

**Table 1:** Distribution of the samples identified as positive by the routine RT-PCR method (Cobas® SARS-CoV-2 assay) in the groups of 8, 16 and 32 and corresponding RT-dPCR detection of SARS-CoV-2 in the groups.

Number of RT-PCR positive sample(s) in the group	Results for P8 groups (in number of P8 groups)			Results for P16 groups (in number of P16 groups)			Results for P32 groups (in number of P32 groups)		
	<i>Total</i>	<i>dPCR -</i>	<i>dPCR +</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>dPCR -</i>	<i>dPCR +</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>dPCR -</i>	<i>dPCR +</i>
0	35	32	<b>3</b>	12	11	<b>1</b>	2	2	0
1	18	<b>1</b>	17	10	<b>2</b>	8	6	0	6
2	2	0	2	4	0	4	3	0	3
3	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1
4	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
<i>Total</i>	56	33	23	28	13	15	14	2	12