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An alternative spliceosome defined by distinct snRNAs in early zebrafish embryogenesis

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Alternative snRNAs in early zebrafish embryogenesis

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1 ABSTRACT

2 Splicing removes intronic RNA sequences are removed from pre-mRNA molecules and
3 enables, by alternative splicing, the generation of multiple unique RNA molecules from a
4 single gene. As such, splicing is an essential part of the whole translation system of a cell.
5 The spliceosome is a ribonucleoprotein complex in which five small nuclear RNAs (snRNAs)
6 are involved; U1, U2, U4, U5, and U6. For each of these snRNAs there are variant gene
7 copies present in a genome. Furthermore, in many eukaryotic species there is an
8 alternative, minor spliceosome that can splice a small number of specific introns. As we
9 previously discovered an embryogenesis-specific ribosomal system in zebrafish early
10 embryogenesis based on variant rRNA and snoRNA expression, we hypothesized that there
11 may also be an embryogenesis-specific spliceosome. An inventory of zebrafish snRNA genes
12 revealed clustered and dispersed loci for all but U2 major snRNAs. For each minor
13 spliceosome snRNA, just one gene locus was found. Since complete snRNA molecules are
14 hard to sequence, we employed a combined PCR-sequencing approach to measure the
15 individual snRNA-variant presence. Analysis of egg and male-adult samples revealed
16 embryogenesis-specific and somatic-specific variants for each major snRNA. These variants
17 have substantial sequence differences, yet none in their mRNA binding sites. Given that
18 many of the sequence differences are found in loop structures indicate possible alternative
19 protein binding. Altogether, with this study we established that the spliceosome is also an
20 element of the embryogenesis-specific translation system in zebrafish.

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28 INTRODUCTION

29 Alternative splicing is fundamental for gene regulation and the generation of different
30 transcripts and/or proteins from an individual gene in eukaryotes (1). Splicing is executed by
31 the spliceosome and removes intronic sequences from pre-mRNA during the maturation
32 process in which the exonic sequences eventually form the mRNA (2,3). The spliceosome is a
33 molecular complex formed by hundreds of proteins and five essential small-nuclear RNAs
34 (snRNAs) that are typically located in the nucleus. The size of these small RNA molecules
35 ranges from 118 nucleotides (nt) to 191 nt. As they are uracil rich, they are called U1, U2,
36 U4, U5 and U6 snRNAs. Next to this major spliceosome, a minor (or U12 dependent)
37 spliceosome exists in many eukaryotic species, which is involved in the splicing of a relative
38 small number of specific introns (4). The snRNAs involved in the minor spliceosome are:
39 U11, U12, U4atac, and U6atac, completed by the U5 from the major spliceosome (4).

40 As splicing is at the core of the cellular translation system, the sequences of the involved
41 snRNA are highly conserved across species. At the same time, many non-canonical variants
42 and gene copies of the major snRNA genes are present within the same organisms (5–9).
43 This raises the question why these variants exist and what role they might play in
44 translation. Although expression of these variants has been extensively studied, there is still
45 not a clear understanding for the existence of these snRNA variants (10).

46 A indication to the function of variant snRNAs may lie in the fact that several studies have
47 observed differentially expression of variants during development. For instance in
48 *Drosophila* several variants are expressed during early embryogenesis, but eventually one
49 variant gradually dominates expression (11,12). Similar expression patterns for snRNA
50 variants were observed in *Xenopus* (13–15), mouse (12,16), sea urchin (17,18), and flatworm
51 (19). Comparable findings have been reported for: snRNA U2 in silk moth (20) and
52 *Dictyostelium discoideum* (21); snRNA U4 in chicken (22); and snRNA U5 in *Drosophila* (5) and
53 in human (6). snRNAs also display a tissue-preferred expression, which implicate them in
54 different disease pathologies such as several neurological diseases (7,10,23,24).

55 The fact that there are snRNAs which variants are differentially expressed during
56 embryogenesis relates to our previous findings where we discovered distinct maternal-types
57 of rRNAs and snoRNAs specifically expressed during early zebrafish embryogenesis (25).
58 These maternal-type RNAs seem to be part of a distinct early embryogenesis-specific

59 translation machinery, which is gradually replaced during embryogenesis by a somatic type.
60 Combining the snRNA and our rRNA plus snoRNA findings, lead us to hypothesize that there
61 might also be distinct maternal-type snRNAs contributing to the embryogenesis-specific
62 translation machinery.

63 As in our hands, snRNAs cannot consistently be sequenced by standard next-generation
64 sequencing protocols, probably due to strong secondary structures and ample RNA
65 modifications, we employed a wet-lab approach combining RT-PCR, for amplification, and
66 DNA sequencing, for identification, of snRNAs. Using this approach on egg and mature adult-
67 male samples, we were able to show that for each snRNA, similar to rRNA and snoRNA,
68 there are maternal-type snRNAs that are uniquely present in zebrafish eggs. This means that
69 snRNAs are a part of the zebrafish unique embryogenesis-specific translation machinery.

70 RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

71 Cataloguing the zebrafish snRNAs

72 In earlier studies we discovered cellular components related to the transcription machinery
73 that have distinct embryogenesis expression or somatic expression during zebrafish
74 development. We reported on 5S (26), 5.8S, 18S, and 28S (27), plus small-derived
75 components from those molecules (28), as well as snoRNAs (25). As it is clear that in
76 zebrafish oogenesis and early embryogenesis a different transcription machinery is
77 employed, it is obvious to investigate other components of this system. Hence, we here
78 focused on the small nuclear RNAs (snRNAs) of the spliceosome to determine whether their
79 variants also display distinct expression profiles. We started by making an inventory of all
80 snRNA elements present in the zebrafish genome based on the annotated snRNA sequences
81 from the Ensembl database (29). In total, 541 snRNA loci were retrieved for the major
82 spliceosome and seven snRNA loci for the minor spliceosome from the database. Given the
83 many snRNA loci for the major spliceosome, we compared them by sequence alignment per
84 snRNA (Supplemental Figure SF1). Several snRNA sequences appeared aberrant and it
85 turned out that these sequences partly existed of retrotransposon sequences (30), therefore
86 they were excluded (Supplemental Table ST1). To complete our reference set of snRNAs, the
87 database-derived snRNA sequences were used to explore the zebrafish genome for yet

88 unannotated major and minor spliceosome snRNA loci. This resulted in a total of 958 snRNA
 89 loci (Table 1, Supplemental Table ST1 and File SFile1).

90 The alignment of the sequences within each major spliceosome snRNA showed two clusters
 91 for each snRNA (Supplemental Files SF1). The distribution of these two snRNA clusters
 92 coincides with a clear genomic organizational preference: either in condense genomic
 93 repeats (Table 1, blue), or scattered throughout the genome (Table 1, red). Obviously, the
 94 discovery of two sequence clusters for each major spliceosome snRNA is in line with the
 95 possible existence of maternal-type and somatic-type snRNA spliceosomes.

96 In contrast; for the minor spliceosome, U12 snRNA is present only once in the genome,
 97 which means that for U12 snRNA no maternal-type variant can exist. For all three other
 98 minor spliceosome-specific snRNAs, just two loci appeared to be present in the genome
 99 (Supplement Table ST1). Because the observed sequences within each of these minor
 100 spliceosome snRNAs are so different, we questioned whether they are legitimate snRNA
 101 loci. By analyzing the expression of all these snRNA loci, it could be determined that for each
 102 minor spliceosome snRNAs, only one locus is expressed (Table 1, grey, Supplemental Table
 103 2) This precludes the existence of an alternative, completely embryogenesis-specific minor
 104 spliceosome and we therefore excluded these minor spliceosome snRNAs from the
 105 subsequent analyses.

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Table 1: Genomic distribution of maternal and somatic zebrafish snRNA genes

	total #	Chromosome														
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	11	13	17	19	20	21	25
major snRNA																
U1	259			248			4	2	3					2		
U2	7	2				1	2				2					
U4	26			2								23				1
U5	139				132				1					6		
U6	520		12	503		1			1	1				1	1	
minor snRNA																
U11	1												1			
U12	1		1													
U4atc	1								1							
U6atc	1														1	

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109 Embryogenesis-specific snRNA variants

110 After cataloguing all snRNAs in the zebrafish genome, we investigated whether

111 embryogenesis-specific snRNAs exist by examining their expression in eggs and somatic

112 tissue. However, it became quickly evident that (complete) snRNA molecules, similarly to
113 tRNA, 5S, and snoRNA molecules, cannot readily be sequenced by standard smallRNA-seq
114 procedures, probably due to their robust secondary configurations, as well as possible 3'
115 modifications. Only small numbers of partial snRNA sequences were observed, which did
116 show a hint of differential snRNA expression between egg and adult tissue. To tackle this
117 technical problem, we performed a RT-PCR-qSeq analysis effectively circumventing the
118 snRNA 3' issues. For this, we selected the sequence most prominently present in the
119 genome for each cluster of every snRNAs of the major spliceosome (Figure 1A). The
120 differences between these pairs of snRNA sequences ranges from 11 nucleotides (U1 and
121 U6) to 48 nucleotides (U5) (Figure 1A, Supplemental Figure SFig1). We designed
122 (degenerated) RT-PCR-primers (Figure 1A) that amplified virtual all snRNAs, after which the
123 PCR products were sequenced and identified by mapping to the snRNA sequences. Using
124 this procedure at least 0.5 M reads were obtained for each snRNA (Supplemental Table
125 ST2). These results revealed that for each snRNA one variant accounts for almost all snRNA
126 in the egg samples, whereas the other variant makes up the snRNAs in adult zebrafish
127 (Figure 1B). Similar to rRNA and snoRNA, the snRNA variant present in egg is called
128 maternal-type versus the somatic-type variant in adult tissue (Figure 1A).
129 To check the RT-PCR-qSeq results we developed a qRT-PCR analyses for snRNA U1 and
130 snRNA U5. This qRT-PCR analysis confirmed the exclusive presence of embryogenesis-
131 specific snRNA variants in egg samples (Supplemental Figure SFig2).

132 **Figure 1. Maternal-type and somatic-type snRNA sequences and expression**

133 **A:** Sequence comparison of selected maternal-type (M) and somatic-type (S) snRNA variants;
134 identical nucleotides are indicated as dots, while gaps as dashes (For sequence alignment of all
135 snRNAs cf. Supplemental Figure SF2). The RT-PCR primers are indicated with half arrows: maternal-
136 type specific (blue); somatic-type specific (red); and non-distinctive (green).

137 **B:** Relative expression of maternal-type (blue) and somatic-type (red) variants for each snRNA
138 indicated by comparative percentage calculated using the RT-PCR-qSeq approach on RNA from egg
139 and male tail tissue (MT).

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141 Differences between maternal- and somatic-types snRNAs

142 In order to assign any functional relevance to the embryogenesis-specific snRNAs,
143 nucleotide difference as compared to the somatic-type snRNAs were investigated (Figure
144 1A). One of the distinctions between the major and minor spliceosome snRNAs lies in their

145 nucleotide sequences that bind to the mRNA, thus allowing each system to splice distinct
146 introns. However, even though there are many sequence differences between the maternal-
147 type and the somatic-type snRNAs, none of them involve the mRNA binding sites in these
148 snRNAs (Figure 2 and Supplement File SF3). It turned out that the snRNA sequence
149 differences are often located in specific parts of the secondary structure (Figure 2). For
150 instance, for U1, all but one differences are located in one stem-loop and in U2 they are
151 confined to one side of the structure (Figure 2). In general, many of the differences are
152 found in the loops, which are thought to be specific binding locations for spliceosomal
153 proteins. Hence, this would indicate that the embryogenesis spliceosome, besides specific
154 snRNAs also may comprise (embryogenesis-)specific proteins.
155 Despite many apparently co-evolved nucleotide pairs in stems of the snRNAs (Figure 2),
156 there seems to be only one co-evolved nucleotide pair in the interaction site between U4
157 and U6. However, as this nucleotide is right in the middle of the largest interaction site, it
158 might actually prevent the binding of somatic-type U4 to maternal-type U6 and vice versa.

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160 **Figure 2. Sequence differences between maternal-type and somatic-type snRNAs**

161 The secondary structure is presented for each maternal-type and somatic-type zebrafish snRNA.
162 These structures are an adaptation from Figure 4 in reference (4) and also indicate the specific
163 binding sites between U4 and U6. The arrows indicate the base pair that coevolved within one of the
164 U4 – U6 interaction sites. The circles indicate nucleotides that are different between the maternal-
165 type (blue) and somatic-type (red) sequences. The sites interacting with the pre-mRNA are
166 underlined.

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168 **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

169 In this study we reveal the existence of an embryogenesis-specific major spliceosome in
170 zebrafish, consisting of at least a distinct set of U1, U2, U4, U5 and U6 snRNAs. We do not
171 know if this embryogenesis-specific spliceosome also contains embryogenesis-specific
172 proteins, yet the position of the distinguishing nucleotides in the loops of the maternal-type
173 snRNA structure would suggest this. However, a quick scan of some of the major
174 spliceosomal protein genes revealed that they are present with just one copy in the

175 zebrafish genome, which effectively rules out any embryogenesis-specific spliceosomal
176 protein gene variants. Yet, the genes for these proteins do contain introns, which have in
177 general an important function with respect to production of alternative transcripts plus
178 alternative proteins. This leads to the intriguing question, whether the maternal-type
179 snRNAs will produce embryogenesis-specific alternative-spliced transcripts and thus
180 embryogenesis-specific spliceosome proteins for the embryogenesis-specific variant of the
181 major spliceosome.

182 With respect to the minor spliceosome, which acts on different splicing sites; we did not find
183 any maternal-type snRNA variants for U11, U12, U4atc, and U6atc. This however does not
184 lead to the conclusion that no embryogenesis-specific minor spliceosome exists. On the
185 contrary, the minor spliceosome is always completed by the U5 snRNA from the major
186 spliceosome (4) and because in eggs virtually only the maternal-type U5 snRNA is present,
187 this U5 variant is used in combination with the other four ubiquitously-expressed minor
188 spliceosome snRNAs. Even though only one snRNA in this splicing system is different, we
189 would argue that this makes the whole minor spliceosome in eggs embryogenesis-specific.

190 This might also explain the observation that the maternal-type U5 snRNA sequence differs a
191 noteworthy 41% compared to the somatic-type, whereas in all other snRNAs this difference
192 is just 7% to 20%. Yet, the mRNA binding loop that holds the exons together (32) and the
193 associated stem are identical between maternal-type, somatic-type and human U5 snRNA.

194 Besides this core the zebrafish U5 snRNA variants are almost completely different (53%).
195 The functional implications remain elusive for now.

196 Although the differences between the variants of each snRNA are quite substantial, their
197 secondary structure appears to be relatively unaltered. This is also due to many co-evolved
198 nucleotides in the stem sequences. Similar to what we observed previously for the 45S
199 rRNAs, the sequence homology between the somatic-type and maternal-type snRNA
200 variants is often lower than snRNAs in distantly-related species. For instance, apart from the
201 U1 snRNA, the sequence homology between maternal-type and somatic-type zebrafish
202 snRNA variants is lower than between the somatic-type zebrafish variant and the human
203 snRNA sequences (Supplemental Figure SFig1). The considerable sequence difference of the
204 snRNA variants within the zebrafish hints on an intriguing need for two very different
205 spliceosomal systems in early embryogenesis and adult zebrafish.

206 The genomic distribution of the maternal-type and somatic-type snRNA variants is also
207 similar to that of the small snoRNAs and 5S rRNAs in that U1, U5 and U6 have a relative high
208 number of maternal-type snRNA genes, whereas there are only a few somatic-type genes.
209 This correlates with the fact that the U1, U5 and U6 are the snRNA that directly interact with
210 the mRNA. However, it is still somewhat surprising that the maternal-type U2 variant is
211 present only in two loci. Also similar to 5S rRNA, the majority of multiple U1, U5 and U6
212 snRNA genes are organized in a strictly repeated manner, but with several interruptions
213 caused by retrotransposons (26). It was also clear that some snRNA genes were only
214 partially present in the genome (Supplemental Table ST1). Together this would be in line
215 with the reported presence of retrotransposons in snRNA gene repeats (33,34). A quick scan
216 of these snRNA interrupting sequences, revealed the presence of retrotransposons with and
217 without intact open reading frames. Alike 5S loci, we expect that retrotransposons might
218 play a role in maintaining the needed number of gene copies in the snRNA repeats.
219 The strict differential expression of maternal-type and somatic-type snRNAs obviously is
220 regulated via the promotor and auxiliary sequences related to the snRNA genes and we
221 expect that an extensive analysis of all maternal-type and somatic-type snRNA promoter
222 regions will eventually discover the relevant differences. This holds also for mechanisms
223 that are involved in snRNA processing and degradation. For instance, a superficial
224 comparison suggests that the core sequences of the 3' box, which is involved in the post
225 transcriptional processing of snRNAs (35), are different between the maternal-type and
226 somatic-type snRNA variants (results not shown).

227 In many other species different snRNA variants have been found, often with differential expression
228 during embryogenesis, such as in *Xenopus* (13), Human (36), mouse (37), sea urchin (17), *Drosophila*
229 (12). The observed zebrafish snRNA variant system is unique in that the maternal-type snRNA is
230 exclusively expressed in oocytes, eggs, and early embryogenesis. All other reports just mention up to
231 40% higher expression of some variants. This implies that by means of maternal-type snRNAs,
232 together with the maternal-type rRNAs and maternal-type snoRNAs we previously reported,
233 zebrafish employ a distinct translation system specifically for early embryogenesis

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235 MATERIAL AND METHODS

236 Biological materials

237 Adult zebrafish (strain ABTL) were handled in compliance with local animal welfare
238 regulations and maintained according to standard protocols (<http://zfin.org>). The breeding
239 of adult fish was approved by the local animal welfare committee (DEC) of the University of
240 Leiden, the Netherlands. All protocols adhered to the international guidelines specified by
241 the EU Animal Protection Directive 86/609/EEC.

242 For this study samples were used of two pools of unfertilized eggs (oocyte clutches) and two
243 whole male adult zebrafish. The harvesting of the biological materials and RNA-isolation
244 have been described previously (26,27).

245 Source data

246 In this study we use the zebrafish genome version GRCz11 and next-generation sequencing
247 data previously generated by our group (26) and available through the BioProject database
248 with accession number PRJNA347637.

249 qRT-PCR analysis

250 For snRNA U1 and U5, forward and reverse PCR primers were used from the RT-PCR-qSeq
251 analysis, and quantitative real-time PCR (qRT-PCR) probes were designed (Supplemental
252 Table ST4). Reverse transcription was done in two independent reactions for zebrafish
253 clutch (= egg pool) and adult male tail total RNA. SuperScript IV Reverse Transcriptase
254 (Thermo Fisher Scientific) was used according to the manufacturer's instructions. Separate
255 qRT-PCR analyses were performed on 10-fold dilutions of the cDNAs with the snRNA U1 and
256 U5 primer/probe combinations using a QuantStudio 3 Real-Time PCR System (Thermo Fisher
257 Scientific).

258 RT-PCR-qSeq analysis

259 Forward and reverse PCR primers were designed for maternal-type and somatic-type snRNA
260 variants, in such a way that: 1) as much as possible of the 5'-end of the full-length variants is
261 included in the final amplicon, and 2) generic primers will bind to the maternal-type, as well
262 as the somatic-type variants (Supplemental Table ST4 and Figure 1A). To avoid positive
263 results due to genomic DNA background, small RNA-enriched total RNA was treated twice
264 with 5 µl of RNase-free DNase (Qiagen) for 45 minutes at 37°C. Next, cDNA was prepared

265 from 50 ng of RNA as described in (26). For each sample, reverse transcription was primed
266 using a mixture of all reverse PCR primers. Controls without reverse transcriptase were used
267 to exclude genomic DNA contamination of the RNA in the downstream PCR. Subsequently,
268 standard PCR reactions were performed on 1 ul of cDNA using Q5 High-Fidelity DNA
269 Polymerase (New England Biolabs) and each of the variant PCR primer pairs independently.
270 The resulting amplicons were purified using the QIAquick PCR Purification Kit (Qiagen)
271 according to the manufacturer's instructions, with the exception that a total of seven
272 volumes of solution PB was added to allow for more efficient binding of fragments <100 bp.
273 Next, the PCR products were phosphorylated using T4 PNK (New England Biolabs) and again
274 purified as described above. Afterwards, the size of the PCR product was verified on a 2200
275 TapeStation System (Agilent). From 44 ng purified phosphorylated PCR product, barcoded
276 sequencing libraries were prepared using a modified version of the Ion Xpress Plus Fragment
277 Library Kit (Thermo Fisher Scientific) as described previously (26). Massive-parallel
278 sequencing was performed on an Ion Proton System (Thermo Fisher Scientific) using an Ion
279 PI Chip Kit v3.

280 Bioinformatics analyses

281 *Known snRNA sequences.* The initial set of snRNA sequences of *D. rerio* (GRCz11) were
282 downloaded from Ensemble 95 (29) in October 2018 using Biomart by selecting snRNA as
283 *Gene type* (See the RF annotated tabs in Supplementary Table1).

284 *Discarding "contaminated" snRNA sequences.* For each of the five snRNAs a multiple
285 alignment of the downloaded sequences was made. This was done using CLC Genomic
286 Workbench with default settings (gap open cost 20, gap extension 20 end gap cost free, very
287 accurate). Via visual inspection of the alignments (Supplementary Figure SF1) the snRNA
288 sequences that contained obvious contaminating, non-snRNA sequences, such as
289 retrotransposon sequences, were discarded or truncated.

290 *Discovery of new snRNA sequences and loci.* The known snRNA sequences were then aligned
291 with the zebrafish genome using BLASTN and all filters and masking unselected. The hits
292 that were at least 95% of the query length were selected. Names were then assigned to the
293 unique sequences.

294 *Mapping of the smallRNA-seq reads.* The reads from the source data were mapped to the
295 major and minor snRNA sequences using default settings of Bowtie-2 (31).

296 *Analysis of the RT-PCR-qSeq.* To count the number of maternal-type and somatic-type reads
297 in egg and adult male zebrafish, an exact string search of the maternal-type and somatic-
298 type snRNA sequences was performed for each snRNA. Data normalization was done using
299 the total count of mapped smallRNA-seq reads per sample.

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305 [SUPPLEMENTAL FILES](#)

306 SF1: Zebrafish snRNA sequence alignments

307 SF2: Alignment of snRNA sequences to selected maternal-type and somatic-type variant
308 sequences

309 [SUPPLEMENTAL TABLES](#)

310 ST1.xlsx: Genome distribution of zebrafish snRNAs

311 ST2.xlsx: Minor spliceosome snRNA read counts

312 ST3.xlsx: Read counts from the RT-PCR-qSeq experiment

313 ST4.xlsx: Primer sequences

314 [SUPPLEMENTAL FIGURES](#)

315 Sfig1.pdf: Sequence alignments of human snRNAs with maternal-type and somatic-type
316 zebrafish snRNA

317 Sfig2.pdf: qRT-PCR results for snRNA U1 and snRNA U5

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M CT-CCGGCCACGCTGACCCCTGCGAATCCCCAAATGTGGGAATCTCGACTGCATAATTTCTGGTAGTGG
 S ..GT...TGT.T...T.....

M GGGACTGCGTTCGCGCTCTCCCCTG
 S 11/165

U2

M ATCGCTTCTCGGCCTTTTGGCTAAGATCAAGTGTAGTATCTGTTCTTATCAGTTTAATATCTGATACGTG
 S

M CCCTACCCGGGCACTATATATTAATTGATTTTGCAGCTGGGAGATGGGTTAGGGGCTTGCTCCACCCA
 SC.....G...A.....AA.....GT...

M CTCCACGCATCGACCTGGTATTGCAGTACCTCCGGGAACGGTGCACCTCATT
 ST.....C.....A.....C.CC. 13/191

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 S .GCT..G...T...G...G.....TT..T.....C..T.....AA.....

M TTACCCAATACCCCGCCGAGATGGCTTGAAATACAGTCAGCTCTGGCAATTTTGGACAGCCTCCTAGAAG
 ST..C.A.....T...G..A.....G.T...GACAG..

M G
 S A 28/141

U5

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M TATTGTGAGTTTGTGTTATTTTGGGTGCTCTGCTATCTGCAGAGCTG
 S AC.ATGAGTA.AAAC.A.....T.A...C...CGA.A.GC.G.GCT 48/118

U6

M GTGCTCGCTACGGTGGCACATATACTAAAATTGGATCGATACAGAGAAGATTAGCATGGCCCCTGCGAAA
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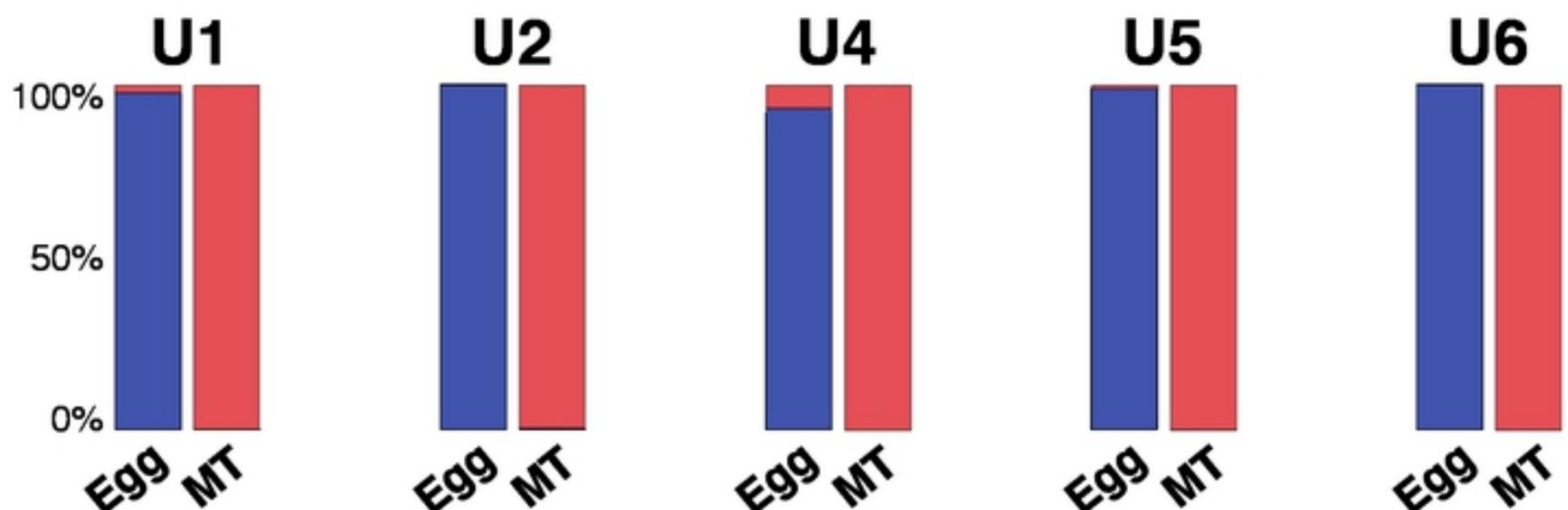
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