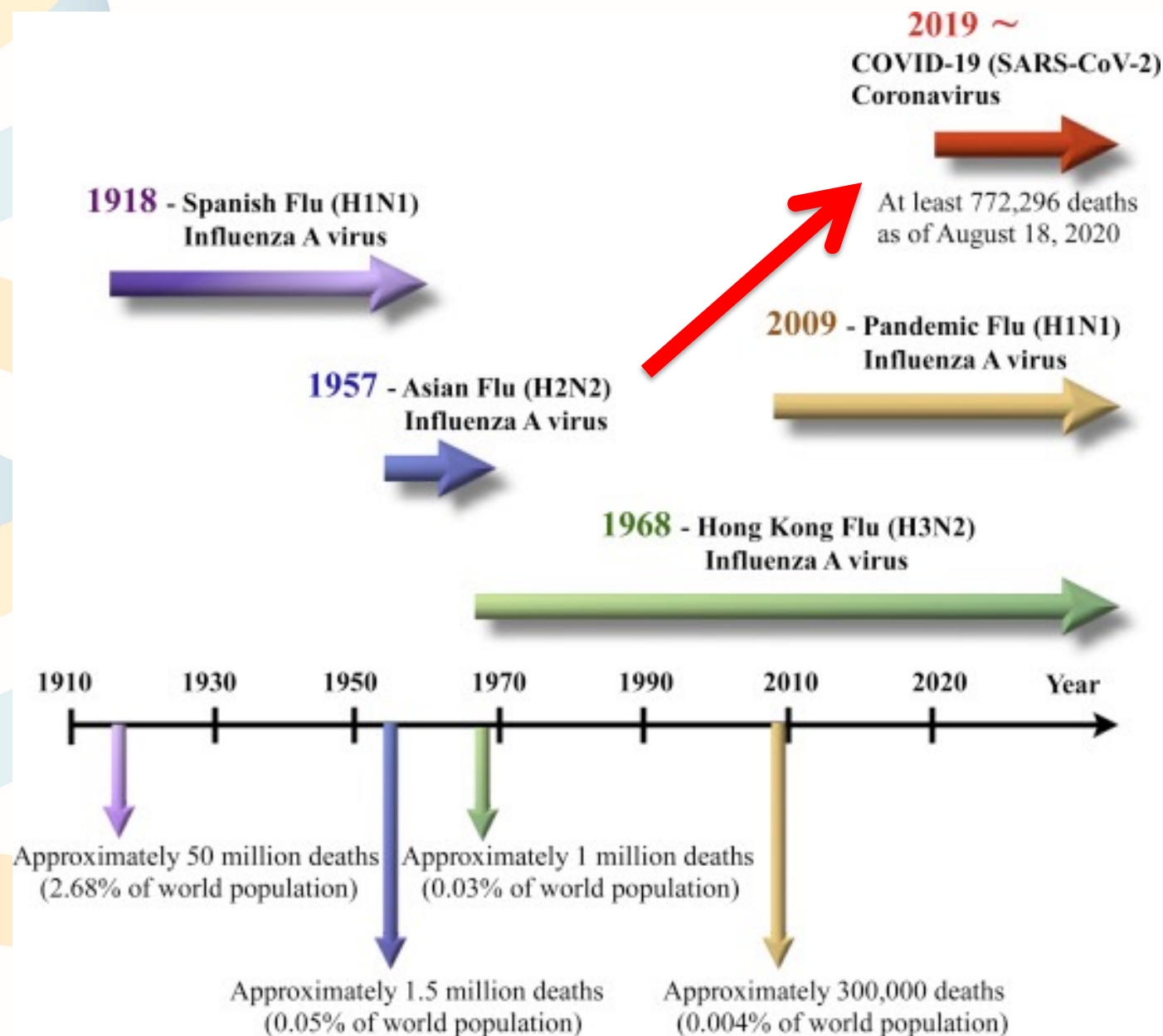
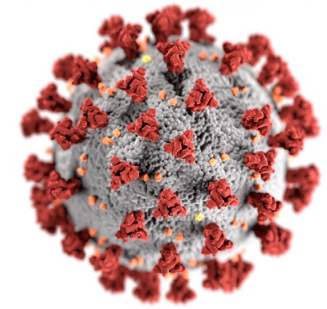


Figure 2.13. Cluster of complex structures. Structure-based clustering of RNAz hits with evidence for transcription by Pol III identifies a group of Y-shaped, potentially related putative ncRNAs. Abbreviations: N: number of sequences in cluster. MPI: mean pairwise identity of multiple alignment. SCI: structure conservation index.

Motivation: the World's Pandemic Time Cohort

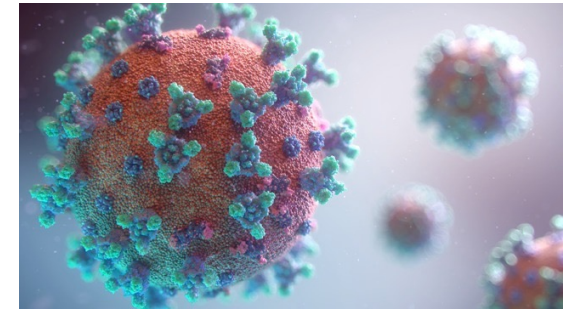


COVID-19 Publications from Our Group



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BACKGROUND

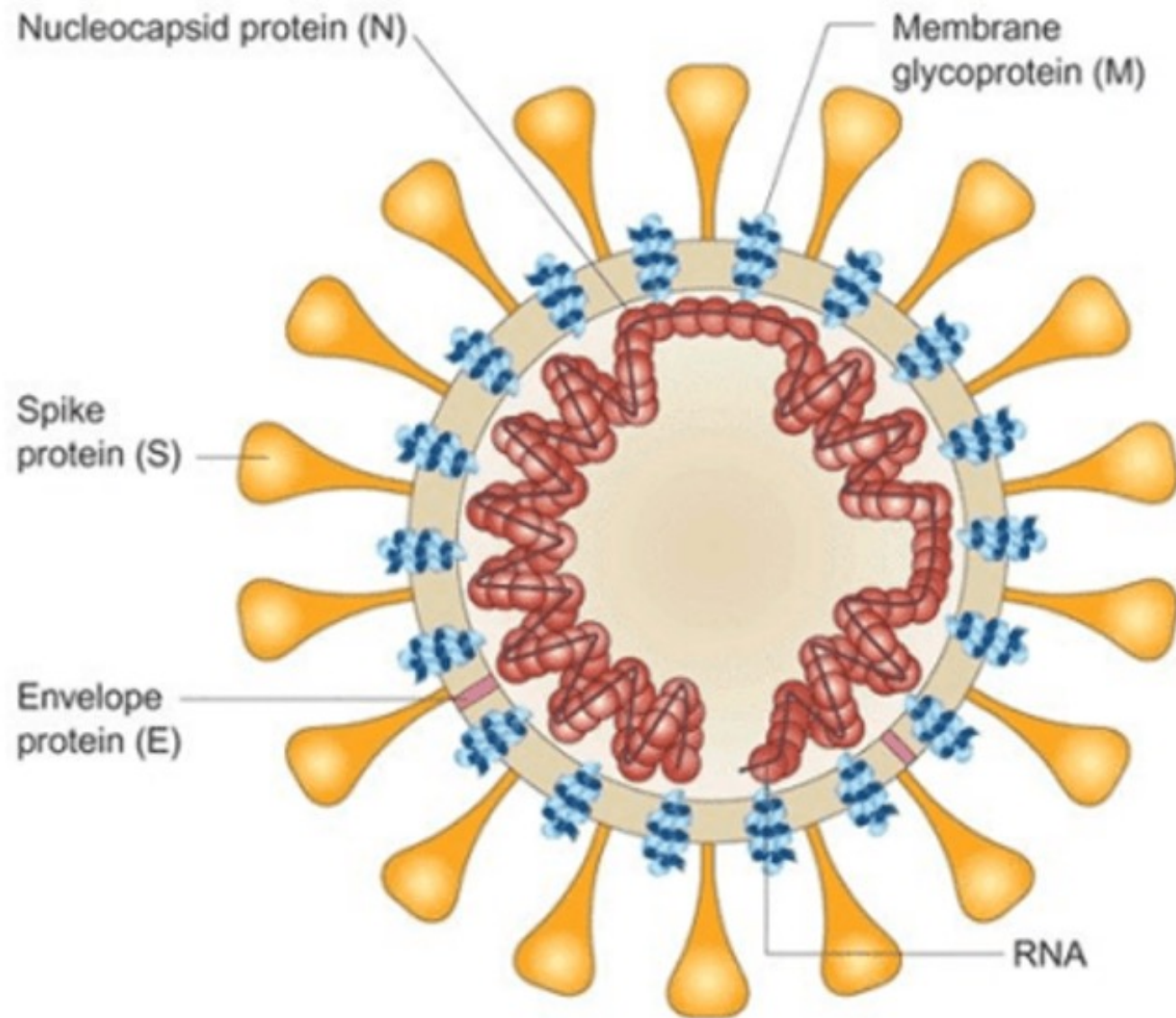


- COVID-19 disease is caused by SARS CoV-2
- The designated 'ground zero' is Wuhan, China.
- Current standing of COVID-19 pandemic is more than 481 millions Infected patients , and more than 6 million death. Mostly in the US. Significant infection and death in Indonesia (per 1th of April 2022, WHO COVID-19 Dashboard).



SARS-COV2 is...

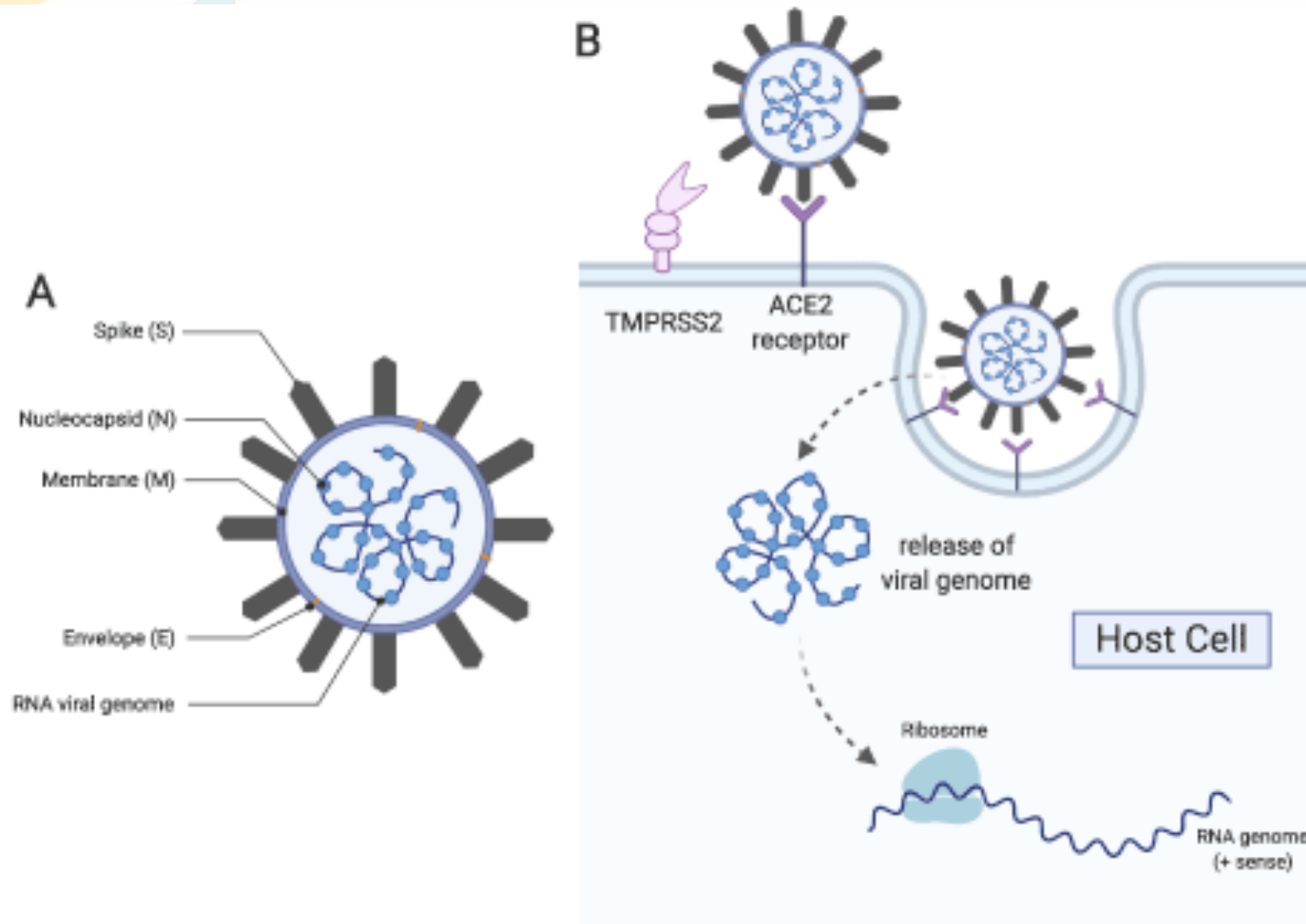
- RNA virus, generally it will have faster mutation rate than DNA virus or bacteria
 - The capability of zoonotic infection make it easier to mutate as well
 - Zoonotic? Meaning they are transmitted between animals and people.
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Figure 1. Schematic diagram of coronavirus structure.

Scheme of SARS-CoV-2 Infection Cycle



SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Sequences from Indonesian Patients



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In Focus


16,000 viral genomic sequences of hCoV-19 shared with unprecedented speed via GISAID

Since the start of the COVID-19 outbreak and the identification of the pandemic virus, laboratories around the world are generating viral genome sequence data with unprecedented speed, enabling real-time progress in the understanding of the new disease and in the research and development of candidate medical countermeasures. Sequence data are essential to design and evaluate diagnostic tests, to track and trace the ongoing outbreak, and to identify potential intervention options. [Listen to PRI's Elana Gordon](#)


GISAID data Submitters and Curators ensure real-time data sharing of hCoV-19 remains reliable, to enable rapid progress in the understanding of the new COVID-19 disease and in the research and development of candidate medical countermeasures.

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Genomic epidemiology of hCoV-19



COVID-19 Global Cases



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Recent hCoV-19 data submissions

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
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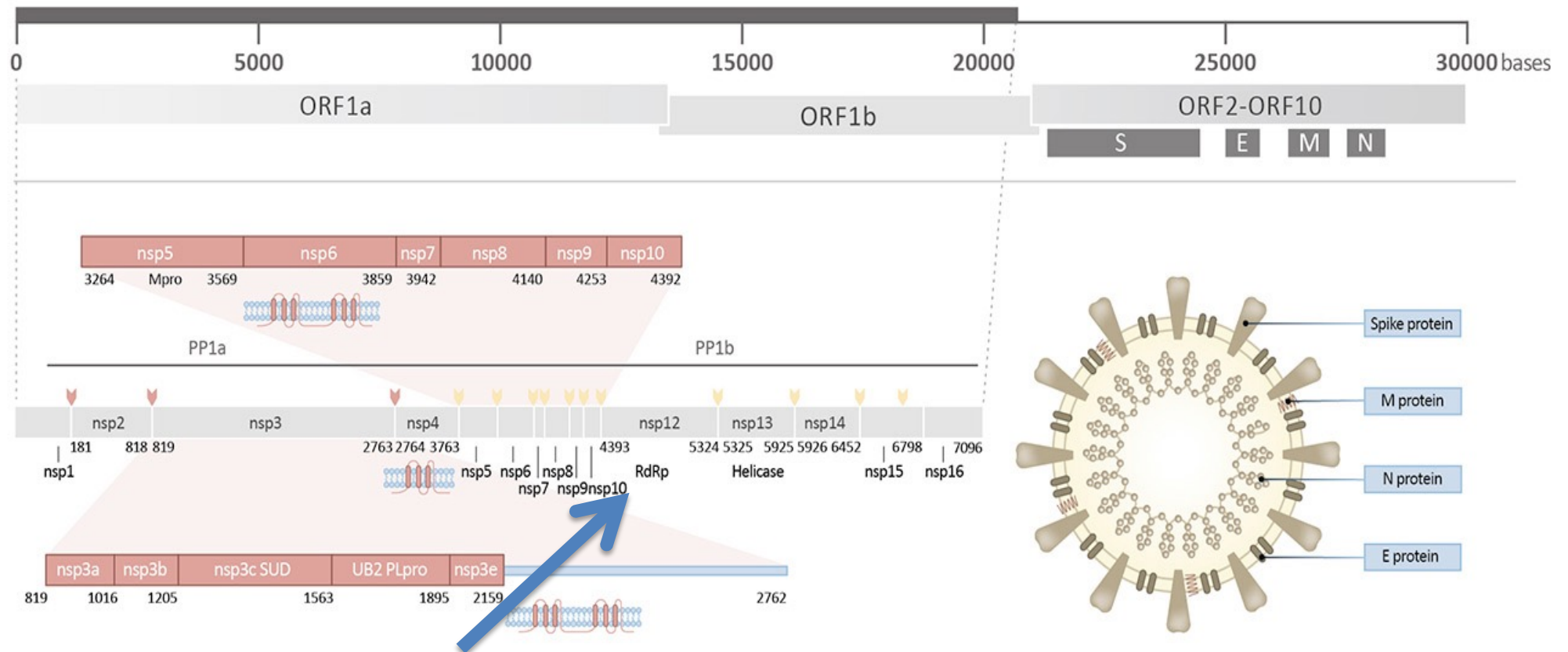
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SARS-CoV-2 Genome




The SARS-CoV-2 has a ~29.9 kilobase positive-sense RNA genome that contains as many as 29 open reading frames. Though the exact number of functional proteins remains to be established, there are at least 16 nonstructural proteins (nsp), four structural proteins, and at least six or seven accessory proteins.

https://www.genetex.com/MarketingMaterial/Index/SARS-CoV-2_Genome_and_Proteome




S Gene

- Infectivity or virulence of SARS-CoV-2 virus is mainly catered by its spike protein in the viral surface
 - It plays important role for viral penetration to the host cell, by facilitating attachment to the ACE2 receptor
 - Thus, it is logical in the sense of rational drug design that the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein should be inhibited to ward off the viral infection
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Objective of this research

- In this regard, combining transcriptomics and CADD approaches could be a viable solution to design SARS-CoV-2 drug, especially to provide anti-sense inhibitor to the mRNA expression of a gene. Thus, the objective of this research is to design transcriptomics-based drug candidate with bioinformatics pipeline to block the expression the mRNA of the SARS-CoV-2 S gene with siRNA.
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2D dan 3D RNA PREDICTION METHOD

- The search for S gene sequences from various localities was conducted with NCBI website:
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/labs/virus/vssi/#/sars-cov-2>
- The multiple sequence alignment using MUSCLE algorithms was applied to extract the sequence of the conserve region. All the S gene sequences were employed for constructing the phylogenetic tree with MEGAX
- The ncRNA or mRNA FASTA data were uploaded to the Vienna RNA package at <http://rna.tbi.univie.ac.at>. The respective tools were employed sequentially: *RNAfold*, *Barrier server*, *RNAup* dan *RNAxs*. They are useful to analyze the 2D annotation within the thermodynamics and kinetics sphere, and to determine the structure and the function of the ncRNA/mRNA.

2D dan 3D RNA PREDICTION METHOD

- The iFOLD RNA version 2 server (<https://dokhlab.med.psu.edu/ifoldrna/>) was utilized as well for de novo 3D structure prediction. In order to observe the chemical interaction of the siRNA and the mRNA, the HNAdock application for transcriptomics lead was employed. (<http://huanglab.phys.hust.edu.cn/hnadock/>). Lastly, the docking result was visualized using the UCSF Chimera software (<https://www.cgl.ucsf.edu/chimera/>)

Result of the siRNA design annotation



Figure 2: The RNAXs output for the S gene SARS-CoV-2 siRNA



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The 2D structures of the conserved S gene and the siRNA

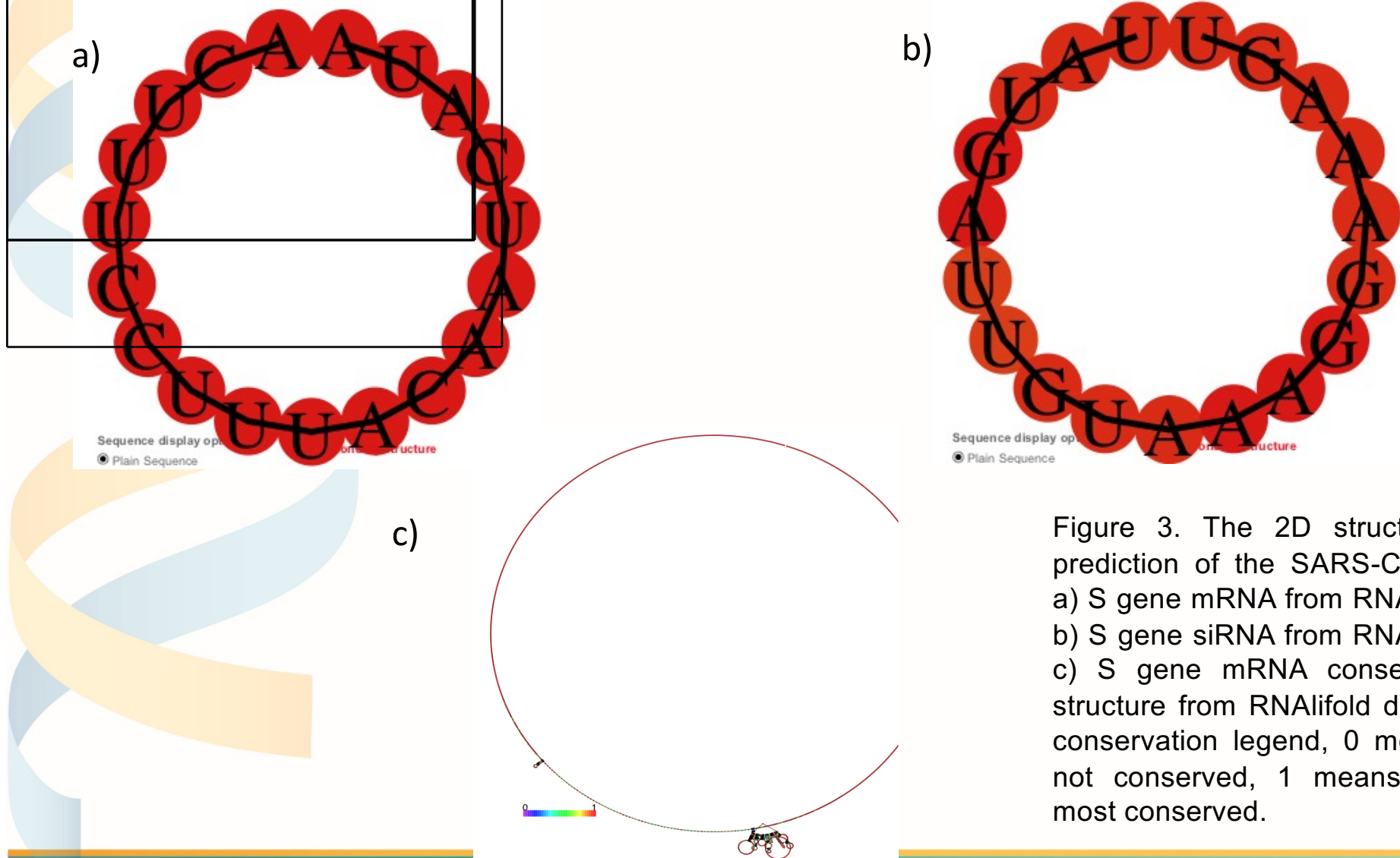


Figure 3. The 2D structures prediction of the SARS-CoV-2
a) S gene mRNA from RNAfold
b) S gene siRNA from RNAfold
c) S gene mRNA conserved structure from RNALifold
d) the conservation legend, 0 means not conserved, 1 means the most conserved.

The 3D structures of the conserved mRNA S gene and the siRNA

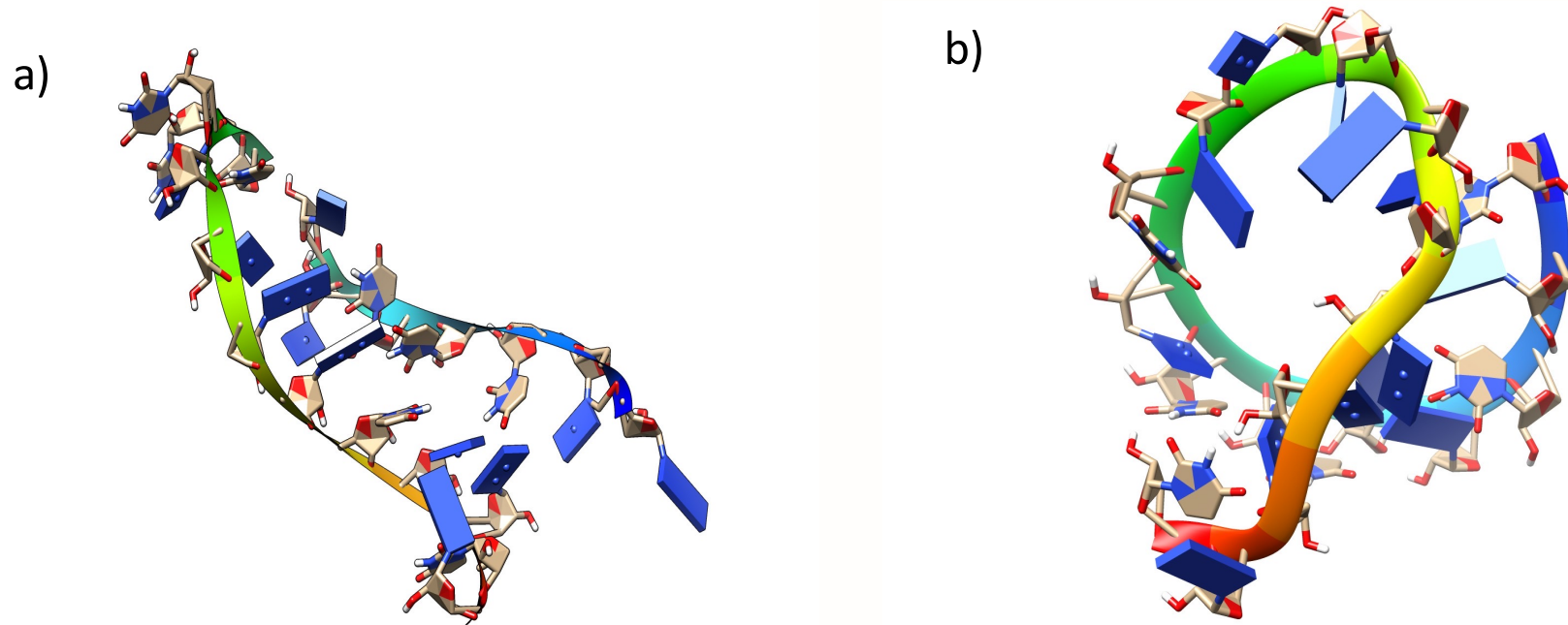


Figure 5: the 3D visualization of the S gene SARS-CoV-2 a) mRNA b) siRNA

The Molecular Docking Visualization of the mRNA and siRNA of the *S gene*

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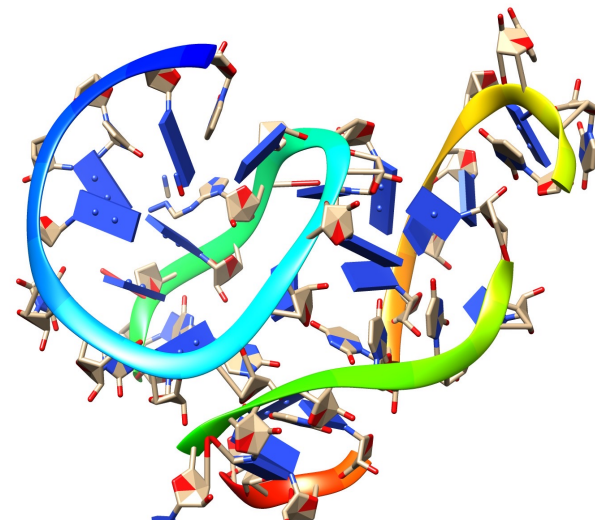


Figure 6: The docking result of the SARS-CoV-2 S gene mRNA and siRNA complex a) Complex visualization with HNADOCK b) Complex visualization with UCSF Chimera

Transcriptomics-based Drugs (Then)

Table 1

Anti-miRNA and siRNA/shRNA Therapeutics in Clinical Trials

Company	Drug	Delivery route	Target	Vehicle	Disease	Phase	Status
Santaris	SPC3649 (LNA)	SC	miR-122	Naked LNA	HCV	IIa	Ongoing
Opko Health	Bevasiranib	IVT	VEGF	Naked siRNA	AMD/DME	III	Terminated
Allergan/Sirna	AGN-745	IVT	VEGF-R1	Naked siRNA	AMD	II	Terminated
Quark/Pfizer	PF-655	IVT	RTP801	Naked siRNA	AMD/DME	II	Completed
Quark Pharma	QPI- 1007	IVT	Caspase 2	Naked siRNA	NAION	I	Ongoing
TransDerm/IPCC	TD101	Intralesional injection	KRT6A(N171K)	Naked siRNA	Pachyonychia Congenita	Ib	Completed
Sylentis	SYL040012	Ophthalmic drops	ADRB2	Naked siRNA	Intraocular Pressure	II	Ongoing
Sylentis	SYL1001	Ophthalmic drops	TRPV1	Naked siRNA	Dry eye syndrome	I	Ongoing
ZaBeCor	ExcellairTM	Inhalation	Syk kinase	unknown	Asthma	II	Ongoing
Alnylam/Cubist	ALN-RSV01	Nebulization or intranasal	RSV Nucleocapsid	Naked siRNA	RSV	IIb	Ongoing
Marina Biotech	CEQ508	Oral	Beta catenin	tkRNAi in E. Coli	FAP/ colon cancer	I	Ongoing
Silenseed Ltd	siG12D LODER	EUS biopsy needle	KRASG12D	LODER polymer	PDAC	I	Ongoing
Tekmira	TKM-ApoB	IV	Apo B	SNALP	Hypercholesterolemia	I	Terminated
Tekmira	TKM-PLK1	IV	PLK1	SNALP	Solid tumors	I	Ongoing
Alnylam/Tekmira	ALN-VSP02	IV	KSP and VEGF	SNALP	Solid tumors	I	Completed
Alnylam	ALN-TTR01	IV	TTR	SNALP	TTR-mediated amyloidosis (ATTR)	I	Ongoing
University Duisburg	Bcr-Abl siRNA	IV	Bcr-Abl	Anionic liposome	CML	I	Completed
Silence Therapeutics	Atu027	IV	PKN3	siRNA-lipoplex	Advanced solid cancer	I	Ongoing
Quark Pharma	I5NP	IV	P53	Naked siRNA	AKI and DGF	II	Ongoing
Calando Pharma	CALAA-01	IV	RRM2	Cyclodextrin nanoparticle, TF, and PEG	Solid tumors	I	Ongoing
Gradalis Inc.	FANG vaccine	<i>Ex vivo</i> IV	Furin and GM-CSF	Electroporation	Solid tumors	II	Ongoing
Duke University	iPsiRNA	<i>Ex vivo</i> intradermal injection	LMP2, LMP7, MECL1	Transfection	Metastatic melanoma	I	Ongoing
City of Hope/Benitec	Tat/Rev shRNA	<i>Ex vivo</i> transplant	HIV Tat and Rev	Lentivirus	HIV	0	Ongoing

(Burnet and Rossi, 2012)

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Table 1. miRNA-based therapeutics in clinical trials.


miRNA-Based Therapeutics					
Company	Name	Therapeutic Agent	Delivery System	Target Disease	Stage in Drug Development Pipeline
Santaris Pharma/Roche	Miravirsen	AntimiR-122	LNA antagomiR	Hepatitis C; Chronic hepatitis C	Phase II clinical trials (NCT02452814; NCT2508090)
Regulus Therapeutics	RG-101	AntimiR-122	GaLNAC-conjugated antagomiR	Chronic hepatitis C	Phase II clinical trials (discontinued)
	RG-125	AntimiR-103/107	GaLNAC-conjugated antagomiR	Diabetic non-alcoholic steatohepatitis	Phase II (discontinued)
	RG-012	AntimiR-21	NA	Hereditary nephritis	Phase II (NCT02855268)
	RGLS4326	AntimiR-17	NA	Autosomal dominant polycystic kidney disease	Phase I (on hold)
miRagen Therapeutics	MRG-106	AntimiR-155	LNA-modified antisense inhibitor	CTCL mycosis fungoides subtype; CLL; DLBCL; ATLL	Phase II (NCT03713320; NCT03837457); Phase I (NCT02580552)
	MRG-107	AntimiR-155	NA	ALS; cardiac disorders; retinal disorders	Pre-Clinical
	MRG-110	AntimiR-92	LNA antagomiR	Wounds	Phase I (NCT03603431)
	MRG-201	miR-29 mimic	Cholesterol-conjugated miRNA duplex	Keloid; fibrosis	Phase II (NCT03601052); Phase I (NCT02603224)
EnGeneIC	MesomiR-1	miR-16 mimic	EnGeneIC Dream Vector	Malignant pleural mesothelioma; non-small-cell lung cancer	Phase I (NCT02369198)
Mirna Therapeutics Inc.	MRX-34	miR-34 mimic	dsRNA liposomal nanoparticle	Solid tumours; haematological malignancies	Phase 1 (terminated)

LNA: locked nucleic acid; GaLNAC: N-acetylgalactosamine; CTCL: cutaneous T cell lymphoma; ATLL: adult T-cell leukaemia lymphoma; CLL: chronic lymphocytic leukaemia; DLBCL: diffuse large B-cell lymphoma [activated B-cell (ABC) subtype]; ALS: amyloid lateral sclerosis.

(Bajan and Hutvagner, 2020)



Conclusion

- It is concluded that the both 2D and 3D designs of the siRNA lead and mRNA biomarker for S gene could be elucidated with in silico-based approach. Thus, the docking result indicates that there is a possibility that the docking between both the siRNA and mRNA biomarkers could happen in the computational manner.
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