

No treatment	Earlier methods ⁽¹²⁾	New method	➔	Advantages
	Pre-treatment⁽¹²⁾ with heparinase 1-3 h 25°C			- Improved sensitivity compared to no treatment of plasma or to previous methods (12) Reduced processing times by 1-3 hours compared to published methods (12). - Incorporation of heparinase into current protocols without alteration of times, temperatures or additional steps.
RT (23°C) 1 h 37°C	RT 1 h 37°C	RT with heparinase 1 h 37°C		
qPCR				
Δ miRTC - PPC ND	Δ miRTC - PPC ~13.3	Δ miRTC - PPC ~3.4		