for covariation or RNA structure where this is in question. It is not appropriate to use R2R´s covariation markings to declare that there is evidence of structural conservation within an alignment. R2R is a drawing program. As the original paper, Weinberg

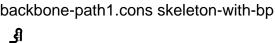
"This automated R2R annotation [of covariation] does not reflect the extent or confidence of covariation. While such information can be useful, we believe that thorough evaluation of covariation evidence ultimately

requires analysis of the full sequence alignment. For example, misleading covariation can result from an

WARNING: R2R is not intended to evaluate evidence

incorrect alignment of sequences, or from alignments of sequences that do not function as structured RNAs. Unfortunately, there is no accepted method to assign

confidence that entirely eliminates the need to analyze the full alignment. To disable this warning, run r2r with --disable-usage-warning" backbone-path1.cons



and Breaker, 2011 wrote: