**Table S2:**

**The rRT-PCR controls with expected results and interpretations**

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| **rRT-PCR**  **control name** | **rRT-PCR**  **control type** | **Expected cq**  **values** | **N1** | **N2** | **RP** | **Interpretation** |
| nCoVPC | Positive | <40 | + | + | + | Reagent failure (e.g. primer and probe integrity |
| NTC | Negative | None detected | - | - | - | Reagent and/or environmental contamination |
| HSC | Extraction | <40 | - | - | + | Extraction issues |