

**Table S1.** Illustrating the redundancy among some of the highest scoring worm  $k$ -mers. The top box shows  $k$ -mers (and their ranks) that have 1 nt difference with four of the highest scoring  $k$ -mers. The bottom box shows  $k$ -mers (and their ranks) that have a 6 nt overlap with the same four  $k$ -mers.

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U.....	35	C.....	58	.....U..	130	U.....	47
A.....	67	A.....	61	.....A..	300	C.....	159
....U.	164	.....U	81			G.....	220
G.....	166	G.....	121				
.....A	322	.C.....	374				
....U..	423	.....A	405				

  

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-.....A	7	-.....A	14	C.....	223	-.....A	41
-.....U	49	-.....U	17			-.....C	99
-.....C	109	A.....-	91			-.....U	103
-.....G	345	-.....G	129			-.....G	256
		-.....C	412				