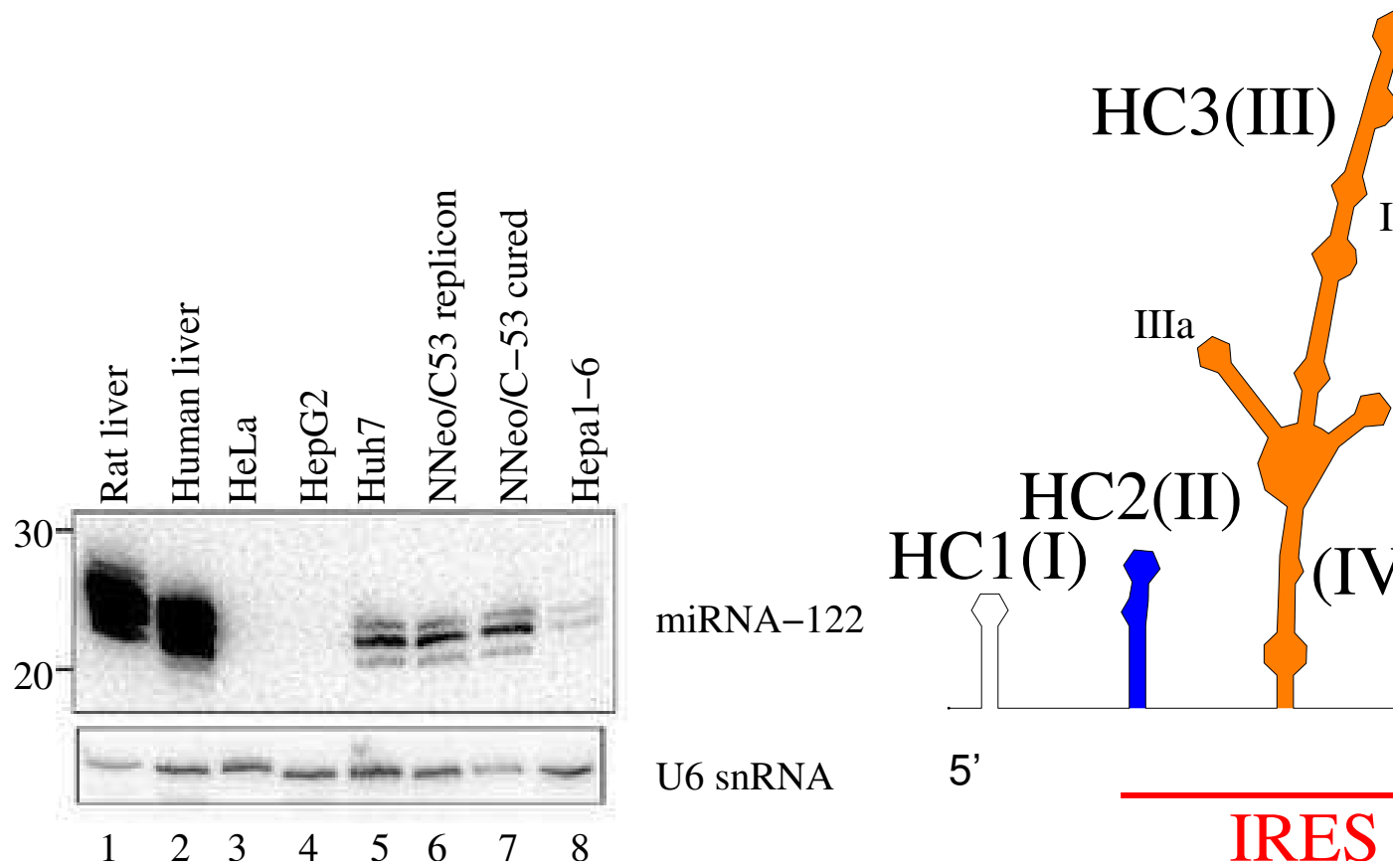


# **Genome Plasticity: A Key to Regular Function**

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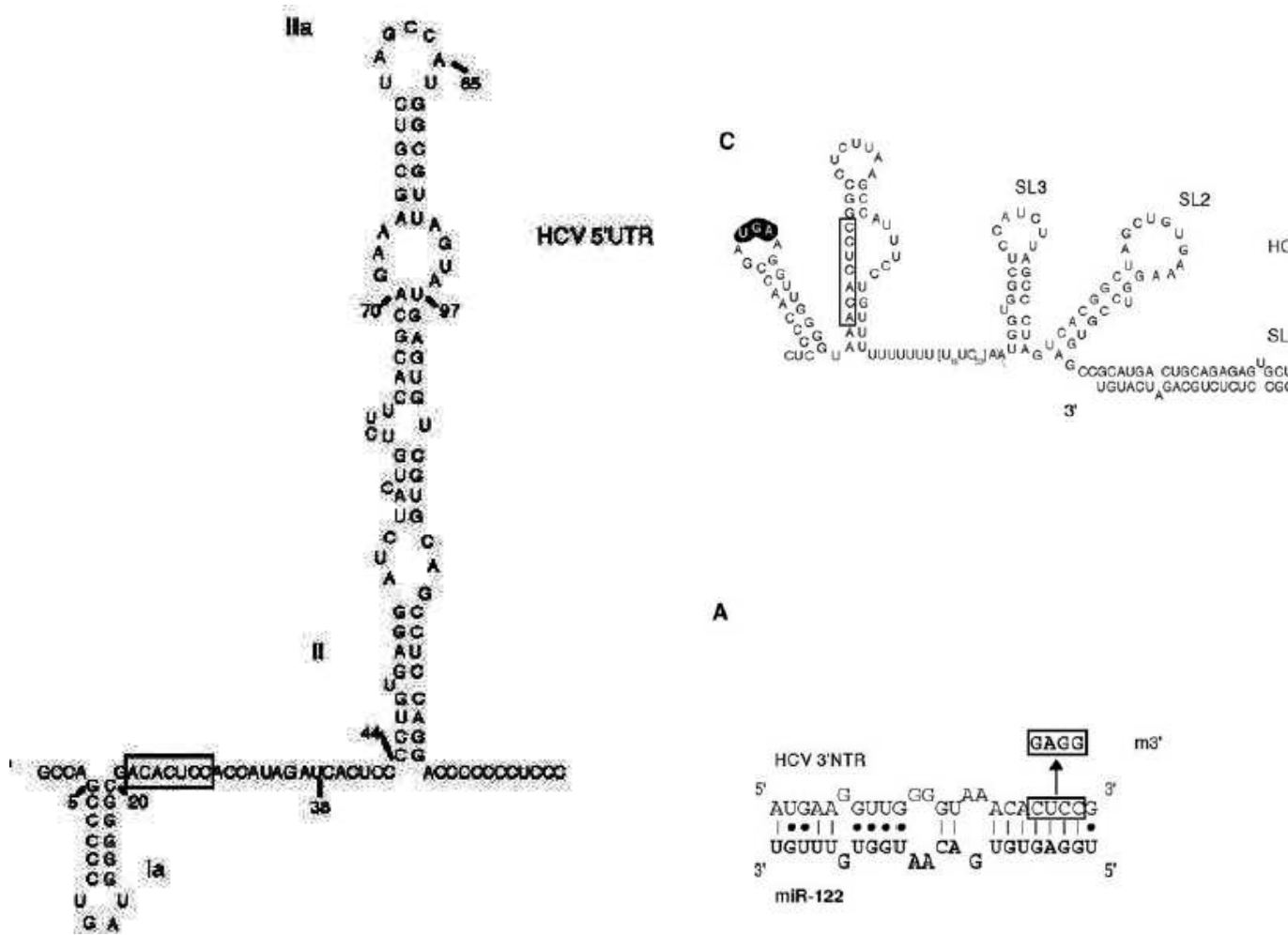
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Yes there is! two possible binding sites active binding

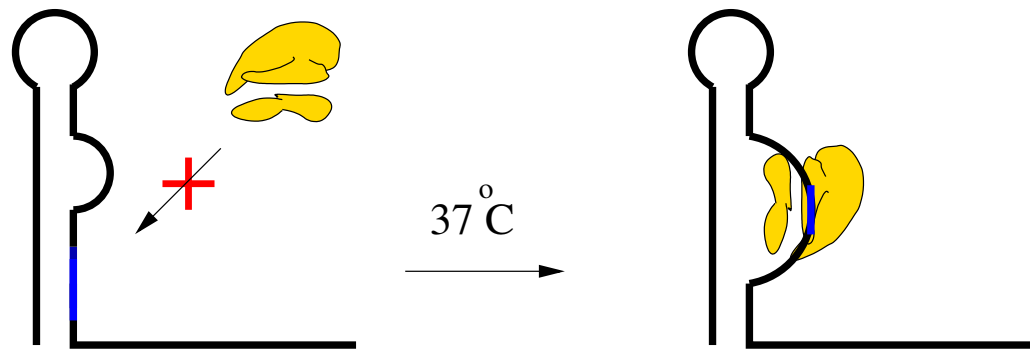


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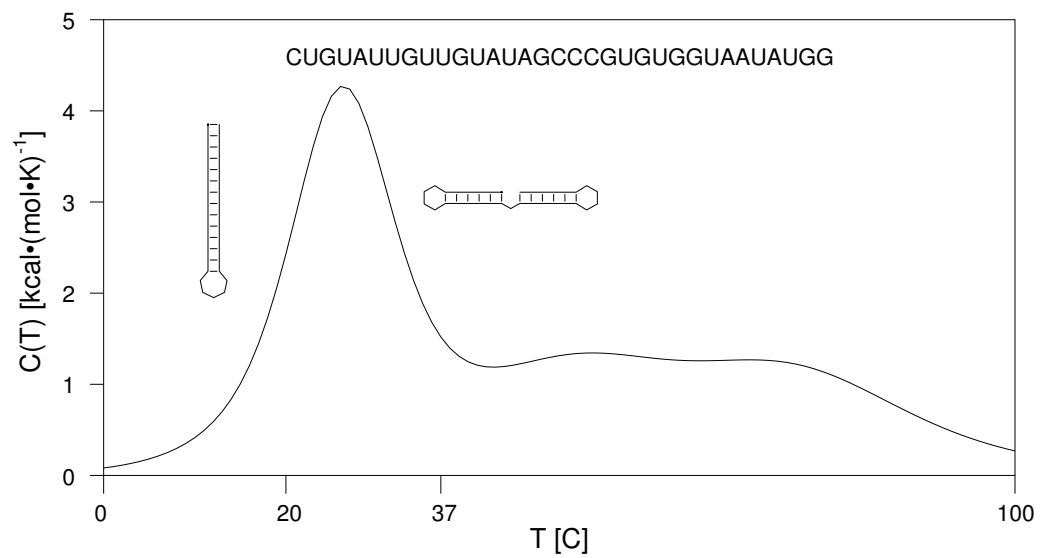
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<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	mammals	RNAIII
<i>Clostridium perfringens</i>	mammals	VR-RNA
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## L. monocytogenes' thermosensor



## xtofs thermosensors



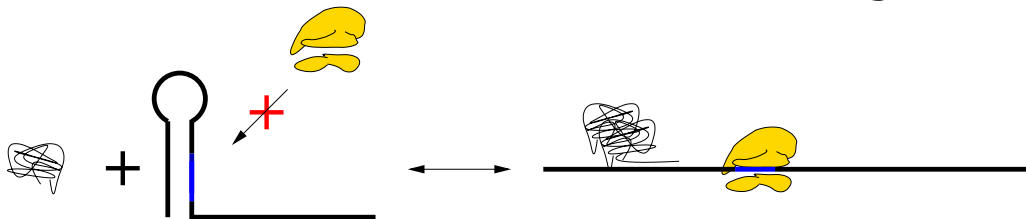
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**RNAIII** 512 nucleotide transcript, highly structured

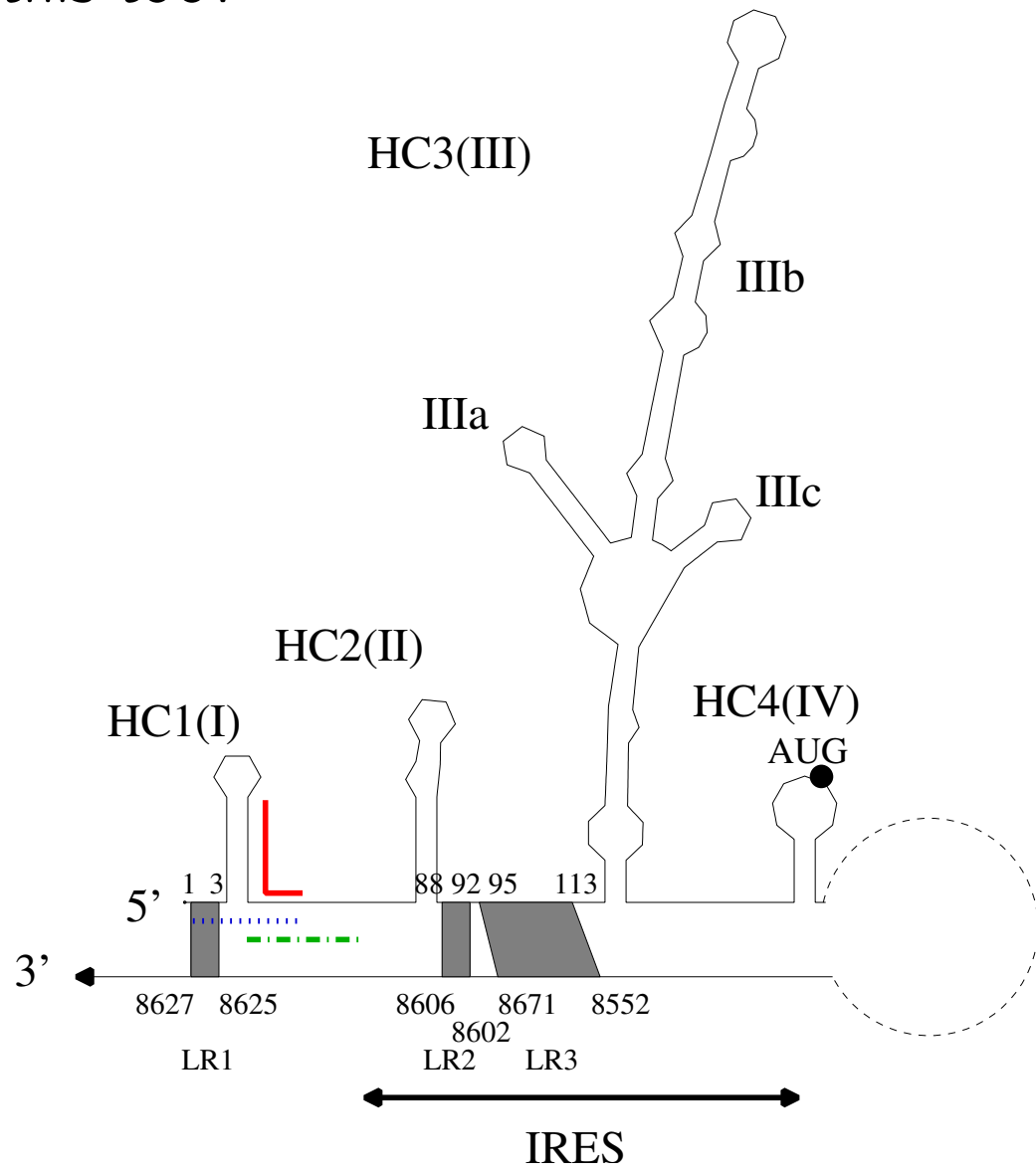
Functions:

- activates expression of secreted proteins  
RNAIII 5' end *prf*-mRNA encoding  $\alpha$ -hemolysin



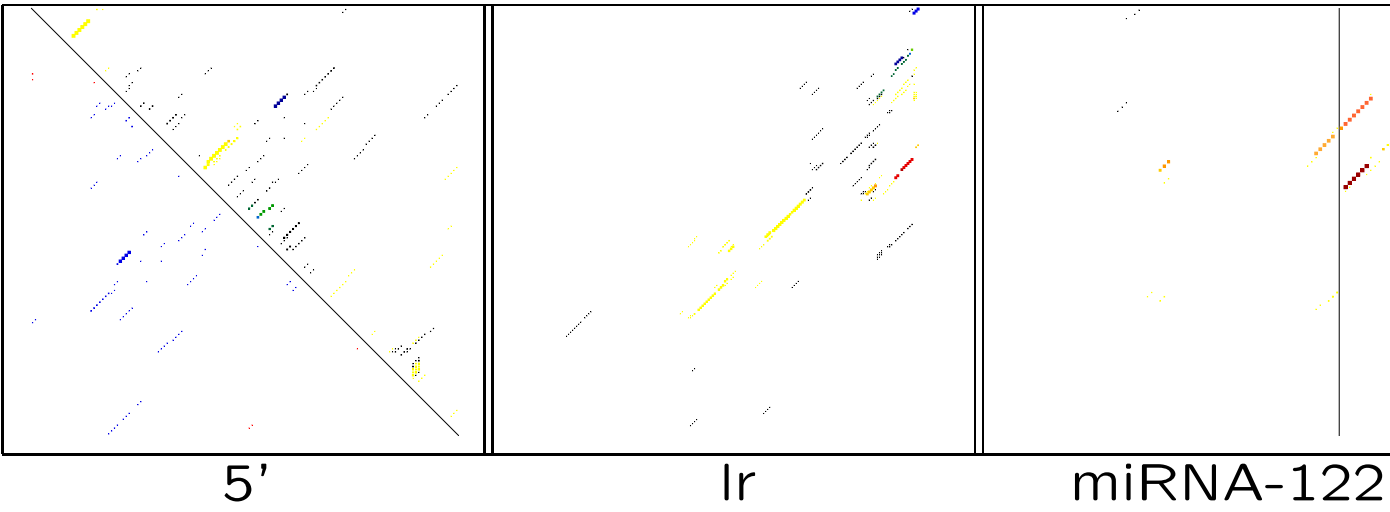
- encodes  $\delta$ -hemolysin on 5' end
- represses expression of surface proteins  
p.ex.: 3' end represses expression of  $\delta$ -hemolysin  
3' end represses expression of *spa* encoding prot

Can we find this too?

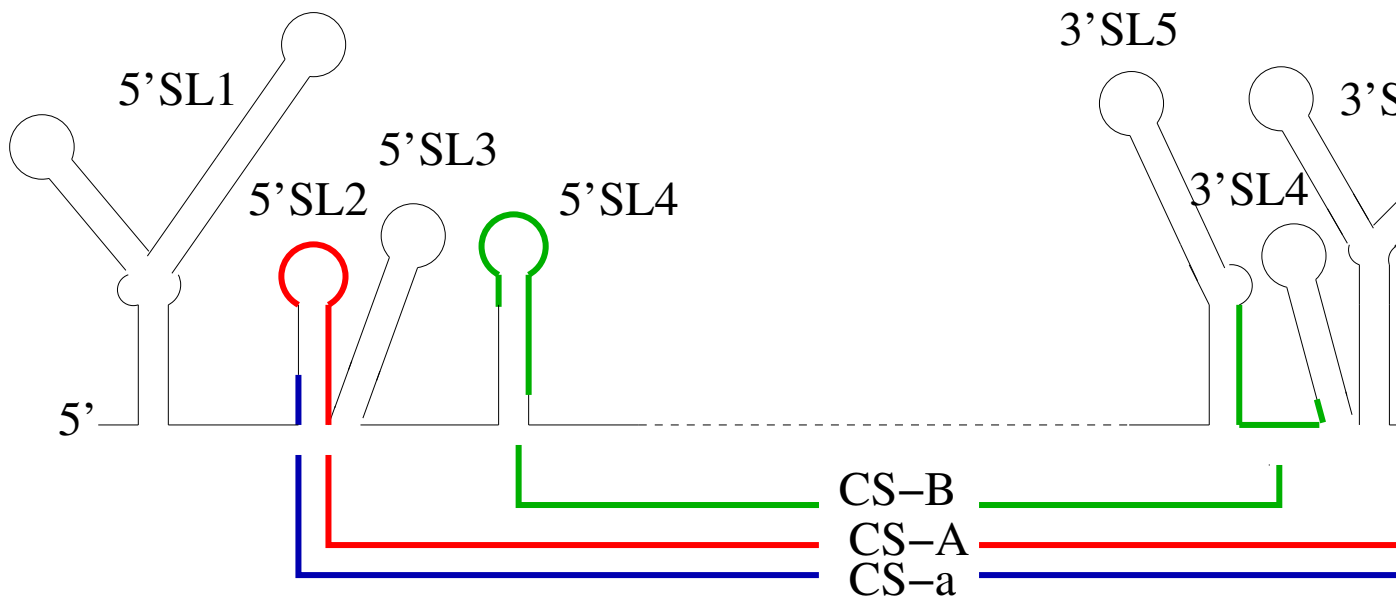




# Genome plasticity of HCV



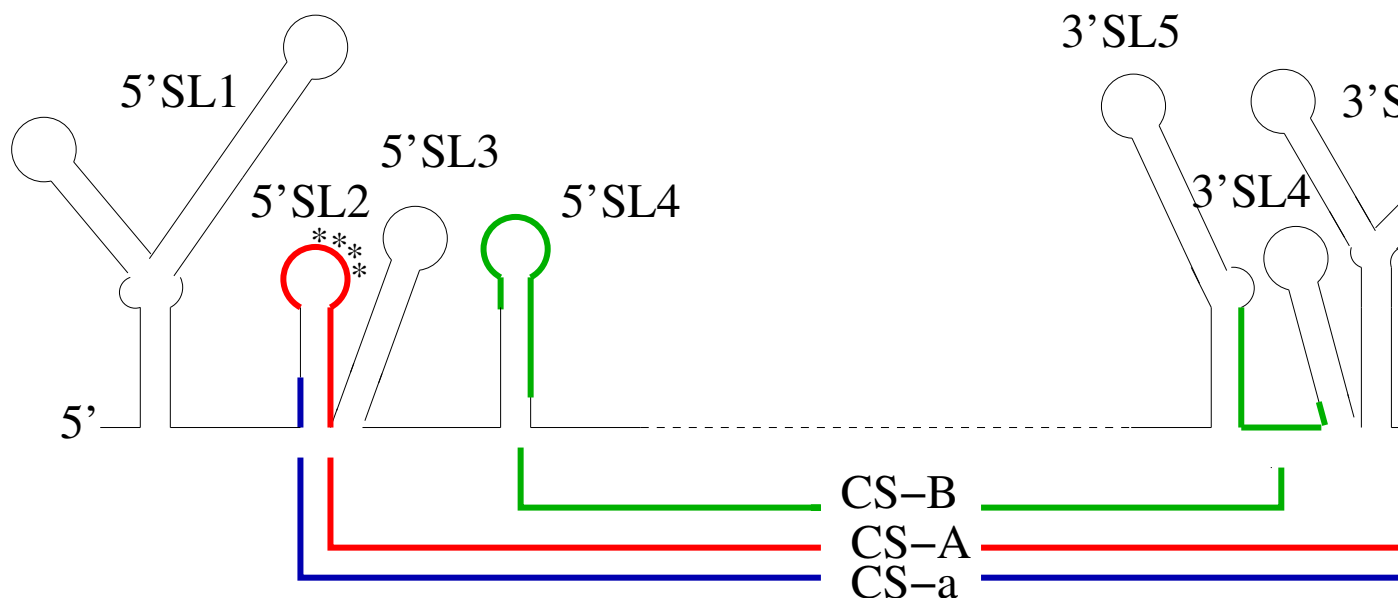
# Tickborne Encephalitis virus



CS-B predicted by Khromykh et al., 2001 *J. Virol.* (75)

# Point Mutations

5'SL2	3'SL1	AACA	viable
+	-	-	-
-	+	-	-
+	+	-	+
-	-	+	-/+
+	-	+	-
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Collaboration with Christian Mandl and Regina Kofler, Institute of Virology, Medical University, Vienna; *J. Virol.* Apr. 2006

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