

Current altona Diagnostics SARS-CoV-2 test kits reactivity analysis (March 12, 2023)

Section 1 does focus specifically on the S gene mutations as these are of the highest public concern. Not only due to the possible implications for molecular diagnostic assays but even more so due to potential devastating effects on vaccine efficiency and possible immune evasion of these variants.

Section 2 shows the summarized results from our latest bioinformatical analysis including all newly retrieved sequences collected from different online sources between February 13, 2023 to March 12, 2023.

Section 1: Variants of concern and other spike mutations

Several SARS-CoV-2 lineages originating from different regions of the world have been described so far. Among those are the variants listed in Table 1:

Table 1: SARS-CoV-2 variants

	WHO Label	PANGOLIN Lineage	GISAID Lineage	Likely Origin
Variants of concern (VOC)	Omicron*	B.1.1.529	GRA/484A	Multiple countries
Previously circulating VOCs	Alpha	B.1.1.7	GRY	United Kingdom (UK)
	Beta	B.1.351	GH/501Y.V2	South Africa
	Gamma	P.1	GR/501Y.V3	Brazil
	Delta	B.1.617.2	G/478K.V1	India
Previously circulating variants of interest (VOIs)	Epsilon	B.1.427 + B.1.429	GH/452R.V1	USA
	Zeta	P.2	GR/484K.V2	Brazil
	Eta	B.1.525	G/484K.V3	Multiple countries
	Theta	P.3	GR/1092K.V1	Philippines
	Iota	B.1.526	GH/253G.V1	USA
	Kappa	B.1.617.1	G/452R.V3	India
	Lambda	C37	GR/452Q.V1	Peru
Mu	B.1.621	GH	Colombia	

* Includes BA.1, BA.2, BA.3, BA.4, BA.5 and descendent lineages, e.g., BQ.1 and BQ.1.1, as well as BA.1/BA.2 circulating recombinant forms such as XE.

None of the mutations contained in the above-mentioned variants does impact the performance of the S gene detection system included in the RealStar®, FlexStar® and AltoStar® kits for detection of SARS-CoV-2.

Section 2: *In silico* reactivity analysis

Inclusivity data were collected from 13.02.2023 to 12.03.2023 and *in silico* analysis was performed using the newly published sequences and data from the indicated time period (see Table 2).

Table 2: Inclusivity (*In silico* analysis for **217,061** whole genome sequences of SARS-CoV-2 published via GISAID e.V. (www.gisaid.org) and via National Center for biotechnology Information (www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov) as of February 13, 2023 to March 12, 2023 for the E gene and the S gene target included in the RealStar®, FlexStar® and AltoStar® kits for detection of SARS-CoV-2.

217,061 whole genome sequences (13.02.-12.03.)		Percentage of sequences showing mismatches
E gene	Forward Primer	94.41
	Reverse Primer	0.12
	Probe	0.10
S gene	Forward Primer	0.41
	Reverse Primer	0.31
	Probe	0.29

Depending on the mutation frequency and position wet lab experiments in the cause of the post market surveillance activities for the RealStar®, FlexStar® and AltoStar® kits for detection of SARS-CoV-2 were done and so far confirmed that the performance was not affected by such mutations.

Including all previous and this latest data analysis, we have not yet found sequences in the database rendering the respective products for SARS-CoV-2 detection useless or severely diminishing their performance.