

Supplementary figures

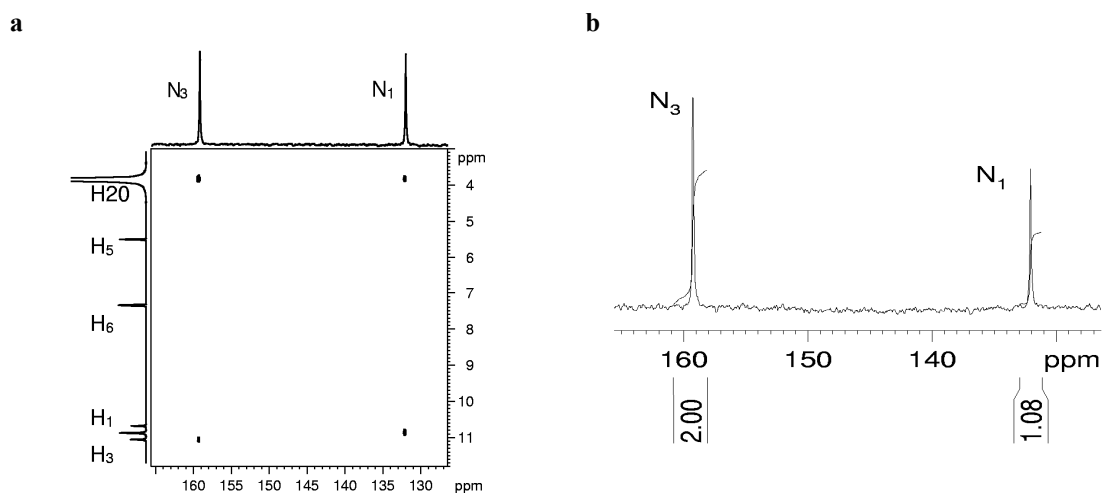


Figure A1. (a) 500 MHz ^1H - ^{15}N HOESY spectrum of ^{15}N -enriched uracil recorded in a mixture of $\text{DMSO-}d_6$: H_2O (5:1, vol.) at 300 K with a mixing time of 100 ms. The top and left 1D projections show the ^{15}N and ^1H spectra, respectively. (b) F2 trace along the water ^1H chemical shift showing that the N_3 -water cross-peak is twice as intense as the N_1 -water cross-peak.

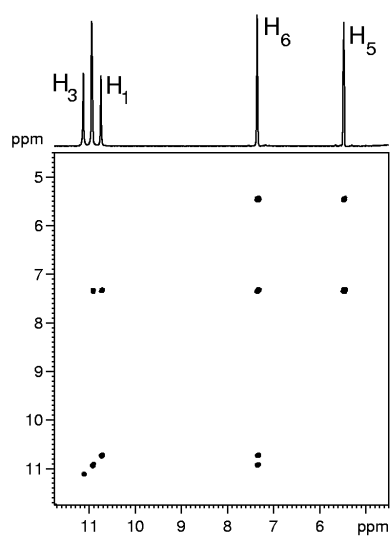


Figure A2. 500 MHz ^1H - ^1H COSY spectrum of ^{15}N -enriched uracil recorded in a mixture of $\text{DMSO-}d_6$: H_2O (5:1, vol.) at 300 K. The ^1H spectrum, shown as the 1D projection, can easily be assigned from the observed cross-peaks.

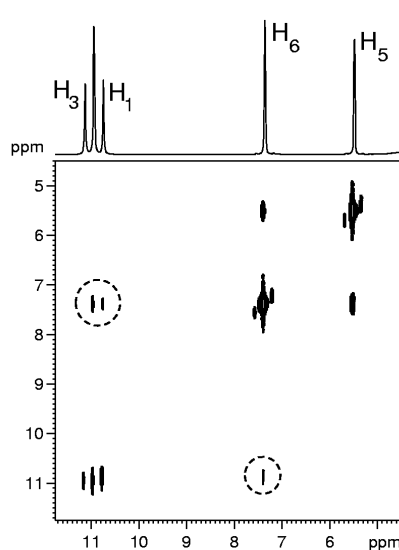


Figure A3. 500 MHz ^1H - ^1H NOESY spectrum of ^{15}N -enriched uracil recorded in a mixture of $\text{DMSO-}d_6$: H_2O (5:1, vol.) at 300 K with a mixing time of 500 ms. The ^1H spectrum is shown as the 1D projection. The dashed circles evidence the NOE cross-peak between H_6 and H_1 , hereby confirming the spectral assignment.