**Supporting Information**

**S2 Table.** **The intra-assay and inter-assay variability.**

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|  | **The range of PI ratio (%) of six positive serum samples** | | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Intra-assay | 17.23±0.15 | 30.11±0.45 | 38.24±0.34 | 42.30±0.88 | 51.20±0.92 | 58.77±0.65 |
| Inter-assay | 17.75±0.47 | 29.84±0.72 | 38.82±1.80 | 43.40±1.02 | 51.93±1.67 | 58.97±1.33 |