



Figure. Aggregated RT-PCR results in different sample types (n=2506) by days post-illness onset in patients (n=200) with mild or severe COVID-19 symptoms. The number of samples with and without detectable SARS-CoV-2 RNA are aggregated by sample type, collection day post-illness onset and disease severity. Sampling for patients with symptoms or clinical course described in the original publications as mild, moderate, common, or typical are shown in circles: a total of 1412 samples from 159 adults. Sampling for severe or critically ill and/or admitted to the ICU are shown in squares: a total of 1094 samples from 41 adults. Asymptomatic patients were excluded. Sample types are as follows: NP swab (nasopharyngeal/midturbinate/nasal swab), OP swab (oropharyngeal/throat swab), NP+OP swab (both swabs collected in one tube or results published aggregated), sputum (induced/spontaneous sputum), stool, anal swab (anal/rectal swab), blood (serum, plasma, whole blood or not specified), urine.

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