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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Efficacy of BODE disinfectants against nCoV-2019, a newly emerged coronavirus, responsible for the Wuhan pneumonia outbreak, Wuhan, China

The so far unknown virus nCoV-2019 which is responsible for the 2019 emerged "Wuhan pneumonia outbreak" belongs to the *Coronaviruses* within the family *Coronaviridae*. They belong to the enveloped viruses and cause gastrointestinal infections, respiratory infections, such as bronchitis or colds, but severe acute respiratory syndrome as well. The latter includes representatives like SARS-CoV (**S**evere **A**cute **R**espiratory **S**yndrome Coronavirus) and MERS-CoV (**M**iddle **E**ast **R**espiratory **S**yndrome Coronavirus)

Transmission mainly occurs via droplets or contact infection.

Recommended spectrum of antimicrobial activity

For the inactivation of coronaviruses such as SARS-CoV, MERS-CoV and the unknown nCoV-2019, disinfectants that are effective against enveloped viruses should be used.

BODE disinfectants for hands (Sterillium® range), skin (Cutasept® range), surface (Bacillo® range, Kohrsolin® range, Mikrobac® range, Dismozon® range) and instruments (Bomix® plus, Korsolex® range) fulfil the requirements of efficacy against enveloped viruses and can be used. Due to the diverging purposes of use, the recommended contact times must be considered.

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