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## **SARS-CoV-2** Variant Detection

World Health Organization (WHO) has been monitoring and assessing the evolution of SARS-CoV-2 since January 2020, and the emergence of new strains in recent months has triggered the characterisation of SARS-CoV-2 variants.

Veredus Laboratories is continuously monitoring the global situation of COVID-19 pandemic and conducting extensive impact assessment of SARS-CoV-2 variants on VereCoV<sup>™</sup> OneMix Detection Assay, VereRT<sup>™</sup> COVID-19 PCR Assay, VereRT<sup>™</sup> ZeroPrep<sup>™</sup> COVID-19 PCR Assay, VereRT<sup>™</sup> Duo COVID-19 PCR Assay and VereRT<sup>™</sup> ZeroPrep<sup>™</sup> Duo COVID-19 PCR Assay

As of 22 July 2022, Veredus' latest bioinformatic check against the BA.2.75 sub-variant with GISAID database has confirmed that, amongst respective deposited sequences in the database, the abovementioned Veredus' detection assays are able to confidently detect for the Omicron sub-variant lineage, BA.2.75, independently.

A summary of our analysis is tabulated below.

WHO VOC Classification	Pango lineage	Origin of detection	(No. of detection incompatibility) / (Total no. of SARS-CoV-2 genome cross- checked against)	Detectability using VereRT™ COVID-19 PCR Kit	Detectability using VereRT™ ZeroPrep™ COVID-19 PCR Kit	Detectability using VereRT™Duo COVID-19 PCR Kit	Detectability using VereRT™ ZeroPrep™ Duo COVID- 19 PCR Kit	Detectability using VereCoV™ OneMix Detection Kit
Omicron	BA.2.75	India (74.0%)	0 / 102	100%*	100%*	100%**	100%**	100%***

\* At least 1 of the 2 N gene targets is detectable

\*\* At least N gene or ORF gene target is detecable

\*\*\* At least 2 of the 5 target regions on the VereChip™ are detectable

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