

## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

### **Rapid Differential Diagnosis of The B.1.617.2 (delta) variant of Covid-19 with automated Cas12a-Microfluidic System**

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## Experimental Section

### Materials and reagents

LbCas12a Nuclease was purchased from Shanghai Tolo Biotechnology. The centrifugal microfluidic chip and detection equipment were obtained from Shanghai Suxin Biotechnology. sgRNA was purchased from Guangzhou biolifesci Biotechnology. All HPLC-purified sequences were purchased from Sangon Biotech (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. (Table S1). The RT-PCR clinical samples were provided by Qingdao International Travel Healthcare Center.

**Table S1** Sequences of the oligonucleotides used in the experiments.

Name	Sequence
Forward Primer	GACAAATCGCTCCAGGGCAAAC
Reverse Primer	GTTGCAATATGGCAGTTTGTACACA
Plasmid of the wild type of SARS-CoV-2	<u>GACAAATCGCTCCAGGGCAAAC</u> TGGAAAGATTG CTGATTATAATTATAAATTACCAGATGATTTCACAG GCTGCGTTAGCTTGAATTCTAACATCTTGAT TCTAAGGTTGGTGGTAATTATAATT <u>CCTGTATAG</u> <u>ATTGTTAGGA</u> AGTCTAACCTAACCTTTGAG AGAGATATTCAACTG <u>AAATCTATCAGGCCGGTA</u> <u>GC</u> ACACCTTGAATGGTGTGAAGGTTTAATTG TTACTTCCCTTACAATCATATGGTTCCAACCCA CTAATGGTGGTGGTACCAACCACAGAGTAGT AGTACTTCTTTGAACCTCTACATGCACCAGCA ACTGTTGTGGACCTAAAAAGTCTACTAATTGG TTAAAAACAAATGTGTCAATTCAACTCAATGG TTAACAGGCACAGGTGTTACTGAGTCTAAC AAAAAGTTCTGCCTTCCAACAATTGGCAGAG

ACATTGCTGACACTACTGATGCTGTCCGTGATCC  
ACAGACACTTGAGATTCTTGACATTACACCATGT  
TCTTTGGTGGTGTCACTGTTATAACACCAGGAA  
CAAATACTTCTAACCAAGGTTGCTGTTCTTATCAG  
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TCTACAGGTTCTAATGTTTCAAACACGTGCAG  
GCTGTTAATAGGGCTGAACATGTCAACAACTC  
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GCGGGCACGTAGTGTAGCTAGTCAATCCATCATT  
GCCTACACTATGTCACTGGTGCAGAAAATTCA  
TTGCTTACTCTAATAACTCTATTGCCATACCCACA  
AATTTACTATTAGTGTACCACAGAAATTCTACC  
AGTGTCTATGACCAAGACATCAGTAGATTGTACA  
ATGTACATTGTGGTGAATTCAACTGAATGCAGCA  
ATCTTTGTTGCAATATGGCAGTTTGTACACA

Plasmid of the delta variant of SARS-CoV-2 GACAAATCGCTCCAGGGCAAACTGGAAAGATTG  
CTGATTATAATTATAAATTACCAAGATGATTTCAG  
GCTGCGTTAGCTTGAATTCTAACAACTTGTAT  
TCTAAGGTTGGTGGTAATTATAATTCCGGTATAG  
ATTGTTAGGAAGTCTAATCTAACACCTTGAG  
AGAGATATTCAACTGAAATCTATCAGGCCGTA  
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GCGCTAGTTATCAGACTCAGACTAATTTCGTCG  
GCGGCACGTAGTGTAGCTAGTCAATCCATCATT  
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AGTGTCTATGACCAAGACATCAGTAGATTGTACA  
ATGTACATTGGTGATTCAACTGAATGCAGCA  
ATCTTTGTTGCAATATGGCAGTTTGTACACA

**Green:** the primer sequence

**Red:** the recognition sites of crRNAs

crRNA-452-1  
UAAUUUCUACUAAGUGUAGAUCCGUAUAGAU  
UGUUUAGGA  
crRNA-452-2  
UAAUUUCUACUAAGUGUAGAUCCGUUAUAGAU  
UGUUUAGGA  
crRNA-452-3  
UAAUUUCUACUAAGUGUAGAUCCGUAUAGAU  
UGUUUAGG  
crRNA-452-4  
UAAUUUCUACUAAGUGUAGAUCCGUAUAGAU  
UGUUUAGGAA

crRNA-478-1	UAAUUUCUACUAAGUGUAGAUGCUALCCGGCCU GAUAGAUU
crRNA-478-2	UAAUUUCUACUAAGUGUAGAUGCUALCCGGCCU GAUAGAUUUC
crRNA-478-3	UAAUUUCUACUAAGUGUAGAUGCUALCCGGCCU GAUAGAUUUA
crRNA-478-4	UAAUUUCUACUAAGUGUAGAUGCUALCCGGCCU GAUAGAUUU
crRNA-681-1	UAAUUUCUACUAAGUGUAGAUUCGUCGGCGGG CACGUAGUG
crRNA-681-2	UAAUUUCUACUAAGUGUAGAUUCGACGGCGGG CACGUAGUG
crRNA-681-3	UAAUUUCUACUAAGUGUAGAUUCGUCGGCGGG CACGUAGUGT
crRNA-681-4	UAAUUUCUACUAAGUGUAGAUUCGUCGGCGGG CACGUAGUGTA

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### **Procedure of PCR for plasmids.**

A 50  $\mu$ L PCR reaction mixture contained 25  $\mu$ L Phanta Max Master Mix (2x), 2  $\mu$ L forward primer (10  $\mu$ M), 2  $\mu$ L reverse primer (10  $\mu$ M), 2  $\mu$ L plasmid sample ( $10^8$  copies/ $\mu$ L), 19  $\mu$ L DNase/RNasefree water. The thermal cycling protocol included an initial activation of Taq polymerase at 95 °C for 3 min, followed by 35 cycles of 95 °C for 30 s, 58 °C for 30 s, and 72 °C for 90 s, and a final extension step at 72 °C for 2 min.

### **PCR samples detection with Cas12a-Microfluidic system.**

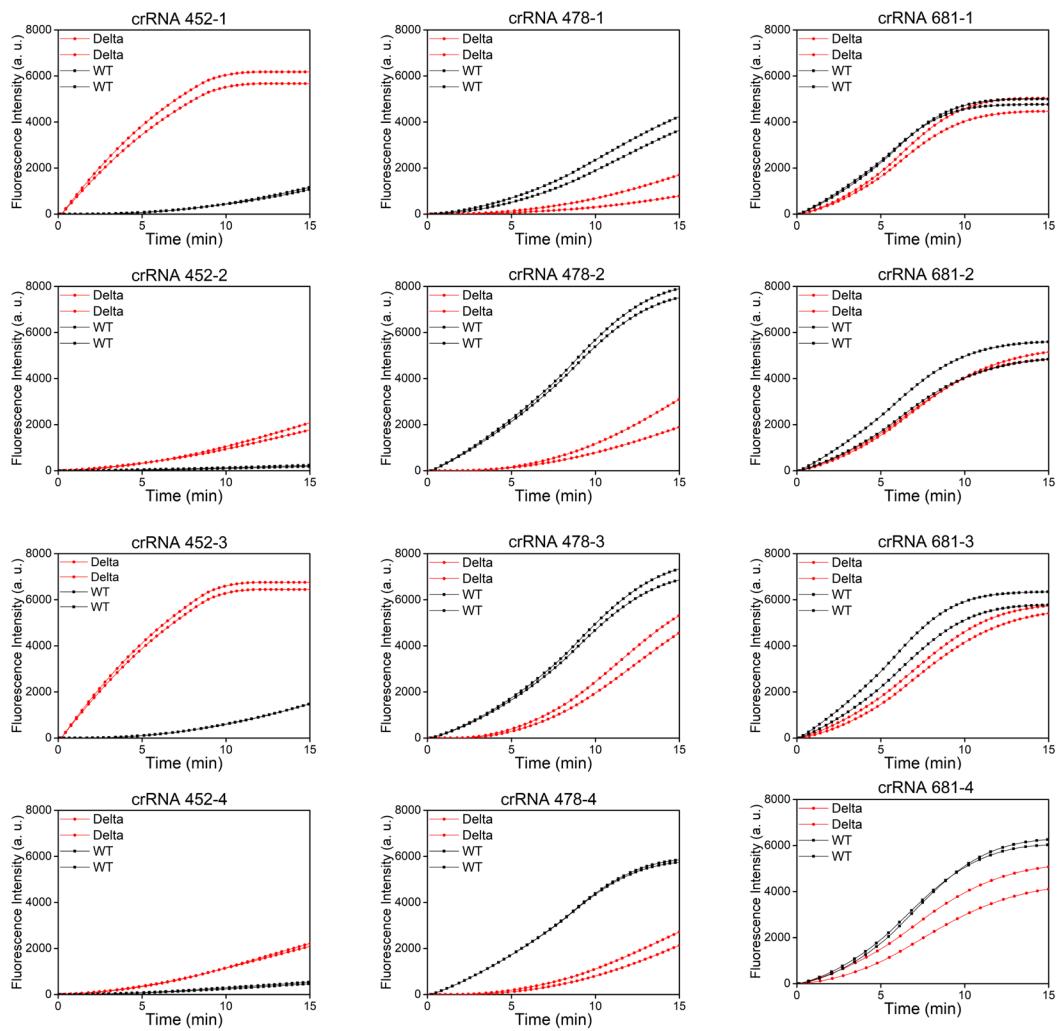
The CRISPR-Cas12a reaction reagents were preloaded in the outer chamber of the chip, which contained 0.5  $\mu$ L LbCas12a nuclease (5 $\mu$ M), 0.5  $\mu$ L crRNA (5  $\mu$ M), 0.5  $\mu$ L ssDNA reporter (5'-FAM-TTTTTTT-BHQ1-

3', 5  $\mu$ M), 0.5  $\mu$ L tolo buffer (10x), 0.5  $\mu$ L 0.5% (w/w) trehalose. After vacuum drying for 15 min at 37 °C, the side of outer chamber was sealed. Then, a 30  $\mu$ L PCR reaction mixture was added to the inner chamber and

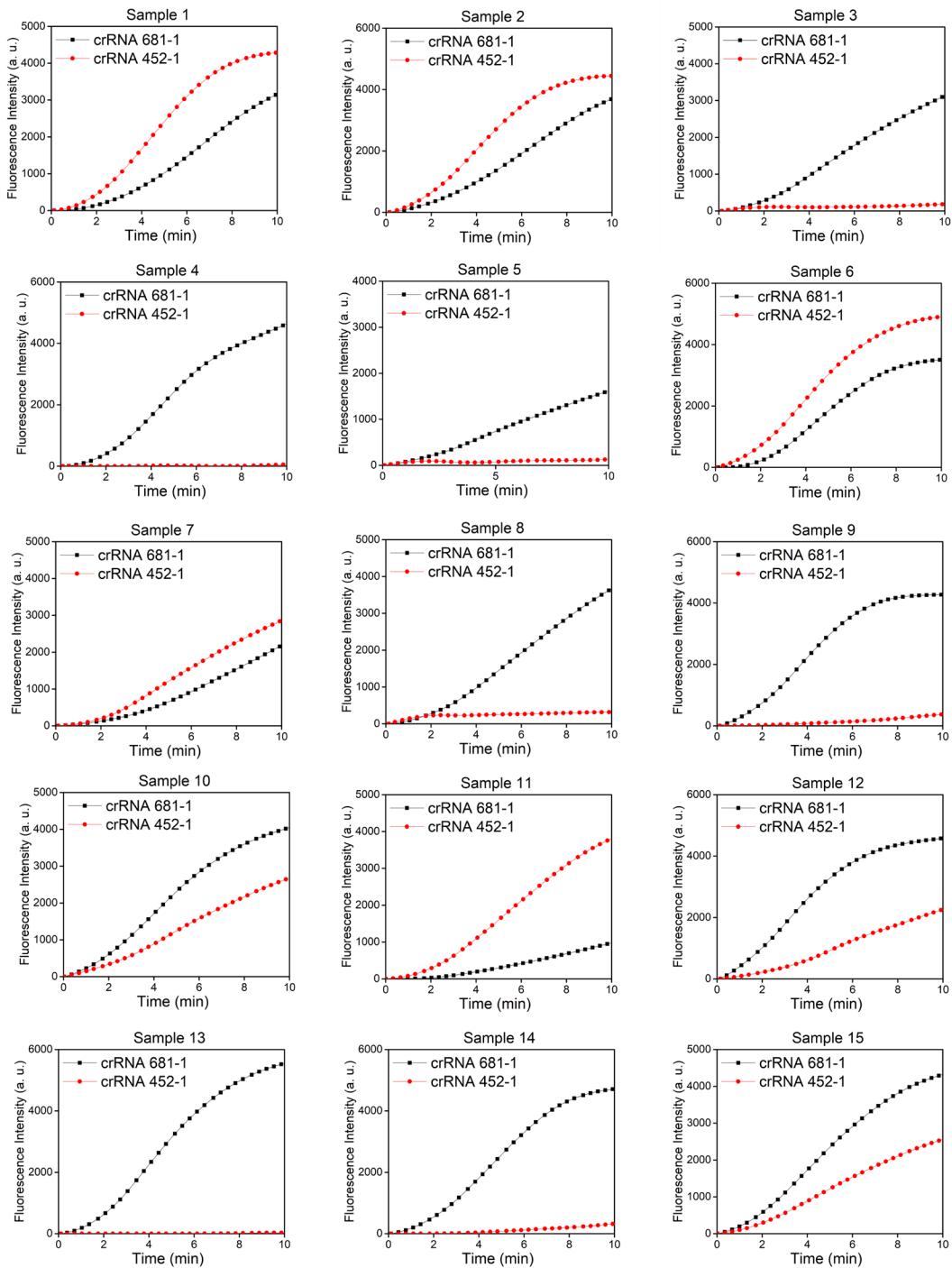
the chip was sealed (Fig. S1). After that, the chip was put into the detection equipment, followed by low-speed rotation once at 2500 rpm for 5s and high-speed rotation once at 4600 rpm for 20 s. The PCR samples were allocated equally to outer chambers, where the CRISPR-Cas12a reaction occurred at 37 °C. The incubation time was set for 10 min. Real time fluorescence signals can be read directly from the screen of the detection equipment.



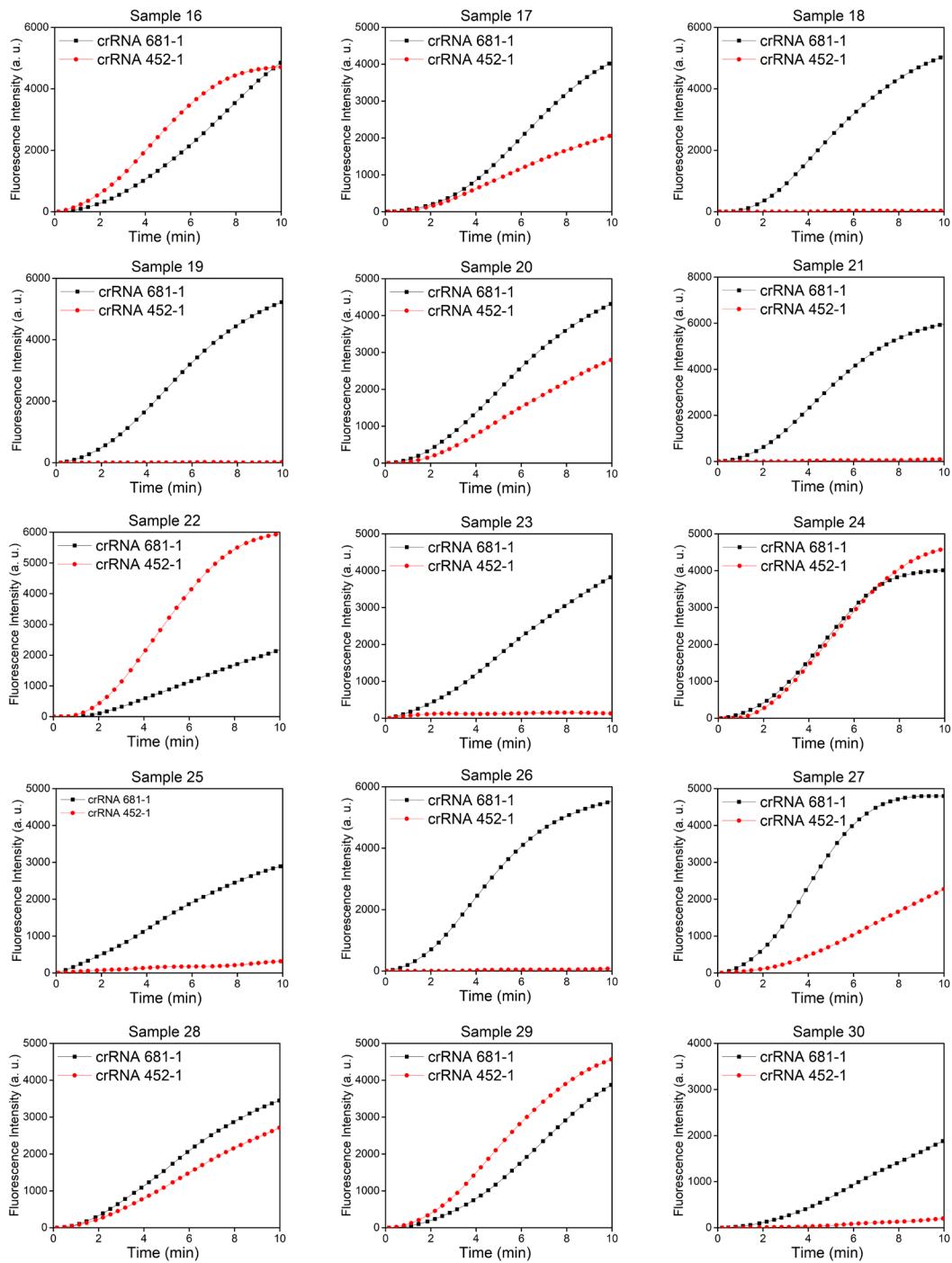
**Fig. S1** The picture of the microfluidic chip in this work.



**Fig. S2** The screening results of crRNAs.



**Fig. S3** The real time fluorescence signals of clinical samples by Cas12a-Microfluidic system (sample 1 to sample 15).



**Fig. S4** The real time fluorescence signals of clinical samples (sample 16 to sample 30).