

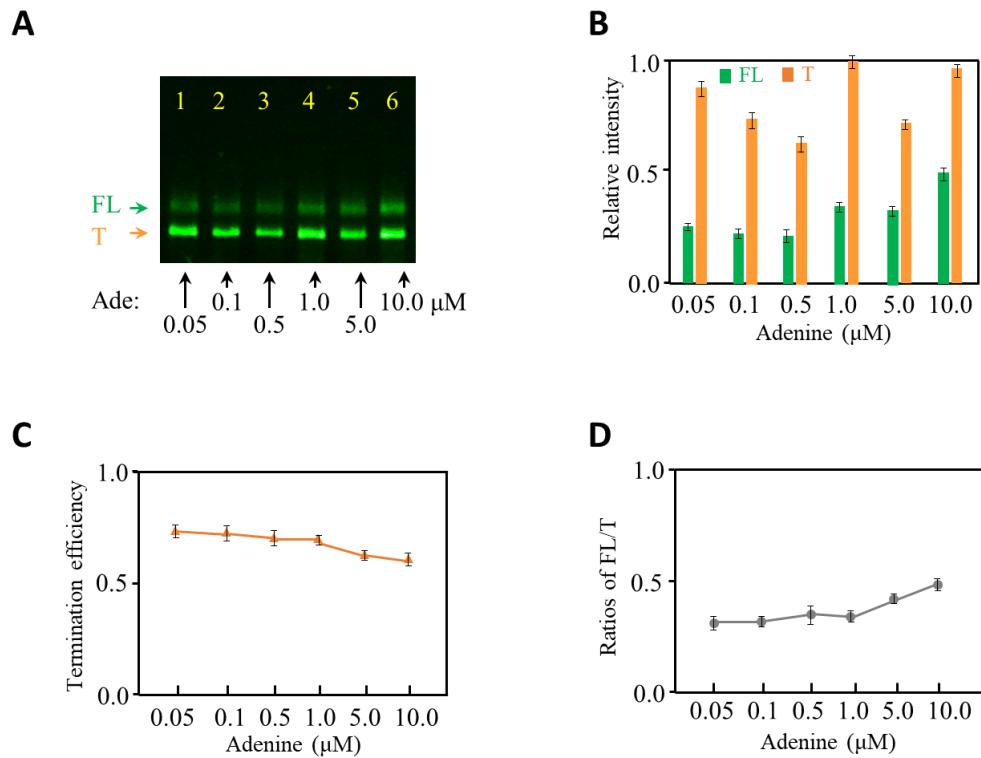
## Supplementary Information

### Quantitative analysis of transcriptional termination by Position-selective Labeling of RNA (PLOR) method

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**Supplementary Figure S1.** Transcription termination studies of adenine riboswitch at 0.05~10.0 μM adenine. (A) Denaturing PAGE gel image of the crude products generated from 8-step PLOR reactions in the presence of 0.05~10.0 μM adenine. The full-length and terminated products are marked by FL and T respectively. The gel was irradiated under fluorescence 550 nm. (B) The relative intensities of FL (in green) and T (in orange) produced at 0.05~10.0 μM adenine. The experiments were repeated three times. (C) Termination efficiency of adenine riboswitch transcription as a function of adenine concentration. (D) The ratios of FL to T of adenine riboswitch transcription as a function of adenine concentration.

**Supplementary Table S1: Sequences of DNA templates, primers and adenine riboswitch RNA**

DNA/RNA sequences	Sequence 5'→3'
forward primer used in PCR	Biotin-TCTGATTCAAGCTAGTCCATAATACGACT
reverse primer used in PCR	CCGC GGATGCGGAAAAAAAAT
The non-coding strand of DNA template in PLOR	Biotin- <i>TCTGATTCAAGCTAGTCCATAATACGACTCACTATA</i> GGGAAGTTGTATAACCTCAATAATATGGTTGAGGGTG TCTACCAGGAACCGTAAATCCTGATTACAAAATTGT TTATGACATTTTGTAATCAGGATTTTTCCGCATCC GCGG
The coding strand of DNA template in PLOR	CCGC GGATGCGGAAAAAAAATCCTGATTACAAAAT GTCATAAACAAATTGTAAATCAGGATTTACGGTTTCCT GGTAGACACCCTCAAACCATATTATTGAGGTTATACAA <u>CTTCCCTATAGTGAGTCGTATTATGGACTAGCTGAATCAG</u> <i>A</i>
Adenine riboswitch RNA	GGGAAGUUGUAUAACCUCAAUAAUAUGGUUGAGG GUGUCUACCAGGAACCGUAAAAUCCUGAUUACAAAA UUUGUUUAUGACAUUUUUUGUAAUCAGGAUUUUU UUCCGCAUCCGCGG

A linker (italicized) was added upstream of the T7 promoter (underlined).

**Supplementary Table S2: Reagent usage in 5 μM, 100 μL 3-step PLOR**

**Step 1: 37 °C, 15 min in the buffer (40 mM Tris-HCl, 100 mM K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 6 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub>, 10 mM DTT, pH 8.0)**

Step 1: 400 μM ATP, 600 μM GTP, 64 μM UTP;

**Steps 2-3: 25 °C, 10 min in the buffer (40 mM Tris-HCl, 6 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub>, 0 or 1 mM adenine, pH 8.0)**

Step 2: 25 μM ATP, 15 μM CTP, 20 μM UTP;

Step 3: 115 μM ATP, 80 μM CTP, 100 μM GTP, 175 μM UTP.

**Supplementary Table S3: Reagent usage in 5 µM, 100 µL 6-step PLOR**

**Step 1: 37 °C, 15 min in the buffer (40 mM Tris-HCl, 100 mM K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 6 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub>, 10 mM DTT, pH 8.0)**

Step 1: 400 µM ATP, 600 µM GTP, 64 µM UTP;

**Steps 2-6: 25 °C, 10 min in the buffer (40 mM Tris-HCl, 6 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub>, 0 or 1 mM adenine, pH 8.0)**

Step 2: 25 µM ATP, 15 µM CTP, 20 µM UTP;

Step 3: 5 µM ATP, 35 µM GTP, 25 µM UTP;

Step 4: 10 µM ATP, 15 µM CTP, 5 µM UTP;

Step 5: 10 µM ATP, 10 µM CTP, 15 µM GTP;

Step 6: 90 µM ATP, 55 µM CTP, 50 µM GTP, 145 µM UTP.

**Supplementary Table S4: Reagent usage in 5 µM, 100 µL 8-step PLOR**

**Step 1: 37 °C, 15 min in the buffer (40 mM Tris-HCl, 100 mM K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 6 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub>, 10 mM DTT, pH 8.0)**

Step 1: 400 µM ATP, 600 µM GTP, 64 µM UTP;

**Steps 2-8: 25 °C, 10 min in the buffer (40 mM Tris-HCl, 6 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub>, 0 or 1 mM adenine, pH 8.0)**

Step 2: 25 µM ATP, 15 µM CTP, 20 µM UTP;

Step 3: 5 µM ATP, 35 µM GTP, 25 µM UTP;

Step 4: 10 µM ATP, 15 µM CTP, 5 µM UTP;

Step 5: 10 µM ATP, 10 µM CTP, 15 µM GTP;

Step 6: 20 µM ATP, 10 µM CTP, 15 µM UTP;

Step 7: 10 µM ATP, 5 µM GTP, 10 µM UTP;

Step 8: 60 µM ATP, 45 µM CTP, 45 µM GTP, 120 µM UTP.

**Supplementary Table S5: Reagent usage in 5 μM, 100 μL 8-step PLOR for testing adenine**

**Step 1: 37 °C, 15 min in the buffer (40 mM Tris-HCl, 100 mM K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 6 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub>, 10 mM DTT, pH 8.0)**

Step 1: 400 μM ATP, 600 μM GTP, 64 μM UTP;

**Steps 2-7: 25 °C, 10 min in the buffer (40 mM Tris-HCl, 6 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub>, 0~10 mM adenine, pH 8.0)**

Step 2: 25 μM ATP, 15 μM CTP, 20 μM UTP;

Step 3: 5 μM ATP, 35 μM GTP, 25 μM UTP;

Step 4: 10 μM ATP, 15 μM CTP, 5 μM UTP;

Step 5: 10 μM ATP, 10 μM CTP, 15 μM GTP;

Step 6: 20 μM ATP, 10 μM CTP, 15 μM UTP;

Step 7: 10 μM ATP, 5 μM GTP, 10 μM UTP;

**Steps 8: 25 °C, 10 min in the buffer (40 mM Tris-HCl, 6 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub>, 0~10 mM adenine, pH 8.0)**

Step 8: 60 μM ATP, 45 μM CTP, 45 μM GTP, 120 μM UTP.

**Supplementary Table S6: Reagent usage in 5 μM, 100 μL 8-step PLOR for testing Mg<sup>2+</sup>**

**Step 1: 37 °C, 15 min in the buffer (40 mM Tris-HCl, 100 mM K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 6 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub>, 10 mM DTT, pH 8.0)**

Step 1: 400 μM ATP, 600 μM GTP, 64 μM UTP;

**Steps 2-7: 25 °C, 10 min in the buffer (40 mM Tris-HCl, 6 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub>, 0 or 1 mM adenine, pH 8.0)**

Step 2: 25 μM ATP, 15 μM CTP, 20 μM UTP;

Step 3: 5 μM ATP, 35 μM GTP, 25 μM UTP;

Step 4: 10 μM ATP, 15 μM CTP, 5 μM Cy3-UTP (30 °C, 10 min);

Step 5: 10 μM ATP, 10 μM CTP, 15 μM GTP;

Step 6: 20 μM ATP, 10 μM CTP, 15 μM UTP;

Step 7: 10 μM ATP, 5 μM GTP, 10 μM UTP;

**Steps 8: 25 °C, 10 min in the buffer (40 mM Tris-HCl, 0.5~26 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub>, 0 or 1 mM adenine, pH 8.0)**

Step 8: 60 μM ATP, 45 μM CTP, 45 μM GTP, 120 μM UTP.

**Supplementary Table S7: Reagent usage in 5 µM, 100 µL 8-step PLOR for testing NTPs**

**Step 1: 37 °C, 15 min in the buffer (40 mM Tris-HCl, 100 mM K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 6 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub>, 10 mM DTT, pH 8.0)**

Step 1: 400 µM ATP, 600 µM GTP, 64 µM UTP;

**Steps 2-7: 25 °C, 10 min in the buffer (40 mM Tris-HCl, 6 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub>, 0 or 1 mM adenine, pH 8.0)**

Step 2: 25 µM ATP, 15 µM CTP, 20 µM UTP;

Step 3: 5 µM ATP, 35 µM GTP, 25 µM UTP;

Step 4: 8 µM ATP, 12 µM CTP, 4 µM Cy3-UTP (30 °C, 10 min);

Step 5: 10 µM ATP, 10 µM CTP, 15 µM GTP;

Step 6: 20 µM ATP, 10 µM CTP, 15 µM UTP;

Step 7: 10 µM ATP, 5 µM GTP, 10 µM UTP;

**Steps 8: 25 °C, 10 min in the buffer (40 mM Tris-HCl, 6 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub>, 0 or 1 mM adenine, pH 8.0)**

Step 8 for 0.5X NTP: 30 µM ATP, 22.5 µM CTP, 22.5 µM GTP, 60 µM UTP;

Step 8 for 1X NTP: 60 µM ATP, 45 µM CTP, 45 µM GTP, 120 µM UTP;

Step 8 for 2X NTP: 120 µM ATP, 90 µM CTP, 90 µM GTP, 240 µM UTP;

Step 8 for 10X NTP: 600 µM ATP, 450 µM CTP, 450 µM GTP, 1.2 mM UTP.

**Supplementary Table S8: Reagent usage in 5 µM, 100 µL 10-step PLOR**

**Step 1: 37 °C, 15 min in the buffer (40 mM Tris-HCl, 100 mM K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 6 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub>, 10 mM DTT, pH 8.0)**

Step 1: 400 µM ATP, 600 µM GTP, 64 µM UTP;

**Steps 2-10: 25 °C, 10 min in the buffer (40 mM Tris-HCl, 6 mM MgSO<sub>4</sub>, 0 or 1 mM adenine, pH 8.0)**

Step 2: 25 µM ATP, 15 µM CTP, 20 µM UTP;

Step 3: 5 µM ATP, 35 µM GTP, 25 µM UTP;

Step 4: 10 µM ATP, 15 µM CTP, 5 µM UTP;

Step 5: 10 µM ATP, 10 µM CTP, 15 µM GTP;

Step 6: 20 µM ATP, 10 µM CTP, 15 µM UTP;

Step 7: 10 µM ATP, 5 µM GTP, 10 µM UTP;

Step 8: 20 µM ATP, 5 µM CTP, 15 µM UTP;

Step 9: 10 µM ATP, 10 µM GTP, 20 µM UTP;

Step 10: 30 µM ATP, 40 µM CTP, 35 µM GTP, 85 µM UTP.