Engineered tail sequences for enhanced protein expression of synthetic mRNA

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Synthetic mRNA

- Synthetic mRNAs are mRNAs made in the test tube.
- After being delivered to cells, synthetic mRNAs act as natural mRNAs to produce protein.





Era of synthetic mRNA-based therapeutics

The global mRNA therapeutics market size is expected to continue expanding.





Engineering of synthetic mRNA

Goal: optimized the mRNA design to increase and prolong protein production



Produce more protein Produce protein for longer time



Engineering of synthetic mRNA: overlooked part

Tail gives mRNA its identity: translation cannot happen without the tail.
 Removal of the tail leads to a degradation of the RNA.



Cytidine in the tail benefits protein production



mRNAs carrying different tails are examined on different human cells.
The more C, the merrier.
Better no go beyond 20%.



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Optimized tails slows down mRNA degradation

Some enzymes degrade mRNA with optimized tails slower.



C-tails enable high and stable protein production



C-tails can enhance mRNA drugs and vaccines

- Doesn't no increase synthesis cost.
- Reduce the dosage of synthetic mRNAs.

Can be combined with existing technologies.





Conclusion

Optimized tail sequence with Cytidine near the end elevate and prolong protein production of synthetic mRNA.

mRNA therapeutics are expected to have stronger and better efficacy.

We envision this technology can reduce the dosage and injection number of mRNA therapeutics.

C-tails slow down mRNA degradation





What about G?

► G in the tail triggers immune response during transfection.

