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Monitoring SARS-CoV-2 in sewage: Toward sentinels with analytical accuracy

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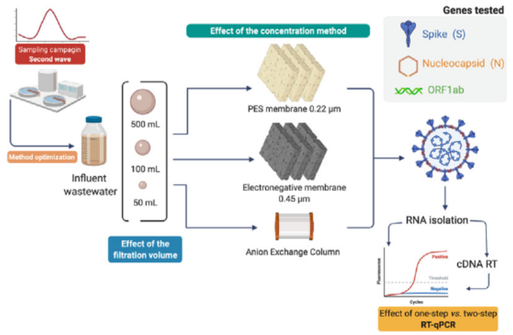
HIGHLIGHTS

- Higher volumes of influent wastewater filtered displayed uniform viral gene quantification, especially when low incidence values were reported.
- Electronegative membranes were optimal and cheap for the concentration of SARS-CoV-2 from pre-settled influent wastewater.
- Employing a two-step RT-qPCR method enhances the resolution for low viral loads samples.
- Column-based RNA purification without multiple purification steps outperformed magnetic beads throughout the sampling campaign.

GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT



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