

$$I(\Delta N_i; R_j) = I(N_i; R_j) - I(n - N_i; R_j) \quad \text{Equation S1}$$

$$I(N_i; R_j) = \log \left(\frac{f_{N_i, R_j} / f_{R_j}}{f_{N_i} / R} \right) \quad \text{Equation S2}$$

$$I(n - N_i; R_j) = \log \left(\frac{f_{n - N_i, R_j} / f_{R_j}}{f_{n - N_i} / R} \right) \quad \text{Equation S3}$$

$$I(\Delta N_i; R_j) = \log \left(\frac{f_{N_i, R_j}}{f_{n - N_i, R_j}} \right) + \log \left(\frac{f_{n - N_i}}{f_{N_i}} \right) \quad \text{Equation S4}$$

S1-S4 Equations: Basis for the development of the RRMScorer equation. Our method is based on the information difference between the occurrence of two events, in our case the information of how often a specific nucleotide interacts with a specific residue, $I(N_i; R_j)$, and the information when that same nucleotide interacts with any other residue, $I(n - N_i; R_j)$ (equation S1). The individual terms are developed in equations S2 and S3 where: f_{N_i, R_j} is the number of occurrences for a specific contact between nucleotide i and residue j ; f_{R_j} the number of times residue j is in that position; f_{N_i} the number of times nucleotide i is in that position; $f_{n - N_i, R_j}$ the number of times nucleotide i interacts with any residue but residue j ; $f_{n - N_i}$ the number nucleotides other than nucleotide i in that position; R the total number of residues in the dataset. As it's a difference between the two logarithms, the common terms that account for the number of specific residues in position j (f_{R_j}) and total number of residues in the dataset (R) disappear from the equation. After the simplification we obtain equation S4 (Same as equation 2 in the main text).