## Supplement

List of abbreviations (selected)

| AUC | Area Under the (ROC) Curve |
| :--- | :--- |
| FN | False Negatives |
| FP | False Positives |
| FPR | False Positive Rate |
| MCC | Matthews Correlation Coefficient |
| PCC | Pearson Correlation Coefficient |
| PPV | Positive Predictive Value |
| RF | Random Forest |
| ROC | Receiver Operating Characteristic |
| RT | Reverse Transcription/Transcriptase |
| SVM | Support-Vector Machine |
| TN | True Negatives |
| TNR | True Negative Rate |
| TP | True Positives |
| TPR | True Positive Rate |

Tables

Table S1: Oligonucleotides applied in this study

| Type | Oligonucleotide | Sequence |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RNA | $\mathrm{m}^{1} \mathrm{~A}$ revolver | 5'-CACUGUAAm ${ }^{1}$ ANCUAACUUAGC-3' |
| RNA | $\mathrm{m}^{6} \mathbf{A}$ revolver - A | 5'-CACUGUAAm ${ }^{6}$ AACUAACUUAGC-3' |
| RNA | $\mathrm{m}^{6} \mathrm{~A}$ revolver - C | 5'-CACUGUAAm² ${ }^{\text {A }}$ (CCUAACUUAGC-3‘ |
| RNA | $\mathrm{m}^{6} \mathrm{~A}$ revolver - G | 5`-CACUGUAAm² \({ }^{\text {a }}\) ( \({ }^{\text {a }}\) \\ \hline RNA & \(\mathrm{m}^{6}\) A revolver - U & 5`-CACUGUAAm ${ }^{6}$ AUCUAACUUAGC-3‘ |
| RNA | m ${ }_{2} \mathbf{A}$ revolver - A | 5'-CACUGUAAm ${ }_{2} \mathbf{A}$ AACUAACUUAGC-3‘ |
| RNA | $\mathrm{m}^{6} \mathbf{A}$ revolver - C | 5'-CACUGUAAm ${ }_{2} \mathbf{A C C U A A C U U A G C - 3 ‘ ~}$ |
| RNA | $\mathrm{m}^{6} \mathbf{A}$ revolver - G | 5'-CACUGUAAm ${ }_{2}{ }^{\text {A AGCUAACUUAGC-3' }}$ |
| RNA | $\mathbf{m}^{6} \mathbf{A}$ revolver - U | 5'-CACUGUAAm ${ }_{2}$ AUCUAACUUAGC-3‘ |
| RNA | $\mathrm{m}^{1} \mathrm{G}$ revolver | 5'-CACUGUAAm¹ ${ }^{\text {² }}$ NCUAACUUAGC-3‘ |
| RNA | $\mathrm{m}^{2}{ }_{2} \mathrm{G}$ revolver |  |
| DNA | 3'-adapter | 5'-(P)-CNNNNNNNNNAGATCGGAAGAGCGTCGTGTAGGGAAAGAGTGT-3'-C6-spacer |
| DNA | RT primer | 5'-ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCT-3' |
| DNA | 5'-adapter strand 1 | 5'-GTGACTGGAGTTCAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTGG-3' |
| DNA | 5'-adapter strand 2 | 5'-GTGACTGGAGTTCAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGATCTTT-3' |
| DNA | 5'-adapter strand 3 | 5'-(P)-AGATCGGAAGAGCACACGTCTGAACTCCAGTCAC-3'-C6-spacer |
| DNA | P7 PCR primer | 5'-CAAGCAGAAGACGGCATACGAGAT77777777GTGACTGGAGTTCAGACGTGTGC-TCTTCCGATCT-3' |
| DNA | P5 PCR primer | 5'-AATGATACGGCGACCACCGAGATCTACAC55555555ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGA-CGCTCTTCCGATCT-3' |

$\overline{(P)}=$ phosphate. $\mathrm{N}=\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{G}, \mathrm{U} / \mathrm{T} .(7777777)$ and (55555555) constitute standard Illumina Nextera barcodes (N701-N712 and N501-N508).

The corresponding $m^{1} A, m^{1} G$ and $m^{2} G$ revolver oligo was used for experiments as synthesized, and the $m^{6} A$ and $m^{6} A$ revolver oligos were mixed in equal amounts respectively before use.

Table S2: RT conditions

|  | Reverse Transcriptase | Components (final concentration) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \#1 | M-MuLV | M-MuLV Buffer (1x), RT primer ( $5 \mu \mathrm{M}$ ), dNTP mix ( 0.5 mM ), M-MuLV RT (10 U/ $\mu \mathrm{L}$ ) |
| \#2 | AMV | AMV Buffer (1x), RT primer ( $5 \mu \mathrm{M}$ ), dNTP mix (0.5 mM), AMV RT (10 U/ $/ \mathrm{L}$ ) |
| \#3 | ProtoScript ${ }^{\text {® }}$ II | ProtoScript ${ }^{\circledR}$ II Buffer (1x), RT primer ( $5 \mu \mathrm{M}$ ), dNTP mix ( 0.5 mM ), DTT ( 10 mM ), ProtoScript ${ }^{\circledR}$ II RT ( $10 \mathrm{U} / \mu \mathrm{L}$ ) |
| \#4 | GoScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ | GoScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ Buffer ( 1 x ), RT primer ( $5 \mu \mathrm{M}$ ), dNTP mix ( 0.5 mM ), $\mathrm{MgCl}_{2}\left(3 \mathrm{mM}\right.$ ), GoScript ${ }^{\text {TM }} \mathrm{RT}$ ( 10 $\mathrm{U} / \mu \mathrm{L}$ ) |
| \#5 | SuperScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ III | First Strand Buffer (1x), RT primer ( $5 \mu \mathrm{M}$ ), dNTP mix ( 0.5 mM ), BSA ( $50 \mu \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{mL}$ ), DTT ( 5 mM ), SuperScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ III RT ( $10 \mathrm{U} / \mu \mathrm{L}$ ) |
| \#6 | RevertAid ${ }^{\text {™ }}$ | RevertAid ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ Buffer (1x), RT primer ( $5 \mu \mathrm{M}$ ), dNTP mix ( 0.5 mM ), RevertAid $^{\text {TM }}$ RT ( $10 \mathrm{U} / \mu \mathrm{L}$ ) |
| \#7 | AccuScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ | AccuScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ Buffer ( 1 x ), RT primer ( $5 \mu \mathrm{M}$ ), dNTP mix ( 0.5 mM ), DTT ( 10 mM ), AccuScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ RT ( $10 \mathrm{U} / \mu \mathrm{L}$ ) |
| \#8 | AffinityScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ | AffinityScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ Buffer (1x), RT primer ( $5 \mu \mathrm{M}$ ), dNTP mix ( 0.5 mM ), AffinityScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ RT ( $10 \mathrm{U} / \mu \mathrm{L}$ ) |
| \#9 | M-MLV | M-MLV Buffer (1x), RT primer ( $5 \mu \mathrm{M}$ ), dNTP mix ( 0.5 mM ), M-MLV RT (10 $\mathrm{U} / \mu \mathrm{L}$ ) |
| \#10 | MonsterScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ | MonsterScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ Buffer (1x), RT primer ( $5 \mu \mathrm{M}$ ), dNTP mix ( 0.5 mM ), MonsterScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ RT ( 2.5 $U / \mu \mathrm{L}$ ) |
| \#11 | EpiScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ | EpiScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ Buffer ( 1 x ), RT primer ( $5 \mu \mathrm{M}$ ), dNTP mix ( 0.5 mM ), DTT ( 10 mM ), EpiScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}(5 \mathrm{U} / \mu \mathrm{L}$ ) |
| \#12 | SuperScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ IV | SuperScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ IV Buffer (1x), RT primer ( $5 \mu \mathrm{M}$ ), dNTP mix ( 0.5 mM ), DTT ( 5 mM ), SuperScript ${ }^{T M}$ IV RT ( $10 \mathrm{U} / \mu \mathrm{L}$ ) |
| \#13 | Volcano | Volcano Buffer (1x), RT primer ( $5 \mu \mathrm{M}$ ), dNTP mix ( 0.5 mM ), Volcano DNA polymerase ( $0.25 \mathrm{U} / \mu \mathrm{L}$ ) |

Reactions were performed at $45^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 1 h for RT \#1 to \#12, and at $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 1 h for RT \#13.

Table S3: RT machine learning statistics

|  | Reverse Transcriptase | Sensitivity | Specificity | PPV | NPV | MCC | AUC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \#1 | M-MuLV | 0.9661 | 0.9827 | 0.9818 | 0.9837 | 0.9841 | 0.9826 |
| \#2 | AMV | 0.9578 | 0.9783 | 0.9750 | 0.9816 | 0.9821 | 0.9769 |
| \#3 | ProtoScript ${ }^{\text {® }}$ II | 0.9791 | 0.9892 | 0.9891 | 0.9894 | 0.9899 | 0.9897 |
| \#4 | GoScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ | 0.9582 | 0.9785 | 0.9749 | 0.9821 | 0.9824 | 0.9770 |
| \#5 | SuperScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ III | 0.9763 | 0.9879 | 0.9865 | 0.9892 | 0.9896 | 0.9872 |
| \#6 | RevertAid ${ }^{\text {m }}$ | 0.9761 | 0.9877 | 0.9876 | 0.9878 | 0.9884 | 0.9884 |
| \#7 | AccuScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ | 0.9707 | 0.9849 | 0.9876 | 0.9823 | 0.9835 | 0.9879 |
| \#8 | AffinityScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ | 0.9692 | 0.9843 | 0.9833 | 0.9853 | 0.9858 | 0.9840 |
| \#9 | M-MLV | 0.9547 | 0.9769 | 0.9752 | 0.9786 | 0.9793 | 0.9764 |
| \#10 | MonsterScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ | 0.9594 | 0.9792 | 0.9748 | 0.9836 | 0.9836 | 0.9769 |
| \#11 | EpiScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ | 0.9807 | 0.9901 | 0.9897 | 0.9906 | 0.9909 | 0.9902 |
| \#12 | SuperScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ IV | 0.9904 | 0.9950 | 0.9962 | 0.9938 | 0.9942 | 0.9964 |
| \#13 | Volcano | 0.9734 | 0.9864 | 0.9869 | 0.9859 | 0.9865 | 0.9875 |
|  |  | Pearson Correlation Coefficient (PCC) |  |  |  |  |  |

Data was averaged from triplicates. PPV = Positive Predictive Value. NPV = Negative Predictive Value. MCC = Matthews Correlation Coefficient. AUC = Area Under the ROC Curve (Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC)). PCC = Pearson Correlation Coefficient.

Table S4: Feature Importance

|  | Reverse Transcriptase | Arrest [\%] | Mismatch [\%] | C [\%] | G [\%] | T [\%] | Jump [\%] |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \#1 | M-MuLV | 16.346 | 15.583 | 4.505 | 8.670 | 2.495 | 10.839 |
| \#2 | AMV | 19.061 | 14.667 | 4.523 | 10.257 | 5.032 | 5.345 |
| \#3 | ProtoScript ${ }^{\text {® }}$ II | 18.253 | 16.933 | 3.301 | 7.207 | 3.831 | 10.225 |
| \#4 | GoScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ | 21.359 | 14.259 | 3.810 | 7.435 | 4.346 | 3.845 |
| \#5 | SuperScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ III | 18.760 | 17.697 | 2.823 | 5.156 | 4.374 | 9.448 |
| \#6 | RevertAid ${ }^{\text {™ }}$ | 15.519 | 17.415 | 3.185 | 6.278 | 3.607 | 12.218 |
| \#7 | AccuScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ | 16.197 | 14.832 | 3.628 | 8.121 | 3.875 | 11.685 |
| \#8 | AffinityScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ | 13.264 | 17.975 | 3.260 | 7.326 | 4.568 | 13.745 |
| \#9 | M-MLV | 17.981 | 14.201 | 4.548 | 7.283 | 4.170 | 8.473 |
| \#10 | MonsterScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ | 23.160 | 14.077 | 4.282 | 6.957 | 4.105 | 6.473 |
| \#11 | EpiScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ | 15.952 | 17.112 | 3.467 | 8.063 | 3.950 | 11.499 |
| \#12 | SuperScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ IV | 8.061 | 20.141 | 3.672 | 8.058 | 6.364 | 16.020 |
| \#13 | Volcano | 16.543 | 15.273 | 6.002 | 8.070 | 3.339 | 7.850 |

Data was averaged from triplicates. Jump = jump rate. C, T, G = mismatch components, which add up to $100 \%$. Mismatch = mismatch rate. Arrest $=$ arrest rate. Percentages represent feature importance in random forest analysis $=$ mean loss in classification accuracy, if values of respective feature are permutated.

Table S5: Machine Learning $m^{1} G / m^{2} G$ vs. other Guanosines (RF \#1)

|  | Reverse Transcriptase | Training instances (from 2 datasets) after coverage filtering (>20) $\mathbf{m}^{1} \mathrm{G} / \mathrm{m}^{2}{ }_{2} \mathrm{G}$ | Prediction performance $\mathrm{m}^{1} \mathrm{G} \& \mathrm{~m}^{2}{ }_{2} \mathrm{G}$ AUC (training) RF \#1 | Test instances (from 1 $\frac{\text { dataset }}{\text { after }}$ coverage filtering (>20) $\mathbf{m}^{1} \mathrm{G} /$ $\mathbf{m}^{2}{ }_{2} \mathrm{G}$ | Guanosines classified as modified (from 988 guanosines) in RF \#1 | Correct classified $\mathrm{m}^{1} \mathrm{G}$ test instances in RF \#1 | Correct classified $\mathrm{m}^{2}{ }_{2} \mathrm{G}$ test instances in RF \#1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \#3 | ProtoScript ${ }^{\text {® }}$ II | 27 / 23 | 0.9641 | 11 / 8 | 62 | 10 | 6 |
| \#5 | SuperScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ III | $31 / 33$ | 0.9727 | 16 / 19 | 81 | 12 | 18 |
| \#11 | EpiScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ | 22 / 20 | 0.9439 | 16 / 14 | 109 | 12 | 14 |
| \#12 | SuperScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ IV | $32 / 38$ | 0.9801 | $16 / 22$ | 67 | 13 | 20 |

Table S6: Machine Learning $m^{1} G$ vs. $m^{2}{ }_{2} G$ (RF \#2) $-m^{1} G$ prediction

|  | Reverse Transcriptase | Training instances (from 2 datasets) after coverage filtering ( $\mathbf{~} 20$ ) $\mathrm{m}^{1} \mathrm{G}$ | Prediction performance $\mathbf{m}^{1}$ G AUC (training) RF \#2 | Test dataset (Guanosines classified as modified in RF \#1) | As $\mathbf{m}^{1}$ G classified instances in test dataset in RF \#2 | Test instances (from RF \#1) after coverage filtering $\begin{aligned} & (>20) \\ & \mathbf{m}^{1} G \end{aligned}$ | Correct classified $\mathrm{m}^{1} \mathrm{G}$ test instances in RF \#2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \#3 | ProtoScript ${ }^{\text {® }}$ II | 27 | 0.9226 | 62 | 45 | 10 | 10 |
| \#5 | SuperScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ III | 31 | 0.9605 | 81 | 37 | 12 | 12 |
| \#11 | EpiScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ | 22 | 0.9606 | 109 | 65 | 12 | 9 |
| \#12 | SuperScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ IV | 32 | 0.9647 | 67 | 35 | 13 | 13 |

Table S7: Machine Learning $m^{1} G$ vs. $m^{2}{ }_{2} G(R F \# 2)-m^{2}{ }_{2} G$ prediction

|  | Reverse Transcriptase | Training instances (from 2 datasets) after coverage filtering ( $\mathbf{~} 20$ ) $\mathrm{m}^{2}{ }_{2} \mathrm{G}$ | Prediction performan ce $\mathrm{m}^{2}{ }_{2} \mathrm{G}$ AUC (training) RF \#2 | Test dataset (Guanosines classified as modified in RF \#1) | As $\mathbf{m}^{2}{ }_{2} \mathrm{G}$ classified instances in test dataset in RF \#2 | Test instances (from RF \#1) after coverage filtering ( $\mathbf{~ 2 0 ) ~}$ $\mathrm{m}^{2}{ }_{2} \mathrm{G}$ | Correct classified $\mathrm{m}^{2}{ }_{2} \mathrm{G}$ test instances in RF \#2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \#3 | ProtoScript ${ }^{\text {® }}$ II | 23 | 0.9596 | 62 | 16 | 6 | 5 |
| \#5 | SuperScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ III | 33 | 0.9797 | 81 | 28 | 18 | 18 |
| \#11 | EpiScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ | 20 | 0.9433 | 109 | 40 | 14 | 10 |
| \#12 | SuperScript ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ IV | 38 | 0.9820 | 67 | 32 | 20 | 20 |

Table S8: $m^{1} G$ and $m^{2}{ }_{2} G$ in yeast total tRNA

|  | Reverse <br> Transcriptase | $\mathbf{m}^{1} \mathbf{G}$ Instances <br> (Triplicates) | $\mathbf{m}^{2}{ }_{2}$ G Instances <br> (Triplicates) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \#3 | ProtoScript $^{\circledR}$ II | 12 | 6 |
| \#5 | SuperScript $^{T \mathrm{M}}$ III | 14 | 14 |
| \#11 | EpiScript $^{\text {TM }}$ | 9 | 5 |
| \#12 | SuperScript $^{\text {TM }}$ IV | 15 | 17 |

Listed and used for comparison in Figure 5 and Supplement Figure S8 are $\mathrm{m}^{1} \mathrm{G}$ and $\mathrm{m}^{2}{ }_{2} \mathrm{G}$ sites which are present in all 3 total tRNA replicates and show a coverage of at least 20 reads in at least 2 replicates.

Table S9: Synthetic $m^{1}$ A revolver oligonucleotides

| Type | Oligonucleotide (gene name) | Sequence |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RNA | MALAT1 | 5'- GGUUUCCAGGACGGGGUUCAm¹ANUCCCUGCGGCGUCUUUGCU -3' |
| RNA | C9orf100 | 5`-GACACUGCUAGCUGGGUUCAm¹ ANUCCCAGCUCCAGCAGUUGC -3‘ \\ \hline RNA & PRUNE & 5'-UUCGCCGUGUGGCGGGUUCGm¹^NUCCCGCCUCCUGACUCUGG -3‘ \\ \hline RNA & ZNF664 & 5'-AGGCGUUCAGUCAGAGUUCGm¹⁄2NCCUCUGCAUCCACCAGAGA -3‘ \\ \hline RNA & GTF3C2 & 5'-GGGCAGUCAGGGCUGGUUCGm¹ANUCCAUUUUGUCCGUGGACU -3‘ \\ \hline RNA & BRD2 & 5'-GCACCAGGGAAGAGGAUUCGm¹ANAACCCUCUCUCUUGUAUGA -3' \\ \hline RNA & ATAD3B & 5'-CAAGCUCUUUGACUGGGCCAm \({ }^{1}\) ANACCAGCCGGCGCGGCCUCC -3، \\ \hline RNA & TP53113 & 5`-CAGGGGGCUGUGUCUGUUCAm¹ANUCAGGCUUCCCCGGCCCCU -3‘ |
| RNA | SRSF1 | 5'-CGAGGCGGCGGCGGGGGUGGm¹^ANGUGGCGGAGCUCCCCGAGG -3‘ |
| RNA | UBC | 5'-CGUCUCAGAGGUGGGAUGCAm¹ANUCUUCGUGAAGACACUCAC-3‘ |
| RNA | ND5 | 5'-AACCCCAUUAAACGCCUGGCm¹ANCCGGAAGCCUAUUCGCAGG -3‘ |
| RNA | COX1 | 5'-AGUAGAAGAACCCUCCAUAAm¹ ${ }^{1}$ / ${ }^{\text {² }}$ |
| RNA | COX2 | 5'-CCCUCCCUUACCAUCAAAUCm¹/ANUUGGCCACCAAUGGUACUG-3' |
| RNA | COX3 | 5'-CAAACAUCACUUUGGCUUCGm ${ }^{1}$ ANGCCGCCGCCUGAUACUGGC-3' |

Synthetic oligonucleotides (40 nt) with internal $\mathrm{m}^{1} \mathrm{~A}$ at position 21 and degenerated +1 position. Sequences were chosen according to reported $\mathrm{m}^{1} \mathrm{~A}$ sites in cytosolic and mitochondrial RNA from Safra et al. (2) and were used for machine learning in Supplement Table S10.

Table S10: RT machine learning statistics (extended dataset)

|  | Reverse <br> Transcriptase | Sensitivity | Specificity | PPV | NPV | MCC | AUC |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \#3 | ProtoScript $^{\circledR ®}$ II | 0.9938 | 0.9900 | 0.9893 | 0.9937 | 0.9834 | 0.9915 |
| \#11 | EpiScript $^{T M}$ | 0.9910 | 0.9790 | 0.9777 | 0.9909 | 0.9693 | 0.9843 |
| \#12 | SuperScript $^{T M}$ IV | 0.9922 | 0.9951 | 0.9950 | 0.9917 | 0.9870 | 0.9933 |

Training datasets of 3 RTs for machine learning were extended with instances from a sequencing run with 14 synthetic $\mathrm{m}^{1} \mathrm{~A}$ oligonucleotides, degenerated at the +1 position (see Supplement Table S9). Trained random forest models from 3 different RTs were tested and applied on yeast tRNA. PPV = Positive Predictive Value. NPV = Negative Predictive Value. MCC = Matthews Correlation Coefficient. AUC = Area Under the ROC Curve (Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC)). PCC = Pearson Correlation Coefficient.

Figures

Figure S1


Figure S1: Average mismatch composition by RT. Shows, for each RT, the C-mismatch (blue), G-mismatch (orange) and $T$ mismatch (red) averages from 3 individual library preparation and sequencing runs (triplicates) of total tRNA from Saccharomyces cerevisiae as percentage of the overall mismatch (100\%) at $m^{1} A$-sites. (See also Supplement Figure S9 for additional information on TGIRT and HIV-RT)

Figure $\mathbf{S 2}$


Figure S2: RT-signature features by RT. Shows, for each RT, the average jump, arrest and mismatch rates from 3 individual library preparation and sequencing runs (triplicates) of total tRNA from Saccharomyces cerevisiae as percentage at $m^{1} A$-sites. (black bars indicate standard deviations across 3 sequencing runs). Arrest rate percentages refer to the reads covering the 3' adjacent position of $m^{1} A\left(+1\right.$ position). Mismatch and jump rate percentages refer to the reads covering the $m^{1} A$ position. (See also Supplement Figure S9 for additional information on TGIRT and HIV-RT)

Figure S3


Figure S3: Average read length by RT. Shows, for each RT, the average read length from 3 individual library preparation and sequencing runs (triplicates) of total tRNA Saccharomyces cerevisiae (black bars indicate standard deviations across 3 sequencing runs). (See also Supplement Figure S9 for additional information on TGIRT and HIV-RT)

Figure S4

A


B


Figure S4: (A) General procedure. Three replicates of total tRNA from Saccharomyces cerevisiae were prepared for sequencing. For each RT two replicate datasets were used for random forest training and the third dataset for testing. Each replicate dataset contains 988 guanosine sites, including $16 m^{1} G$ and $22 m^{2}{ }_{2} G$ sites. In a first RF model (RF \#1) we trained with $m^{1} G$ and $m^{2}{ }_{2} G$ sites and tested for joint $m^{1} G$ and $m^{2}{ }_{2} G$ separation from other guanosines. In a second RF model (RF \#2) the modified sites from RF \#1 were separated in $m^{1} G$ and $m^{2}{ }_{2} G$ sites, therefore two independent RF models were trained on $m^{1} G$ and $m^{2}{ }_{2} G$ respectively, with the respective other modification as negative class. (B) RT \#12 prediction performance. In a first random forest model ( $m^{1} G / m^{2} G$ vs. other Guanosines - RF \#1) we separated $m^{1} G$ together with $m^{2}{ }_{2} G$ sites from other guanosines. From the two training datasets for $R T$ \#12 with corresponding $32 m^{1} G(2 \times 16)$ and $44 m^{2}{ }_{2} G(2 \times 22)$ sites, after removal of the low-coverage instances (coverage <20) $32 \mathrm{~m}^{1} \mathrm{G}$ and $38 \mathrm{~m}^{2}{ }_{2} G$ sites remained in the positive class for training. The negative class contained 70 randomly chosen non-m $m^{1} G / m^{2}{ }_{2} G$ sites. The trained model (AUC value of 0.9801 ) was then tested on the third remaining dataset with corresponding $16 m^{1} G, 22 m^{2}{ }_{2} G$ after removal of the low-coverage instances (coverage <20) and 986 other guanosine sites. The model classified 67 guanosine sites as $m^{1} G$ and $m^{2}{ }_{2} G$, including $13 m^{1} G(81.3 \%)$ and $20 m^{2}{ }_{2} G(90.9 \%)$. These 67 instances were then used as test dataset in a second RF model ( $m^{1} G$ vs. $m^{2} G-R F \# 2$ ). Therefore, two independent RF models were trained on $m^{1} G(32$ sites and an AUC of 0.9647$)$ and $m^{2}{ }_{2} G(38$ sites and an AUC of 0.9820$)$ respectively, with the respective other modification together with non-modified guanosines as negative class (1:1 composition). The separated prediction of $m^{1} G$ and $m^{2}{ }_{2} G$ strongly decreased the number of false positive instances, wherein the selection of $m^{2}{ }_{2} G$ generally worked better. The $m^{1} G$ prediction classified 35 sites as $m^{1} G$, including 13 correct classified $m^{1} G\left(100 \%\right.$ correct classified $m^{1} G$ instances $)$ and the $m^{2}{ }_{2} G$ prediction identified 32 sites as $m^{2}{ }_{2} G$, including 20 correct classified $m^{2}{ }_{2} G$ ( $100 \%$ correct classified $m^{2}{ }_{2} G$ instances).

Figure $\mathbf{S 5}$


Figure S5: Examples for RT-signatures of wybutosine by RT. Graphs from the wybutosine site at position 37 in tRNA ${ }^{\text {Phe (GAA) }}$ from Saccharomyces cerevisiae are shown. Sites with error rates of more than $10 \%$ are highlighted with yellow arrows. Colored bars indicate the nature of the reads. The mismatch rate is depicted as black cross and the arrest rate as red line. Note that statements on average values stated in the text may differ from these individual signatures.

## Figure S6



Figure S6: Examples for RT-signatures of $m^{6} A$ and $m^{2} G$ by $R T$ and the expected Watson-Crick base-pairing. For $m^{6} A$, graphs from the revolver oligo with a neighboring $A$, 3 ' adjacent ( +1 position) to the modified site at position 9 , are shown. For $m^{2} G$, graphs from an $m^{2} G$ site at position 10 in $t R N A^{L y s}$ (TTT) from Saccharomyces cerevisiae are shown. Sites with error rates of more than $10 \%$ are highlighted with yellow arrows. Colored bars indicate the nature of the reads. The mismatch rate is depicted as black cross and the arrest rate as red line. Note that statements on average values stated in the text may differ from these individual signatures.

Figure S7

## RT \#3



RT \#11


## RT \#5




RT \#12




Figure S7: $R T$-signatures of $m^{6} A$ by $R T$ from revolver oligo analysis. Graphs from the revolver oligo with a neighboring $A(A), C$ (B), G (C) and $T(\boldsymbol{D}) 3$ ' adjacent (+1 position) to the modified site at position 9, are shown. Sites with error rates of more than $10 \%$ are highlighted with yellow arrows. Colored bars indicate the nature of the reads. The mismatch rate is depicted as black cross and the arrest rate as red line. The modified site is shown at position 9 in the middle of the considered sequence.

Figure S8


Figure S8: RT-signature overview at $m^{1} G$ and $m^{2}{ }_{2} G$ sites in synthetic revolver oligos (A) and total tRNA from Saccharomyces cerevisiae (B) by RT. Shows, for each RT and 3 individual library preparation and sequencing runs (triplicates), a bar plot with the average arrest and mismatch rate (and the average jump rate for (B)) at $m^{1} G$ - (grey) and $m^{2}{ }_{2} G$-sites (black) as percentage (black bars indicate standard deviations across 3 sequencing runs) and pie charts with the individual mismatch composition as average percentage of the overall mismatch ( $100 \%$ ) at $m^{1} G$ - and $m^{2}{ }_{2} G$-sites, including $A$-mismatch (green), $C$-mismatch (blue) and $T$-mismatch (red). Data from $m^{1} G$ and $m^{2}{ }_{2} G$ sites which are present in all 3 total tRNA replicates and show a coverage of at least 20 reads in at least 2 replicates were considered (see Supplement Table S8 for more details). In general, arrest rate percentages refer to the reads covering the 3 ' adjacent position of $m^{1} G / m^{2}{ }_{2} G$ (+1 position). Mismatch and jump rate, as well as mismatch composition percentages refer to the reads covering the $m^{1} G / m^{2} G$ position.

Figure $\mathbf{S 9}$


Figure S9: (A) Scatter plot showing the $m^{1} A$ signatures of the 13 RTs, TGIRT (RT \#14a and \#14b) and wildtype HIV-RT (RT\# 15) at $26 m^{1} A$ sites in yeast cytosolic tRNA. Data for the 13 RTs and TGIRT are averaged from 3 sequencing runs, i.e. triplicates. Error bars show standard deviations of arrest and mismatch rates across 3 sequencing runs. Data for the wildtype HIV-RT (RT\# 15) derives from a single replicate. The colour-code represents the jump rate. Arrest rate percentages refer to the reads covering the 3' adjacent position of $m^{1} A\left(+1\right.$ position). Mismatch and jump rate percentages refer to the reads covering the $m^{1} A$ position. (B) RT-signature features and mismatch composition by RT. Shows, for TGIRT (RT \#14a and \#14b), the average jump, arrest, and mismatch rates, as well as the C-mismatch (blue), G-mismatch (orange) and T-mismatch (red) averages as percentage of the overall mismatch (100\%) from 3 individual library preparation and sequencing runs (triplicates) of total tRNA from Saccharomyces cerevisiae as percentage at $m^{1} A$-sites. (black bars indicate standard deviations across 3 sequencing runs). Data for the wildtype HIV-RT (RT \#15) derives from a single replicate. Arrest rate percentages refer to the reads covering the 3 ' adjacent position of $m^{1} A\left(+1\right.$ position). Mismatch and jump rate percentages refer to the reads covering the $m^{1} A$ position. (C) Average read length by RT. Shows, for the 13 RTs and TGIRT, the average read length from 3 individual library preparation and sequencing runs (triplicates) of total tRNA from Saccharomyces cerevisiae (black bars indicate standard deviations across 3 sequencing runs). Data for the wildtype HIV-RT (RT \#15) derives from a single replicate. (D) Random Forest performance (AUC) by RT. Shows, for each RT (except wildtype HIV-RT (RT \#15)), the average AUC from 3 individual library preparation and sequencing runs (triplicates) of total tRNA Saccharomyces cerevisiae. Data for the wildtype HIV-RT (RT \#15) derives from a single replicate

## Library preparation (TGIRT and wildtype HIV-RT)

TGIRT ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ (RT \#14) (Cat. No. TGIRT50, InGex, LLC) and wildtype HIV-RT (RT \#15) (from Guillaume Bec and Eric Ennifar, CNRS Strasbourg) were subjected to the same library preparation and analysis workflow, described in the Material and Methods part of this manuscript. In the case of TGIRT an adapted buffer composition (RT \#14b) (as applied in Li et al. (1)) was tested in parallel to the standard conditions (RT \#14a) (as applied in Safra et al. (2)). The RT conditions were as follows:

|  | Reverse Transcriptase | Components (final concentration) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| RT \#14a | TGIRT ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ | TGIRT Buffer ( $1 \mathrm{x}-450 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{NaCl}, 5 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{MgCl} 2,20 \mathrm{mM}$ Tris- HCl , pH 7.5), RT primer ( $5 \mu \mathrm{M}$ ), dNTP mix ( 0.5 mM ), DTT ( 5 mM ), TGIRT ( 500 nM ) |
| RT \#14b | TGIRT ${ }^{\text {TM }}$ | TGIRT Buffer adapted ( $1 \mathrm{x}-75 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{KCl}, 3 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{MgCl} 2,50 \mathrm{mM}$ Tris-HCl, pH 8.3), RT primer ( 5 $\mu \mathrm{M}$ ), dNTP mix ( 0.5 mM ), DTT ( 5 mM ), TGIRT ( 500 nM ) |
| RT \#15 | HIV (wildtype) | HIV-RT Buffer ( $1 \mathrm{x}-75 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{KCl}, 3 \mathrm{mM} \mathrm{MgCl} 2,50 \mathrm{mM}$ Tris-HCl, pH 8.3), dNTP mix ( 0.5 mM ), DTT ( 5 mM ), HIV-RT ( $0.5 \mathrm{U} / \mu \mathrm{L}$ ) |

Reactions were performed at $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 1 h for RT \#14a, at $57^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 1 h for RT \#14b, and at $45^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 1 h for RT\#15.

Figure S10


Figure S10: Scatter plots showing the $m^{1} A$ signatures of the 13 RTs by sampling identical numbers of reads for each RT and comparison with the plot deriving from all available reads (unequal). Data points for the sampled plots are averaged percentages from 3 rounds of random read selection from one sequencing run for each RT, error bars show standard deviations of arrest and mismatch rates across the 3 selection rounds. The colour-code represents the jump rate. Arrest rate percentages refer to the reads covering the 3 ' adjacent position of $m^{1} A(+1$ position). Mismatch and jump rate percentages refer to the reads covering the $m^{1} A$ position.

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