Sample Collection and Processing: Whole blood RNA

**Steps 1-2**
- Store tubes at room temperature.
- Label tubes with preprinted SSBC RNA label prior to blood draw.

**Steps 3-4**
- Collect blood in PAXgene™ tube, allowing blood to flow for 10 seconds and ensuring blood flow has stopped.

**Steps 5**
- Immediately after blood draw, invert tubes 8-10 times to

**Steps 7-8**
- Incubate the tubes at room temperature for 2 to 24 hours.
- Freeze tubes upright at -80°C until shipment. (DO NOT freeze in solid Styrofoam tube racks)