

Table 1. SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern (VOC) as designated by WHO.

WHO label	Country of 1st detection	Earliest documented samples	Pango lineage
Apha (α)	UK	Sept. 2020	B.1.1.7
Beta (β)	S. Africa	May 2020	B.1.351
Gamma (γ)	Brazil	Nov. 2020	P.1
Delta (δ)	India	Oct. 2020	B.1.617.2
Omicron (\omicron)	Botswana, S. Africa, multiple countries	Nov. 2021	B.1.1.529, B.1.1.529.1 B.1.1.529.2 B.1.1.529.3