

For purification of total RNA, including microRNA, from whole blood stabilized in PAXgene Blood RNA Tubes

The PAXgene Blood miRNA System* consists of PAXgene Blood RNA Tubes for collection, stabilization, and transport of blood, and the PAXgene Blood miRNA Kit for purification of total RNA, including RNA longer than approximately 18 nucleotides. Purification is carried out using silica-based RNA purification technology in a spin-column format. Purification can be carried out manually, using a microcentrifuge, or automated on the QIAcube® (Figure 1). Used with the tubes, the kit provides a complete preanalytical solution for collection and stabilization through to purification of high-quality total RNA, including miRNA, for molecular analysis.

Benefits of the PAXgene Blood miRNA System include:

- Integrated system for collection, stabilization, and purification
- Effective purification of total RNA, including miRNA
- RNA stabilization for up to 3 days at 18–25°C or at least 50 months at –20°C or –70°C

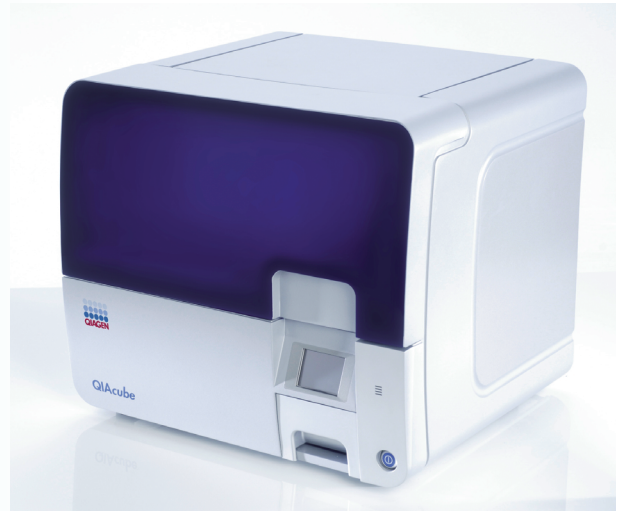


Figure 1. The QIAcube. Samples can be processed manually or automated on the QIAcube.

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Integrated system for collection, stabilization, and purification

Blood samples are collected in PAXgene Blood RNA Tubes, which contain a reagent that lyses blood cells and immediately stabilizes intracellular RNA to preserve the gene expression profile. RNA stabilization is critical for reliable downstream gene expression analysis. Without stabilization, degradation of RNA and upregulation or downregulation of transcripts occur immediately after blood is drawn. Blood samples collected in PAXgene Blood RNA Tubes can be safely stored or transported at 15–25°C for up to 72 hours, at 2–8°C for up to 5 days, or at –20°C or –70°C for at

least 50 months without showing any significant RNA degradation or changes in transcript levels.

Total RNA >18 nucleotides (including miRNA) is purified from the stabilized blood samples using well-established PAXgene silica-membrane technology. With the PAXgene Blood miRNA Kit, RNA molecules longer than 18 nucleotides are purified. The purified RNA includes both mRNA and small RNAs such as miRNA (Figure 2). The miRNA species can be analyzed using the QIAGEN® miScript PCR System (Figure 3) or other real-time RT-PCR systems.

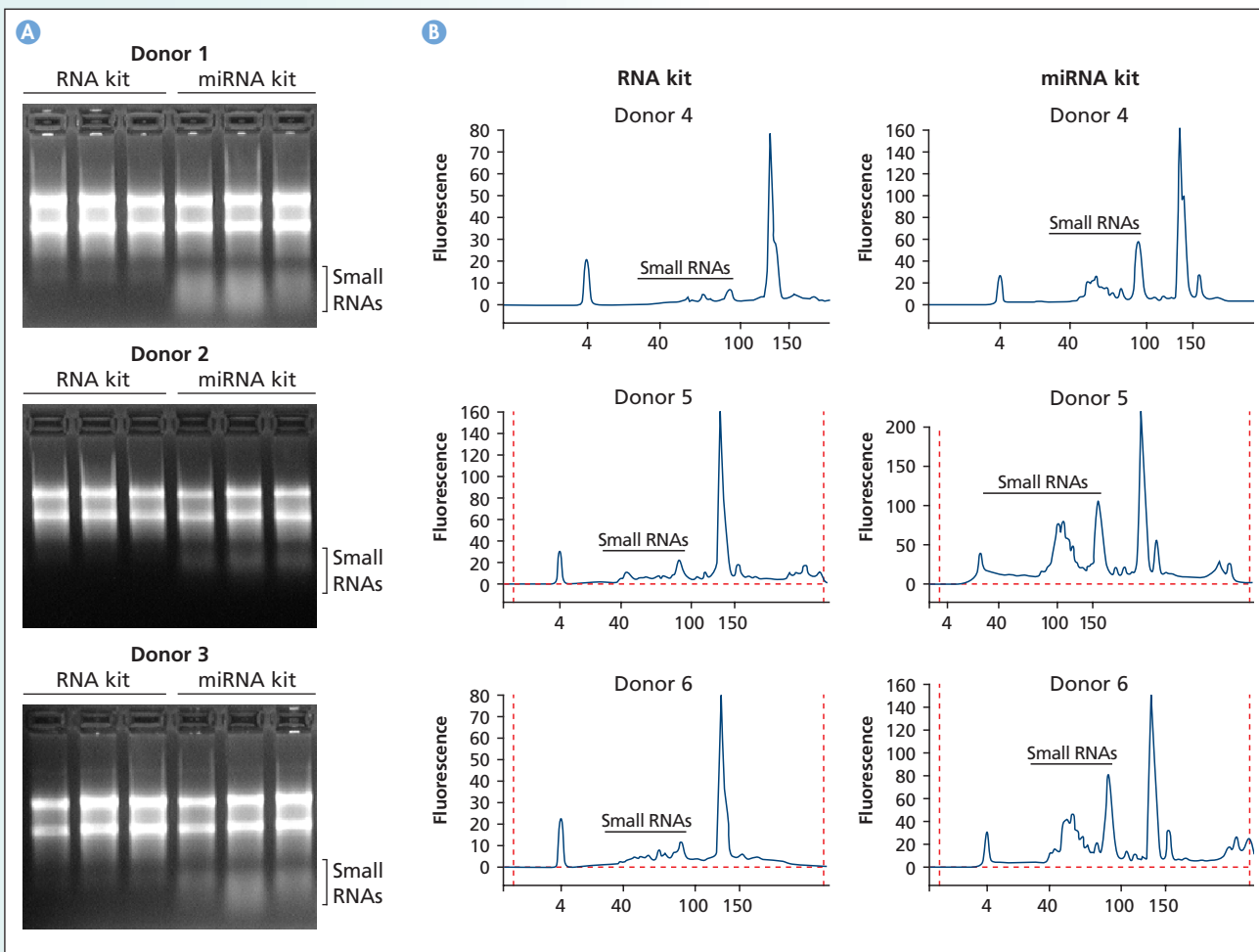


Figure 2. High yields of small RNA species. Blood was collected in PAXgene Blood RNA Tubes and stored for 20–24 hours at room temperature before freezing at –15 to –30°C. RNA was purified using the PAXgene Blood RNA Kit (**RNA kit**) or the PAXgene Blood miRNA Kit (**miRNA kit**). **A** Purified RNA was analyzed by agarose gel electrophoresis. **B** Purified RNA was analyzed using the Agilent® Small RNA LabChip. Small RNA species were significantly enriched when using the PAXgene Blood miRNA Kit.

High-quality RNA and miRNA for a wide range of applications

The purified total RNA is ready to use and is ideally suited for any downstream application, including:

- RT-PCR and real-time RT-PCR
- Differential display

- cDNA synthesis
- Northern, dot, and slot blot analyses
- Primer extension
- Poly A⁺ RNA selection
- RNase/S1 nuclease protection
- Microarray analysis

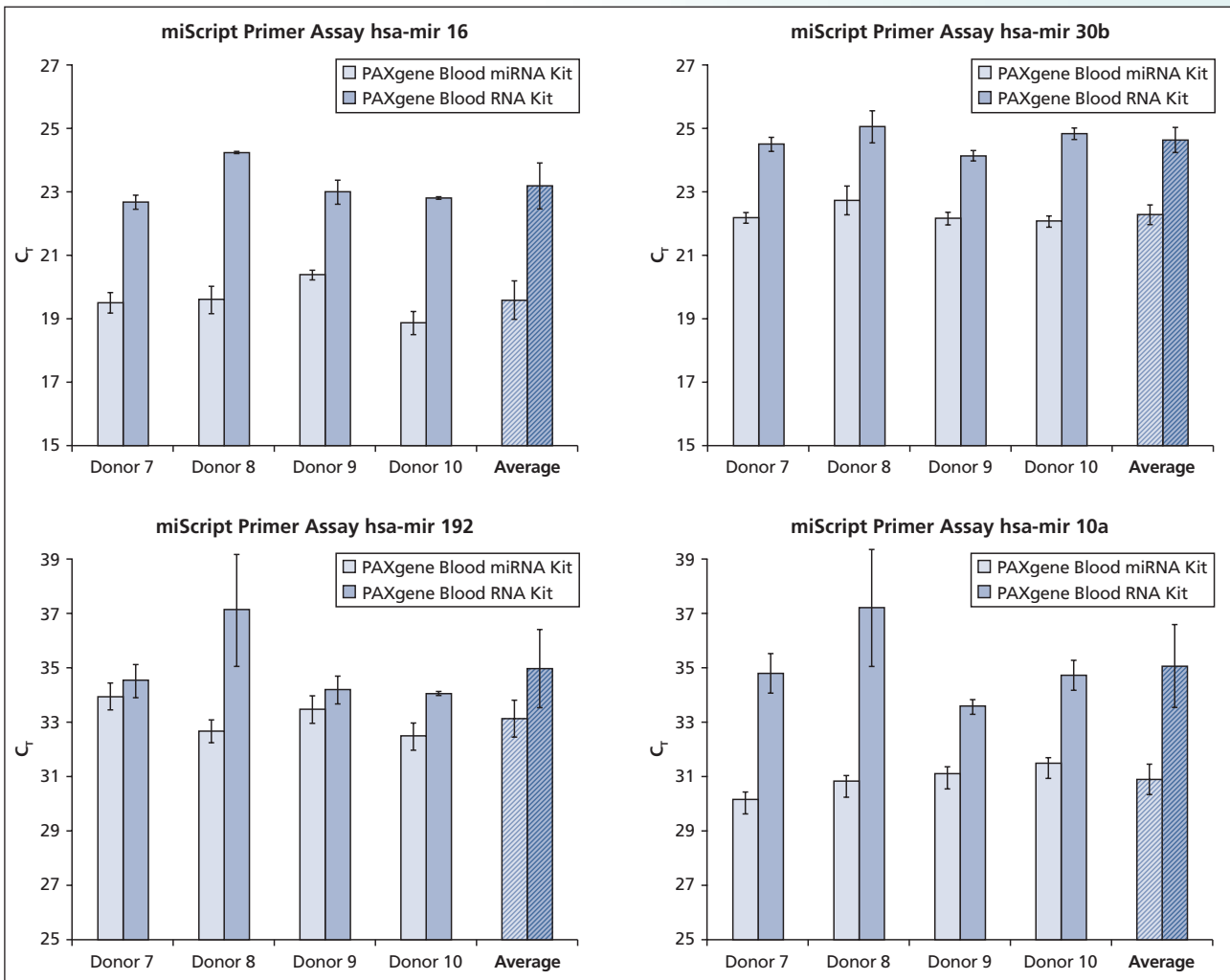


Figure 3. Analysis of miRNA species using sensitive miScript assays. Blood was collected and RNA purified as described in Figure 2. miRNA species were analyzed using the QIAGEN miScript PCR System, with the indicated miScript Primer Assays. The lower C_T values for RNA purified using the PAXgene Blood miRNA Kit indicate higher amounts of those miRNA species.

Ordering Information

Product	Contents	Cat. no.
PAXgene Blood miRNA Kit (50)	50 PAXgene Spin Columns, Processing Tubes, RNase-Free DNase I, RNase-Free Reagents and Buffers. To be used in conjunction with the PAXgene Blood RNA Tubes	763134
PAXgene Blood RNA Tubes (100)	100 Blood Collection Tubes; available from BD and BD authorized distributors	762165

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