

Claims

1. A 5' terminal RNA fragment obtained via the following method for analyzing an RNA molecule having a cleavage site for a catalytic nucleic acid molecule, the method comprising the steps of:
 - a) providing an RNA molecule having a cleavage site for a catalytic nucleic acid molecule,
 - b) cleaving the RNA molecule with the catalytic nucleic acid molecule into a 5' terminal RNA fragment and at least one 3' RNA fragment by contacting the RNA molecule with the catalytic nucleic acid molecule under conditions allowing the cleavage of the RNA molecule, and
 - c) determining a physical property of the RNA molecule by analyzing the 5' terminal RNA fragment.