COVID-19 Mortality Risk Assessment among Various Age Groups Using Phylogenetic Analysis

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ABSTRACT

The age-related mortality and morbidity risk of COVID-19 has been considered speculative without enough scientific evidence. This study aimed to collect more evidence on the association between patient age and risk of severe disease state and/or mortality from SARS-CoV-2 infection. Genomic dataset along with metadata (3608 samples) retrieved from GISAID from different geographical regions were grouped into 10 age groups (0-10, 11-20, 21-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61-70, 71-80, 81-90, 91-100 years) as well as high-risk or lowrisk according to patient clinical status. Genomic sequences were aligned and analyzed using MAFFT and FASTTREE to build a phylogenetic tree in order to identify age-risk associations based on phylogenetic clustering. Case fatality rates(CFR), as well as the Odds ratio (OR) for high-risk outcomes, were calculated for different age groups. Results revealed that individuals aged between 25-50 years have the best immune response to the infection. On the other hand, disease fatality was higher in patients aging above 50 years. We created an application to calculate the OR of being at high risk given a certain age threshold from GISAID datasets. OR values increased between ages 1-10 years (1.271) and 11-20 years (1.313) but reduced at age range 21-30 years (1.290) and increased again for 61-70 years (2.465). CFR calculated for each of the age groups had peak values at 90-100 years (26.8%) and the lowest at 0-10 years (0%). The CFR for ages above 50 years was about twice greater (11.6%-26.8%) than that for ages below (0-6.6%). The phylogenetic analysis revealed that the majority of samples obtained from India showed low-risk among different groups and were defined as clade GH. Another cluster from Singapore visualization showed unfavorable patient outcome across several age groups and were classified under clade O. To conclude, this study analyses showed a variety of age-risk associations. As scientists from different countries upload more genomes to globally shared databases, more evidence will reinforce mortality risk associations in COVID-19 patients.

Keywords

SARS-CoV-2; COVID-19; Phylogenetics; mortality

1. BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

The current coronavirus pandemic that was caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) is not the first pandemic of the family Coronaviridae [1]. In 2002 and 2012 respectively, severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) and middle east respiratory syndrome (MERS) caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus (SARS-CoV) and middle east respiratory syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV) outbreaks emerged [1][2][3][4][5]. Taxonomically, There are seven coronaviruses namely: 229E (α), NL63 (α), OC43 (β), HKU1 (β), MERS-CoV, SARS-CoV, SARS-CoV-2. They belong to the family Coronaviridae and SARS-CoV-2 is a strain of the SARS related coronavirus (SARSr-CoV) that is genetically associated with other coronavirus strains that infect bats in China [6][7]. From its period of emergence up until the end of 2002, coronavirus was considered to be non-fatal [7]. Currently, SARS-CoV-2; first isolated in Wuhan China; has led to more deaths than the earlier SARS outbreak of 2002-2003. As of September 7, 2020, it has been responsible for nearly 27 million cases and 900,000 deaths worldwide [8]. Sequenced SARS-CoV-2 genomic data from human hosts available at the Global Initiative on Sharing All Influenza Data (GISAID), identified three major clades of SARS-CoV-2 viz; clade G (a variant of the spike protein S-D614G), clade V (a variant of the ORF3a coding protein NS3-G251), and clade S (variant ORF8-L84S) [9]. Phylogenetic data has grouped the variants into clusters namely; A, B, and C. Both clusters A and C spread more outside of East Asia, mostly in America and Europe. In contrast, type B is the most common variant infecting East Asia, and the ancestor species appears to have never spread outside of East Asia without first converting to the B species [10]. Until this moment, the SARS-CoV-2 has been characterized by mutations, which help explain its origin, distribution, and tracing viral pathogenesis in every continent [11]. For instance, there were 5775 distinct variants out of 10022 SARS-CoV-2 genomes analyzed; of these, 2969 missense mutations, 1965 synonymous mutations, and 484 mutations in the non-coding regions were observed in samples obtained from 68 countries [12]. SARS-CoV-2 belongs to the Betacoronavirus genus, the most prevalent, which shares 82% nucleotide identity with SARS-CoV and about 50 % with MERS-CoV [13]. Using specialized tools and techniques, researchers have been able to conduct phylogenetic studies of the SARS-CoV-2 genome against suspected zoonotic reservoirs [14][15]. Multiple Sequence Alignment (MSA) of SARS-CoV-2 genome data has revealed tremendous amounts of information, including

evolutionary diversity, and similarity with other coronavirus strains. With the help of Multiple Alignment using Fast Fourier Transform (MAFFT), research has revealed that SARS-CoV and MERS-CoV both originated in bats [16]. In humans, as one age, the potential of the immune system to fight against infections diminishes [17]. Previous studies have suggested that older adults are highly susceptible to SARS-CoV-2 infection and may suffer severe COVID-19 outcomes due to comorbidities [18]. It is still not clear whether age (associated immune decline) has a direct influence on COVID-19 mortality. It is therefore important that we identify whether patient age may affect disease severity and/or mortality rates, and also identify any evolutionary pattern exhibited by the virus as it is transmitted between different hosts across various geographical locations. In this study, we have constructed a maximum likelihood phylogenetic tree of SARS-CoV-2 virus strains collected from different countries the virus has spread its tail. The phylogenetic tree will give us an idea about the strain of the virus that got introduced in a country and how that affects disease severity and/or mortality.

2. METHODS

2.1 Data Download and Filtration

The clinical dataset of COVID-19 patients and the genomic sequence for each SARS-CoV-2 infected patient was collected from the GISAID EpiCoV repository [9]. The retrieved dataset contains a total of 4592 genomes. A Python (v.3.7.4) script (pandas v.1.0.5 [19] and Biopython v.1.77 [20] packages) was used to filter the data, generate FASTA and the clinical dataset files. For the data cleaning, samples corresponding to non-human hosts were filtered out. Additionally, all samples corresponding to unknown and those tagged as Not Available (NA) in the patient status and patient age column were filtered out thereby reducing the dataset from 4592 samples to 3608 samples. The Biopython package was specifically used to parse the FASTA file containing the complete genomic data. All the filtered genomic and clinical data were written to a new file using the python script.

2.2 Multiple Sequence Alignment and Phylogenetic tree reconstructionUsing the filtered genomic data, multiple sequence alignment was performed using MAFFT (Galaxy v.7.221). MAFFT performs progressive alignment and iterative

refinement for increased accuracy and aligns as many as 30,000 sequences [21]. To generate the maximum likelihood phylogenetic tree, the FastTree program was used (Galaxy v.2.1.10+galaxy). FastTree generates maximum likelihood phylogenetic trees to find the local optimum or 'best tree' [22]. All the analysis concerning Phylogenetic tree reconstruction was performed on the Galaxy web server [23]. Default parameters were used to perform the analysis using the filtered genomic dataset. MAFFT generated an alignment in FASTA format, which was used as an input to the FastTree program. iToL was used To efficiently visualize the phylogenetic tree, One of the key features of this software is that it allows large trees with large numbers of taxa to be easily visualized, located on the internet, and edited. The public sharing allows the tree to be reused for future analysis [24].

2.3 Odds Ratio calculations

To determine whether exposure is a risk factor for a particular risk outcome, a measure of association, Odds ratio (OR), was used to compare the relative odds of the disease outcome with a given exposure to a specific variable of interest (e.g.age) [25]. In this study, the clinical dataset was used to calculate the OR, after being categorized into "Low risk" and "High risk" using R (Supplementary Table 4). 12 patients with ages lesser than 1 and greater than 100 were filtered out of the clinical dataset, and the filtered data was sorted in order of increasing age. This was done using an R script and Microsoft Excel.

The OR calculations were performed in R, using epiR (v. 1.0-15) and epitools (v 0.5-10.1) packages. We used the epiR package for 2 by 2 OR calculation and epitools for multiple OR calculation. The Age versus Outcome plot was built with the construction of 2 by 2 tables for every age cutoff and then plotting every odds ratio as a single value. The OR values for Clade versus Outcome with comparison to the reference clade were calculated with epitools package. The reference clade was artificially created with the median value among all clades for the patient count and with the general outcome ratio for data split. For age group OR representation, we computed mean OR values for given age intervals. P-values are calculated from the chi-squared test.

2.4 CFR calculations

The case fatality ratio (CFR) is used to measure the proportion of infected individuals with fatal outcomes. It estimates the percentage of deaths among identified confirmed cases. It is measured by the formula:

$$CFR(\%) = N_{dp}/N_p \times 100$$

where, N_{dp} = number of deaths from disease, N_p = number of confirmed cases

3 RESULTS

3.1 OR calculations

The Odds Ratio (OR) for a particular age range illustrates the odds that patients older than the specified age threshold are more likely to be at high risk.

After the cleaning step, the data contained 3608 individual patient records for subsequent analysis. OR analysis for the patient age groups highlights a trend towards being more exposed to the disease (High risk) with higher age. In particular, the OR increased between the age range of 1-10 (1.271) and 11-20 (1.313) but further decreased at age range 21-30 (1.290) before a progressive increase, with a first leap at the age range 61-70 (2.465) and a second leap at the age range of 81-90 (8.977), representing the spiked value in the plot (Figure 2a). A decrease in the age range of 91-100 (5.306) was then observed. (Figure 2a, Supplementary Table 2). The mentioned tendency is also shown for an individual age cutoff. (Supplementary Figure 1)

OR values were obtained for individual clades (as stated in GISAID dataset) to test whether a risk is associated with the evolution of a virus. Descriptive analysis for known clades shows no significant age difference between them, except for GH and GR clades which showed significant (*P*<.05) difference (Supplementary Figure. 2). On the contrary, the number of patients for each clade in a given country is now so consistent (Figure. 3). For the 11 countries with some patients above or equal to 100 (Supplementary Figure 3), Columbia, France, India, Saudi Arabia, and the USA had the most samples for the GH clade, China for the L clade. Moreover, Brazil, Russia, and Turkey for the GR clade, Singapore for O, and Spain for G clades. The samples from L clade are almost

exclusively derived from China, whereas other patient counts per clade are distributed among all countries.

With regard to the reference, OR analysis was illustrated (Figure 2b). Further analysis between Individual pairwise Clade and OR analysis confirms the approach (Supplementary Figure 4). The highest OR value, compared to the base level, was the L clade with a 1.58 estimate. Results for G and O clades are quite similar to 1.38 and 1.40 OR values, respectively. The lower limit of the CI intervals (95%) for all of the abovementioned clades (L, G, and O) have OR values that are above 1, which indicates that the odds of being at High risk for the patients with virus clades L, G and O are higher than the base level. The pairwise OR calculation for G and S clades shows that their values are quite similar (Supplementary Figure 4). However, usage of a reference highlights a difference between them with an estimated 1.06 for G clade and 0.82 for S clade. On the other hand, the patient outcome for this clade is insignificant (*P*>.05; 0.57 and 0.28 for G and S clades respectively, and CI (95%) covers above and below 1). The clade, which is associated with the low-risk outcome for the patients is GR, which has 0.61 times low disease risk, with a 95% confidence interval and true odds which lies between 0.48-0.76 (*P*<.05). V clade has the widest CI limits and a *P*-value of 0.7.

To increase research reproducibility and for easy analysis, result exploration, and interpretation, an ORCaG (Odds Ratio Calculations for GISAID data) shiny application was created, which is available online at https://biopavlohrab.shinyapps.io/ORCaG/, and https://github.com/MountainMan12/GISAID_phylo/tree/master/ORCaG. The application allows to dynamically change patient status category with the age cut-off for easy visual inspection of data. Documentation for the app is available at the corresponding GitHub page.

3.2 CFR calculations

In this study, the CFR for each age group was measured. The CFR had its peak in the age range of 90-100 (26.8%) and the least at age 0-10 (0%). The CFR for ages above 50 was about two times (or greater) more than that of ages below. This supports the fact that patients above 50 years are at a higher risk when compared to patients below 50

years of age, though being at high risk doesn't confirm a death penalty. (Supplementary Table 3, Figure 6).

3.3 Phylogenetic Analysis

Phylogenetic analysis suggests the evolution of SARS-CoV-2. In the present study, more than 3500 genomes from 69 countries were analyzed, where the highest number of patients were observed corresponding to the GH clade for Indian samples (Figure 3). Upon tree visualization, a group of closely related Indian samples was clustered, the majority of which were classified as low-risk (Figure 4) corresponding to clade GH. In this cluster, no certain age relationship with the disease risk nor the clade type could be seen.

In another cluster of samples from Singapore, most of them showed high risk and corresponded to clade O with no special correspondence to a certain age group. (Figure 5). Figure 3 shows the samples from Singapore have the highest frequency of clade O.

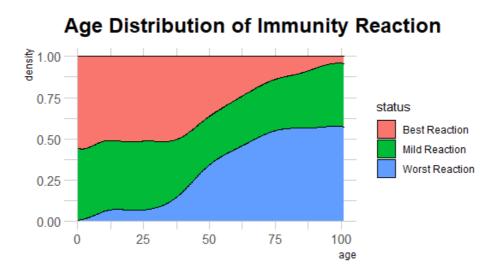
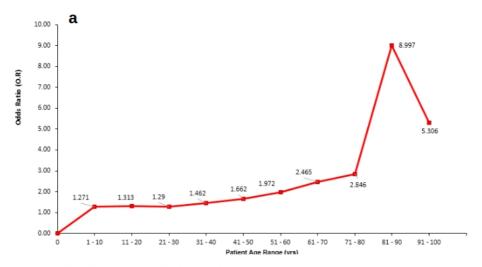


Figure 1: Age Distribution of Immunity reaction. The plot above shows the immunity reaction to the COVID-19 disease was best among the younger ones (mostly ages 25-50).



Odds ration of being at high risk given the Clade

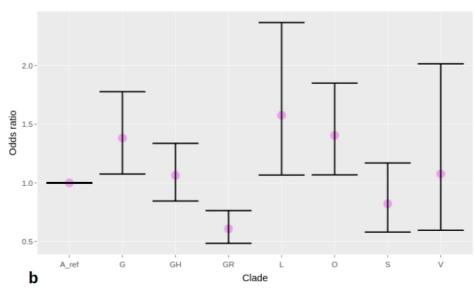


Figure 2: a) Odds Ratio plot showing Mean Age along with age groups. The X-axis shows the age groups at intervals of 10 years, while Y-axis shows the mean OR value within each interval. b) Odds ratio plot showing OR values for each clade. (Mean OR value is highlighted as a purple circle)

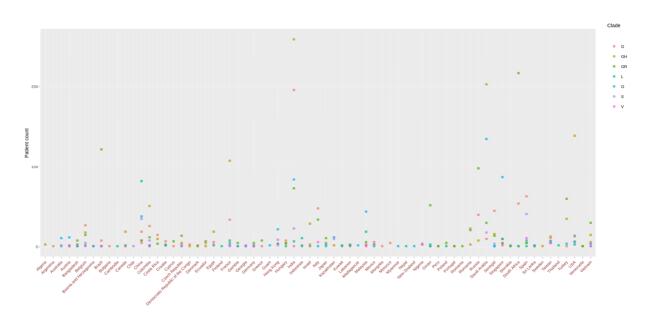


Figure 3: Clade distribution per country in the clinical dataset. The plot shows the highest frequency for Indian samples corresponding to the GH clade followed by G and L clades.

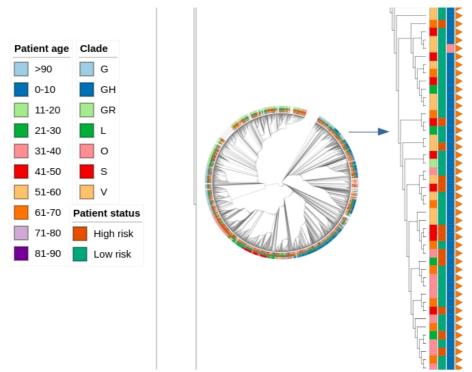


Figure 4: iToL visualization of the phylogenetic tree shows a group of closely related Indian samples, the majority of which show low-risk patients, characterized by clade GH. Overall tree in circular view as visualized on http://itol.embl.de/shared/iTol_123. Annotations (from left): Column 1: Patient age, Column 2: Patient Status, Column 3: Clade, Column 4: Country (showing Indian samples [orange triangle]),

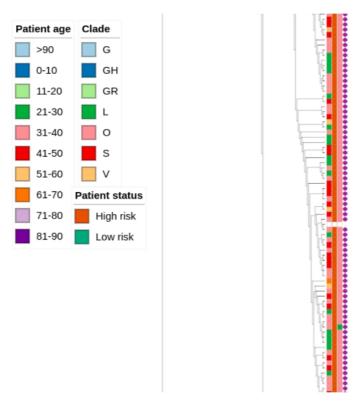


Figure 5: iToL visualization shows a group of closely related samples from Singapore which are classified as high risk across various age groups. This outcome could be attributed to genetic variations classified under clade O. NOTE: Annotations (from left): Column 1: Patient Age, Column 2: Patient Status, Column 3: Clade, Column 4: Country (showing Singaporean samples), The original branch lengths have been ignored.

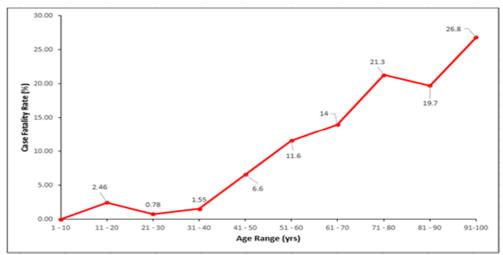


Figure 6: CFR plot showing CFR along with age groups. The *X-axis shows the age groups at intervals of 10 years, while Y-axis shows the CFR value within each interval.*

3.4 Immunity reaction

Additionally, an immunity reaction distribution plot of COVID-19 across all ages given in the dataset was generated (Figure 1) which shows that the immunity reaction to COVID-19 was optimal among the younger individuals(mostly ages 25-50 years). The immunity reaction dataset based on patient reaction is provided in Supplementary Table 1.

4. DISCUSSION

Since the beginning of the disease outbreak, age has been a significant forecasting determinant of COVID-19 in patients [26]. In this study, immunity reaction to COVID-19 infection was analyzed across all ages of the study's dataset. It showed that the immunity reaction to COVID-19 was optimal among the younger individuals(mostly ages 25-50 years), declined after the age of 50 years, and the least reaction was seen in the age range from 75 to 100 years. Our results support the fact that immunosenescence is characterized by reduced B and T cell numbers as well as responses. Moreover, COVID-19 infection is characterized in many cases with lymphopenia (decreased lymphocytes numbers) which is much higher in the elderly than that of the young and middle-aged patients [27], this may worsen the immune response in the elderly than younger age groups. Taken together, age-associated immune remodeling, in company with other predisposing factors such as malnutrition, decreased physical activity, and associated chronic medical conditions among the elderly lead to the decreased immune response in the older age groups, elevating their susceptibility to infectious diseases and responsible for the severe clinical manifestations observed in older patients. In this line of thought, the previously mentioned mechanisms suggest the underlying worse prognosis in older patients with COVID-19 and to some extent explain our following results that might lead to further research.

An important characteristic of a novel infectious disease as COVID-19 is its severity and its ability to cause death. The World Health Organization (WHO) report in August 2020 on estimating mortality from COVID-19 recommended that "efforts should be made to calculate risk-group-specific estimates of fatality risk to have a better insight on the true patterns of fatality" [28]. In the present study, we measured the CFR for different age groups, and results showed that the death rate increases as age increases which agrees

with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report comparing death rate ratios of different age groups to the 18-29 years age group [29]. A slight difference in CFR progression was seen at the ages range 11-20 and 81-90, this proves the theory that CFR calculated during an ongoing pandemic is conditional because some active cases may subsequently die after the time of the report leading to underestimation of the CFR of the report [28,29].

So we measured another estimate for disease outcome, we calculated odds ratios (OR) for disease severity with different age groups (Supplementary Table 2). Our results are consistent with a study done on 17 million people in England, where more than 90% of COVID-19 related deaths were recorded among people over 60 years of age. Furthermore, those above 80 years had an about 40-fold increased risk compared with those who are 51-60 years [30]. In the current study, the OR had its peak at age range 81-90 years which almost tripled that of patients within the age range of 71-80 years, this also agrees with an initial study conducted in Italy that described the mortality rate and risk factors for patients above 80 years [31]. This shows that patients above 80 years of age are at higher risk [32], which could be due to their inherent reduced immune capacities and resilience [31].

The phylogenetic analysis of the circulating clade in a country and its risk association along with specific age groups is necessary to identify the specific groups with the highest treatment-targeted priority. Our study identified seven clades with the most abundant one was the GH clade accounting for low disease risk and the highest count in Indian and Saudi-Arabian populations. Bartolini et al., [33] reported the clustering of V and G clades from the European Union (EU) countries. However, in our present study, there was an expanded clustering of clades across the 69 countries. Clades L and O with the highest disease risk had the least pairwise OR when compared with the other 5 clades. GISAID genome sequence interspersed different non-G clades, located on the gene with distribution in different clades indicating repeated occurrence with no evolutionary advantage[34].

Interestingly and in contrast to our previous results, our phylogenetic tree visualization showed a deviation from the regular observed pattern of the relationship between advanced age (>50 years) and high-risk disease outcomes. Clusters from

Indian samples showed the prevalence of the low-risk clade GH across varying age groups. Also, clusters from Singapore showed the prevalence of the high-risk clade O across all age groups. Changes in age-group-specific infection were earlier observed in a study, carried out in EU countries, showing changes in the age group of the most affected population from ages >60 to ages 20 - 29 over several months. The median infection age also was shown to have decreased from 54 years to 39 years in a space of 7 months [34]. The impact of several genetic variants can be suggested by the fact that the virus does not show similar mortality rates across different countries. The viral progression may vary in terms of the genetic makeup of an individual, and the outcomes may also be due to several other factors that influence treatment and patient care. This deviation suggests that further factors should be taken into account during performing a risk-group-specific analysis of the disease, it will provide a more accurate understanding of the mortality rates related to SARS-CoV-2.

5. CONCLUSIONS

We have successfully analyzed more than 3500 genomes of SARS-CoV-2 isolated from COVID-19 patients from different geographical locations and identified a positive association between patient age and COVID-19 disease severity.

This study has its limitations, and this includes working with small datasets. More genomes could increase our confidence in OR analysis results. Variation in the accessibility to treatment availability and facilities can also influence the patient outcome. In the context of the proposed hypothesis, it is not clear as to whether age could have a direct impact on mortality of the patients, but this could be better understood by looking at other clinical factors.

DATA AVAILABILITY

All datasets used are provided in the Zenodo repository: https://zenodo.org/record/4007666#.X1tmwnYzavM
All scripts written for the analysis are provided in the GitHub repo: https://github.com/MountainMan12/GISAID phylo

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APPENDIX

Supplementary Table 1: Data Assignment Used In Immunity Reaction Plot (Figure 1)

Initial	Assigned
Alive	Best Reaction
Deceased	Worst Reaction
Live	Best Reaction
Death	Worst Reaction
Home	Best Reaction
Recovered	Best Reaction
Released	Best Reaction
Cured	Best Reaction
Hospitalized	Mild Reaction
Quarantine	Best Reaction
Recovering	Best Reaction
Discharged	Best Reaction
Pneumonia	Mild Reaction
Isolation	Best Reaction
ICU	Worst Reaction
Inpatient	Mild Reaction
Outpatient	Best Reaction
Symptomatic	Mild Reaction

Symptoms indicative of upper respiratory infection	Mild Reaction
EPHAD	Mild Reaction
Bronchitis	Mild Reaction
DAMA	Mild Reaction
ICD-10	Mild Reaction
Asymptomatic	Best Reaction

Supplementary Table 2: Odds Ratio statistics calculated with https://biopavlohrab.shinyapps.io/ORCaG/

AGE RANGE	MEAN OR	MIN. OR IN GROUP	MAX. OR IN GROUP
1-10	1.271	1.030	1.549
11-20	1.313	1.131	1.399
21-30	1.290	1.145	1.379
31-40	1.462	1.328	1.589
41-50	1.662	1.586	1.749
51-60	1.972	1.822	2.179
61-70	2.465	2.271	2.670
71-80	2.846	2.564	3.357
81-90	8.977	4.216	19.729
91- 100	5.306	0.971	13.740

Supplementary Table 3: CFR calculations

Range(yrs)	Number of cases = N _p	Number of patients deceased = N _{dp}	Case fatality rate (%) = N _{dp} /N _p x 100
1 - 10	56	0	0.00%
11 - 20	162	4	2.46%
21 - 30	513	4	0.78%
31 - 40	646	10	1.55%
41 - 50	651	43	6.60%
51 - 60	629	73	11.6%
61 - 70	477	67	14.0%
71 - 80	286	61	21.3%
81 - 90	147	29	19.7%
91-100	41	11	26.8%

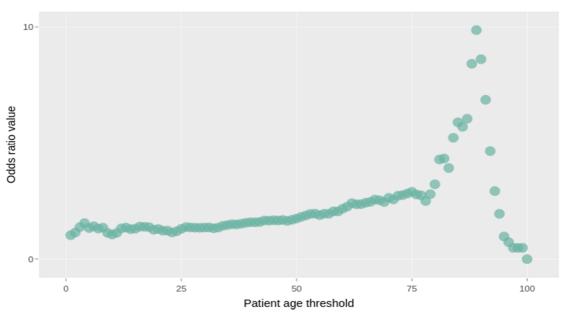
Supplementary Table 4: Patient status Assignment

Deceased	High risk
Released	High risk
Alive	Low risk
Asymptomatic	Low risk
Asymptomatic, identified as positive during the preoperation investigation	Low risk
Asymptomatic/Released	Low risk
Bronchitis	High risk
Cured	Low risk
Death	High risk
Deceased	High risk
Discharged	High risk
Discharged after recovery	High risk
EHPAD_IRA	High risk
Home	Low risk
Hospitalized	High risk
Hospitalized	High risk
Hospitalized	High risk
Hospitalized	High risk
Hospitalized	High risk
Hospitalized (Intensive care unit)	High risk
Hospitalized in ICU	High risk
Hospitalized or to be hospitalized	High risk
Hospitalized, deceased	High risk
Hospitalized, oxygen therapy, diarrhea	High risk
Hospitalized, released	High risk
Hospitalized/Deceased	High risk

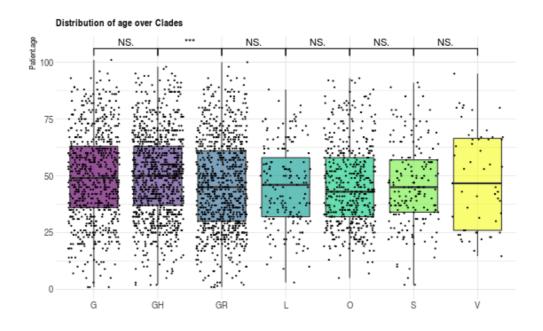
Hospitalized/Released	High risk
Hospitalized; Stable	High risk
Hospitalized, ICU, fully recovered	High risk
ICD-10 CODE: J20.9 – ACUTE BRONCHITIS, UNSPECIFIED	High risk
ICD-10 Disease: J06.9 Acute upper respiratory infection, unspecified	High risk
ICD-10 Disease: Z03.8 Observation for other suspected diseases and conditions	Low risk
ICD-10 Disease: Z20.8 Contact with and exposure to other communicable diseases	High risk
ICD-10 Disease: The tendency, J18.9 Pneumonia, unspecified organism	High risk
ICU	High risk
ICU; Serious	High risk
In-hospital	High risk
Initially hospitalized, but now improved and discharged	High risk
Intensive Care Unit	High risk
Isolation	Low risk
Live	Low risk
Live	Low risk
Live, acute respiratory infection	High risk
Live, mild symptoms, at home	Low risk
Live, physical examination	Low risk
Mild	Low risk
Mild / Contact exposure / Asymptomatic	Low risk
Mild case	Low risk
Mild clinical signs without hospitalization	Low risk
Mild symptoms (fever, cardiovascular disorders)	Low risk
Mild symptoms inpatient for observation	Low risk
Mild, at home.	Low risk

Mild/Contact exposure/Asymptomatic	Low risk
Moderate / Outpatient	Low risk
Moderate/Outpatient	Low risk
Not Hospitalized	Low risk
Not hospitalized	Low risk
Outpatient	Low risk
Pneumonia (chest X-ray)	High risk
Quarantine	Low risk
Quarantined	Low risk
Recovered	Low risk
Recovered and Released	Low risk
Recovering	Low risk
Released	High risk
Released	High risk
Released, Live	High risk
Severe / ICU	High risk
Severe/ICU	High risk
Stable in quarantine	Low risk
Still hospitalized	High risk
Symptomatic	Low risk
Symptoms indicative of upper respiratory infection	High risk
Asymptomatic	Low risk
Deceased	High risk
Hospitalized	High risk
hospitalized or to be hospitalized	High risk
Inpatient	High risk
Live	Low risk
Outpatient	Low risk

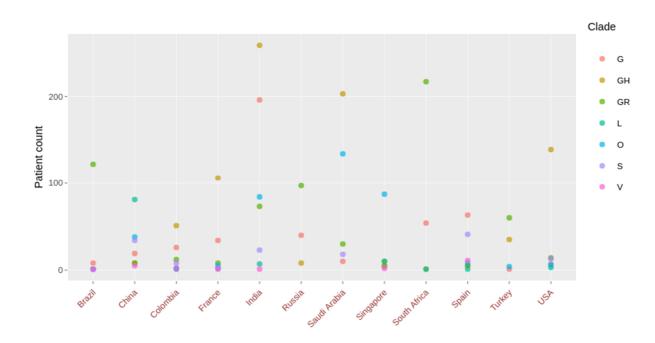




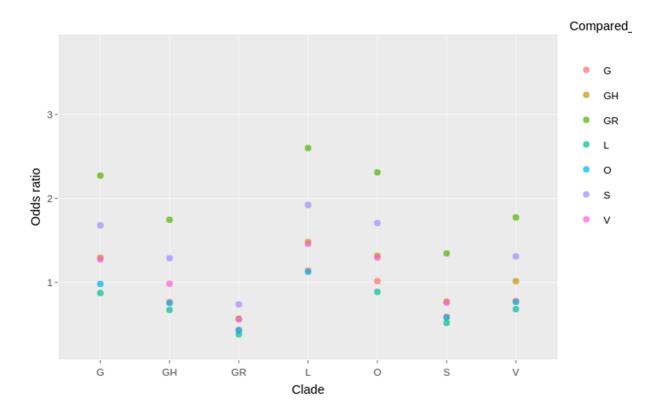
Suppl. Fig. 1. OR for an individual age threshold. The tendency of having a worse outcomes with being older is present here.



Suppl. Fig. 2 Age distribution over 7 SARS-Cov-2 clades. The only significant difference in age distribution is over GH and GR clades



Suppl. Fig. 3 Patient count per clade for countries with more than 99 reported patient outcomes.



Suppl. Fig. 4 Pairwise OR calculations for clades versus each other.