

Table 4. Serial nasopharyngeal and tracheal viral loads

| | | 2 Days before intubation | Day of intubation | 2 Days after intubation | 1 Week after intubation |
|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Patient A | Nasopharynx (log copy/mL) | 6.80 | 5.99 | 6.84 | 3.51 |
| | Tracheal aspirate (log copy/mL) | Na | 7.30 | 7.31 | 4.62 |
| Patient B | Nasopharynx (log copy/mL) | 4.75 | 3.17 | Negative | Negative |
| | Tracheal aspirate (log copy/mL) | na | 6.33 | 6.70 | 5.26 |

The severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) detection limit of real-time reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction was 2.84 log copies/mL.