

PURIFICATION OF RNA FRACTIONS USING A HYDROPHILIC POLYMERIC
MATERIAL

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ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a method of removing an RNA fraction with ≥ 200 nucleotides in length from a whole blood sample. The present invention also relates to a method of purifying an RNA fraction with < 200 nucleotides in length from a whole blood sample. The present invention further relates to a method of determining the level of RNA molecules with < 200 nucleotides in length. In addition, the present invention relates to a method for diagnosing a disease in an individual. Moreover, the present invention relates to a kit which is useful for carrying out the methods of the present invention.

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