Schematic illustration of sample preparation for the 3'-terminus sequencing of RNA. As described in Materials and Methods, the reaction procedure is as follows; (1) the replicated RNA (RNA(-), shown in red) was ligated with an adapter DNA (shown in blue) hybridized at the 3'-terminal region of RNA(-) by the Y-ligation method. (2) The ligation product was reverse-transcribed with RT primer (green arrow) to cDNA, (3) and the cDNA was amplified by PCR, cloned and sequenced.