



Figure S1. Kinetic Parameters for POLRMT-Catalyzed Nucleotide Incorporation: Adenosine Analogs. (A) Correct AMP incorporation. POLRMT (0.125 μM) was incubated with 8 bp 2AP scaffold (0.1 μM) for 3 min and then rapidly mixed with ATP (5, 10, 25, 50 or 100 μM) using a stopped-flow. The observed change in fluorescence emission was measured and fit to a single exponential (Eq. 1), yielding k_{obs} values of 4 ± 1 , 7 ± 1 , 15 ± 1 , 20 ± 1 and 22 ± 1 s^{-1} for 5, 10, 25, 50 or 100 μM ATP, respectively. Values for k_{obs} were plotted as a function of ATP concentration and fit to a hyperbola (Eq. 2), yielding a k_{pol} value of 30 ± 1 s^{-1} and a $K_{\text{d,app}}$ value of 20 ± 2 μM . **(B)** 2'-C-methyl-AMP misincorporation. POLRMT (0.5 μM) was incubated with 5'-³²P-labeled-RNA/DNA 8 bp scaffold (0.1 μM) for 3 min and then rapidly mixed with 2'-C-methyl-ATP (250, 500 or 1000 μM). Reactions were quenched at various times with EDTA (300 mM). Quantitated RNA product was plotted as a function of time and fit to a single exponential (Eq. 1) yielding values for k_{obs} of 0.0093 ± 0.0006 , 0.015 ± 0.001 and 0.019 ± 0.001 s^{-1} for 250 (●), 500 (○) or 1000 (■) μM 2'-C-methyl-ATP, respectively. Values for k_{obs} were plotted as a function of 2'-C-methyl-ATP concentration and fit to a hyperbola (Eq. 2), yielding a k_{pol} value of 0.030 ± 0.010 s^{-1} and a $K_{\text{d,app}}$ value of 530 ± 100 μM . **(C)** 7-deaza-AMP misincorporation. POLRMT (0.25 μM) was incubated with 8 bp 2AP scaffold (0.125 μM) for 3 min and then rapidly mixed with 7-deaza-ATP (25, 50, or 100 μM) using a stopped-flow. The observed change in fluorescence emission was measured and fit to a single exponential (Eq. 1), yielding k_{obs} values of 3.91 ± 0.22 , 5.56 ± 0.26 , and 8.1 ± 0.5 s^{-1} for 25, 50, or 100 μM 7-deaza-ATP, respectively. Values for k_{obs} were plotted as a function of 7-deaza-ATP concentration and fit to a hyperbola (Eq. 2), yielding a k_{pol} value of 15 ± 2 s^{-1} and a $K_{\text{d,app}}$ value of 80 ± 20 μM . **(D)** 3-deaza-AMP misincorporation. POLRMT (0.5 μM) was incubated with 5'-³²P-labeled-RNA/DNA 8 bp scaffold (0.1 μM) for 3 min and then rapidly mixed with 3-deaza-ATP (5, 50, 200 or 500 μM). Reactions were quenched at various times with EDTA (300 mM). Quantitated RNA product was plotted as a function of time and fit to a single exponential (Eq. 1) yielding values for k_{obs} of 0.0020 ± 0.0004 , 0.011 ± 0.001 , 0.036 ± 0.006 and 0.057 ± 0.007 s^{-1} for 5 (●), 50 (○), 200 (■) or 500 (□) μM 3-deaza-ATP, respectively. Values for k_{obs} were plotted as a function of 3-deaza-ATP concentration and fit to a hyperbola (Eq. 2), yielding a k_{pol} value of 0.10 ± 0.01 s^{-1} and a $K_{\text{d,app}}$ value of 340 ± 40 μM . **(E)** 3'-dAMP misincorporation. POLRMT (0.25 μM) was incubated with 8 bp 2AP scaffold (0.125 μM) for 3 min and then rapidly mixed with 3'-dATP (2.5, 5, 12.5, 25, 50 or 75 μM) plus 1.25 μM single-strand DNA trap using a stopped-flow apparatus. The observed change in fluorescence emission was measured and fit to a single exponential (Eq. 1), yielding k_{obs} values of 0.18 ± 0.01 , 0.25 ± 0.02 , 0.38 ± 0.03 , 0.48 ± 0.03 , 0.58 ± 0.04 and 0.60 ± 0.04 s^{-1} for 2.5, 5, 12.5, 25, 50 or 75 μM 3'-dATP, respectively. Values for k_{obs} were plotted as a function of 3'-dATP concentration and fit to a hyperbola (Eq. 2), yielding a k_{pol} of 0.70 ± 0.02 s^{-1} and a $K_{\text{d,app}}$ value of 8 ± 1 μM . **(F)** 6-methylpurine misincorporation. POLRMT (0.25 μM) was incubated with 8 bp 2AP scaffold (0.125 μM) for 3 min and then rapidly mixed with 6-methylpurine-TP (100, 250, 500 or 800 μM) using a stopped-flow. The observed change in fluorescence emission was measured and fit to a single exponential (Eq. 1), yielding k_{obs} values of 8.2 ± 0.2 , 12.2 ± 0.5 , 15.7 ± 0.5 and 19.5 ± 0.5 s^{-1} for 100, 250, 500 or 800 μM 6-methylpurine-TP, respectively. Values for k_{obs} were plotted as a function of 6-methylpurine-TP concentration and fit to a hyperbola (Eq. 2), yielding a k_{pol} value of 30 ± 5 s^{-1} and a $K_{\text{d,app}}$ value of 280 ± 10 μM . **(G)** ribavirin misincorporation. POLRMT (0.5 μM) was incubated with 5'-³²P-labeled-RNA/DNA 8 bp scaffold (0.1 μM) for 3 min and then rapidly mixed with ribavirin-TP (250, 500, 1000 or 3000 μM). Reactions were quenched at various times with EDTA (300 mM). Quantitated RNA product was plotted as a function of time and fit to a single exponential (Eq. 1) yielding values for k_{obs} of 0.00098 ± 0.00006 , 0.0017 ± 0.0004 , 0.0027 ± 0.0001 and 0.0036 ± 0.0001 s^{-1} for 250 (●), 500 (○), 1000 (■) or 3000 (□) μM ribavirin-TP, respectively. Values for k_{obs} were plotted as a function of ribavirin-TP concentration and fit to a hyperbola (Eq. 2), yielding a k_{pol} value of 0.0050 ± 0.0010 s^{-1} and a $K_{\text{d,app}}$ value of 800 ± 100 μM .