



# Epidemiologic Parameters for COVID-19: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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## Abstract

**Background:** The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak to be a public health emergency and international concern and recognized it as a pandemic. This study aimed to estimate the epidemiologic parameters of the COVID-19 pandemic for clinical and epidemiological help.

**Methods:** In this systematic review and meta-analysis study, 4 electronic databases, including Web of Science, PubMed, Scopus, and Google Scholar were searched for the literature published from early December 2019 up to 23 March 2020. After screening, we selected 76 articles based on epidemiological parameters, including basic reproduction number, serial interval, incubation period, doubling time, growth rate, case-fatality rate, and the onset of symptom to hospitalization as eligibility criteria. For the estimation of overall pooled epidemiologic parameters, fixed and random effect models with 95% CI were used based on the value of between-study heterogeneity (I<sup>2</sup>).

**Results:** A total of 76 observational studies were included in the analysis. The pooled estimate for R<sub>0</sub> was 2.99 (95% CI, 2.71-3.27) for COVID-19. The overall R<sub>0</sub> was 3.23, 1.19, 3.6, and 2.35 for China, Singapore, Iran, and Japan, respectively. The overall serial interval, doubling time, and incubation period were 4.45 (95% CI, 4.03-4.87), 4.14 (95% CI, 2.67-5.62), and 4.24 (95% CI, 3.03-5.44) days for COVID-19. In addition, the overall estimation for the growth rate and the case fatality rate for COVID-19 was 0.38% and 3.29%, respectively.

**Conclusion:** The epidemiological characteristics of COVID-19 as an emerging disease may be revealed by computing the pooled estimate of the epidemiological parameters, opening the door for health policymakers to consider additional control measures.

**Keywords:** epidemiologic parameters, R<sub>0</sub>; serial interval, doubling time, case fatality rate

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## Introduction

Coronaviruses are a group of RNA viruses that cause diseases among humans and animals (1). The latest of

coronavirus types as a novel coronavirus that was named severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-

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### ↑What is “already known” in this topic:

COVID-19 is a highly contagious disease that has spread significantly worldwide. Numerous strategies and parameter values have been documented in the reports from various countries on the epidemiological characteristics of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### →What this article adds:

The results of this study showed that the pooled estimate for R<sub>0</sub> was 2.99 for COVID-19. The overall R<sub>0</sub> was 3.23, 1.19, 3.6, and 2.35 for China, Singapore, Iran, and Japan, respectively. The overall serial interval, doubling time, incubation period, growth rate, and case fatality rate (CFR) were 2.99, 4.45, 4.14, 4.24 days, 0.38%, and 3.29%, for COVID-19, respectively.

Cov2) or COVID-19 occurred in Wuhan, China, in December 2019 with a human outbreak (2).

The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the outbreak to be a public health emergency and international concern and recognized it as a pandemic on March 11, 2020 (3). COVID-19 has spread widely in the world and is prevalent in different countries such as China, Italy, United States, France, Spain, Iran, and Germany, with 2,833,697 cases and 197,354 deaths and 807,469 recovered until April 24 2020 worldwide (4). The main rout of transmission of COVID-19 is based on human-to-human transmission via either respiratory droplets, saliva, or close contacts with infected people or aerosol generation procedures during the clinical care of COVID-19 patients (5).

Most COVID-19 infected people (80.9%) are with mild to moderate respiratory syndromes, old people or patients with underlying diseases such as diabetes, cardiovascular disease, cancer, immune deficiency, and respiratory diseases are more at risk to develop the severe (13.8%) and critical (4.7%) form of the disease (6, 7).

Knowledge regarding epidemiological characteristics and parameters of the infectious diseases such as incubation period (time from exposure to the agent until the first symptoms develop), serial interval (duration between symptom onset of a primary case and symptom onset of its secondary cases), basic reproduction number ( $R_0$ ) (the transmission potential of a disease), and other epidemiologic parameters is important for modelling and estimating epidemic trends and also implementing and evaluating preventive procedures (8-11).

With regard to COVID-19 pandemic parameters, there are many reports from different countries in the world. For example, about 25.6% to 51.7% of patients have been reported to be asymptomatic or with mild symptoms (12) and 25% to 30% of them have been admitted to the intensive care unit for medical care (13). The case-fatality rate was reported in China and other countries among old patients to be 6% (range: 4%-11%) and 2.3% in all ages (13, 14). Furthermore, the median incubation period was reported as 5 to 6 days (2-14 ranges) from the WHO, while in China the incubation period was reported up to 24 days (15, 16). Also, according to different mathematical models,  $R_0$  was reported about 6.47 (range, 1.66-10) in China, 2.6 in South Korea, and 4.7 in Iran (17-19).

Thus, according to the reports from different countries about epidemiological characteristics of the COVID-19 pandemic, different methods and values of parameters have been observed. Thus, to estimate and forecast the spread of the disease efficiently, we need acceptable and real values for each parameter. The present study was conducted to provide a systematic assessment and estimation of parameters related to COVID-19. This evaluation will help researchers with better prediction and estimation of current epidemic trends.

## Methods

This is a systematic review and meta-analysis to determine the epidemiologic parameters for COVID-19.

## Search Strategy

To find relevant studies, a comprehensive literature search of the Web of Science, Medline (PubMed), Scopus, and Google Scholar was performed for observational studies published electronically from early December 2019 up to 23 March 2020.

Two researchers independently searched studies. In the search strategy, English keywords (MeSH terms) and probable combination of them were used. Epidemiologic parameters in infectious diseases are combination of some specific keywords and definitions such as basic reproduction number ( $R_0$ ), serial interval, incubation period, doubling time, growth rate, case-fatality rate, mortality rate, and onset of symptom to hospitalization. These keywords with the Boolean operators ('OR' and 'AND') were combined in search process.

The terms of search strategies were according to the following keywords: ("novel coronavirus" OR "2019-nCov" OR "COVID-19" OR "SARS-CoV-2") AND ("basic reproduction number" OR "basic reproductive rate" OR "case fatality rate" OR "case fatality ratio" OR "mortality rate" OR "doubling time" OR "growth rate" OR "incubation period" OR "onset of symptom to hospitalization"). Moreover, for comprehensive assessment of available evidences, grey literatures such as web-based nonpeer review studies were searched in this topic as well.

## Study Selection

We included studies in accordance with the PRISMA guidelines and standard meta-analysis methods. All of the extracted articles were screened independently by 2 researchers. The abstracts and full texts of the articles were reviewed, duplicate studies were excluded, and relevant articles were selected for data extraction.

## Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria

The COVID-19 epidemiologic parameters of interest were provided by all epidemiological study designs (observational studies), including peer-reviewed and nonpeer-reviewed articles. In addition, irrelevant studies, letters, news, and studies that did not report epidemiologic parameters were excluded.

## Screening and Data Extraction

All articles were reviewed independently by 4 researchers and information was extracted using a designed checklist (Appendix 1). Extracted items were the first author, year and month of publication, duration of the study, location of the study, type of parameters, point estimate, or mean/median and its confidence interval for epidemiological parameters, and the review status of articles (peer-reviewed or not).

## Quality Assessment of Studies

To assess the quality of the included peer-reviewed and nonpeer-reviewed articles, 2 authors separately assessed the quality of the studies using the STROBE (Strengthening the Reporting of Observational Studies in Epidemiology) checklist as a scale for assessing the quality of observational studies. The STROBE includes 22 questions

about methodology, aim of study, study design, and frame of original article. Finally, we scored the quality of the study as high if its rating was at least 70% (score of 16 out of 22), medium if its rating was at least 55% (12 out of 22), and poor if its rating was less than 55% (lower 12 out of 22). After that, studies with high and medium quality were included in the analysis. Given that there is a possibility of error in nonpeer review studies, we have analyzed this group of studies separately, regardless of the quality score of these studies.

### Statistical Analysis

The “Metan” command was used to apply a fixed or random effects model based on Cochran’s Q-test results or a large Higgins and Thompson’s  $I^2$  value. Forest plots were used for graphical description of the results. Cumulative meta-analysis was used to examine the  $R_0$  trend during different months. However, due to the small number of months in this study, this part was removed from the analysis and results.

In studies that mortality rate was reported, because the denominator was confirmed cases, it was considered a CFR. In addition, for studies that reported the median and interquartile range (IQR), the median was considered equivalent to the mean and the IQR was converted to standard deviation using the “IQR/1.35” formula. Finally, publication bias was examined using the Begg and Egger test. Stata 14 was used for all statistical analyses. Statistical significance was set at  $P < 0.05$ .

## Results

Having assessed the quality of relevant studies, 76 observational studies up to March 23, 2020, were included in this study (Fig. 1). The majority of studies were done in Wuhan, China. Detailed information of the eligible studies and their characteristics are presented in Appendix 1 (12, 17, 18, 20-92).

### - The Overall Basic Reproductive Number ( $R_0$ ) by Coun-

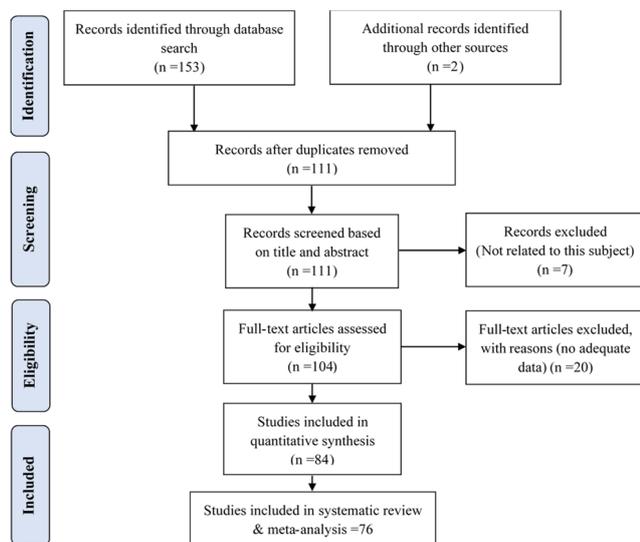


Fig. 1. Flow diagram of the study selection process including publications for the epidemiologic parameters for COVID-19

### try and Peer Review Status

**Total:** The overall  $R_0$  was 2.99 (95% CI, 2.71-3.27) for COVID-19 (Table 1).

**Country:** The overall  $R_0$  was 3.23, 1.19, 3.6, and 2.35 for China, Singapore, Iran, and Japan, respectively (Table 1).

**Peer Review Status:** The overall  $R_0$  was 2.75 and 3.08 for peer-reviewed and nonpeer-reviewed articles, respectively (Table 1).

### - Overall Serial Interval (SI) by Country and Peer Review Status

**Total:** The overall SI was 4.45 days (95% CI, 4.03-4.87) for COVID-19.

**Country:** Using the random effect model, the overall SI was 4.46 and 4.64 days for China and Singapore, respectively (Fig. 2).

**Peer Review Status:** The overall SI was 5.3 and 4.39 days for peer-reviewed and nonpeer-reviewed articles, respectively (Fig. 3).

### - Overall Doubling Time by Peer-review Status

**Total:** The overall doubling time was 4.14 days (95% CI, 2.67-5.62) for COVID-19.

**Peer-review Status:** The overall doubling time was 3.33 and 4.64 days for peer-reviewed and non-peer reviewed articles, respectively (Fig. 4).

### - Overall Incubation Period by Peer-review Status

**Total:** The overall incubation period was 4.24 days (95% CI, 3.03-5.44) for COVID-19.

**Peer-review Status:** The overall incubation period was 4.03 and 5.82 days for peer-reviewed and nonpeer-reviewed articles, respectively (Table 1).

### - Overall Estimation for Other Epidemiologic Parameters

The overall estimation for the growth rate and the case fatality rate for COVID-19 was 0.38% and 3.29%, respec-

Table 1. Overall Estimation of Epidemiologic Parameters for COVID-19

Parameters		No. of studies	Estimate	95% CI	P for Heterogeneity	I <sup>2</sup> (%)
Basic Reproductive Number (R <sub>0</sub> )	Overall	69	2.99	2.71-3.27	<0.001	99.3
	Korea	1	2.6	2.5-2.7	-	-
	China	57	3.23	2.92-3.55	<0.001	99.1
	Singapore	6	1.19	1.07-1.3	<0.001	82.2
	Iran	2	3.6 <sup>a</sup>	3.1-4.09	0.99	-
	Japan	3	2.35	2.1-2.6	0.007	80.1
	Peer Review	13	2.75	2.25-3.24	<0.001	99.4
	Not Peer Review	56	3.08	2.73-3.43	<0.001	99.3
	Growth Rate (%)	Overall	5	0.38	0.2-0.55	<0.001
Symptom onset to Hospitalization (day)	Overall	6	5.09	2.15-8.02	0.03	53
Incubation Period (day)	Overall	22	4.24	3.03-5.44	0.02	35
	Peer Review	18	4.03	2.72-5.33	0.01	41
	Non Peer Review	4	5.82 <sup>a</sup>	2.91-8.74	0.76	16

<sup>a</sup>Fixed effect model

tively (Table 1 & Fig. 5). In addition, the overall time from symptom onset to hospitalization was 5.09 days for COVID-19 (Table 1).

**- Trend of R<sub>0</sub> for COVID-19**

Based on the cumulative meta-analysis, the trend of R<sub>0</sub> had been increasing at first and, then, decreasing in March.

**- Assessment of Publication Bias**

The Begg and/or Egger tests indicated no publication bias in the parameters of R<sub>0</sub>, serial interval, doubling time,

and incubation period (P > 0.05).

**Discussion**

In this secondary analysis, we aimed to calculate the pooled estimate of some epidemiological parameters of COVID-19; namely, basic reproductive number (R<sub>0</sub>), serial interval, doubling time, incubation period, growth rate, CFR, and time from symptom onset to hospitalization. Overall, the estimates were 2.99, 4.45 days, 4.14 days, 4.24 days, 0.38%, 3.29%, and 5.09 days in the same order. The pooled estimated values may differ from the pooled reported values from other studies. This variation is ex-

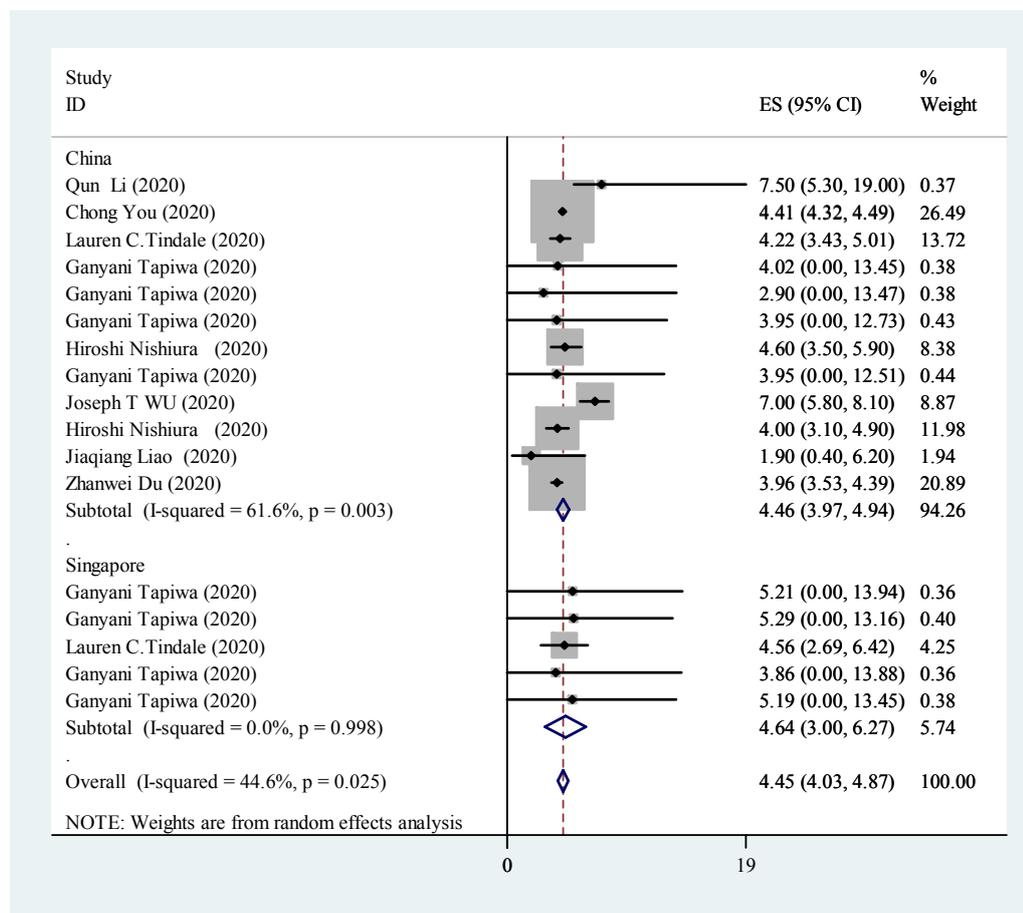


Fig. 2. Overall serial interval (SI) for COVID-19 by country

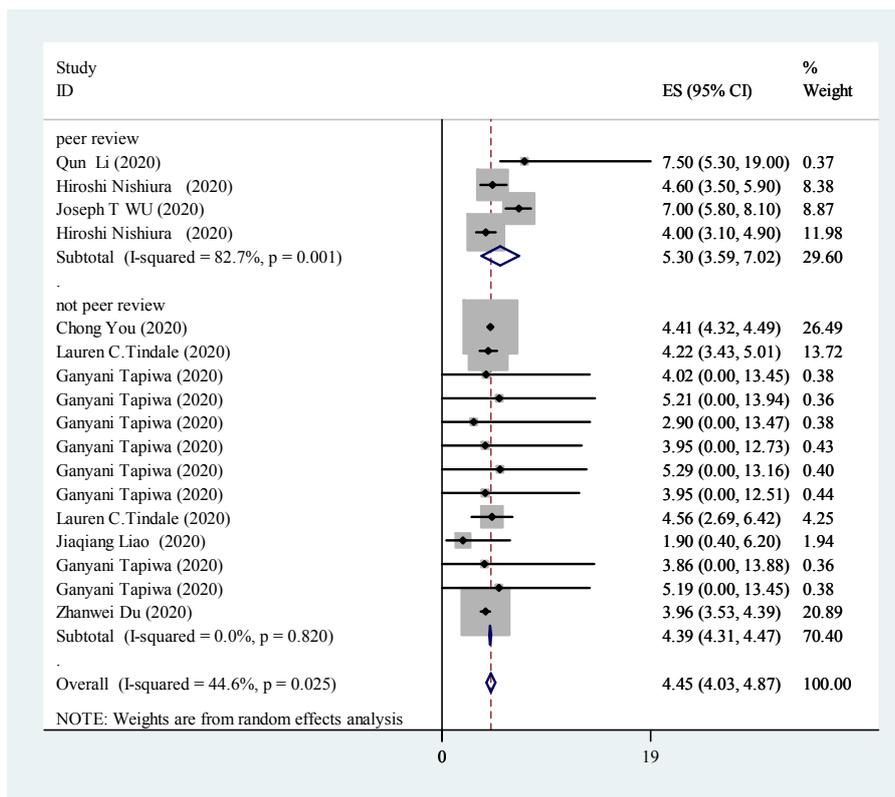


Fig. 3. Overall serial interval (SI) for COVID-19 by peer review status

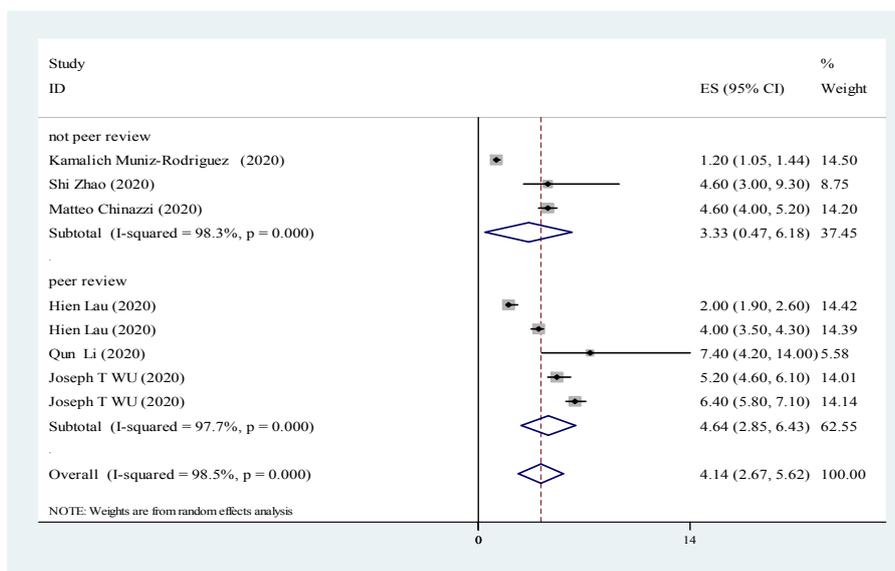


Fig. 4. Overall doubling time for COVID-19 by peer review status

pected because factors such as place of sampling, the sample size, surveillance system, and quality of reported data from countries in emergency condition, and type of data analysis may affect these values. For example,  $R_0$  variations to some extent might be due to different methods calculations, including exponential growth method, maximum likelihood, and Bayesian time-dependent method (93-95). The pooled estimated  $R_0$  in this study was nearly accordant with the pooled estimation found by Al-mohamadi et al in 2020. ( $R_0 = 3.32$  (95% CI, 2.81 to 3.82) (96).

According to our results, the pooled estimate of CFR 3.29% (95% CI, 2.78-3.81) is lower than SARS-CoV (97) and MERS-CoV (98). Health control policies, medical standard, and detection rate could affect CFR (35). Moreover, the CFR estimate in the early phase of the epidemic might be biased (overestimated). Usually in the early phase, some subclinical cases and patients with mild symptoms may not be detected (detection bias) (99, 100).

The pooled estimate of incubation period in 22 studies was 4.24 days (95% CI, 3.03, 5.44), while in a study of Jie Li et al the pooled mean incubation period in 7 studies

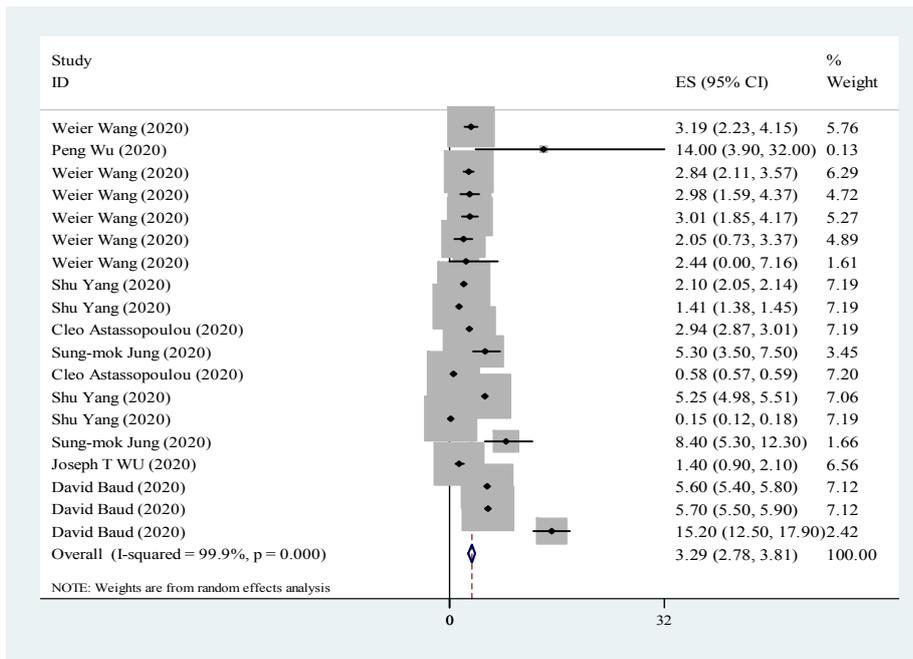


Fig. 5. Overall case fatality rate (CRF) for COVID-19

was 5.3 days (95% CI, 4.5-6.0) (101). A valid and precise estimate of incubation period has a pivotal role for duration of quarantine (50). Indeed, understanding the incubation period is beneficial for surveillance and control methods, as well as modeling and monitoring operations (102).

Our estimate for overall doubling time—time for a given quantity to double in size or number at a constant growth rate—was 4.14 days (95% CI, 2.67, 5.62). This estimation was in accordance with the study of Zhang et al in 2020 (103). The doubling time has an important implication for predicting epidemic. Generally, social distancing, quarantine, and active surveillance are needed to reduce transmission and extend the doubling time (104). Moreover, the authors tried to estimate pooled measures for the growth rate and the serial interval. These 2 epidemiological parameters are used to estimate the reproduction number (105). In this study, the serial interval was calculated as 4.45 (95% CI, 4.03-4.87). In addition, the pooled serial interval of COVID-19 obtained in this study was shorter than the pooled serial interval in study of Rai et al (5.19 (95% CI, 4.37, 6.02) (106).

As a limitation, all 76 studies (except for 1, Mirjam E Kretzschmar et al) (107) have been conducted in Asia, particularly in Wuhan, China. Some epidemiological parameters in Europe, Africa, and the United States could be different based on control strategies. Hence, distribution of these epidemiological parameters could be more global. Future studies to calculate more generalized pooled estimates, using studies all over the world is recommended.

**Conclusion**

The epidemiological characteristics of COVID-19 as an emerging disease may be revealed by calculating the pooled estimate of the disease's epidemiological parameters, paving the way for health policymakers to consider

additional control measures.

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**Ethical Approval**

The ethical approval is granted by the ethics committee of the school of Public Health and Neuroscience Research Center (PHNS), Shahid-Beheshti University of Medical Sciences (SBMU), Tehran, Iran (IR.SBMU.PHNS.REC.1399.009).

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**Conflict of Interests**

The authors declare that they have no competing interests.

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## Epidemiologic Parameters of COVID-19

Appendix 1. Description of eligible studies reporting the epidemiologic parameters for COVID-19

ID	Author	YOP	Mon	Start Date	End Date	Country/City	N	Explanation	Parameter	Point Est	LCI	UCI	Unit	Mean	SD	Median	IQR	Q1-Q3
1	Kaiyuan Sun(20)	2020	Feb	13-Jan	31-Jan	China	507		Onset of symptom to hospitalization				day			2		0-5
									Incubation period				day			4.5		3-5.5
2	Biao Tang(17)	2020	Feb	31-Dec	15-Jan	China-Wuhan	11081		$R_0$	2.5-2.8								
									Incubation period				day	7	1.7			
									Generation time	6.47	5.71	7.23						
3	Biao Tang(18)	2020	Mar	10-Jan	23-Jan	Mainland-China			Serial interval				day	5	3			
									reported	Cumulative confirmed cases	80651			count				
									predicted	Cumulative confirmed cases	600000			count				
									Initial $R_0$ (mainland-china)	$R_0$	3.8	3.5	4.2					
									Initial $R_0$ (Guangdong)	$R_0$	3	2.6	3.3					
									Initial $R_0$ (south Korea)	$R_0$	2.6	2.5	2.7					
4	Sany Tang(21)	2020	Feb	10-Jan	15-Feb	Shaanxi-China			Illness onset to medical visit				day			3.43		
									Importation to illness onset of disease				day			2.38		
									Medical visit to confirmation				day			3.05		
									longest	Incubation period	19			day				
										Serial interval				day	7.4	3.4		
5	Amna Tariq(22)	2020	Mar	23-Jan	05-Mar	Singapore			$R_0$					1.48	0.98			
									Generation time				day	4.41	3.17			
									per day	Number of new cases	2.5			count				
										Reporting delay	7.6	6.6	8.5	day				
										Cumulative case	294.4	101.1	1239.7	count				
										Effective R	0.9	0.7	1					
										$R_0$	0.7	0.5	1					
6	Sijia Tian(23)	2020	Feb	20-Jan	10-Feb	Beijing-China	262		Dispersion parameter	0.4	0.1	inf	count					
									Incubation period				day			6.7		
									Contact to illness onset				day	6.7	5.2			
									Illness onset to medical visit				day	4.5	3.7			
									Days from visit hospital to define				day	2.1	1.9			
									Percentage of hospitalization	81.7			%					
									Percentage of discharge	17.2			%					
	0.9			%														

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7	Lauren C.Tindale(24)	2020	Mar	19-Jan	26-Feb	Singapore	93		Incubation period	7.1	6.1	8.3	day								
									Serial interval	4.56	2.69	6.42	day								
									$R_0$	1.97	1.45	2.48									
									percentage of discharge	66.7			%								
									Exposure to onset of symptoms				day	6.6	4.8						
									Hospitalization after symptom onset				day	5.9	5.1						
									Length of hospitalization				day	13.3	6						
				21-Jan	26-Feb	Tianjin-China	135		Pre-symptomatic transmission				day	2.55							
									Growth rate	0.15			count								
									Doubling time	6.6			day								
									Incubation period	9	7.92	10.2	day								
									Serial interval	4.22	3.43	5.01	day								
									$R_0$	1.87	1.65	2.09									
									Exposure to onset of symptoms				day	5.4	4.5						
Percentage of discharge	48.1			%																	
Confirmed after symptom onset				day	5.2	4.2															
Pre-symptomatic transmission				day	2.89																
Percentage of deaths	2.2			%																	
8	Ashleigh R. Tuite(25)	2020	Feb	18-Nov	24-Feb	China/Wuhan			$R_0$	2.3											
									Serial interval	7			day								
9	Dawei Wang(26)	2020	Feb	01-Jan	28-Jan	China/Wuhan	138		Onset of symptoms to hospitalization				day			7		4-8			
									Onset of dyspnea				day			5		1-10			
									Onset of ARDS				day			8		6-12			
									Onset of symptom to ICU admission				day			10		6-12			
									Percentage of hospitalization	12.3			%								
									Admitted to the ICU	26			%								
Hospital admission to ICU admission				day			1		0-3												
10	Wang Meng(27)	2020	Mar	19-Mar	21-Mar	China (excluding Hubei)		predicted	$R_0$					2.82	0.11						
									Cumulative case				count	14408	429						

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11	Wang Wenbao(28)	2020	Mar	14-Jan	23-Jan	China (8 provinces)		per 10000	Incidence rate	34	25.3	42.9	count					
									Cumulative case	5586	4156	7048	count					
									R <sub>0</sub>	3.38	3.25	3.48						
									Incubation period				day					
									Case fatality rate <sup>5</sup>	3.06			%					
12	Wang Ying(29)	2020	Mar	15-Dec	29-Feb	China/ Wuhan			R <sub>0</sub>	3.49	3.42	3.58						
									R <sub>0</sub>	2.95	2.86	3.03						
13	Joseph T Wu(30)	2020	Mar	15-Dec	29-Feb	Mainland-China			Case fatality rate	1.4	0.9*	2.1*	%					
									Fatality rate	11			%					
									Cumulative cases	79394			count					
									R <sub>0</sub>	1.94	1.83*	2.06*						
									Serial interval	7	5.8*	8.1*	day					
									Illness onset to death				day	20	10			
									Doubling time	5.2	4.6*	6.1*	day					
14	Joseph T Wu(31)	2020	Jan	31-Dec	28-Jan	China/ Wuhan			Doubling time	6.4	5.8*	7.1*	day					
									Cumulative cases	75815	37304*	130330*	count					
									R <sub>0</sub>	2.68	2.47*	2.86*						
15	Peng Wu(32)	2020	Jan	10-Jan	21-Jan	China/ Wuhan	136		Fatality rate	14	3.9	32	%					
									R <sub>0</sub>	0.3	0.17	0.44						
16	Tianmin Xu(33)	2020	Mar	23-Jan	18-Feb	Changzou-China	15		Incubation period				day			8		4-10
									Incubation period				day			8		4-11
									Incubation period				day			12		9-14
17	Xiao-Wei Xu(34)	2020	Feb	10-Jan	26-Jan	Zhejiang-China	62		Incubation period				day			4		3-5
									Onset of symptoms to hospitalization				day			2		1-4
									Percentage of discharge	2			%					
									Admitted to ICU	2			%					
									Death	0			%					
									Onset of ARDS	2			%					
18	Shu Yang(35)	2020	Feb	10-Jan	03-Feb	whole mainland China	32020		Case fatality rate	2.1	2.05	2.14	%					
						mainland China excluding Hubei			Case fatality rate	0.15	0.12	0.18	%					
						Hubei excluding Wuhan			Case fatality rate	1.41	1.38	1.45	%					
						Wuhan			Case fatality rate	5.25	4.98	5.51	%					

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19	Chong You(36)	2020	Feb	19-Jan	05-Feb	China	5405		Serial interval				day	4.41	3.17	4		2-6				
					Infectious period						day	10.91	3.95	11		8-13						
				21-Jan	28-Jan	China		SIR method	R <sub>0</sub>	5.4	4.5	6.2										
				29-Jan	05-Feb				R <sub>0</sub>	2.3	2.1	2.5										
				21-Jan	28-Jan	Hubei		R <sub>0</sub>	5.5	4.2	6.8											
				29-Jan	05-Feb			R <sub>0</sub>	2.8	2.5	3.1											
				21-Jan	28-Jan	Other		R <sub>0</sub>	5.1	3.9	6.3											
				29-Jan	05-Feb			R <sub>0</sub>	1.2	1.1	1.4											
				21-Jan	28-Jan	Beijing		R <sub>0</sub>	2.3	1.1	3.8											
				29-Jan	05-Feb			R <sub>0</sub>	2.1	1	3.3											
				21-Jan	28-Jan	Shanghai		R <sub>0</sub>	2.4	1	3.8											
				29-Jan	05-Feb			R <sub>0</sub>	1.2	0.7	2											
				21-Jan	28-Jan	Guangdong		R <sub>0</sub>	3.7	2.7	4.9											
				29-Jan	05-Feb			R <sub>0</sub>	1.2	0.8	1.8											
				21-Jan	28-Jan	Zhejiang		R <sub>0</sub>	5	3.3	7											
				29-Jan	05-Feb			R <sub>0</sub>	1	0.4	1.7											
				21-Jan	28-Jan	Hun		R <sub>0</sub>	5.3	4.3	7											
				29-Jan	05-Feb			R <sub>0</sub>	1.3	1	1.8											
21-Jan	28-Jan	Hen	R <sub>0</sub>	6.4	3.5	10.2																
29-Jan	05-Feb		R <sub>0</sub>	1.5	1.1	2																
20	Jasper Fuk-Woo Chan(37)	2020	Jan	10-Jan	15-Jan	China/ Wuhan	6		Onset of symptom to sample collection	7			day									
									Onset of symptom to sample collection	6			day									
									Onset of symptom to sample collection	9			day									
									Onset of symptom to sample collection	10			day									
									Onset of symptom to sample collection	7			day									
									Onset of symptom to hospitalization	7			day									
									Onset of symptom to hospitalization	6			day									
									Onset of symptom to hospitalization	9			day									
									Onset of symptom to hospitalization	10			day									
									Onset of symptom to hospitalization	7			day									

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21	Choujun Zhan(38)	2020	Mar	19-Feb	06-Mar	South Korea			Confirmed cases	7313			count													
						Italy			Confirmed cases	5883			count													
						Iran			Confirmed cases	5823			count													
						Iran			Infected cases				count	14450	6244											
						Tehran			Infected cases				count	2498	566											
						Zanjan			Infected cases				count	1695	92											
						Lombardi-Italy			Infected cases				count	4784	788											
						Emelia Romagna-Italy			Infected cases				count	1555	360											
						Daegu-South Korea			Infected cases				count	7619	2096											
						Seoul-South Korea			Infected cases				count	1287	197											
						Italy			Fatality rate	4			%													
						22			Bo Zhang(39)	2020	Feb	08-Dec	22-Jan	China/ Wuhan	1568		Infected cases	4508			count					
														$R_0$			3.6									
13-Feb	early April	China/ Wuhan	Infected cases	42073	41673		42475	count																		
			Number of deaths	2179	2088		2270	count																		
10-Jan	22-Jan	China/ Hubei	$R_0$	0.67																						
			Infected cases	7138				count																		
13-Feb	early April	China/ Hubei	$R_0$	3.4																						
			Infected cases	21342	21057		21629	count																		
			Number of deaths	633	585		683	count																		
13-Feb	early April	China excluding Hubei	$R_0$	0.59																						
			Infected cases	13384	13158	13612	count																			
			Death	107	87	128	count																			
			$R_0$	0.63																						
23	Lianglu Zhang (40)	2020	Feb	22-Jan	12-Feb	China/ Wuhan		after interven- tion	$R_0$					1.44				1.4-1.47								
									Incubation period				day	3												
24	Sheng Zhang(41)	2020	Feb	17-Feb	26-Feb	Japan (Princess ship)		maximum likelihood	$R_0$	2.28	2.06	2.52														
									Cumulative case	1514	1384	1656	count													
25	Zhanwei Du(42)	2020		21-Jan	08-Feb	China	468		Serial interval	3.96	3.53	4.39	count		4.75											
									Asymptomatic patients	12.6			%													
26	Hongxin Zhao(43)	2020	Feb	29-Jan	02-Feb	5 countries (korea, Germa- ny,France,singapore,Japan	1916		Infection rate	1.1	0.4	3.1	%													
									Infected cases	110000	40000	310000	count													
27	Shi Zhao(12)	2020	Feb	20-Jan	20-Feb	Japan (Princess ship)	634		Cumulative cases	3066	2046	3441	count													
									$R_0$	2.2	2.1	2.4														
									Dispersion parameter	44	6	88	count													
									Doubling time	4.6	3	9.3	day													
			Asymptomatic patients	25.6-51.7			%																			

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28	Shi Zhao(44)	2020	Jan	10-Jan	24-Jan	China/ Wuhan			(8-fold exp growth	R <sub>0</sub>	2.24	1.96	2.55					
									(0-fold exp growth	R <sub>0</sub>	3.58	2.89	4.39					
29	Shi Zhao(45)	2020	Feb	01-Dec	24-Jan	Mainland China	41		Under reported cases	469	403	540	count					
									R <sub>0</sub>	2.56	2.49	2.63						
30	Fei Zhou(46)	2020	Mar	29-Dec	31-Jan	China/ Wuhan (2 hospitals)	191		ICU admission	26			%					
									ICU length of stay				day			8		4-12
									Hospital length of stay				day			11		7-14
									Illness onset to hospitalization				day			11		8-14
									Illness onset to dyspnea				day			7		4-9
									Illness onset to ARDS				day			12		8-15
									Illness onset to ICU				day			12		8-15
Illness onset to Death-discharge				day			21		17-25									
31	Guopeng Zhou(47)	2020	Feb	first day	50th day	China/ Wuhan	141427709		Cumulative cases				count	2868.7	1739			
				51th day	70th day				Cumulative cases				count	52185.4	31621.4			
				71 th day	90 th day				Cumulative cases				count	913396.5	559099.9			
				first day	90thday				R <sub>0</sub>	2.2	1.4	3.9						
				31-Dec	18-Feb				Incubation period	7.5	5.3	19	day		3.4			
									ICU admission	5			%					
32	Tao Zhou(48)	2020	Feb		25-Jan	China/ Wuhan	3440		Northeastern University Reports	R <sub>0</sub>	2.8-3.3							
									People's Daily Reports	R <sub>0</sub>	3.2-3.9							
									Asymptomatic patients	5.1			%					

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33	Cleo Astassopoulou(49)	2020	12-Feb	11th of Jan	10th of Feb	Hubei/China		11-16 Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	4.8	3.35	6.27													
								11-17 Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	4.6	3.56	5.65													
								11-18 Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	5.14	4.25	6.04													
								11-19 Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	6.09	5.02	7.16													
								11-20 Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	7.09	5.84	8.35													
								Nov 16-Feb 10 (Based on the SIRD simulator)	R <sub>0</sub>	2.5															
									Case fatality rate <sup>s</sup>	2.94	2.89	3	%												
									Recovery rate	0.05	0.045	0.055													
									Recovery time	20	18	22	day												
								Forecast to Feb 29	Infection rate	0.199	0.197	0.2													
									Expected number of Infected cases	140000	70000	290000													
									Expected number of recovered population	60000	33000	95000													
								Forecast to Feb 29	Expected number of Death cases	16000	9000	29000													
								11-16 Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	4.15	2.92	5.38													
								11-17 Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	3.98	3.11	4.85													
								11-18 Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	4.39	3.67	5.11													
								11-19 Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	5.15	4.3	6.01													
								11-20 Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	6.01	4.93	7.08													
								Nov 16-Feb 10 (Based on the SIRD simulator)	R <sub>0</sub>	2.64															
Case fatality rate <sup>s</sup>	0.58	0.57	0.59	%																					
Recovery rate	0.08	0.073	0.088																						
Recovery time	12	11	13	day																					
Forecast to Feb 29	Infection rate	0.227	0.224	0.229																					
	Expected number of Infected cases	1000000	330000	2200000																					
Forecast to Feb 29	Expected number of recovered population	580000	230000	960000																					
	Expected number of Death cases	19000	7000	35000																					
34	Jantien A Backer(50)	2020	06-Feb	20-Jan	28-Jan	Wuhan, China	88	Weibull	Incubation period				day	6.4	2.3	6.4									
								Gamma	Incubation period				day	6.5	2.6	6.1									
								Lognormal	Incubation period				day	6.8	3.4	6.1									
35	David Baud(51)	2020	12-Mar		01-Mar	China	79968	China	Case fatality rate <sup>s</sup>	5.6	5.4	5.8	%												
						Outside of China	7169	Outside of China	Case fatality rate <sup>s</sup>	15.2	12.5	17.9	%												
						Global	87137	Global mortality rates	Case fatality rate <sup>s</sup>	5.7	5.5	5.9	%												
36	Zhidong Cao(52)	2020				China			Effective reproduction number		3.37	4.77		4.08	0.36										
									Fatality rate	6.5			%												
									Average infectious period	<2.3			day												

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37	Tian-Mu Chen(53)	2020	28-Feb	7 Dec, 2019	1 Jan, 2020	China			$R_0$	3.58											
38	Matteo Chinazzi(54)	2020	07-Feb			China			$R_0$	2.4	2.2	2.6									
									Doubling time measured	4.6	4.2	5.1									
									On Jan 22, 2020, the projected, no travel restrictions for Mainland China excluding Wuhan	Median number of cases	3491	1924	7360								
									On Jan 22, 2020, the projected, in Wuhan	Median number of cases	58956	40760	87471								
									Median ascertainment rate of detecting an infected				%			19.59		14.36-35.58			
39	Yi Chen Chong(55)	2020	15-Feb			China			$R_0$	4.29											

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40	Ilaria Dorigatti(56)	2020	10-Feb			China	26	China: Parametric model fitted to publicly reported number of cases and Deaths in Hubei as of 5th Feb, assuming exponential growth at rate 0.14/day	Case fatality ratio	18	11*	81*	%					
								Outside mainland China:Parametric model fitted to reported traveller cases up to 8th Feb using both Death and recovery outcomes and inferring latest possible dates of onset in traveller cases	Case fatality ratio	5.1	1.1*	38*	%					
								Outside mainland China:Parametric model fitted to reported traveller cases up to 8th Feb using only Death outcome and inferring latest possible unreported dates of onset in traveller cases	Case fatality ratio	5.6	2*	85*	%					
								Outside mainland China:Kaplan-Meier-like non-parametric model fitted to reported traveller cases up to 8th Feb using both Death and recovery outcomes	Case fatality ratio	1.2	0.9	26	%					
								all infections (asymptomatic or symptomatic): Scaling CASE FATALITY RATE estimate for Hubei for the level of infection under-ascertainment estimated from infection prevalence detected in repatriation flights, assuming infected individuals test positive for 14 days	Case fatality ratio	0.9	0.5	4	%					
								all infections (asymptomatic or symptomatic): As previous row, but assuming infected individuals test positive for 7 days	Case fatality ratio	0.8	0.4	3	%					
									Onset-to-recovery		18*	83*	day	22.2	0.45			
Onset-to-Death		18*	82*	day	22.3	0.42												

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41	Mirjam E Kretzschmar(57)	2020	Mar			Netherlands		optimistic base-line scenario	R <sub>0</sub>	2.5								
								realistic scenario	Effective reproduction number	1.4								
								realistic scenario	Exponential growth rate	0.05			%					
								optimistic base-line scenario	Exponential growth rate	0.127			%					
								optimistic base-line scenario	Doubling time	5.5			day					
								realistic scenario	Doubling time	14.4			day					
									Infectious period	10			day					
	Latent period		4	6	day													
	Incubation period		3	7.2	day	6.54	2.3											
42	Toshikazu kuniya(58)	2020	Mar	Feb	Mar	Japan		(range 2.1-5.1)	R <sub>0</sub>	2.6	2.4	2.8						
43	Alessia Lai(59)	2020	Feb	Feb	Feb	China			R <sub>0</sub>	2.6								
44	Hien Lau(60)	2020	Mar	Jan	Feb	China			Doubling time	2	1.9	2.6	day					
									Doubling time	4	3.5	4.3	day					
45	Stephen A Lauer(61)	2020	Mar	Jan	Feb	China	181		Incubation period		4.5	5.8	day			5.1		
46	Char Leung(62)	2020	Mar	Jan	Feb	China			Incubation period				day	1.7				
									Incubation period				day	7.5				
									Incubation period				day	1.8				
									Incubation period				day	7.2				
									Incubation period				day	1.7				
									Incubation period				day	7.2				
47	Qun Li(63)	2020	Jan	Dec	Jan	China	425		Incubation period		4.1	7	day	5.2				
									Doubling time	7.4	4.2	14	day					
									Serial interval		5.3	19	day	7.5				
									R <sub>0</sub>	2.2	1.4	3.9						
									Growth rate	0.1	0.05	0.16	%					
									Time from symptom onset to hospitalization	12.5	10.3	14.8	day	9.1				
48	Tao Liu(64)	2020	Jan	Dec	Jan	China	830		Time from symptom onset to isolation	2.9			day					
									Proportion of symptomatic that die	0.03			%					
									Incubation period				day	4.8				
49	Jiaqiang Liao(65)	2020	Mar	Jan	Feb	China	46		R <sub>0</sub>	2.9	2.32	3.63						
									Incubation period		4.4	9.6	day	6.6				
									Serial interval	1.9	0.4	6.2	day					

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50	Qiushi Lin(66)	2020	Feb	Dec	Jan	China			Cumulative case count	4090	3975	4206	count					
									Cumulative case count	56833	55242	58449	count					
									Latent period				day	3				
									Infectious period				day	5				
51	Natalie Linton(67)	2020	Feb	Jan	Feb	China			Time from hospitalization to Death	8.3	6.4	10.5	day					
									Time from symptom onset to Death	13.8	11.8	16	day					
									Incubation period	4.6	3.3	5.7	day					
									Incubation period	5	4.1	5.8	day					
									Time from symptom onset to hospitalization	2.7	1.6	4.1	day					
52	Tao Liu(68)	2020	Feb	Jan	Feb	China			nationwide	Doubling time	2.4			day				
									Wuhan	Doubling time	2.8			day				
									Guangdong	Doubling time	3.6			day				
									nationwide	R <sub>0</sub>	4.5	4.4	4.6					
									Wuhan	R <sub>0</sub>	4.4	4.3	4.6					
53	Kenji Mizumoto(69)	2020	Feb	Jan	Feb	China			Effective reproduction number	3.24	3.16	3.32	num					
									Proportion of symptomatic that die	0.0406			%					
									R <sub>0</sub>	7.05	6.11	8.18						
									Cumulative case count	983006	759175	1296258	count					
54	Kamalich Muniz-Rodriguez(70)	2020	Mar	Feb	Feb	Iran			R <sub>0</sub>	3.6	3.2	4.2						
									SI: mean=4.41; sd=3.17	R <sub>0</sub>	3.58	1.29	8.46					
									Doubling time	1.2	1.05	1.44	day					
									Doubling time	2.4			day					
									Growth rate	0.85	0.69	1	%					
55	Hiroshi Nishiura(71)	2020	Feb	Jan	Feb	Japan	565		Ascertainment rate	9.2	5	20	%					
									Serial interval				day	7.5				
56	Hiroshi Nishiura(72)	2020	Mar	Feb	Feb	China			Serial interval	4	3.1*	4.9*	day					
									Serial interval	4.6	3.5*	5.9*	day					
57	Ryosuke Omori(73)	2020	Mar		Feb	Japan			Ascertainment rate	0.44	0.37	0.5	%					
58	Sang Woo Park(74)	2020	Feb		Feb	China			R <sub>0</sub>	2.9	2.1	4.5						
59	Liangrong Peng(75)	2020	Feb		Feb	China			Latent period	2			day					
						Mainland			Quarantine time	6.6			day					
						Hubei			Quarantine time	7.2			day					
						Wuhan			Quarantine time	7.4			day					
						Beijing			Quarantine time	5.7			day					
						Shanghai			Quarantine time	5.6			day					

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60	Rachael Pung(76)	2020	Mar	Feb	Feb	China	36		Incubation period				day			4		3-6	
									Serial interval		3	8	day						
									Time from symptom onset to hospitalization				day			4		3-6	
61	Guo-Qing Qian(77)	2020	Mar	Feb	Feb	China	91		Incubation period				day			6		3-8	
62	Jomar F Rabajante(78)	2020	Feb		Feb	Philippine			$R_0$	2									
									Infectious period	14			day						
63	Jonathan M Read(79)	2020	Feb		Jan	China			Infectious period	3.6	3.6	3.6	day						
									$R_0$	3.8	3.6	4							
									Ascertainment rate	5.1	4.8	5.5	%						
64	Julien Riou(80)	2020	Jan	Dec	Jan	Wuhan			Dispersion rate	0.54			%						
									$R_0$	2.2									
65	Steven Sanche(81)	2020	Feb	Dec	Feb	China			Time from hospitalization to Death	11.2	8.7	14.9	day						
									Time from hospitalization to discharge	11.5	8	17.3	%						
									Growth rate	0.29	0.21	0.37	%						
									Growth rate	0.14	0.12	0.15	day						
									Incubation period	4.2	3.5	5.1	day						
66	Mingwang Shen(82)	2020	Jan		Jan	China			$R_0$	4.71	4.5	4.92							
67	Eunha Shim(83)	2020	Mar	Jan	Feb	South Korea			Effective reproduction number	1.5	1.4	1.6	num						
									Growth rate	0.6	0.5	0.7	%						

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68	Yaqing Fang(84)	2020	Mar	20-Jan	29-Feb	China - Wuhan	291	20-Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	2.47																
							437	21-Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	2.56																
							560	22-Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	2.67																
							805	23-Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	2.81																
							1230	24-Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	2.92																
							1892	25-Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	2.98																
							2635	26-Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	3.1																
							4371	27-Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	3.14																
							5761	28-Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	3.17																
							7439	29-Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	3.19																
							9331	30-Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	3.2																
							11315	31-Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	3.2																
							13775	01-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	3.19																
							16400	02-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	3.17																
							19414	03-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	3.15																
							22974	04-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	3.13																
							26334	05-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	3.11																
							29017	06-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	3.09																
							31774	07-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	3.06																
							33738	08-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	3.03																
							35982	09-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	2.98																
							37626	10-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	2.94																
							38800	11-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	2.89																
							52526	12-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	2.9																
							55748	13-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	2.87																
							56873	14-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	2.84																
							57416	15-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	2.8																
							57934	16-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	2.77																
							58016	17-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	2.74																
							57805	18-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	2.7																
56303	19-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	2.67																							
54965	20-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	2.64																							
53284	21-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	2.61																							
51606	22-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	2.57																							
49824	23-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	2.54																							
47672	24-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	2.51																							
45604	25-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	2.47																							
43258	26-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	2.44																							
39919	27-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	2.41																							
37414	28-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	2.37																							
35329	29-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	2.34																							

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69	Ganyani Tapiwa(85)	2020	Mar		27-Feb	Singapore		Incubation period mean:5.2 - SD:2.8	Generation interval	5.2	3.78	6.78	day		1.72			
								Incubation period mean:5.2 - SD:2.8	Serial interval	5.21	-3.35	13.94	day		4.32			
						Tianjin/ China		Incubation period mean:5.2 - SD:2.8	Generation interval	3.95	3.01	4.91	day		1.51			
								Incubation period mean:5.2 - SD:2.8	Serial interval	3.95	-4.47	12.51	day		4.24			
						Singapore		Incubation period mean:6.4 - SD:2.3	Generation interval	5.29	3.89	6.77	day		2.08			
								Incubation period mean:6.4 - SD:2.3	Serial interval	5.29	-2.13	13.16	day		3.86			
								Incubation period mean:4.8 - SD:2.6	Generation interval	5.19	3.82	6.74	day		1.77			
								Incubation period mean:4.8 - SD:2.6	Serial interval	5.19	-2.86	13.45	day		4.08			
						Tianjin/ China		Incubation period mean:6.4 - SD:2.3	Generation interval	4.02	3.11	5	day		2.29			
								Incubation period mean:6.4 - SD:2.3	Serial interval	4.02	-4.83	13.45	day		3.98			
						Singapore		Incubation period mean:4.8 - SD:2.6	Generation interval	3.95	3.05	4.93	day		1.75			
								Incubation period mean:4.8 - SD:2.6	Serial interval	3.95	-4.6	12.73	day		4.07			
						Tianjin/ China		mean:5.2 - SD:2.8- allowing SI negative	Generation interval	3.86	2.22	5.6	day		2.65			
								mean:5.2 - SD:2.8- allowing SI negative	Serial interval	3.86	-5.15	13.88	day		4.76			
						Singapore		mean:5.2 - SD:2.8- allowing SI negative	Generation interval	2.9	1.85	4.12	day		2.86			
								mean:5.2 - SD:2.8- allowing SI negative	Serial interval	2.9	-6.12	13.47	day		4.88			
						Tianjin/ China		mean:5.2 - SD:2.8- using GI- baseline	R <sub>0</sub>	1.27	1.19	1.36						
								mean:5.2 - SD:2.8- using SI- baseline	R <sub>0</sub>	1.25	1.17	1.34						
								mean:5.2 - SD:2.8- using GI- all negative SI	R <sub>0</sub>	1.19	1.1	1.28						
						Singapore		mean:5.2 - SD:2.8- using SI- all negative SI	R <sub>0</sub>	1.17	1.08	1.26						
								mean:5.2 - SD:2.8- using GI- baseline	R <sub>0</sub>	1.59	1.42	1.78						
								mean:5.2 - SD:2.8- using SI- baseline	R <sub>0</sub>	1.41	1.26	1.58						
								mean:5.2 - SD:2.8- using GI- all negative SI	R <sub>0</sub>	1.32	1.18	1.51						
						Tianjin/ China		mean:5.2 - SD:2.8- using SI- all negative SI	R <sub>0</sub>	1.17	1.05	1.34						
mean:5.2 - SD:2.8-baseline	Proportion of pre-symptomatic transmission	48	32	67	%													
Singapore	mean:5.2 - SD:2.8-baseline	Proportion of pre-symptomatic transmission	62	50	76	%												
Tianjin/ China	mean:5.2 - SD:2.8-all negative SI	Proportion of pre-symptomatic transmission	66	45	84	%												
Singapore	mean:5.2 - SD:2.8-all negative SI	Proportion of pre-symptomatic transmission	77	65	87	%												
Tianjin/ China	mean:5.2 - SD:2.8-all negative SI	Proportion of pre-symptomatic transmission																

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70	Guan Wei-Jie(86)	2020	Mar		29-Jan	China	1099		Incubation period	4			day			4	5	2								
									Duration of hospitalization				day	12.8		12										
71	Slav W. Hermanowicz(87)	2020	Feb	16-Jan	08-Feb	China	62	17-Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	1.38																
							121	18-Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	1.95																
							198	19-Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	1.64																
							291	20-Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	1.47																
							440	21-Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	1.51																
							571	22-Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	1.3																
							830	23-Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	1.45																
							1287	24-Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	1.55																
							1975	25-Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	1.53																
							2744	26-Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	1.39																
							4515	27-Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	1.65																
							5974	28-Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	1.32																
							7711	29-Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	1.29																
							9692	30-Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	1.26																
							11860	31-Jan	R <sub>0</sub>	1.22																
							14380	01-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	1.21																
							17307	02-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	1.2																
							20467	03-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	1.18																
24324	04-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	1.19																							
28018	05-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	1.15																							
31161	06-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	1.11																							
31774	07-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	1.02																							
							33738	08-Feb	R <sub>0</sub>	1.06																
72	Zhiliang Hu(88)	2020		28-Jan	09-Feb	Jiangsu Province, China	24		Median communicable period		21	24	day													
73	Xuan Jiang(89)	2020	Feb						Incubation period	4.9	4.4	5.5	day													

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74	Sung-mok Jung(90)	2020	Feb	08-Dec	24-Jan	China		scenario 1: exponential growth started from the assumed illness onset date of index case,(8 Dec)	Case fatality rate	5.3	3.5	7.5	%					
								scerio2: all parameters are variable, and calculation begins on the date the first exported case was observed (i.e., 13 Jan 2020)	Case fatality rate	8.4	5.3	12.3	%					
								scenario 1: exponential growth started from the assumed illness onset date of index case,(8 Dec)	R <sub>0</sub>	2.1	2	2.2						
								scerio2: all parameters are variable, and calculation begins on the date the first exported case was observed (i.e., 13 Jan 2020)	R <sub>0</sub>	3.2	2.7	3.7						
								scenario 1: exponential growth started from the assumed illness onset date of index case,(8 Dec)	Cumulative incidence	6924	4885	9211	count					
								scerio2: all parameters are variable, and calculation begins on the date the first exported case was observed (i.e., 13 Jan 2020)	Cumulative incidence	19289	10901	30158	count					

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75	Moran Ki(91)	2020	Feb	20-Jan		Korea	28		Incubation period	3.9			day	3.9		3			
									Serial interval	6.6			day	6.6		4			
									Symptoms onset to diagnosis	5.2			day	5.2		4			
									Symptoms onset to quarantine or isolation	4.3			day	4.3		3			
									Diagnosis to discharge	13			day	13		12.5			
								total Poisson	R <sub>0</sub>	0.48	0.25	0.84							
								total binomial	R <sub>0</sub>	0.48	0.28	0.69							
								first generation (n=9) Poisson	R <sub>0</sub>	0.56	0.26	1.07							
								first generation (n=9) binomial	R <sub>0</sub>	0.56	0.3	0.8							
								second generation (n=3) Poisson	R <sub>0</sub>	0.33	0.07	0.97							
second generation (n=3) binomial	R <sub>0</sub>	0.33	0.07	0.7															
76	Weier Wang(92)	2020	Jan	1-Dec	26-Jan	China	41	10-Jan	Case fatality rate <sup>s</sup>	2.44			%						
							440	21-Jan	Case fatality rate <sup>s</sup>	2.05			%						
							571	22-Jan	Case fatality rate <sup>s</sup>	2.98			%						
							830	23-Jan	Case fatality rate <sup>s</sup>	3.01			%						
							1287	24-Jan	Case fatality rate <sup>s</sup>	3.19			%						
							1975	25-Jan	Case fatality rate <sup>s</sup>	2.84			%						

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