

S2 Table. Sequences of nucleic acid molecules used to test the sensitivity and specificity of the Simoa assay.

ID	Name	Sequence (5'-3')
A	Calibrator for miR-122*	TGGAGTGTGACAATGGTGTTTG
B	Calibrator for single base mismatch miR-122*	TGGAGTGTTACAATGGTGTTTG
C	Off-target miR-39 [†]	UCACCGGGUGUAAAUCAGCUUG

* We used DNA analogs as calibrators for measuring miRNA in the clinical samples. DNA enabled long term storage of calibrators and more reliable determination of miR-122 concentration in samples. We have previously shown that uracil and thymidine have similar efficiencies for specifically templating the dynamic covalent chemical reaction between aldehyde-modified cytosine and secondary amine of the abasic PNA probe upon duplex formation.[‡] We have also shown equivalent performance of RNA and DNA calibrators for miR-122 in the assay presented here (data not shown).

[†]miRNeasy Serum/Plasma Spike-In Control (Cat No./ID:219610, Qiagen):10 pmol lyophilized *C.elegans* miR-39 miRNA mimic.

[‡]Bowler FR. Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Edinburgh, UK, 2011.