S1 Table. Standard curve relationship between genome equivalents and Ct values. Synthetic T7 RNA transcripts corresponding to a 1,363 base pair segment of the SARS-CoV-2 nucleocapsid gene were serially diluted from $10^{6}-10^{0}$ and evaluated in duplicate with RT-qPCR. The best-fit linear regression of the average Ct on the $\log 10$-transformed standard values had slope -3.60971 and intercept $40.93733\left(\mathrm{R}^{2}=\right.$ 0.99 ).

| Standard (GE/ul) | Replicate $\mathbf{1}(\mathbf{C t})$ | Replicate 2 (Ct) | Average Ct |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathbf{1 0}^{\mathbf{6}}$ | 19.3 | 19.7 | 19.5 |
| $\mathbf{1 0}^{\mathbf{5}}$ | 23.0 | 21.2 | 22.1 |
| $\mathbf{1 0}^{\mathbf{4}}$ | 26.9 | 26.7 | 26.8 |
| $\mathbf{1 0}^{\mathbf{3}}$ | 30.6 | 30.4 | 30.5 |
| $\mathbf{1 0}^{\mathbf{2}}$ | 34.0 | 34.0 | 34.0 |
| $\mathbf{1 0}^{\mathbf{1}}$ | 37.2 | 36.6 | 36.9 |
| $\mathbf{1 0}^{\mathbf{0}}$ | $\mathrm{N} / \mathrm{A}$ | 39.9 | 39.9 |

