

Supplementary Table 1. Xpert Xpress SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR results for pooled saliva samples combined with various transport media and exposed to various storage conditions over a seven-day period.

Storage condition / time point	E gene Ct value				N2 gene Ct value			
	Neat saliva	Normal saline	Liquid Amies	VTM	Neat saliva	Normal saline	Liquid Amies	VTM
Room temperature								
Time zero	29.5	29.1	28.1	28.3	32.1	32.7	30.9	31.6
24 hours	27.9	28.4	28.3	28.4	30.5	30.9	31.6	31.2
168 hours	28.6	28.4	28.4	28.8	31.9	30.8	31.1	31.2
4°C								
Time zero	27.6	28.3	28.4	28.1	30.7	30.8	31.2	31.4
24 hours	28.3	29.0	28.3	28.4	31.4	32.4	31.4	31.3
168 hours	29.5	28.4	28.6	28.7	31.9	31.6	31.5	31.5

Ct, cycle threshold; VTM, viral transport media.