

**S5 Table.** Concentration of miR-122 in clinical samples and serum control samples spiked with synthetic miR-122 determined using Simoa.

Patient ID	Sample number*	Sample volume (μL)	Concentration in 50 μL reaction (pM)	Recovery (%)†	Concentration in sample (pM)	Spiked concentration
HV1	1	90	1.51	51	2.65‡	
	2	90	3.91	81	4.27‡	
HV2	1	95	1.51	84	1.51‡	
	2	95	3.81	94	3.41‡	
HV3	1	95	1.34	83	1.37‡	
	2	95	2.95	84	2.97‡	
HV4	1	100	1.13	78	1.17‡	
	2	100	3.32	70	3.81‡	
3	1	105	2.85	41	5.28	
	2	105	6.46	58	8.54	
4	1	95	11.57	73	13.34	
	2	95	13.66	79	14.56	
6	1	95	19.67	80	20.71	
	2	95	31.43	64	41.35	
9	1	90	3.21	75	3.81	
	2	90	6.25	98	5.67	
<b>Controls</b>						
1	1	100	n.d.	49	n.d.	10000
2	2	100	n.d.	67	n.d.	10000
3	3	100	162.66	56	232.13	1000
4	4	100	126.47	43	233.96	1000
7	5	100	13.78	45	24.31	100
8	6	100	3.69	44	6.70	10

n.d. = not determined

\*For each patient and healthy volunteer, miRNA was extracted from two samples and its concentration was determined.

† Recovery of miRNA from the sample was determined by PCR using miR-39 control spikes. The concentration in samples were corrected for this recovery.

‡ The AEB values determined for these samples were close together and slightly offset from the background AEB (Fig. 4A). This observation could be explained by a systematic difference in the background signal of the sample matrix compared to the calibration buffer, rather than by specific measurement of miR-122. Without further experimental confirmation, we regard these samples as not quantified for miR-122.