

Biomoneta's ZeBox effective against airborne SARS-CoV-2

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Recent studies conducted at the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru (IISc) show that the ZeBox, an innovative air decontamination technology developed by the Bengaluru-based healthcare startup Biomoneta, can eliminate airborne SARS-CoV-2 virus with 99.9999 per cent efficiency.

The DBT-BIRAC funded study used, aerosolised coronavirus and not a surrogate or immobilised virus, providing a robust validation for its elimination from the air.

The technology is effective against pathogens notorious for causing secondary infections in hospitals, including bacteria such as *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, fungi such as *Candida*, and viruses such as H1N1 which causes influenza. ZeBox's activity against *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, the pathogen causing TB, is noteworthy.

Janani Venkatraman, Co-founder and CEO, Biomoneta adds, "Post COVID, there is a realisation that air treatment needs microbe-specific standards. The methods used to disinfect air even in state-of-the-art medical environments focus on particulate matter removal as a surrogate for microbial decontamination. Our medical and surgical procedures have evolved significantly, we aspire to bring air sterilization to the same level."