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Correction to: Discrimination of False Negative Results in RT-PCR Detection of SARS-CoV-2 RNAs in Clinical Specimens by Using an Internal Reference

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In the original version of Fig. 4I and 4J, the cutoff lines were accidently shifted during figure layout. Figures 4I and 4J are re-drawn and provided below.

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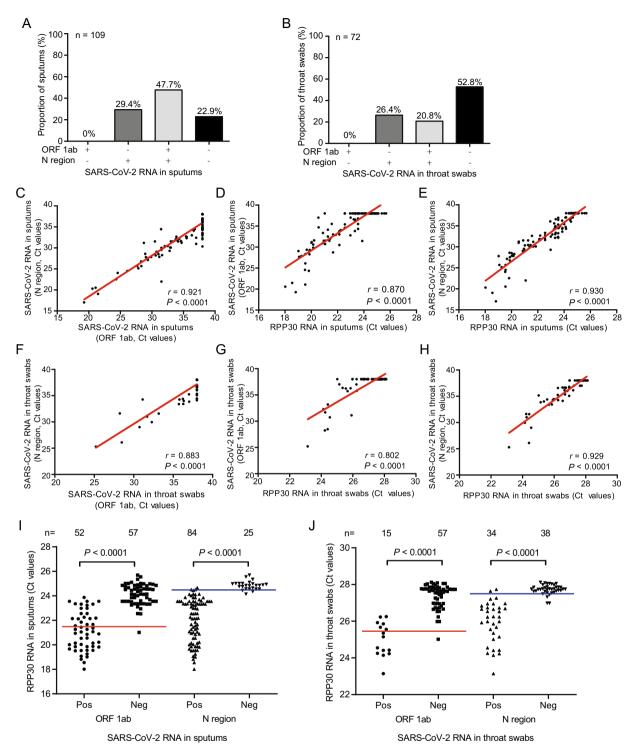


Fig. 4 The RT-PCR detection of SARS-CoV-2 RNAs in 181 sputum and throat swab specimens from 20 patients with conflicting RT-PCR results. 109 paired sputum (**A**) and 72 throat swab (**B**) specimens were collected and subjected to SARS-CoV-2 specific RT-PCR assays targeting the *ORF1ab* and *N* regions. +: RT-PCR positive; -: RT-PCR negative. Pearson correlation coefficients for the levels of detected SARS-CoV-2 RNA (based on the assays for *ORF1ab* and *N* region) and *RPP30* RNAs in patient samples were calculated. For sputum specimens: **C** *ORF1ab* and *N* region; **D** *ORF1ab* and *RPP30*; **E** *N* region and *RPP30*. For throat swab specimens: **F** *ORF1ab* and *N* region; **G** *ORF1ab* and *RPP30*; **H** *N* region and *RPP30*. The Ct values of *RPP30* RT-PCR were used to analyze the positive and negative results of *ORF1ab* and *N*-specific RT-PCR assays with 109 sputum (**I**) and 72 throat swab (**J**) specimens. Pos: positive results; Neg: negative results. The negative RT-PCR results of SARS-CoV-2 detection correspond to high Ct values for RT-PCR for *RPP30* RNAs. Red lines: cutoffs for *ORF1ab* RT-PCR; blue lines: cutoffs for *N* specific RT-PCR. The results were tested for significance by using the Mann–Whitney test (**I**, **J**). A *P* value of < 0.05 is considered as significant.

