

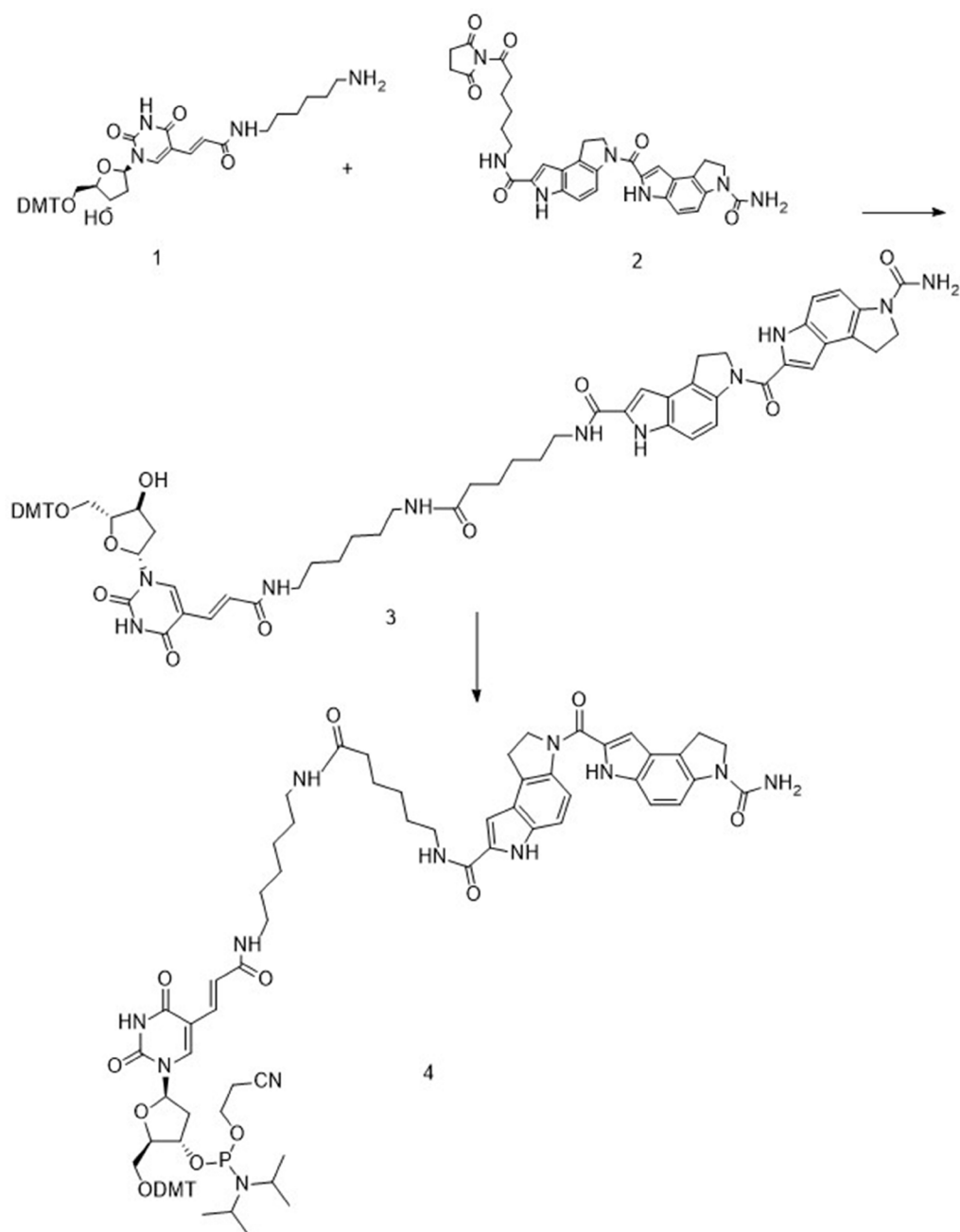


Figure S1 Structure and advantages of the DQ Probe. DQ is a modified probe used in molecular biology and PCR. TFA Amino 5-DMT-2-deoxyuridine was deprotected with ammonium hydroxide to generate free amine, which was then coupled with DPI 3 NHS Ester to generate DPI3-DMT deoxyuridine, which was then phosphorylated to produce a fully protected Nucleoside phosphoramidite named DQ, which can be used for Oligo synthesis. It integrates a molecule capable of interacting with DNA in the minor groove, effectively increasing the melting temperature (T_m) of the probe. DQ binds to DNA less strongly than MGB, but this feature has the advantage of minimizing inhibition during the PCR process. DQ is a promising alternative to the conventional TaqMan probe because it can attain a higher T_m while maintaining a lower PCR inhibition. DMT/ODMT: Dimethyl tin oxide; NH: An amino group; NH_2 : An amino group consists of one nitrogen atom and two hydrogen atoms; OH: The Hydroxyl group (Hydroxyl group) with the chemical formula $-OH$, composed of hydrogen and oxygen atoms.

Table S1 Detection of ORF/N genes of wild type for 125 copies/mL by 20 detections

Reactions	ORF CT value	N gene CT value
1	NT	NT
2	NT	NT
3	NT	NT
4	NT	NT
5	NT	NT
6	NT	NT
7	NT	NT
8	NT	NT
9	NT	NT
10	NT	NT
11	NT	NT
12	NT	NT
13	NT	NT
14	NT	NT
15	NT	NT
16	NT	NT
17	NT	NT
18	NT	NT
19	NT	NT
20	NT	NT

The CT value of ORF and N genes of wild type for 125 copies/mL by 20 replications. In the 20 times of 125 copies/mL repeated tests, neither O gene nor N gene could be detected and the detection rate was 0%.

Table S2 Detection of ORF/N genes of wild type for 250 copies/mL by 20 detections

Reactions	ORF CT value	N gene CT value
1	37.76	39.76
2	37.45	37.8
3	37.09	37.37
4	37.96	37.51
5	37.80	36.77
6	37.81	37.23
7	NT	36.95
8	37.98	37.39
9	37.77	37.91
10	37.37	36.54
11	37.25	37.09
12	37.91	37.76
13	37.06	37.46
14	37.81	37.45
15	37.51	36.96
16	37.61	37.59
17	37.88	37.81
18	37.34	37.71
19	36.65	37.79
20	37.93	37.98

The CT value of ORF and N genes of wild type for 250 copies/mL by 20 replications. In the 20 times reactions, both O and N genes were detected 19 times which the CT value <38 cycles and with a detection rate of 95%.

Table S3 Sensitivities of the developed qRT-PCR assays

4000	Wild type	Assay 1	ORF	31.82± 0.02	0.9936	BA.1	31.23±0.16	0.9817
			N	31.15±0.14	0.9888		28.79±0.15	0.9987
		Assay 2	6970del	NT			32.79±0.16	0.9974
			T547K	NT			33.13±0.21	0.9895
		Assay 3	R346K	NT			NT	
			L452R	NT			NT	
		Assay 4	P681H	NT			34.02±0.27	0.9636
			T842I	NT			NT	
		Assay 1	L452Q	NT			NT	
			KSF141-143	NT			NT	
		Assay 2	P681R	NT			NT	
			ORF	33.23±0.06			32.45±0.19	
		Assay 3	N	32.3±0.19			29.80±0.09	
			6970del	NT			33.93±0.08	
		Assay 4	T547K	NT			34.48±0.03	
			R346K	NT			NT	
2000		Assay 1	L452R	NT		NT		
			P681H	NT		35.38±0.06		
		Assay 2	T842I	NT		NT		
			L452Q	NT		NT		
		Assay 3	KSF141-143	NT		NT		
			P681R	NT		NT		
		Assay 1	ORF	34.00±0.64		33.16±0.49		
			N	33.74±0.43		30.74±0.08		
		Assay 2	6970del	NT		34.99±0.28		
			T547K	NT		35.54±0.34		
		Assay 3	R346K	NT		NT		
			L452R	NT		NT		
		Assay 4	P681H	NT		35.89±0.32		
			T842I	NT		NT		
		Assay 1	L452Q	NT		NT		
			KSF141-143	NT		NT		
1000		Assay 1	P681R	NT		NT		
			ORF	35.43±0.57		34.61±0.31		
		Assay 2	N	34.29±0.13		31.93±0.14		
			6970del	NT		36.22±0.47		
		Assay 3	T547K	NT		36.81±0.86		
			R346K	NT		NT		
		Assay 4	L452R	NT		NT		
			P681H	NT		36.83±0.62		
		Assay 1	T842I	NT		NT		
			L452Q	NT		NT		
		Assay 2	KSF141-143	NT		NT		
			P681R	NT		NT		
		Assay 3	ORF	37.01±0.35		36.26±0.72		
			N	35.78±0.03		32.95±0.19		
		Assay 4	6970del	NT		37.46±0.88		
			T547K	NT		37.48±0.99		
500		Assay 1	R346K	NT		NT		
			L452R	NT		NT		
		Assay 2	P681H	NT		38.64±0.88		
			T842I	NT		NT		
		Assay 3	L452Q	NT		NT		
			KSF141-143	NT		NT		
		Assay 4	P681R	NT		NT		
			ORF	37.01±0.35		36.26±0.72		
		Assay 1	N	35.78±0.03		32.95±0.19		
			6970del	NT		37.46±0.88		
		Assay 2	T547K	NT		37.48±0.99		
			R346K	NT		NT		
		Assay 3	L452R	NT		NT		
			P681H	NT		38.64±0.88		
		Assay 4	T842I	NT		NT		
			L452Q	NT		NT		
250		Assay 1	KSF141-143	NT		NT		
			P681R	NT		NT		
		Assay 2	ORF	37.01±0.35		36.26±0.72		
			N	35.78±0.03		32.95±0.19		
		Assay 3	6970del	NT		37.46±0.88		
			T547K	NT		37.48±0.99		
		Assay 4	R346K	NT		NT		
			L452R	NT		NT		
		Assay 1	P681H	NT		38.64±0.88		
			T842I	NT		NT		
		Assay 2	L452Q	NT		NT		
			KSF141-143	NT		NT		
		Assay 3	P681R	NT		NT		
			ORF	37.01±0.35		36.26±0.72		
		Assay 4	N	35.78±0.03		32.95±0.19		
			6970del	NT		37.46±0.88		
4000	BA.2	Assay 1	T547K	NT		BA.3	37.48±0.99	
			R346K	NT			NT	
		Assay 2	L452R	NT			NT	
			P681H	NT			38.64±0.88	
		Assay 3	T842I	NT			NT	
			L452Q	NT			NT	
		Assay 4	KSF141-143	NT			NT	
			P681R	NT			NT	
		Assay 1	ORF	31.92±0.06	0.9758		32.05±0.25	0.9626
			N	31.23±0.06	0.9572		30.64±0.23	0.9791
		Assay 2	6970del	NT			31.22±0.01	0.9924
			T547K	NT			NT	
		Assay 3	R346K	NT			NT	
			L452R	NT			NT	
		Assay 4	P681H	34.21±0.25	0.9832		31.81±0.18	0.9965
			T842I	34.16±0.65	0.9906		NT	
2000		Assay 1	L452Q	NT			NT	
			KSF141-143	NT			NT	
		Assay 2	P681R	NT			NT	
			ORF	32.71±0.22			33.05±0.1	
		Assay 3	N	32.01±0.09			31.77±0.21	
			6970del	NT			31.97±0.14	
		Assay 4	T547K	NT			NT	
			R346K	NT			NT	
		Assay 1	L452R	NT			NT	
			P681H	34.84±0.11			32.71±0.22	
		Assay 2	T842I	35.10±0.69			NT	
			L452Q	NT			NT	
		Assay 3	KSF141-143	NT			NT	
			P681R	NT			NT	
		Assay 4	ORF	33.57±0.12			34.41±0.15	
			N	33.22±0.19			32.91±0.06	
1000		Assay 1	6970del	NT			33.23±0.23	
			T547K	NT			NT	
		Assay 2	R346K	NT			NT	
			L452R	NT			NT	
		Assay 3	P681H	36.33±0.51			34.07±0.29	
			T842I	36.87±1.04			NT	
		Assay 4	L452Q	NT			NT	
			KSF141-143	NT			NT	
		Assay 1	P681R	NT			NT	
			ORF	34.66±0.11			34.88±0.36	
		Assay 2	N	34.47±0.48			33.51±0.25	
			6970del	NT			33.88±0.17	
		Assay 3	T547K	NT			NT	
			R346K	NT			NT	
		Assay 4	L452R	NT			NT	
			P681H	37.05±0.25			35.01±0.03	
500		Assay 1	T842I	37.79±0.61			NT	
			L452Q	NT			NT	
		Assay 2	KSF141-143	NT			NT	
			P681R	NT			NT	
		Assay 3	ORF	36.29±0.51			37.06±0.8	
			N	36.86±0.18			35.31±0.69	
		Assay 4	6970del	NT			34.89±0.7	
			T547K	NT			NT	
		Assay 1	R346K	NT			NT	
			L452R	NT			NT	
		Assay 2	P681H	37.88±0.47			36.1±0.78	
			T842I	39.03±0.30			NT	
		Assay 3	L452Q	NT			NT	
			KSF141-143	NT			NT	
		Assay 4	P681R	NT			NT	
			ORF	36.29±0.51				

Table S4 Variation in CT values (Δ CT) of the wild type at 100,000, 10,000, and 5,000 copies/mL

Gene		1 reaction	2 reaction	3 reaction	Δ CT average		1 reaction	2 reaction	3 reaction		1 reaction	2 reaction	3 reaction
ORF		27.04	27.1	27.08			30.52	30.4	30.36		31.63	31.54	31.4
N		28.03	27.88	28			31.43	31.93	31.13		32.92	32.66	32.78
6970del		NT	NT	NT			NT	NT	NT		NT	NT	NT
T547K		NT	NT	NT			NT	NT	NT		NT	NT	NT
R346K		NT	NT	35.22	8.14		NT	NT	NT		NT	NT	NT
				Δ CT=8.14									
L452R	100000 copes/mL	37.5 Δ CT=9.7	37.84 Δ CT=10.74	37.77 Δ CT=10.69	10.37	10000 copes/mL	NT	NT	NT	5000 copes/mL	NT	NT	NT
P681H		NT	NT	NT			NT	NT	NT		NT	NT	NT
T842I		NT	NT	NT			NT	NT	NT		NT	NT	NT
L452Q		NT	NT	NT			NT	NT	NT		NT	NT	NT
KSF141-143		NT	NT	NT			NT	NT	NT		NT	NT	NT
P681R		NT	NT	NT			NT	NT	NT		NT	NT	NT

Table S5 The variation of CT values (Δ CT) determined for BA.1, BA.2, BA.5, Delta variants by 3 clinical samples

BA.1	Sample 1		Sample 2		Sample 3		Δ CT average
Gene	CT Value	Δ CT	CT Value	Δ CT	CT Value	Δ CT	
ORF	27.72	\	24.51	\	28.24	\	\
6970del	28.12	0.4	24.55	0.04	28.89	0.65	0.36
T547K	28.5	0.78	25.58	1.07	28.23	-0.01	0.61
R346K	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	\
L452R	35.92	8.2	33.15	8.64	36.89	8.65	8.5
P681H	27.83	0.11	26.14	1.63	29.29	1.05	0.93
T842I	37.82	10.1	34.25	8.99	36.91	8.67	9.25
L452Q	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	\
KSF141-143	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	\
P681R	36.61	8.89	35.73	11.22	37.12	8.88	9.66
BA.2	Sample 1		Sample 2		Sample 3		Δ CT average
Gene	CT Value	Δ CT	CT Value	Δ CT	CT Value	Δ CT	
ORF	26.02	\	22.8	\	27.16	\	\
6970del	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	\
T547K	35.11	9.09	34.64	11.84	38.27	11.11	10.68
R346K	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	\
L452R	34.66	8.64	31.2	8.4	36.76	9.51	8.85
P681H	26.03	0.01	23.01	0.21	28.27	1.11	0.44
T842I	26.59	0.57	23.83	1.03	28.77	1.61	1.07
L452Q	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	\
KSF141-143	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	\
P681R	34.66	8.64	35.15	12.35	37.64	10.48	10.49
BA.5	Sample 1		Sample 2		Sample 3		Δ CT average
Gene	CT Value	Δ CT	CT Value	Δ CT	CT Value	Δ CT	
ORF	21.96	\	33.13	\	28.68	\	\
6970del	23.59	1.63	35.17	2.04	30.64	1.96	1.87
T547K	32.19	10.23	NT	NT	NT	NT	10.23
R346K	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	\
L452R	22.20	0.24	34.06	0.93	31.45	2.77	1.31
P681H	21.86	-0.1	34.23	1.1	29.16	0.48	0.49
T842I	22.61	0.65	34.53	1.4	30.66	1.98	1.34
L452Q	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	\
KSF141-143	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	\
P681R	34.69	12.73	NT	NT	NT	NT	\
Delta	Sample 1		Sample 2		Sample 3		Δ CT average
Gene	CT Value	Δ CT	CT Value	Δ CT	CT Value	Δ CT	
ORF	25.91	\	23.27	\	31.33	\	\
6970del	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	\
T547K	35.63	9.72	37.28	14.01	NO CT	NO CT	11.86
R346K	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	\
L452R	26.3	0.39	23.53	0.26	34.42	3.09	1.25
P681H	35.53	9.62	35.5	12.23	NT	NT	10.93
T842I	34.83	8.92	34.04	10.77	NT	NT	9.85
L452Q	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	\
KSF141-143	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	\
P681R	26.76	0.85	24.51	1.24	31.45	0.12	0.74

Δ CT average: average value of Δ CT of three specimens. The positive result is determined by that the mutation of BA.1, BA.2 and BA.5 and Delta were all < 38 and the Δ CT of the corresponding mutation sites were all <8.

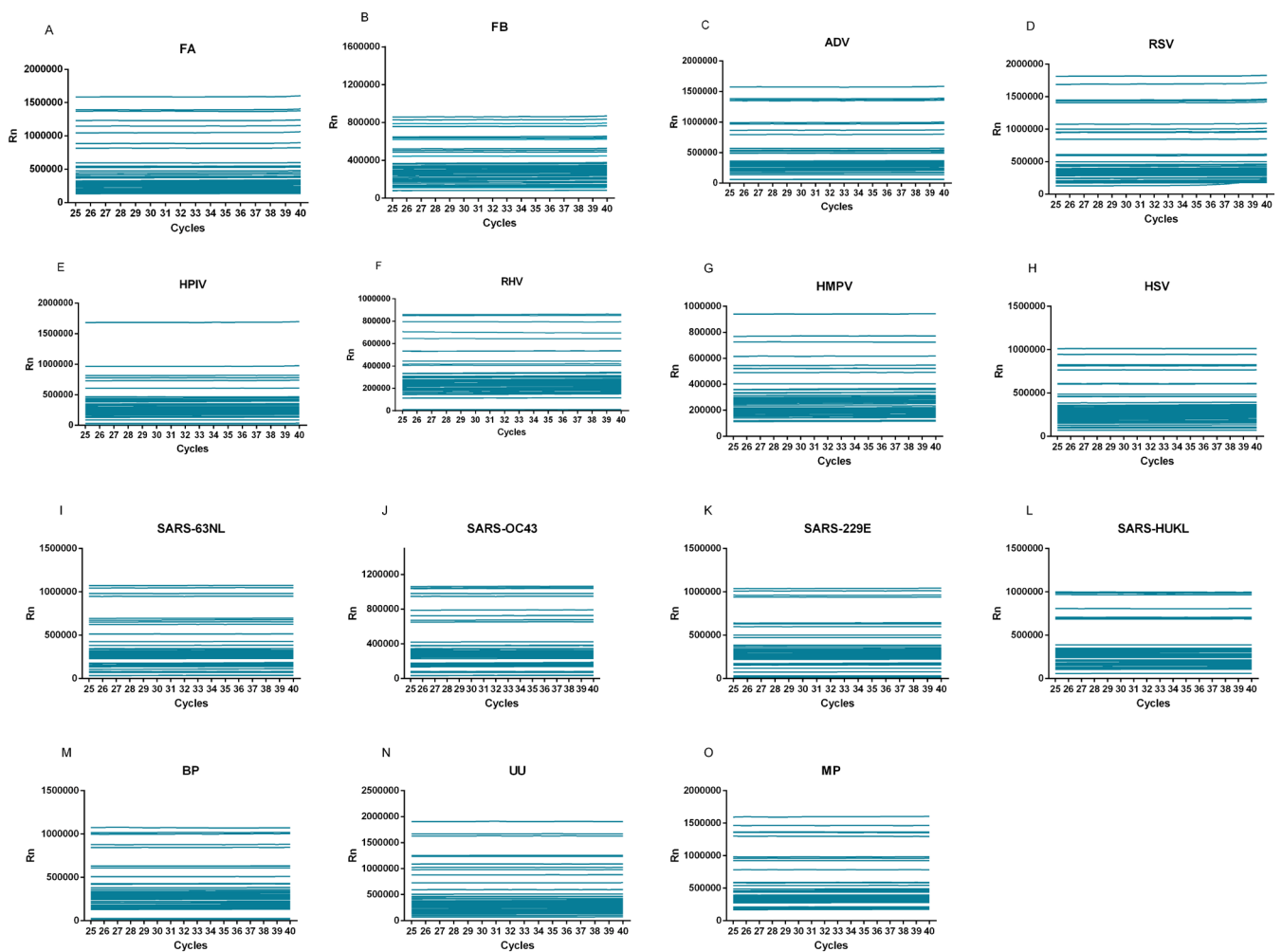


Figure S2 Amplification curve of cross reaction. Amplification curve of cross reaction of Nucleic acids from other pathogens. (A) Influenza A virus (FA); (B) Influenza B virus (FB). (C) Adenovirus (ADV); (D) Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV); (E) Human parainfluenza virus (HPIV); (F) rhinovirus (RV); (G) human metapneumovirus (HMPV); (H) herpes simplex virus type (HSV); (I) SARS-HKU1; (J) SARS-NL63; (K) SARS-OC43; (L) SARS-229E; (M) Bacillus pertussis (BP); (N) Ureaplasma Urealyticum (UU); (O) Mycoplasma pneumoniae (MP). The pathogens were used as templates to check for cross-reactivity of the developed assay with common respiratory pathogens. The amplification curves for each mutation site (ORF, N, Spike: 6970del, L452R, P681H, T547K, P681R, L452Q, and R346K; NSP: KSF-141-143; NSP3: T842I) are shown. "Rn" : Normalized reporter, is the ratio of the fluorescence emission intensity of the fluorescence reporter group to the fluorescence emission intensity of the reference dye. The exponential and linear phases of the amplification curve can be observed.