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(57) Abstract: The present invention is concerned with methods for analyzing RNA molecules. The provided methods involve conjugates for RNA cleavage comprising a chemical moiety with RNA cleaving activity and an oligonucleotide. The oligonucleotide is designed based on a target sequence present in an RNA molecule, and the cleavage of the RNA molecule is inter alia carried out at conditions allowing the hybridization of the oligonucleotide to the target 5' sequence. Thereby, the method is easily applicable to RNA molecules of any sequence. The method further involves the analysis of the RNA fragments obtained after cleavage to obtain information on the physical properties of the RNA molecule.

