

SUPPLEMENTARY TABLE S1. DEFINED CONDITIONS USED FOR STUDYING THE EFFECTS OF PRE-ANALYTICAL METHODS

	<i>Factor</i>	<i>Determinants</i>
Collection condition*	Delayed separation time	0.5, 1, 2, 4, 24 (h)
	Delayed freezing time	0.5, 2, 4 (h)
Storage condition	Freeze/thaw cycles	0, 1, 3, 6, 10 (cycles)

*At room temperature until processing or freezing.