Supporting Information to

Enzymatic synthesis of 2'-methylseleno-modified RNA

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Supporting Figure 1. NMR spectra of 3'-acetyl-5'-*O*-(4,4'-dimethoxytrityl)-2'- methylseleno-2'-deoxyuridine (**2**). (**a**) ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃). (**b**) ¹³C-NMR (150 MHz, CDCl₃).



Supporting Figure 2. NMR spectra of 3'-acetyl-2'-methylseleno-2'-deoxyuridine (**3**). (a) ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- d_6). (b) ¹³C-NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6).



Supporting Figure 3. NMR spectra of 2'-methylseleno-2'-deoxyuridine 5'-triphosphate (**4**). (**a**) ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, D₂O). (**b**) ¹³C-NMR (150 MHz, D₂O). * Resonances flagged with an asterisk indicate residual amounts of acetate anion from TEAA buffer.



Supporting Figure 4. 31 P-NMR spectrum (121 MHz, D₂O) of 2'-methylseleno-2'-deoxyuridine 5'-triphosphate (4).



Supporting Figure 5. NMR spectra N^4 -acetyl-3'-tert.-butyldimethylsilyl-2'-methylseleno-2'-deoxycytidine (**6**). (**a**) ¹H-NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃). (**b**) ¹³C-NMR (150 MHz, DMSO- d_6).



Supporting Figure 6. NMR spectra of 2'-methylseleno-2'-deoxycytidine 5'-triphosphate (**7**). (a) ¹H-NMR (500 MHz, D₂O). (b) ¹³C-NMR (150 MHz, D₂O).* Resonances flagged with an asterisk indicate residual amounts of acetate anion from HPLC buffer.



Supporting Figure 7. ³¹P-NMR spectrum (121 MHz, D_2O) of 2'-methylseleno-2'-deoxycytidine 5'-triphosphate (**7**).

kDa		WT	M1	M2
100 85	HI II II	-	-	-
50	-			
40	-			
30	-			
25	-			
15	-			
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Supporting Figure 8. SDS-PAGE gel (12%) of expressed and purified T7 RNA polymerases (WT: wildtype; M1: Mutant 1 Y639F, H784A; M2: Mutant 2 Y639V, H784G, E593G, V685A).