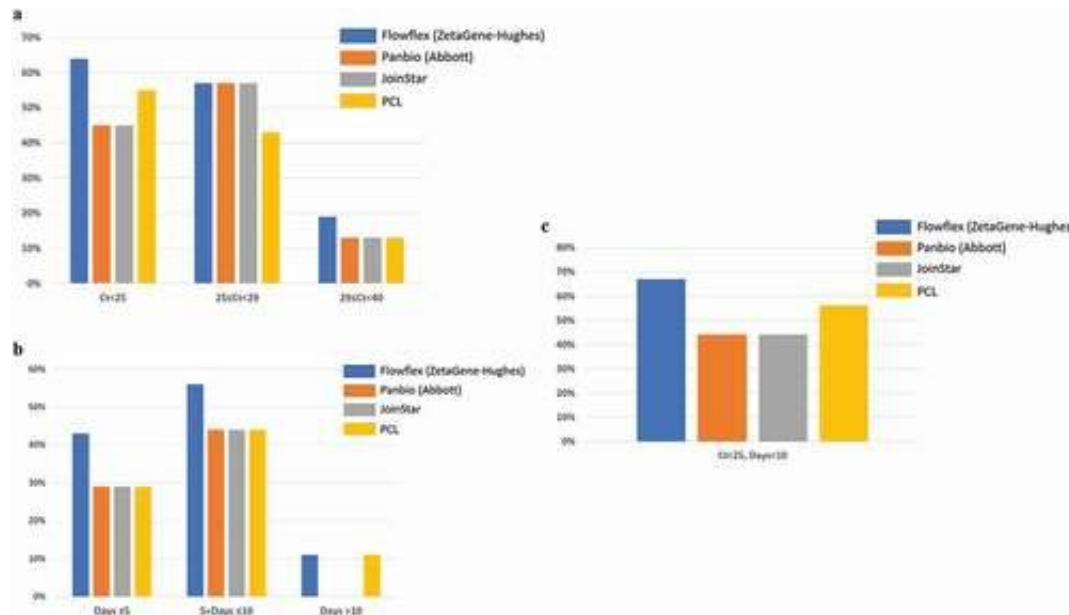


# Rapid COVID-19 tests using saliva could be easier alternatives

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Positive detection rate of SARS-CoV-2 in saliva samples by four SARS-CoV-2 rapid antigen tests: Flowflex (Flowflex SARS-CoV-2 rapid antigen test, ZetaGene-Hughes healthcare, Sweden/UK; blue bars), Panbio (Panbio COVID-19 ag rapid test, Abbott, UK; Orange bars), Joinstar (Joinstar COVID-19 antigen rapid test, China; grey bars), PCL (PCL COVID-19 ag antigen gold saliva lateral flow test, Korea; yellow bars). Saliva specimens were collected from patients with confirmed COVID-19 ( $n = 44$ ), and 34 samples were above the threshold of detection by RT-PCR ( $Ct$

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