

Table S1. Oligonucleotide primers and probe used for analyzing the SARS-CoV-2 nucleocapsid gene.

| Name | Description | Nucleotide No. | Sequence (5' to 3') | Gene site | Expected size (bp) | Reference |
|-----------|----------------|----------------|---|-------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| N-1F | Forward Primer | 21 | CTG CTC TTG CTT TGC TGC TGC | 28923-28943 | | |
| N-1R | Reverse Primer | 21 | GTT TTG TAT GCG TCA ATA TGC | 29358-29338 | 436 | |
| NIID-N-F2 | Forward Primer | 20 | AAA TTT TGG GGA CCA GGA AC | 29125-29144 | | NIID_2019-nCOV_N_F2 |
| NIID-N-R2 | Reverse Primer | 20 | TGG CAG CTG TGT AGG TCA AC | 29282-29263 | 158 | NIID_2019-nCOV_N_R2 |
| CDC-N2-F | Forward Primer | 20 | TTA CAA ACA TTG GCC GCA AA | 29164-29183 | | CDC 2019-nCoV_N2-F |
| CDC-N2-R | Reverse Primer | 18 | GCG CGA CAT TCC GAA GAA | 29230-29213 | 67 | CDC 2019-nCoV_N2-R |
| CDC-N2-P | Probe | 23 | FAM-ACA ATT TGC CCC CAG CGC TTC AG-BHQ1 | 29188-29210 | | CDC 2019-nCoV_N2-P |

NIID: National Institute of Infectious Diseases

CDC: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

F: Forward primer

R: Reverse primer

P: Probe

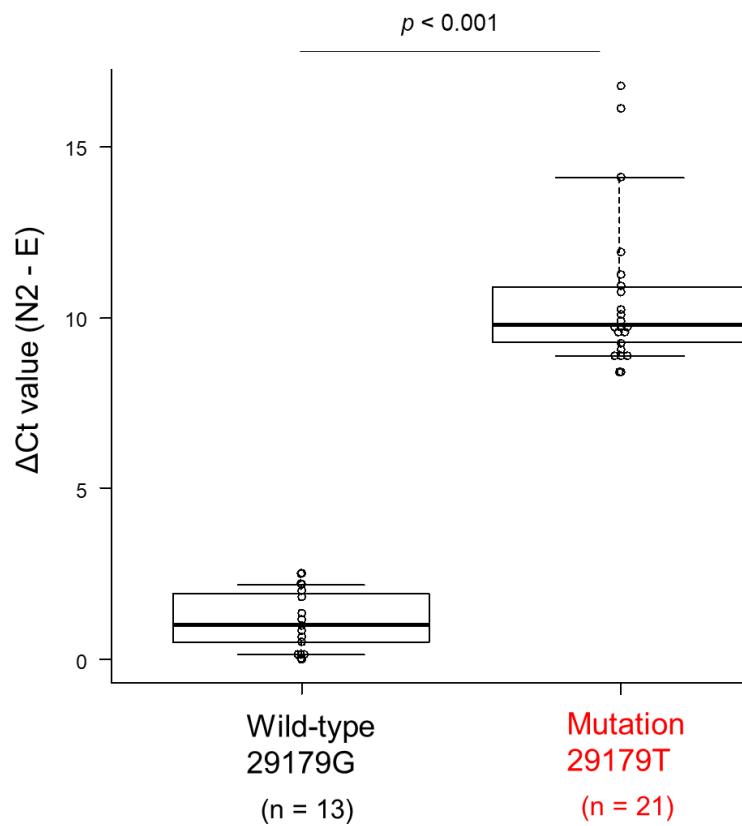


Figure S1. Comparison of the Ct delay calculated as ΔCt ($\text{N}2 - \text{E}$) between the wild-type (G) and mutation(T) of c.29179.

Differences between the Ct values of N2 and E analyzed by the GeneXpert® System and Cepheid Xpert Xpress SARS-CoV-2 assay kit. Cases negative for N2 ($\text{Ct} > 45$) were excluded ($n = 34$). The Mann–Whitney U test was used for statistical analysis. The median Ct value of the wild-type 29179G was 1.0 (IQR = 1.4), whereas that of mutation 29179T was 9.8 (IQR = 1.6; $p < 0.001$)