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## RealStar<sup>®</sup> SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR Kits detect SARS-CoV-2 variants isolated from minks in Denmark

The RealStar® SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR Kit 1.0 (Cat. # 821015/Cat. # 821019) is an in vitro diagnostic test, based on real-time PCR technology, for the qualitative detection of lineage Bbetacoronavirus (B-&CoV) and severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) specific RNA.

Recently, a new SARS-CoV-2 variant was identified in farmed minks in Denmark. 24 whole genome sequences (all available sequences as of November 10, 2020) were analyzed in silico for reactivity with the E gene and S gene specific oligonucleotide sequences contained in the above-mentioned RT-PCR Kits. No potential mismatches were detected during this analysis.

Hence, reactivity of the specific oligonucleotides included in the RealStar® SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR Kit 1.0 is not affected.

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Best regards,

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