Supplementary Table 1. The correlation between viral load and plaque forming units performed in triplicate

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| Replicate  number | Viral load (RdRP gene copies/ml) | Plaque forming unit (PFU) | Viral load (copies/ml) per 1 PFU | Remark |
| 1 | 2.47 x 108 | 1.83 x 104 | 1.35 x 104 |  |
| 2 | 2.37 x 108 | 1.03 x 104 | 2.30 x 104 |  |
| 3 | 1.62 x 108 | 1.18 x 104 | 1.37 x 104 |  |
|  |  |  | 1.67 x 104 (± 4.43 x 103) | Mean (± SD) |

Note. RdRP, RNA-dependent RNA polymerase