

C/D-box snoRNA-derived RNA production is associated with malignant transformation and metastatic progression in prostate cancer

Supplementary Material

Supplementary methods table M1. Custom LNA primers for the quantitative real time PCR analysis of snoRNAs and sdRNAs were designed by Exiqon A/S, Copenhagen, Denmark using target sequences listed in Supplementary table M1. Forward and reverse primer sequence positions are marked in color. M' refers to sdRNA derived from the middle of the full SNORD sequence.

ASSAY ID	RNA name	TARGET SEQUENCE 5' -> 3'
443822	SNORD78 Full length	GTGTAATGATGTTGATCAAATGCTGACCTGAAATGAGCATGTAGACAAAGGTAACACTGAAGAA
443827	sd78-3'	TGAGCATGTAGACAAAGGTAACACTG
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443836	sd44-5'	CCTGGATGATGATAAGCAAATGCTGACT
443839	SNORD74 Full length	CTGCCTCTGATGAAGCCTGTGTTGGTAGGGACATCTGAGAGTAATGATGAATGCCAACCGCTCTGATG GTGG
443845	sd74-5'	GCCTCTGATGAAGCCTGTGTTGGTA
443848	sd74-M'	ACATCTGAGAGTAATGATGAA
443852	sd74-3'	AGTAATGATGAATGCCAACCGCTCTGA
443855	SNORD81 Full length	CAGAATACATGATGATCTCAATCCAACTGAACTCTCTCACTGATTACTTGATGACAATAAAATATCT GATATTCTG
443861	sd81-5'	ATACATGATGATCTCAATCC
443864	sd81-M'	CTCACTGATTACTTGATGACAA
443867	sd81-3'	TTACTTGATGACAATAAAATATCTGA

Supplementary table 1. Patient cohort used for the generation of sncRNA libraries¹.

Library	Gleason score	Genomic alterations (TMPRSS2-ERG; ETV1)	Epithelium %	Cancer %	PCa recurrence after radical prostatectomy	Died
Group 1. NAP						
Patient 1	n.a.	n.a.	70	0	n.a.	n.a.
Patient 2	n.a.	n.a.	80	0	n.a.	n.a.
Patient 3	n.a.	n.a.	70	0	n.a.	n.a.
Patient 4	n.a.	n.a.	70	0	n.a.	n.a.
Group 2. BPH						
Patient 5	n.a.	n.a.	>70%	0	n.a.	n.a.
Patient 6	n.a.	n.a.	>70%	0	n.a.	n.a.
Patient 7	n.a.	n.a.	>70%	0	n.a.	n.a.
Patient 8	n.a.	n.a.	>70%	0	n.a.	n.a.
Group 3. PCa 6 cured						
Patient 9	3+3	TMPRSS2-ERG	90	80	No	No
Patient 10	3+3	TMPRSS2-ERG	80	75	No	No
Patient 11	3+3	TMPRSS2-ERG	80	90	No	No
Patient 12	3+3	TMPRSS2-ERG	80	70	No	No
Group 4. PCa 6 recurrent						
Patient 13	3+3	TMPRSS2-ERG	80	90	M	Yes
Patient 14	3+3	TMPRSS2-ERG	80	90	PSA progression	-
Patient 15	3+3	TMPRSS2-ERG	70	80	PSA progression	-
Patient 16	3+3	TMPRSS2-ERG	80	85	PSA progression	-
Group 5. PCa 7 recurrent						
Patient 17	4+3	TMPRSS2-ERG	80	90	M	Yes
Patient 18	4+3	ETV1 fusion	90	100	M	Yes
Patient 19	4+3	TMPRSS2-ERG	70	100	PSA progression	
Patient 20	4+3	no	70	80	PSA progression	
Group 6. PCa 8 recurrent						
Patient 21	4+4	ETV1 overexpression	80	100	M	Yes
Patient 22	4+4	TMPRSS2-ERG	90	90	M	Yes
Patient 23	4+5	no	70	100	M	Yes
Group 7. PCa TURP hormone refractory disease						
Patient 24	5+4	no	90	100		HR
Patient 25	3+4	TMPRSS2-ERG	70	90	M	Yes
Patient 26	3+5	no	95	100		HR
Patient 27	5+3	ETV1 fusion	95	100		HR
Group 8. LN-PCa						
Patient 28	4+4	TMPRSS2-ERG	n.a.	100	N	Yes
Patient 29	4+5	TMPRSS2-ERG	n.a.	100	N	Yes
Patient 30	4+4	TMPRSS2-ERG	n.a.	100	N	Yes
Patient 31	4+4	ETV1 fusion	n.a.	100	N	yes
Group 9. PCa 6 recurrent no chromosomal alterations						
Patient 32	3+3	no	80	90	M	No
Patient 33	3+3	no	80	90	M	Yes
Patient 34	3+3	no	70	70	M	No
Patient 35	3+3	no	90	80	PSA progression	Yes
Group 10. PCa 6 TMPRSS2-ERG fusion						
Patient 36	3+3	TMPRSS2-ERG	90	80	M	Yes
Patient 37	3+3	TMPRSS2-ERG	90	90	PSA progression	No
Patient 38	3+3	TMPRSS2-ERG	70	80	No	Yes
Patient 39	3+3	TMPRSS2-ERG	80	90	No	No
Group 11. FFPE						
Patient 9	3+3	TMPRSS2-ERG	90	80	No	No
Patient 10	3+3	TMPRSS2-ERG	80	75	No	No
Patient 11	3+3	TMPRSS2-ERG	80	90	No	No
Patient 12	3+3	TMPRSS2-ERG	80	70	No	No

¹ NAP, normal adjacent prostate sample; BPH, benign prostate hyperplasia sample; PCa, radical prostatectomy sample; cured, no disease relapse after radical prostatectomy; recurrent, biochemical or metastatic disease relapse after surgery; LN-PCa, metastatic lymph node sample; PCa-TURP, transurethral resection of the prostate sample; TMPRSS2-ERG, fusion gene event; FFPE, formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded sample (replicate of group3) n.a., not applicable; M, metastatic occurrence; HR, hormone refractory disease.

Supplementary table 2

	Group 1 NAP	Group 2 BPH	Group 3 PCa 6 cured	Group 4 PCa 6 recurrent	Group 5 PCa 7 recurrent	Group 6 PCa 8 recurrent	Group 7 PCa TURP	Group 8 LN met	Group 9 PCa 6 TERG-	Group 10 PCa 6 TERG+	Group 11 FFPE
Total read number	14,162,933	14,516,262	14,598,363	14,876,075	13,468,284	15,114,031	14,827,046	14,298,445	14,597,918	14,309,106	15,393,670
Removed reads	811,765	868,054	885,824	1,488,564	909,675	1,041,211	1,034,018	999,260	1,091,428	1,658,413	3,545,478
Extracted reads	13,351,168 (94 %)	13,648,208 (94 %)	13,712,539 (94 %)	13,387,511 (90 %)	12,558,609 (93 %)	14,072,820 (93 %)	13,793,028 (93 %)	13,299,185 (93 %)	13,506,490 (93 %)	12,650,693 (88 %)	11,848,192 (77 %)
Annotated reads	11,888,480 (84 %)	12,044,365 (83 %)	11,082,648 (76 %)	10,859,490 (73 %)	11,213,771 (83 %)	11,994,227 (79 %)	11,650,557 (79 %)	10,758,631 (75 %)	11,496,537 (79 %)	9,971,092 (70 %)	8,010,752 (52 %)
Unique reads	551,939	584,853	729,486	598,249	548,038	788,488	762,000	778,904	595,716	631,370	822,911
Annotated ncRNA from ncRNAdb	902	890	936	1023	881	994	977	940	911	990	851

Supplementary table 3. Number of small ncRNA-species detected in each library

Count of precursors per RNA type	Total Count ncRNA type	Group 1 NAP	Group 2 BPH	Group 3 PCa 6 cured	Group 4 PCa 6 recurrent	Group 5 PCa 7 recurrent	Group 6 PCa 8 recurrent	Group 7 PCa TURP	Group 8 LN met	Group 9 PCa 6 TERG-	Group 10 PCa 6 TERG+	Group 11 FFPE	Average Count ncRNA type
MIR	873	597	580	585	648	551	620	607	580	569	632	441	597
RN7SK	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
RN7SL	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
RNU	23	13	15	16	19	16	17	17	18	15	18	19	16
RNY	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
RPPHI	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
SCARNA	19	14	15	17	18	15	17	17	17	15	18	17	16
SNAR	4	0	0	2	1	0	3	1	3	2	1	0	1
SNORA	91	48	34	59	69	53	70	67	71	56	67	86	59
SNORD	228	161	166	193	201	178	205	200	181	187	189	208	186
TERC	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
TRNA	385	337	358	346	347	324	334	336	345	334	336	366	340
VTRNA	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Grand Total	1637	1183	1181	1231	1316	1150	1279	1258	1228	1191	1274	1150	1229

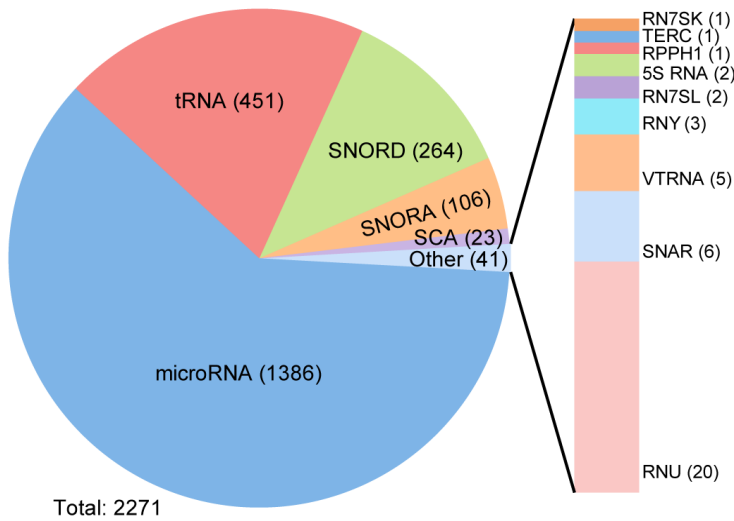
Supplementary table 4. Total number unique mapped reads per type of small ncRNA precursor and sample library

ncRNA	Group 1 NAP	Group 2 BPH	Group 3 PCa 6 cured	Group 4 PCa 6 recurrent	Group 5 PCa 7 recurrent	Group 6 PCa 8 recurrent	Group 7 PCa TURP	Group 8 LN met	Group 9 PCa 6 TERG-	Group 10 PCa 6 TERG+	Group 11 FFPE
<i>pre-miRNA</i>	11,367,682 (95.6%)	10,777,063 (89.5%)	10,174,066 (91.8%)	10,023,933 (92.3%)	10,722,355 (95.6%)	11,110,642 (92.6%)	10,547,062 (90.5%)	9,202,300 (85.5%)	10,839,999 (94.3%)	9,278,102 (93.1%)	1,907,837 (23.8%)
<i>tRNA</i>	229,457 (1.93%)	894,493 (7.43%)	374,392 (3.38%)	352,770 (3.25%)	212,392 (1.89%)	346,797 (2.89%)	337,292 (2.90%)	602,838 (5.60%)	332,218 (2.89%)	292,345 (2.93%)	1,519,993 (18.97%)
<i>Mt-tRNA</i>	40,160 (0.34%)	99,840 (0.83%)	104,961 (0.95%)	75,886 (0.70%)	49,921 (0.45%)	108,902 (0.91%)	197,520 (1.70%)	63,653 (0.59%)	37,734 (0.33%)	97,275 (0.98%)	63,852 (0.80%)
<i>rRNA</i>	148,179 (1.25%)	171,301 (1.42%)	172,188 (1.55%)	138,057 (1.27%)	66,525 (0.59%)	152,725 (1.27%)	365,820 (3.14%)	437,935 (4.07%)	102,076 (0.89%)	93,744 (0.94%)	2,240,371 (27.97%)
<i>SNORA</i>	2,127 (0.02%)	2,219 (0.02%)	7,522 (0.07%)	6,955 (0.06%)	4,814 (0.04%)	12,603 (0.11%)	5,440 (0.05%)	7,566 (0.07%)	4,088 (0.04%)	10,236 (0.10%)	68,971 (0.86%)
<i>SNORD</i>	43,005 (0.36%)	41,957 (0.35%)	158,927 (1.43%)	169,165 (1.56%)	103,279 (0.92%)	171,873 (1.43%)	117,390 (1.01%)	199,045 (1.85%)	121,528 (1.06%)	123,460 (1.24%)	308,121 (3.85%)
<i>scaRNA</i>	13,624 (0.11%)	14,208 (0.12%)	12,622 (0.11%)	18,053 (0.17%)	14,469 (0.13%)	19,856 (0.17%)	25,066 (0.22%)	22,528 (0.21%)	12,890 (0.11%)	12,698 (0.13%)	10,720 (0.13%)
<i>scRNA</i>	26,293 (0.22%)	37,140 (0.31%)	53,364 (0.48%)	46,948 (0.43%)	30,222 (0.27%)	42,837 (0.36%)	37,215 (0.32%)	59,128 (0.55%)	33,493 (0.29%)	38,107 (0.38%)	37,952 (0.47%)
<i>snRNA</i>	15,849 (0.13%)	4,953 (0.04%)	16,729 (0.15%)	21,181 (0.20%)	7,945 (0.07%)	23,844 (0.20%)	14,887 (0.13%)	151,045 (1.40%)	7,876 (0.07%)	19,115 (0.19%)	1,839,129 (22.96%)
<i>miscRNA</i>	2,080 (0.02%)	1,172 (0.01%)	7,854 (0.07%)	6,505 (0.06%)	1,833 (0.02%)	4,076 (0.03%)	2,840 (0.02%)	12,542 (0.12%)	4,577 (0.04%)	5,489 (0.06%)	13,605 (0.17%)
<i>TERC</i>	24 (0.00%)	19 (0.00%)	23 (0.00%)	37 (0.00%)	16 (0.00%)	72 (0.00%)	25 (0.00%)	51 (0.00%)	58 (0.00%)	521 (0.01%)	201 (0.00%)
Total	11,888,480	12,044,365	11,082,648	10,859,490	11,213,771	11,994,227	11,650,557	10,758,631	11,496,537	9,971,092	8,010,752

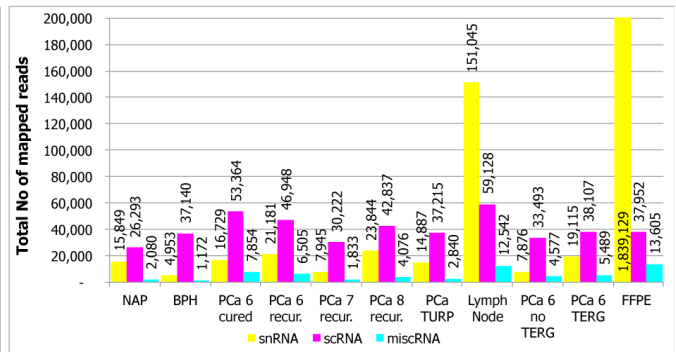
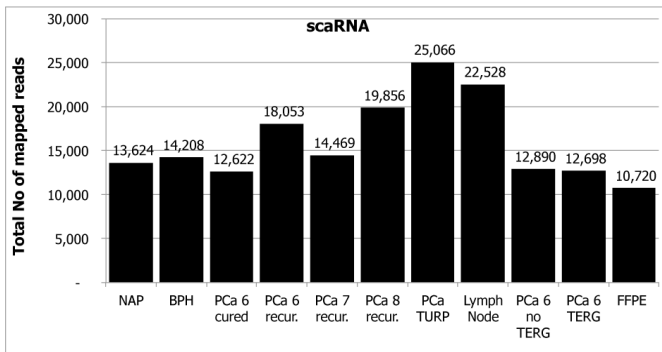
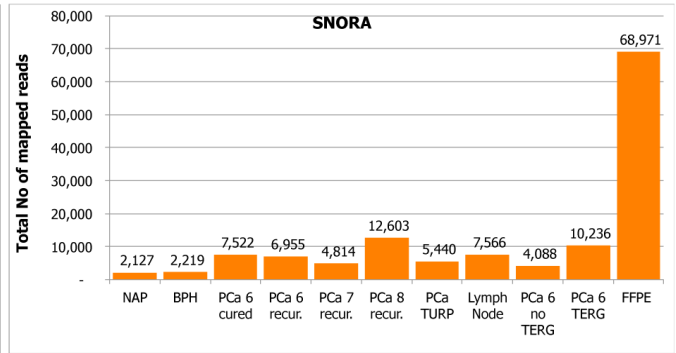
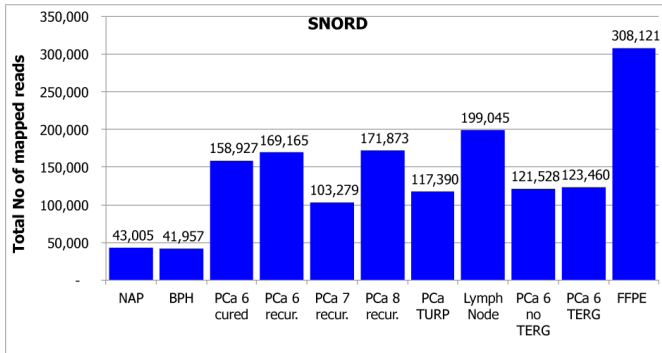
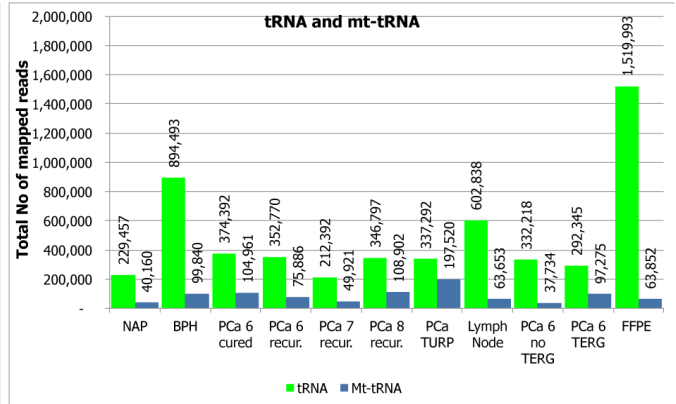
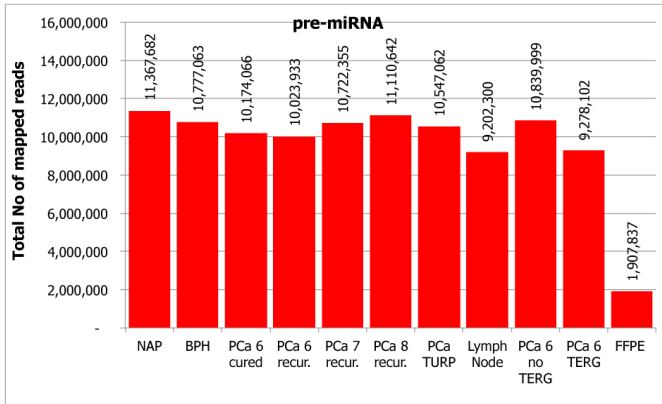
Supplementary table 5. Number of detected sncdRNAs (e.g. sdRNAs, tRFs and other fragments) per type of RNA precursor

Type of precursor small ncRNA	Total Count unique smaller RNAs	Group 1 NAP	Group 2 BPH	Group 3 PCa 6 cured	Group 4 PCa 6 recurrent	Group 5 PCa 7 recurrent	Group 6 PCa 8 recurrent	Group 7 PCa TURP	Group 8 LN met	Group 9 PCa 6 TERG-	Group 10 PCa 6 TERG+	Group 11 FFPE	Average Count unique smaller RNAs
MIR	1524	872	850	885	980	832	948	911	852	818	928	634	865
TRNA	1175	866	1000	886	891	732	863	843	852	816	837	1017	873
SNORD	657	280	255	391	443	336	453	400	387	359	394	506	382
SNORA	244	61	41	97	119	77	131	109	116	79	103	189	102
SCARNA	74	23	25	36	36	32	40	40	40	26	46	43	35
RNU	129	64	50	76	98	71	97	97	100	74	98	119	86
RN7SK	27	3	6	19	21	17	21	19	21	17	19	21	17
RN7SL	48	22	37	32	36	25	40	42	43	23	29	47	34
RNY	15	10	10	12	12	12	12	9	12	10	14	11	11
RPPHI	11	7	3	1	7	2	7	9	11	4	5	9	6
SNAR	4	0	0	2	1	0	3	1	3	2	1		1
TERC	3	2	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1
VTRNA	16	9	8	9	9	7	13	10	8	8	9	9	9
Grand Total	3927	2219	2286	2447	2655	2144	2630	2491	2446	2237	2485	2607	2423

Supplementary figure 1. Composition of ncRNAdd



Supplementary figure 2. Total number of mapped reads per small ncRNA precursor

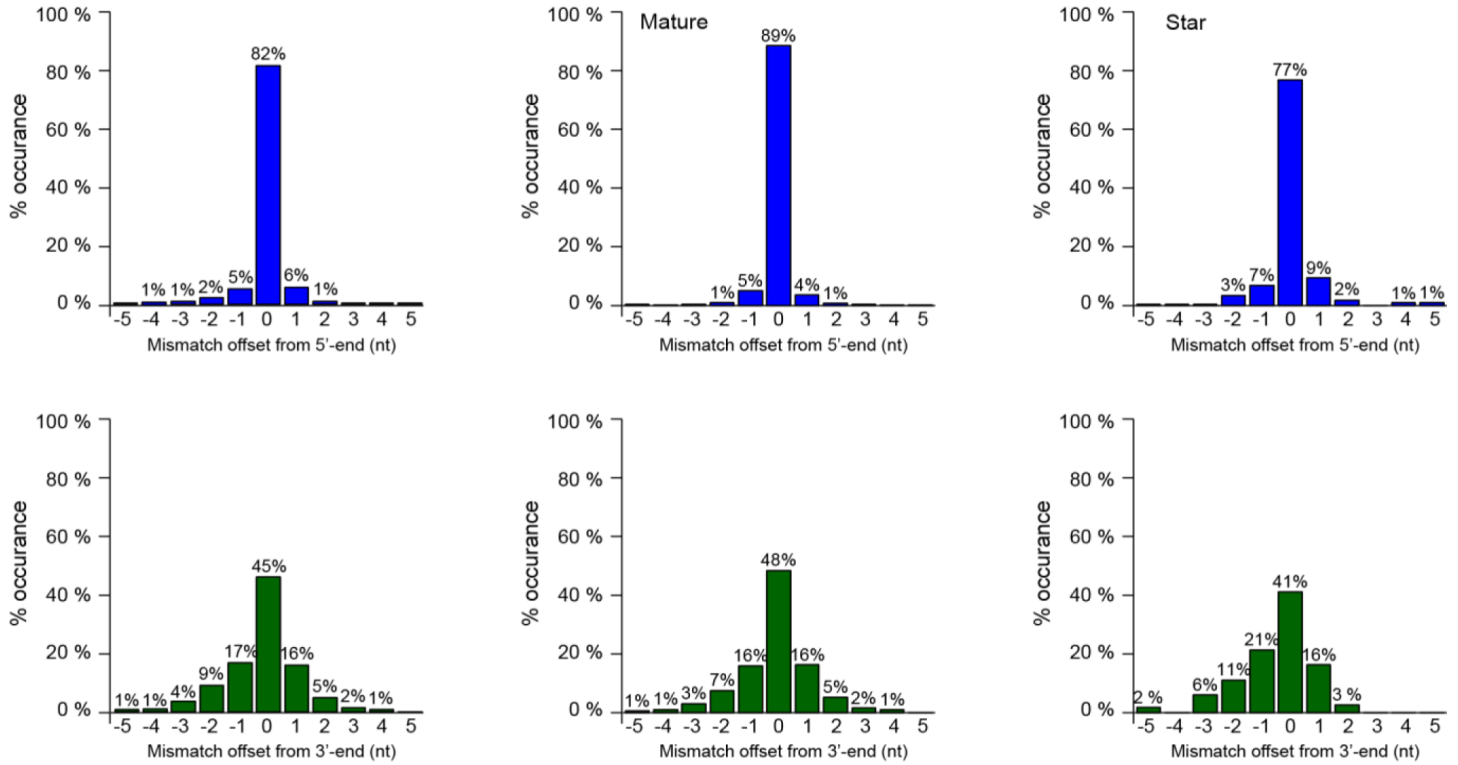


Supplementary figure 3. Size distribution of sequence reads mapping to small ncRNA in normal and malignant fresh-frozen and FFPE preserved material.



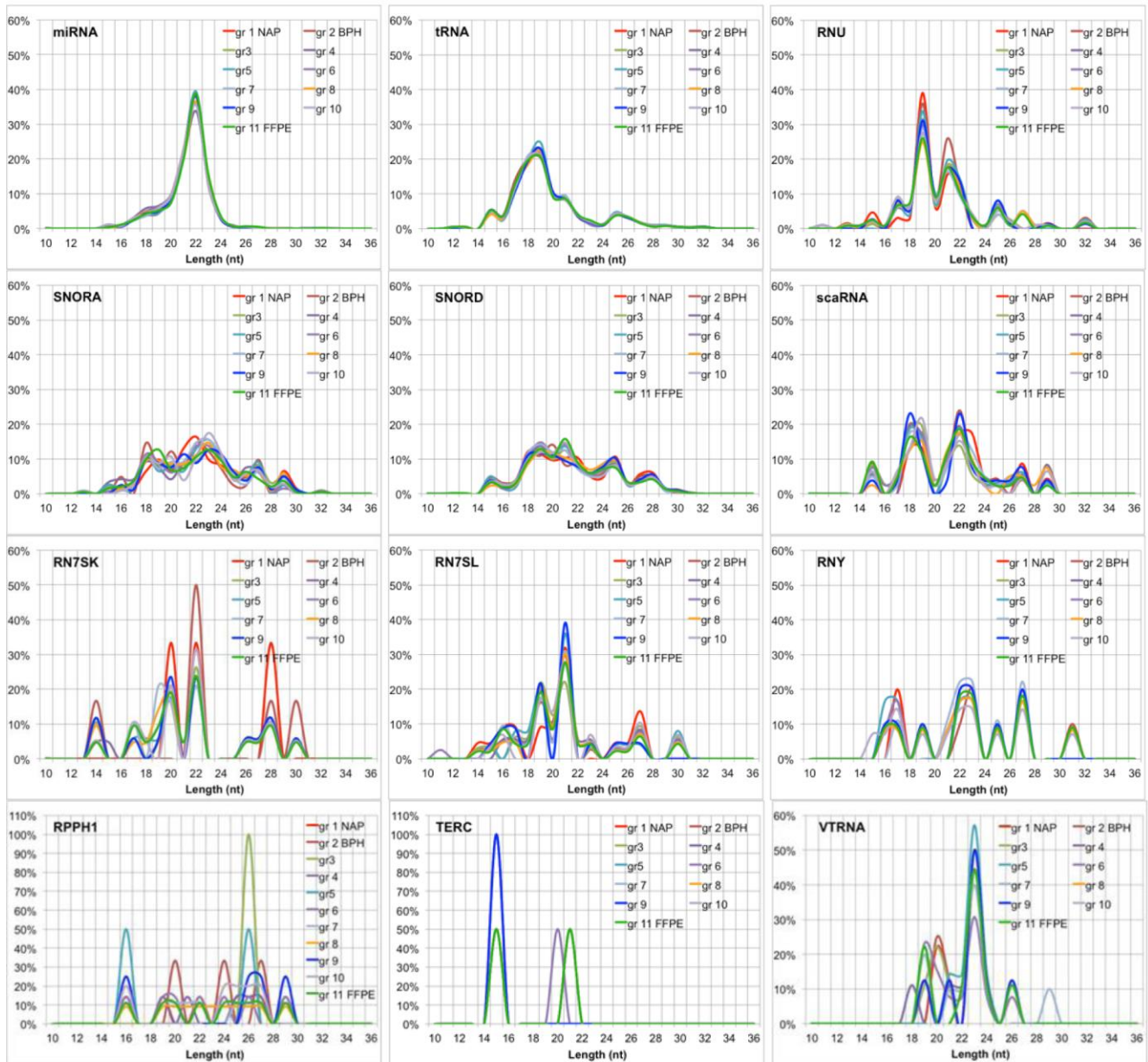
Supplementary figure 4. Validation of FlaiMapper performance. FlaiMapper predicted 5'- and 3'-ends of 707 miRNAs originating from the 592 detected in fresh frozen samples pre-miRNAs were compared with the 5'- and 3'-end boundaries of corresponding mature miRNAs in MiRBase, v.17 (ref. ¹).

The vertical axis gives the percentage of 5'-, or 3'-ends mapping to the corresponding miRBase-annotated miRNA sequence end. Exact matches are plotted at position 0 (horizontal axis). The percentages of miRNAs for which FlaiMapper detected longer or shorter ends are plotted according to the number of additional nucleotides at positions 1 to 5 and -1 to -5, respectively.



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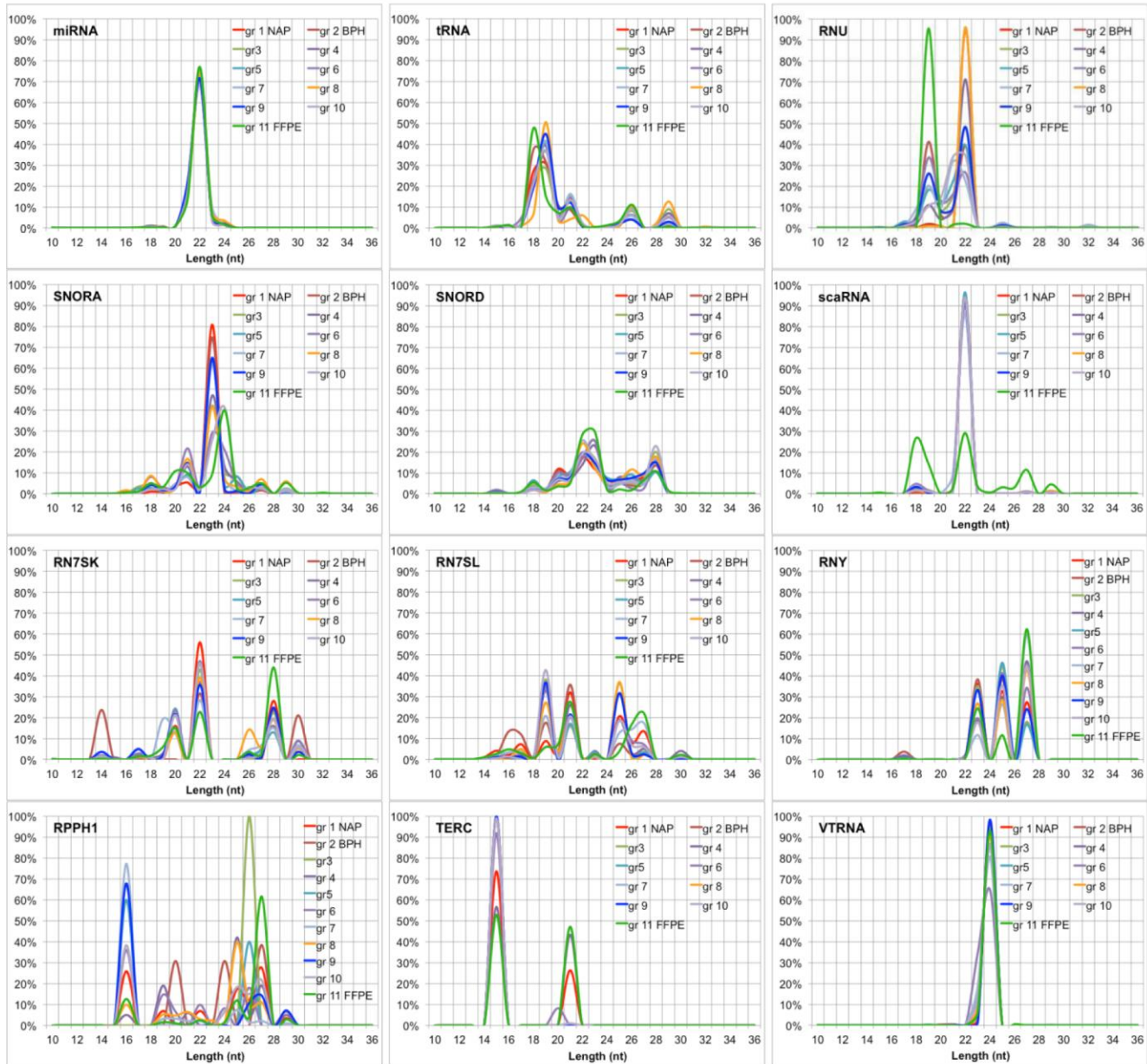
Supplementary figure 6. Length-distribution of unique sncdRNAs determined by FlaiMapper in each sequencing library. The summed number of unique sncdRNAs with a distinct length originating from a specific type of small ncRNA is plotted on the Y-axis as a percentage of the total number of unique sncdRNAs originating from that type of small ncRNA in each sequenced library.



Summed number of sncdRNAs originating from each precursor corresponding to 100%

	MIR	TRNA	SNORD	SNORA	SCARNA	RNU	RN7SK	RNSL	RNY	RPPH1	SNAR	TERC	VTRNA	Total per group
gr1	872	866	280	61	23	64	3	22	10	7	0	2	9	2219
gr2	850	1000	255	41	25	50	6	37	10	3	0	1	8	2286
gr3	885	886	391	97	36	76	19	32	12	1	2	1	9	2447
gr4	980	891	443	119	36	98	21	36	12	7	1	2	9	2655
gr5	832	732	336	77	32	71	17	25	12	2	0	1	7	2144
gr6	948	863	453	131	40	97	21	40	12	7	3	2	13	2630
gr7	911	843	400	109	40	97	19	42	9	9	1	1	10	2491
gr8	852	852	387	116	40	100	21	43	12	11	3	1	8	2446
gr9	818	816	359	79	26	74	17	23	10	4	2	1	8	2237
gr10	928	837	394	103	46	98	19	29	14	5	1	2	9	2485
gr11	634	1017	506	189	43	119	21	47	11	9		2	9	2607

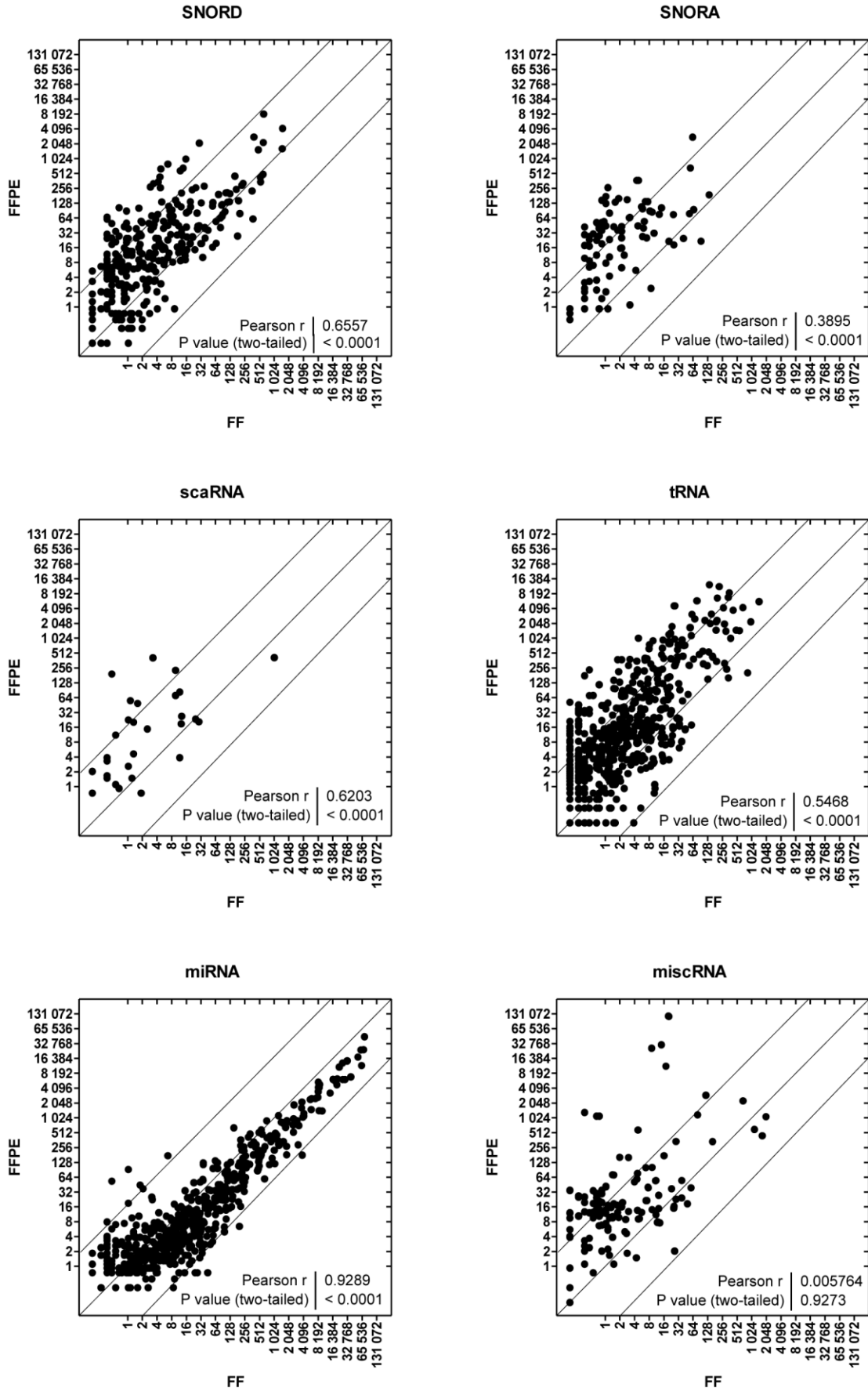
Supplementary figure 7. Relative abundance of sncdRNAs with different length. The relative abundance (sum of expression values) of sncdRNAs with a distinct length originating from a specific type of small ncRNA is plotted on the Y-axis as a percentage of the summed expression of all sncdRNAs originating from that type of small ncRNA in each sequencing library.



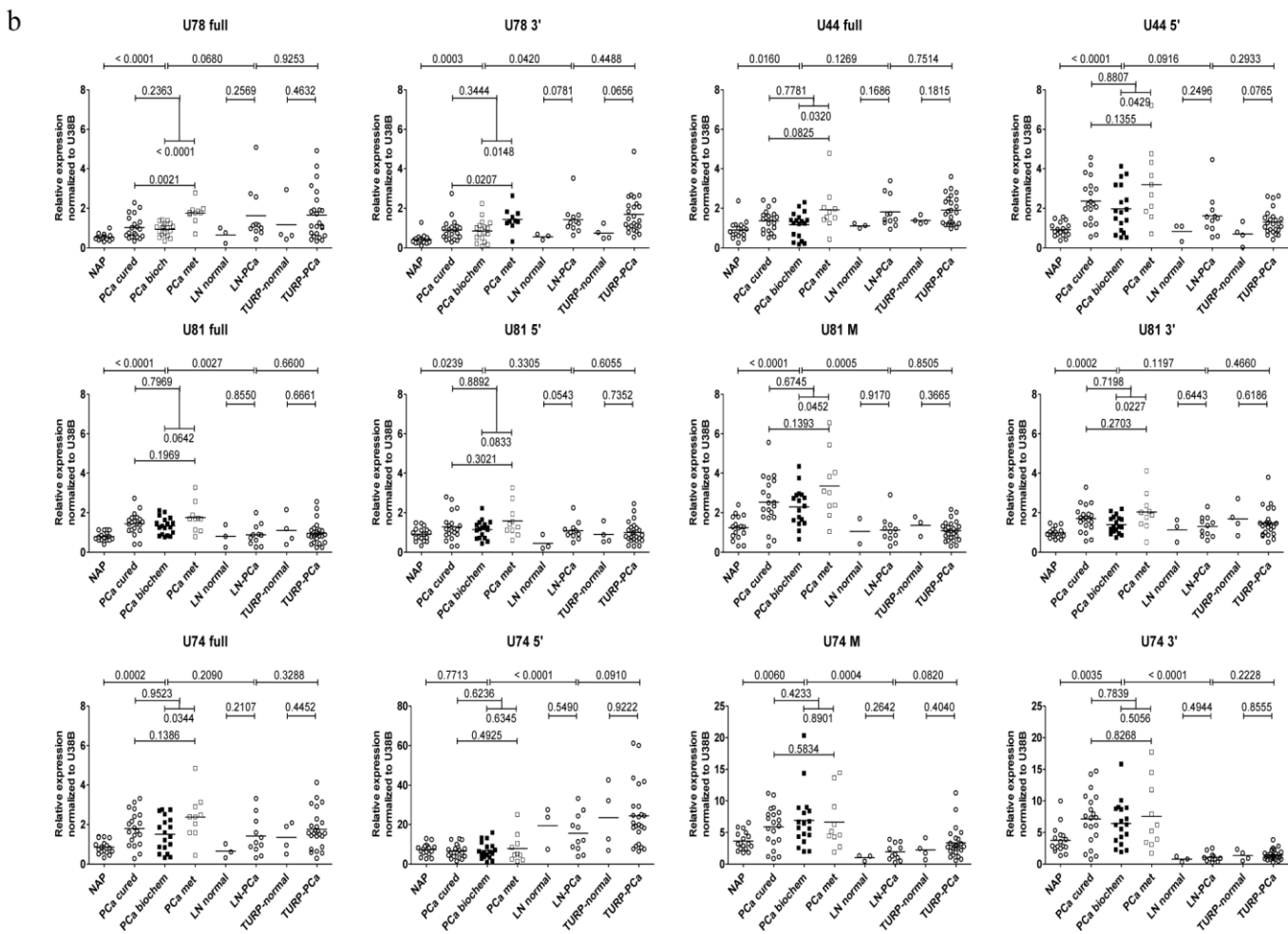
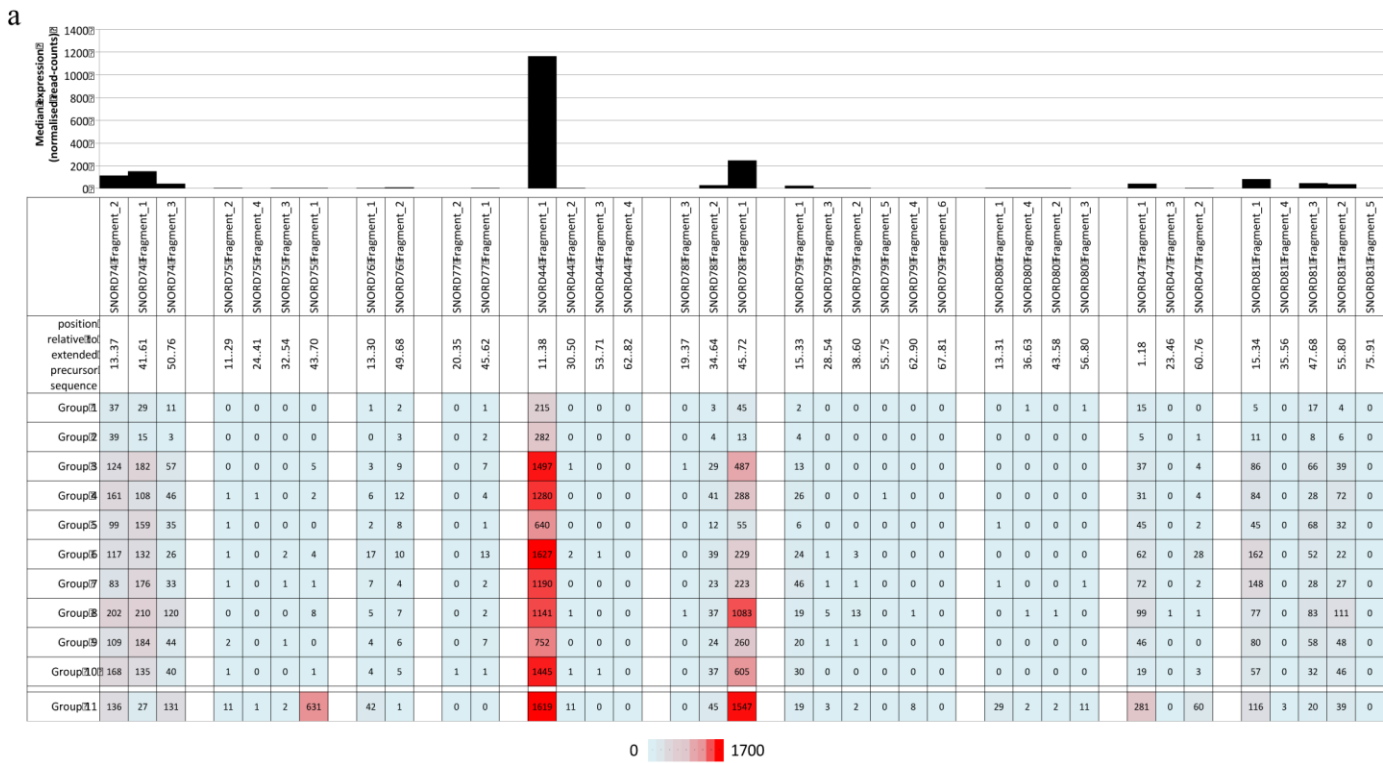
Summed expression of sncdRNAs originating from each precursor corresponding to 100%

	MIR	RN7SK	RN7SL	RNU	RNY	RPPH1	SCARNA	SNORA	SNORD	TERC	TRNA	VTRNA	Total per group
gr1	11 283 960	25	194	10 805	21 111	58	13 190	4 651	36 306	19	174 186	2 038	11 546 543
gr2	10 714 251	38	524	1482	30 396	13	14 296	2 842	36 241	14	770 118	3 425	11 573 640
gr3	10 084 596	2 099	784	6099	40 152	4	12 492	8 277	144 413	12	249 622	22 626	10 571 176
gr4	9 954 116	1 331	800	13 554	35 231	81	18 621	8 315	157 886	30	243 321	18 583	10 451 869
gr5	10 643 298	403	424	2 275	21 809	15	14 155	7 354	93 358	10	143 655	4 269	10 931 025
gr6	11 041 835	3 085	2 351	7 044	24 537	61	20 026	11 465	157 647	49	209 809	15 121	11 493 030
gr7	10 476 280	134	1 143	5 437	26 492	189	24 771	7 596	107 036	13	253 424	4 762	10 907 277
gr8	9 125 650	1 901	1 527	135 742	38 842	171	21 998	8 021	182 988	47	489 084	8 010	10 013 981
gr9	10 760 596	557	635	2 598	22 354	28	12 346	6 541	110 517	55	246 353	15 512	11 178 092
gr10	9 222 102	2 522	986	8 543	25 806	60	12 522	10 447	113 619	515	201 637	10 462	9 609 221
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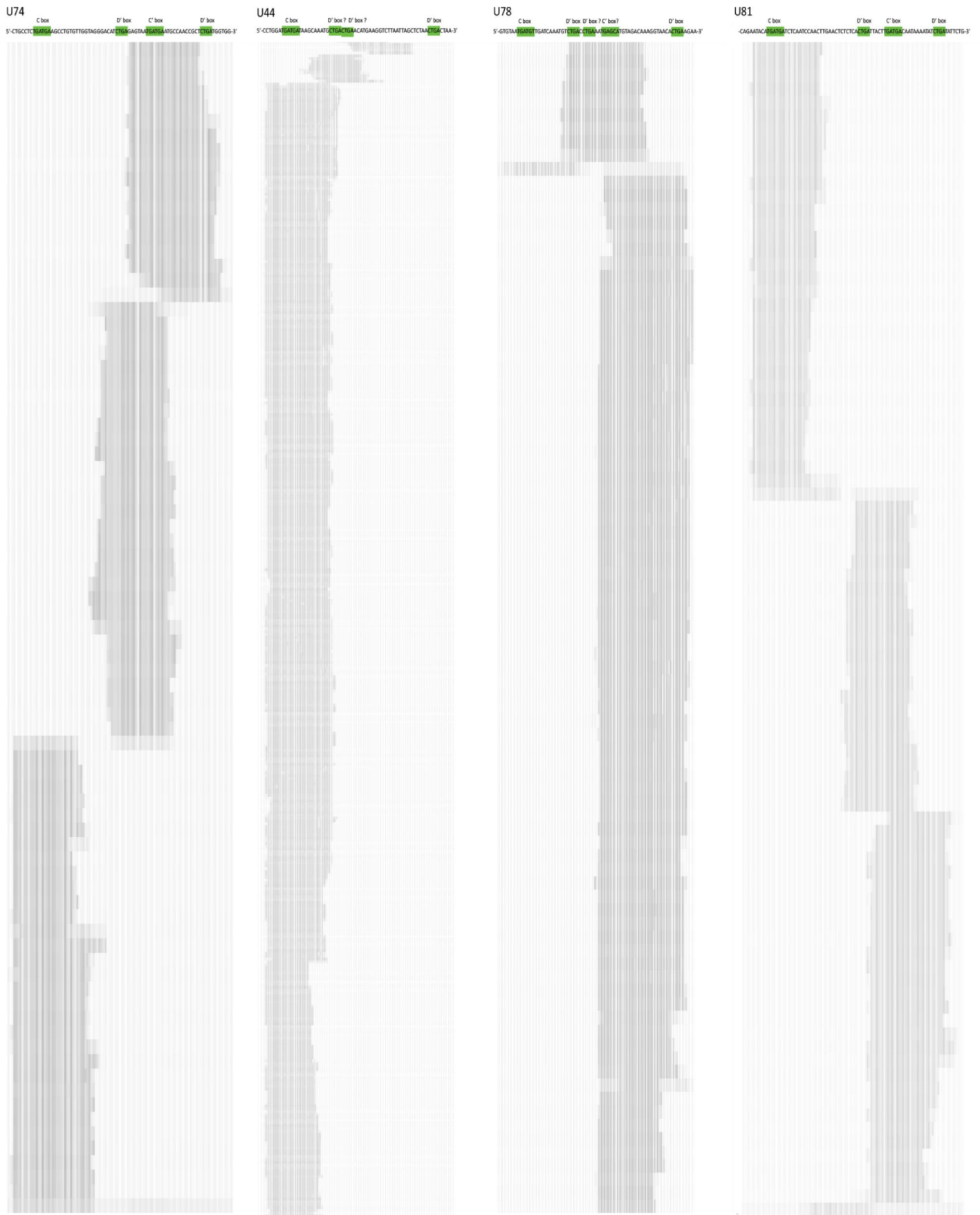
Supplementary figure 8. Differential expression of miRNAs and snclRNAs between fresh frozen (FF) and FFPE samples.



Supplementary figure 9. a) Expression of sdrRNAs originating from CD-box snoRNAs encoded in the introns of the GAS5 gene from RNA-Seq data. b) Expression of full length SNORD74, SNORD44, SNORD78, SNORD81 and their sdrRNAs measured by Quantitative RT-PCR with custom LNA primers.



Supplementary figure 10. Overview of primary alignments of sequence reads mapping to SNORD74, SNORD44, SNORD78, and SNORD81. Each line represents a unique sequence read. Note the different fragmentation patterns of U74 and U81 compared to U44 and U78.



Supplementary figure 11. Expression of sd78-3', SNORD78, and GAS5 in prostate cancer cell lines and cell lines derived from normal basal prostate epithelium. Expression of sd78-3' and SNORD78 was measured using custom LNA primer assays listed in Supplementary methods table M1 and standard LNA qPCR kits (Exiqon, Copenhagen, Denmark) according to the manufacturers instructions. Expression values of sd78-3' and SNORD78 were normalized the expression of SNORD38B reference small RNA measured with Reference gene primer set 20391 (Exiqon, Copenhagen, Denmark). Spliced GAS5 transcript expression levels were assessed by the Reverse Transcription System (Promega Benelux, The Netherlands) followed by SybrGreen qPCR (Roche, The Netherlands) according to manufacturer protocols. Primers used were GAS5 FW: CAAGGACTCAGAATTCATGAT and GAS5 REV: AGTGGTCTTTGTAGACTGCC. Raw expression values were normalized against the geometrical mean of GAPDH and PBGD. Data represents the average expression of tested RNAs in two independent biological replicates of non-consecutive cell passages. Error bars represent standard deviation.

