SUPPORTING INFORMATION

EDTA-treated cotton-thread microfluidic device for one-step whole blood plasma separation and assay

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S1 Cotton-thread for µTAD fabrication

Figure S1 represents cotton thread that is used in the study of cotton-thread microfluidic device for whole blood plasma separation. Cotton thread has specification of 100 % cotton with 32 twists per inch (TPI).



Figure S1: Commercial 100 % cotton thread for blood plasma separation, where (A) yarn and (B) close-up view of the cotton thread.

S2 Evidences of µTAD after blood separation test

Figure S2 represents the evidences of μ TAD that showing different wicking ability and blood plasma separation. This difference was confirmed by measured the length of wicking and separated plasma among 12 μ TAD types. All tests were conducted at temperature of 30 °C.



Figure S2: Post-separation blood test at several μ TAD types, where (1) whole blood, (2) dilution, (3) booster, mixed of blood to EDTA in ratio of (4) 90:10, (5) 75:25, (6) 50:50, room-temperature-dried EDTA for 10 s treatments: (7) 1 μ L, (8) 2 μ L, (9) 3 μ L, refrigerated temperature-dried EDTA for 60 min treatments: (10) 1 μ L, (11) 2 μ L, (12) 3 μ L.

S3 Wickability and blood plasma separation analysis

Table S3.1 represents statistical analysis of length of blood wicking and plasma separation among 12 types of μ TADs.

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Test	Treatments	n	Wicking length [mm]	Plasma length [mm]
(1)	Whole blood	5	22.7±2.1 ^{i,ii}	n/a
(2)	Dilution			
	1:1	5	26.0±4.4 ^{i,ii}	n/a
(3)	Booster			
	1:1	5	20.0±3.6 ⁱ	n/a
(4)	Mixed (Blood : EDTA ratios)			
	90:10	5	28.3±1.5 ^{ii,iii}	n/a
	75:25	5	34.0±1.0 ^{iii,iv}	n/a
	50:50	5	40.0±3.0 ^{iv,v}	n/a
(5)	Room dried at 25 °C for 10 seconds			
	1 μL EDTA	5	36.3±0.6 ^{iv}	2.8±0.3 ^{i,ii}
	2 µL EDTA	5	42.7±1.5 ^{v,vi}	2.7±1.2 ^{i,ii}
	3 µL EDTA	5	45.3±2.9 ^{vi}	1.8±0.3 ⁱ
(6)	Refrigerator dried at 4 °C for 60 min			
	1 μL EDTA	5	27.0±1.7 ⁱⁱ	3.0±1.0 ^{i,ii}
	2 µL EDTA	5	28.7±4.2 ^{ii,iii}	3.7±0.6 ⁱⁱ
	3 µL EDTA	5	24.7±4.9 ^{i,ii}	3.0±0.0 ^{i,ii}

Description: data was displayed in the average \pm standard deviation (x \pm sd). The same superscript small roman letters in one column showed no significant differences (P>0.05). n/a = not available.

Table S3.2 represents one-way Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) of the length of blood wicking and plasma separation among 12 types of μ TAD. Results show that wickability of blood were significantly different between 12 types of μ TAD (P<0.05). However, plasma separation was not significantly different between room and refrigerator dried of μ TAD (P>0.05).

		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Wickability	Between Groups	2179.556	11	198.141	18.104	.000
	Within Groups	262.667	24	10.944		
	Total	2442.222	35			
Separation	Between Groups	5.333	5	1.067	2.259	.115
	Within Groups	5.667	12	.472		
	Total	11.000	17			

Table S3.2: One-way ANOVA test of blood wicking among 12 types of μ TAD and plasma separation between room dried and refrigerator dried of μ TAD

Table S3.3 represent post hoc Duncan of the length of blood wicking among 12 types of μ TAD. Results show that wickability of blood has 6 subset and alpha value at 0.05 among 12 types of μ TAD. This subset further used for superscripts annotation at table S3.1.

Toot	Treatment	N		Sı	ubset for a	lpha = 0.0)5		Superscript
Test	neatment	IN	1	2	3	4	5	6	(small roman)
(3)	Booster 1:1	3	20.0000						i
(1)	Whole blood	3	22.6667	22.6667					i,ii
(12)	Refrigerator 3 µL	3	24.6667	24.6667					i,ii
(2)	Dilution 1:1	3	26.0000	26.0000					i,ii
(10)	Refrigerator 1 µL	3		27.0000					ii
(4)	Mixed 90:10	3		28.3333	28.3333				ii,iii
(11)	Refrigerator 2 µL	3		28.6667	28.6667				ii,iii
(5)	Mixed 75:25	3			34.0000	34.0000			iii,iv
(7)	Room 1 µL	3				36.3333			iv
(6)	Mixed 50:50	3				39.0000	39.0000		iv,v
(8)	Room 2 µL	3					42.6667	42.6667	v,vi
(9)	Room 3 µL	3						45.3333	vi
Sig.			.051	.060	.057	.092	.187	.333	
Means	for groups in homog	gene	ous subse	ts are dis	olayed.				

Table S3.3: Post hoc Duncan test of wickability analysis among 12 types of µTAD

Table S3.4 represent post hoc Duncan of the length of plasma separation between room dried and refrigerator dried of μ TAD. Results show that plasma separation has only 2 subset and alpha value 0.05 between room dried and refrigerator dried of μ TAD. This subset was used for superscripts annotation at table S3.1.

Test Treatment	N	Subset for alp	Subset for alpha = 0.05						
rest freatment	IN	1	2	(small roman)					
(9) Room 3 µL	3	1.8333		i					
(8) Room 2 μL	3	2.6667	2.6667	i,ii					
(7) Room 1 μL	3	2.8333	2.8333	i,ii					
(10) Refrigerator 1 µl	3	3.0000	3.0000	i,ii					
(12) Refrigerator 3 µl	3	3.0000	3.0000	i,ii					
(11) Refrigerator 2 µl	3		3.6667	ii					
Sig.		.082	.129						
Means for groups in homogeneous subsets are displayed.									

Table S3.4: Post hoc Duncan test of plasma separation analysis between room dried and refrigerator dried of μTAD

S4 Time-lapse of µTAD after blood separations test

Figure S4 depicts time-lapse of blood wicking and plasma separation among 12 types of μ TAD that was recorded up to 120 s.

Time-lapse (s)):	0	10	20	40	60	120
(1) Whole Blood	a)	— a1)	a2)	a3)	a4)	a5)	
(2) Dillution 1:1	b)	b1)	b2)	b3)	b4)	b5)	
(3) Booster 1:1	C)	c1)	c2)	—— (c3)	 c4)	(c5)	
(4) Mixed 90:10	d)	d1)	d2)	d3)	d4)	d5)	
Mixed 75:25	e)	• e1)	e2)	e3)	e4)	e5)	
Mixed 50:50	f)	• f1)	f2)	f3)	f4)	f 5)	
(5) Room 1 μL	g)	— g1)	g2)	 g3)	g4)	 g5)	
Room 2 µL	h)		h2)	h3)	h4)	h5)	
Room 3 µL	i)	(j1)	j2)	j3)	j4)	i5) —	
(6) Refrigerator 1 μL	_j)	• j1)	• j2)	• - j3)	•j4)	• -j5)	
Refrigerator 2 µL	k)	— k1)	k2)	k3)	k 4)	k5)	
Refrigerator 3 µL)	—— [11)		[3)	4)		
	-	20 mm	20 mm	20 mm	20 mm	20 mm	20 mm

Figure S4: Time-lapse of blood test among 12 types of μ TAD, where (a,a1-5) whole blood, (b,b1-5) dilution, (c,c1-5) booster, mixed of blood to EDTA in ratio of (d,d1-5) 90:10, (e,e1-5) 75:25, (f,f1-5) 50:50, room-temperature-dried EDTA for 10 s treatments: (g,g1-5) 1 μ L, (h,h1-5) 2 μ L, (i,i1-5) 3 μ L, refrigerated temperature-dried EDTA for 60 min treatments: (j,j1-5) 1 μ L, (k,k1-5) 2 μ L, (l,l1-5) 3 μ L.

S5 Cell analysis of µTAD after blood separations test

Figure S5 represents giems staining of wet blood smear that depicts amount of the blood cells among 12 types of μ TAD.

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Methods	Critical zone	Red zone	Yellowish zone	White zone
(1) Whole Blood	a) 400 µm	a2) 40 µm	a3) 40 µm	а4) 40 µm
(2) Dillution 1:1	b) 400 μm. 40 μm	62) 40 µm	b3) 40 µm	b4) - 40 μm
(3) Booster 1:1	с) . 400 µm (с1) 400 µm	c2)	с3) 40 µm	С4) 40 µm
(4) Mixed 90:10	d) 400 µm 400 µm	d2) 40 µm	d3) 40 µm	d4) 40 μm
Mixed 75:25	е) 400 µm 400 µm	e2)	е3) 40 µm	е4) 40 µm
Mixed 50:50	f) 400 μm 400 μm	f2) 40 µm	f3)	f4) 40 μm
(5) Room 1 µL	9) <u>400 µm</u> , 91) 40 µm	g2)	g3) 40 µn	g4) 40 μm
Room 2 µL	h)	h2) 40 pm	h3) 40 gm	h4) <u>40 µm</u>
Room 3 µL) 400 µmr (1) 400 µm	i2) 40 µm	i3) 40 μm	i4) 40 μm
(6) Refrigerator 1 μ	J) 400 µгг, 11) 40 µгг	j2) 40 µm	ј3) 40 µm	j4) 40 µm
Refrigerator 2 µ	μL 400 μm	k2) 40 μm	k3) 40 μm	k4) 40 μm
Refrigerator 3 μ	I) 400 µm. 1) 40 µm	12) 40 µm	13) 40 μm	14) 40 μm

Figure S5: Cell analysis on several μ TAD types, where (a,a1-4) whole blood, (b,b1-4) dilution, (c,c1-4) booster, mixed of blood to EDTA in ratio of (d,d1-4) 90:10, (e,e1-4) 75:25, (f,f1-4) 50:50, room-temperature-dried EDTA for 10 s treatments: (g,g1-4) 1 μ L, (h,h1-4) 2 μ L, (i,i1-4) 3 μ L, refrigerated temperature-dried EDTA for 60 min treatments: (j,j1-4) 1 μ L, (k,k1-4) 2 μ L, (l,l1-4) 3 μ L.

S6 Sheep's blood haematocrit and total protein profile

Figure S6 represents quantification measurement of haematocrit and total protein in sheep blood that used in this study.



Figure S6: Total protein, specific gravity and haematocrit measurement of blood sheep, where (A) image of hand-refractometer from centrifuged blood plasma and (B) image of centrifuged blood in the capillary microhaematocrit tube for haematocrit calculation.

Sheep blood profile:

1. Haematocrit	
Plasma high	= 3.1 cm
High blood sediment (Ts)	= 1.4 cm
Total high (Th)	= 4.5 cm
Haematocrit	$= (Ts/Th) \times 100 \% \dots (1)$
	$= (1.4/4.5) \times 100 \% = 31.11 \%$
2. Specific gravity	= 1.350
3. Total protein (g/dL)	= 8 g/dL
4. Albumin	
Albumin (g/dL)	= 60 % x Total protein(2)
	= 0.6 x 8 = 4.8 g/dL

S7 Effect of voluminous to the efficacy of µTAD



Figure S7 represents effect of various volume deposition of EDTA-treat vs. blood on the μ TAD that showing in the difference length (mm) on blood wicking and plasma separation.

Figure S7: Variation of liquids volumes (EDTA-treatment vs. blood) on the blood wicking and plasma separation of μ TAD. (A) Selected images from the testing with illustration of blood wicking and plasma separation that tested at 25 °C after 120 s, (B) length of blood wicking (mm), and (C) length of plasma separation.

S8 Effect environmental temperature to the efficacy of µTAD

Figure S8 represents effect of environmental temperature to the blood wicking and plasma separation of μ TAD. Effect of environmental temperature was studied by using 1-3 μ L of EDTA-treatment on cotton-thread with 3 μ L blood sample for 120 s.



Figure S8: Effect of environmental temperature to the blood wicking and plasma separation of μ TAD on the (A) length of blood wicking and (B) plasma separation.

S9 Comparison with several finding on blood separation methods

Table S9 shows comparison of several methods and findings on the blood plasma separation.

No	Parameters	Ref S10.1	Ref S10	.2	Ref S10.3	This study			
1.	Material								
	Length	~50 mm	15 mm	15 mm		20 mm			
	Specification	Nitrocellulose paper	Filter paper		Polyester thread	Cotton thread			
2.	Pre-treatment								
	Туре	No need	Wax-impreg	nated	Plasma-treatment	Scouring			
	Method	No data	Soldering iron-im	pregnated	Vacuum plasma	Na ₂ CO ₃			
	Time	No data	>30 mir	1	60 s	10min; boiled			
3.	Agent								
	Туре	CaCl ₂	NaCl / Mg	Cl ₂	Anti-ABO and anti- Rh/D antibodies	Ethylene diamine tetra acetic acid			
	Concentrations	0.1-0.5 M	0.154-0.68	S M	No data	10 %			
	Method	Mixed with sample	Droppin	g	Soaking	Dropping			
	Volume	15 μL	0.5 μL		~>1000 µL	1-3 µL			
	Preparation	No need	3 min; room ten	nperature	10 min; fume hood	60 min; refrigerator			
4.	Blood								
	Treatment	Dilute blood (160 μL blood + 5 μL NaCl + 15 μL CaCl ₂)	On-paper dil (immobilized salt		No need	No need			
5.	Working test								
	Volume	100 μL	5 μL		0.6-4 μL	1-3 μL			
	Time	240 s	60 s		No data	30-120 s			
	Separation	4-8 mm	2-3 mm	l	3 mm	3 mm			
6.	Assay/Test								
	Туре	Blood clotting	Glucose	Blood typing	Blood typing	Albumin			
	Analysis	Colorimetric	Colorimetric	Colorimetric	Colorimetric	Colorimetric			
	Agent	CaCl ₂	2,2-azino-bis(3- ethylbenzothiazoline- 6- sulfonic acid)	Anti-H and anti-A,B antibodies	Anti-ABO and anti- Rh/D antibodies	Bromcresol green			
	Volume	Dilute sample (160 µL blood + 5 µL NaCl + 15 µL CaCl ₂)	1 µL	2-7 μL	Soaking (~>1000 μL)	1-3 μL			
	Preparation time	No data	6 min; room	10 min; room	6 min; room	60 min; refrigerator			
			temperature	temperature	temperature	temperature			
	Working time	240 s	20 min	No data	No data	30 s			
	Separation	4-8 mm							
7.	Expiry								
	No dataNo data4 week; refrigerator in micro-tubes wrapped in foil7 day; room temperature withou packaging								
Not	e: 🗾 Not go	od; Enough;	Very good.						

Table S9: Comparison methods and findings on blood plasma separation with our study

S10 Comparison efficiency on blood plasma separation

Table S10 represents efficiency of methods and findings compared with our study. The efficiency of the separation was calculated by formula:

Separated plasma (%) = (separation / wicking) x 100 % \dots (3)

Efficiency (%) = (separated plasma / plasma) x 100 % \dots (5)

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No	Parameters	Ref S10.1	Ref S10.2	Ref S10.3	This study					
1	Blood source	Rabbit	Human	Human	Sheep					
2	Haematocrit (%)	35	40	40	32					
3	Plasma (%)	65	60	60	68					
4	Blood volume (µL)	100	5	4	3					
5	Wicking (mm)	13.0-15.5	8.0-9.0	9.0-9.5	25.0-30.0					
6	Separation (mm)	8.0	1.0-2.0	3.0-3.5	3.0-3.8					
7	Separated plasma (%)	52-62	13-22	33-37	12-13					
8	Entrapped plasma (%)	3-13	38-47	23-27	55-56					
9	Efficiency (%)	80-96	22-37	55-62	17-19					
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Table S10: Efficiency of methods and findings compared with our study

Note:

Ref 1-3, haematocrit (%) and plasma (%) value was calculated from the normal value of rabbit and human. Furthermore, the length (mm) of wicking and separation was measured from the image presented on the manuscript.

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S11 Comparison of calculated cost of used reagents

	Ref S11.1	Ref S11.2	Ref S11.2	This study
Reagent	CaCl ₂	NaCl	MgCl ₂	EDTA
Specification	Anhydrous,	BioXtra,	Anhydrous,	BioUltra,
	powder, \geq 97 %	\geq 99.5 % (AT)	\geq 98 %	Anhydrous, \geq 99 %
Company brand	Sigma-Aldrich	Sigma-Aldrich	Sigma	Sigma-Aldrich
CAS number	10043-52-4	7647-14-5	7786-30-3	60-00-4
Form	Powder	Powder	Powder	Powder
Packaging (g)	100	250	100	100
Price/pack (SGD)	122.50	78.20	103.00	48.70
Price/g (SGD)	1.225	0.313	1.030	0.487
Note: *accessed from	n http://www.sigma	aldrich.com/ (date:	02/02/2016)	

 Table S11.1 comparison of calculated cost in powder form of used reagents.

 Table S11.2 comparison of calculated cost in solution form of used reagents.

	Ref S11.1	Ref S11.2	Ref S11.2	This study
Reagent	CaCl ₂	NaCl	MgCl ₂	EDTA
Specification	BioUltra, for	BioUltra, for	for molecular	BioUltra, for
	molecular	molecular	biology	molecular biology,
	biology	biology		pH 8.0
Company brand	Sigma	Sigma	Sigma	Sigma-Aldrich
Concentration (M)	1	5	1	0.5
CAS number	10043-52-4	7647-14-5	7786-30-3	60-00-4
Form	Solution	Solution	Solution	Solution
Packaging (mL)	1	1000	100	100
Price (SGD)	74.30	169.50	89.10	74.90
Price (SGD)				
Price/M	74.30	33.90	89.10	149.80
Price/M/mL	74.30	0.034	0.891	1.498
In device				
application				
Concentration (M)	0.5	1	0.67	0.1
Immobilized (µL)	15	0.5	0.5	1
Cost/application	557.250	0.017	0.298	0.150
(SGD)				
Note: *accessed from	n http://www.sigma	aldrich.com/ (date:	02/02/2016)	

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S12 Miniaturize platform and comparison of albumin assay

Figure S12 represents miniaturized length of μ TAD. Regarding to previous results on 50 mm thread length platform, therein shows that only 30-35 mm length the blood wick on-thread. Furthermore, the μ TAD platforms were then miniaturized from 50 mm into 30 mm length. A more small volume of fluids, 1 μ L EDTA, 1 μ L albumin (BSA) and 2 μ L distilled water or BCG were used in albumin detection in artificial blood plasma.



Figure S12: Miniaturize length of µTAD from (A) 50 mm into (B) 30 mm.

No	Kit Trade Mark	Samj	ple/Albumin (Alb)		cresol green BCG)	Ratio	Incubation	LoD								
INO	(catalog code)	volume (µL)	concentration (g/dL)	volume (µL)	concentration (mmol/L)	Alb:BCG	time (s)	(g/dL)								
1	This study (Cypress Diagnostic HB001)	1	3	1	0.120	1:1 (dried, immobilized)	60-120	0.01								
2	Cypress Diagnostic (HB001)	5	3	1000	0.120	1:200 (wet, solution)	600	0.04								
3	Sigma Aldrich (MAK124)	5	5	200	No data	1:40 (wet, solution)	300	0.01								
4	Thermo Scientific (TR36026)	3	No data	300	0.260	1:100 (wet, solution)	90	0.16								
5	Chem House (INS 003)	10	4	1000	0.260	1:100 (wet, solution)	300	0.16								
6	BioLabo (80002)	10	5	2000	0.167	1:200 (wet, solution)	60-180	0.30								
7	Spectrum (210 00)	10	4	2500	0.400	1:250 (wet, solution)	300	1.00								
Note	Thermo Scie	entific from	www.thermofisher	.com; Chem H	ouse from www.che	emhousediagnos	(210 00) solution) Note: Cypress Diagnostic from www.diagnostics.be; Sigma Aldrich from www.sigmaaldrich.com; Thermo Scientific from www.thermofisher.com; Chem House from www.chemhousediagnostics.com; Biolabo from www.biolabo.fr; and Spectrum from www.spectrum-diagnostics.com.									

Table S12.1: Comparison of albumin detection using bromocresol green (BCG) kits

S13 Comparison among several commercial products

 Table S13 represents comparison between several commercial blood analyzer tools.

Comparison		Comercial p	roducts		This study	
•	i-STAT 1* Abbott, New York	Element POC Heska, Colorado***	VetScan** Abaxis, Canada	Element DC Heska, Colorado	μTAD	
Unit type	Portable	Portable	Stationer	Stationer	Portable	
Parameter(s)	12	11	10	12	1	
Biochemistry	iCa, Na ⁺ , K ⁺ , Cl ⁻ , L, BUN, UREA, Glu, Creat, pH, PCO ₂ , PO ₂ , No ALB	iCa, Na ⁺ , K ⁺ , Cl ⁻ , L, Glu, Creat, Hct, pH, PCO ₂ , PO ₂ , No ALB	ALB, ALP, AST, Ca ²⁺ , CK, GGT, Mg, PHOS, TP, BUN	ALP, ALT, BUN, CREA, Glu, TP, TBIL, ALB, PHOS, Ca ²⁺ , CHOL, GGT	ALB	
Volume	300-450 μL****	~100 µL	90-120 μL	50 μL	1-3 μL	
Vol/parameter	17-95 μL	9 μL	9-12 μL	4 μL	1-3 μL	
Preparation	No need	No need	600 s	60-360 s	No need	
Calibration	In device-calibration	165 s (card)	In device- calibration	No data	In device - calibration	
Working	130-1000 s	35 s	840 s	300 s	120 s	
Total time	130-1000 s	200 s	1440 s	360-660 s	120 s	
System	potentiometry, hydrolyzed, conductometrically, amperometrically,	potentiometry, conductometrically, amperometrically,	colorimetry	colorimetry, potentiometry	colorimetry	
Energy	AC 100-240 Volts DC 2x9 Volts Lithium-ion Batteries	AC 100-240 Volts DC Lithium-ion Batteries	AC 100-240 Volts	AC 100-240 Volts	No external energy	
System	Cartridge-based system	Card-based system	Rotor-based liquid embed reagents	E-wrap panels system (embed drying reagent)	Microfluidic cotton-embed drying reagen	
Туре	19 different cartridge	1 card	10 different rotor	1 panel	1 glass slide	
Storage	2-8 °C (long-time) 18-30 °C (fast-time)	18-30 °C	2-8 °C	18-30 °C	25-30 °C	
Expiry	5 min (25 °C)- individual cartridge 1 h (25 °C)-cartridges box	No data	20 min (25 °C)- open pack 48 h (25 °C)- closed pack	No data	168 h-no packaging	

 Table S13: Comparison among several commercial products

*) https://www.abbottpointofcare.com/products-services/istat-test-cartridges/menu; i-STAT Manual ART: 714446-00S; **) Abaxis VetScan® leflet (PN: 500-7113 Rev: C); ***) https://www.heska.com/Products/Lab-Systems.aspx; ****) 2-3 drops; 1 drop = 150μ L; Albumin (ALB), Alkaline phosphatase (ALP), Aspartate aminotransferase (AST), Calcium (Ca²⁺), Creatine kinase (CK), Gamma glutamyl transferase (GGT), Magnesium (Mg), Inorganic phosphorus (PHOS), Total protein (TP), Urea nitrogen (BUN), Sodium (Na), Potassium (K), Chloride (Cl), Glucose (GLU), Creatinine (CREAT), Ionized Calcium (iCa), pH, Carbon dioxide (PCO₂), Oxygen (PO₂), TCO₂, Lactate (L), Haematocrite (Hct), Haemoglobine (Hb); Total bilirubin (TBIL); Cholesterol (CHOL); Not good; Rood; Very good.

S14 Comparison of LoD and LoQ between separation and centrifugation

Table S14 presents comparison of Limit of Detection (LoD) and Limit of Quantification (LoQ) of semi-quantitative albumin detection in artificial blood using μ TAD by separation and centrifugation methods. The LoD value of separation and centrifugation were 0.0114 g/dL and 0.0133 g/dL, respectively. Moreover, the LoQ value of separation and centrifugation were 0.0381 g/dL and 0.0442 g/dL, respectively.

Artificial blood	Separation		Centrifugation		
Curve equation $(Y_1, X_1;; Y_5X_5)$	$y = 0.6484 \ln(x) + 0.002$		$y = 0.6265 \ln(x) - 0.0128$		
R square	0.991		0.995		
Slope	0.6484		0.6265		
Original colour intensity data					
Value of Y ₁ ; X ₁	$Y_1(a.u.)$	$X_1 = e^{(y-0.002)/0.6484)}$	$Y_1(a.u.)$	$X_1 = e^{(y+0.0128)/0.6265)}$	
1	0.000556	0.977976	0.010625	1.038098	
2	0.000734	0.980669	0.009306	1.035915	
3	0.000631	0.979102	0.006597	1.031445	
4	0.000347	0.974829	0.008958	1.035340	
Mean of Y_1 ; X_1	0.000567	0.978144	0.008872	1.035199	
Standard deviation (SD ₁)	0.000164	0.002471	0.001678	0.002771	
LoD calculation					
LoD	$= (3 \times SD_{X1})/slope$		$= (3 \times SD_{X1})/slope$		
	$= (3 \times 0.002471) / 0.6484$		$= (3 \times 0.002771) / 0.6265$		
	$= 0.0114 \text{ g/dL} \sim 0.01 \text{ g/dL}$		$= 0.0133 \text{ g/dL} \sim 0.01 \text{ g/dL}$		
LoQ calculation					
LoQ	$=(10 \text{ x SD}_{X1})/\text{slope}$		$=(10 \text{ x SD}_{X1})/\text{slope}$		
	$=(10 \times 0.002471)/0.6484$		$=(10 \times 0.002771) / 0.6265$		
	$= 0.0381 \text{ g/dL} \sim 0.04 \text{ g/dL}$		$= 0.0442 \text{ g/dL} \sim 0.04 \text{ g/dL}$		

Table S14: Comparison of Limit of Detection (Lo	LoD) and Limit of Quantification (LoQ).
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S15 Comparison of mechanism and separated products

Table S15 comparison of several mechanisms on blood plasma separation using simple and low-cost device

No	Sampling	Sample processing steps	Mechanism of separation	Separated product	Ref.
1	Conventional plasma: Blood + anticoagulant (e.g. EDTA, citrate, heparine, hirudin)	(1) whole blood centrifugation,(2) separation	Mechanical force: Anticoagulant prevent blood to clot and centrifugal force separated plasma	Pure plasma	S15.1
2	Conventional serum: Blood + without anticoagulant (e.g. plain) or using coagulant (e.g. CaCl ₂)	 (1) clotted blood centrifugation, (2) separation 	Mechanical force: Coagulant induce blood to clot and centrifugal force separated serum	Pure serum	S15.1
3	LFA device: Blood + anticoagulant (citrate)	 (1) diluted blood, (2) total blood clot, (3) filtration NaCl solution + blood + CaCl₂ solution 	Hard osmotic-induce: Excess Ca from CaCl ₂ salt in hypertonic solution induce <u>totally</u> <u>diluted blood to clotting</u> and nitrocellulose paper used as filter to separated plasma-serum in lateral flow capillarity action	Diluted plasma- serum (water- contaminant) + Na and Ca (salt- contaminant)	S15.2
4	μPAD: Blood + anticoagulant (Li-heparin)	 diluted blood, cells shrivel, partial clot, separation NaCl solution + blood, MgCl₂ solution + blood 	Soft osmotic-induce : Excess Na or Mg from NaCl or MgCl ₂ salt, respectively induce <u>partially of blood cells shrivelled</u> , <u>coagulation</u> and <u>entrapped</u> the blood cells in hypertonic solution at functionalized-Whatman filter paper to separated plasma-serum by lateral flow capillarity action	Diluted plasma- serum (water- contaminant) + Na or Mg (salt- contaminant) + intracellular fluid (fluid cell- contaminant)	S15.3
5	μTAD : Blood + anticoagulant (citrate)	(1) diluted blood,(2) twist per inch sorting,(3) separation	Twist per inch : Excess anticoagulant boosting blood wick and separating blood cells and plasma	Diluted plasma- serum (anticoagulant- contaminant)	S15.4
6	μTAD : Blood + anticoagulant (EDTA.K3)	 EDTA dissolve fibrin-filter from less part of blood clot at downstream blood wicking (cotton-fiber), separation EDTA-dried + blood + cotton-fiber 	Fibrin-filter: EDTA treatment (dried) delayed blood to clot that induced by surface charge of cotton-fiber, especially at the downstream wicking blood (free EDTA thread part). Fibrin snare formed and functionalized as filter, namely fibrin-filter.	Plasma-serum	This study

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