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<b>Abstract:</b>	<p>Background</p> <p>COVID-19, a novel pneumonia associated with the 2019 coronavirus infected pneumonia suddenly broke out in the world. The aim of this study is to summaries and analysis the clinical characteristics of COVID-19.</p> <p>Methods</p> <p>Literatures have been systematically searched on Scopus, PubMed, Embase, Web of Science, and The Cochrane Library and also special databases prepared for COVID-19 such as LitCovid Hub, WHO, Elsevier, Medrxiv and CDC from inception up to May 1, 2020. Data searching, extracting and quality appraising were done by two researchers, independently. At last, Random-effects size based on Cochrane test and I<sup>2</sup> were used. The Newcastle-Ottawa Scale was used to assess quality, and publication bias was analyzed by Egger and Begg's test. The review protocol has been registered in PROSPERO with ID: CRD42020173639 and with ethical code IR.GUMS.REC.1398.542.</p> <p>Results</p> <p>Out of 2464 studies, 75(3.04%) were included. A total of 111490 patients with a mean age of 49.43 years [Confidence Interval(CI)95%: 47.44-51.42] were evaluated. Most of patients was male (52.65%). The body mass index (BMI) in the most was in normal rate (23.26). 33.5% of patients were health care workers. 62.71% of patients had direct exposure history. The most common clinical symptoms were fever, cough, myalgia and dyspnea (82.72%, 57.69%; 25.20% and 20.87%, respectively). The most common comorbidities were acute respiratory distress syndrome, chronic medical illness, hypertension, and diabetes (30.4%, 22.25%, 17.47%, and 11.19% respectively). Among the laboratory abnormalities, the most patients had high levels of leucocytes (24.76%), lymphocyte (39.56%), increasing of neutrophil (14.48%), platelet (39.81%), D-dimer (30.89%), AST (22.09%), Creatinine (48.21%), troponin I (4.12%), urea nitrogen (22.94%), Creatine Kinase (48.21%), and C-reactive proteins (56.8%). About 37.35% of patients had a decreasing in the hemoglobin. CT-Scan funding shows that three fourths of patients had bilateral pneumonia involvement (78.25%), and 58.37% had GGO. Crazy-paving, vascular enlargement, air bronchus gram sign, and air trapping were seen in 22.55%, 61.79%, and 11.76%, respectively. The most common regions of the lung involvement were lower lobe 91.70%. Also, 66.34% of patients had peripheral involvement, and had punctate ground glass opacities (64.73%).</p> <p>Conclusion</p>

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## 50 INTRODUCTION

51 In late December 2019, a pneumonia case of unknown cause was reported in Wuhan, Hubei  
52 Province, the People's Republic of China, which changed the lives of people all over the world. <sup>1</sup>,  
53 which the virus was recognized as SARS-CoV-2 <sup>2</sup>. The researchers confirmed that the prevalence  
54 of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a continuous prevalence of the SARS-CoV-2 <sup>2</sup>. On 26  
55 February 2020, the WHO reported an increase in the new cases of Italy, Iran, and South Korea<sup>3</sup>,  
56 and until - 2 March 2020- more than 89,000 cases were confirmed, of which more than 90% of  
57 them were from China<sup>4</sup>. Recently, more than 2,900 people have died in China and more than 130  
58 have died in other countries, also more than 45,000 people have recovered<sup>4</sup>.

59 Based on the researches, the COVID-19 spreads via respiratory droplets produced from the  
60 airways during coughing or sneezing <sup>5,6</sup>, and the time between exposure and symptom ranges from  
61 two to fourteen days <sup>7</sup>. Fever, cough, diarrhea, and shortness of breath may be symptoms of the  
62 COVID-19 <sup>7</sup>. It is confirmed that serious complications may be pneumonia and acute respiratory  
63 distress syndrome (ARDS). Until now, no vaccine or specific antiviral treatment was discovered,  
64 and to manage symptoms of the COVID-19 physicians advised supportive therapy for fourteen  
65 days <sup>7</sup>. There is not data about the typical degree of immunity, re-infection of COVID-19, and  
66 immunity of COVID-19 <sup>8</sup>. The time range of progress of symptoms of COVID-19 and death has  
67 been shown between 6 and 41 days <sup>9</sup>. Most of the people who died were over the age of 60 and  
68 most patients suffered from cardiovascular diseases and diabetes <sup>10,11</sup>. Unfortunately, as of 28  
69 February 2020, more than a dozen deaths have been recorded in each of Iran, South Korea, and  
70 Italy <sup>3</sup>. Transmission of the COVID-19 human-to-human via respiratory droplets [69], and is able  
71 transmission if people touch a surface <sup>12</sup>. The COVID-19 virus could stay viable surface for up to  
72 nine days at room temperature <sup>6</sup>. It is confirmed that the disinfection of surfaces by 62–71% ethanol

73 could be useful for one minute <sup>6</sup>. Temporally, there is no specific antiviral medication <sup>13</sup>. To control  
74 of severity of the disease, intravenous fluids, and breathing support especially oxygen therapy may  
75 be useful <sup>14</sup>. Researchers are investigating the Favipiravir, Ribavirin, Remdesivir, and  
76 Galidesiviras as potential drugs against the COVID-19 virus <sup>15-17</sup>.

77 Until May 1, 2020, about 2464 manuscripts have been reported regarding the epidemiology and  
78 clinical features of pneumonia caused by the COVID-19 virus via researchers in the world. In this  
79 study we reviewed main PubMed, Embase, Web of Science, Scopus, and The Cochrane Library,  
80 and also special databases prepared for COVID-19 such as [LitCovid Hub](#), [WHO](#), [Elsevier](#),  
81 [Medrxiv](#) and [CDC](#) data bases from inception up to May 1, 2020. We analyzed the prevalence of  
82 various clinical symptoms have been proposed as the typical features for the COVID-19 virus,  
83 furthermore, some features are controversial in different clinic environments. Therefore, update  
84 evidence-based medical clinical characters are required urgently and Vital. In this study, we try to  
85 did a systemic review and a meta-analysis of the clinical features and significance demographics  
86 characters of patient with the COVID-19 virus pneumonia.

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## 89 **2. Method**

### 90 **2.1. Study Protocol**

91 This review was conducted according to Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and  
92 Meta-Analyses (PRISMA) guidelines for systematic reviews and meta-analyses. Data searching,  
93 extracting and quality appraising were done by two researchers (MH.YK & A.J), independently.  
94 Any encounters were solved by consensus between the team and a third researcher. The protocol  
95 for the review was registered with PROSPERO ((<https://www.crd.york.ac.uk/PROSPERO/>)  
96 Identifier(ID): [CRD42020173639](https://www.crd.york.ac.uk/PROSPERO/record/CRD42020173639)<sup>18</sup>. Also, the ethics committee approval of this study is  
97 [IR.GUMS.REC.1398.542](https://www.crd.york.ac.uk/PROSPERO/record/IR.GUMS.REC.1398.542) (S1-2 File).

### 98 **2.2. Search Strategy**

99 An advanced relevant search was conducted in international databases, such as [Scopus](#), [PubMed](#),  
100 [Embase](#), [Web of Science](#), and [The Cochrane Library](#) and also special databases prepared for  
101 COVID-19 such as as [LitCovid Hub](#), [WHO](#), [Elsevier](#), [Medrxiv](#) and [CDC](#) from inception up to May  
102 1, 2020 were searched for articles published. Articles on COVID-19, severe acute respiratory  
103 syndrome coronavirus 2, novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, nCoV disease, SARS2, COVID19,  
104 Wuhan coronavirus, 2019-nCoV, coronavirus disease-19, coronavirus disease 2019, 2019 novel  
105 201 coronavirus and Wuhan pneumonia were also manually retrieved. To maximize search  
106 sensitivity, no filters or limits on language were applied. To identify further studies, the reference  
107 lists of included articles and review articles were hand-searched.  
108 To search a combination of words, Boolean operators (AND & OR) were used. Also, searching  
109 was done through medical subject heading (MeSH) terms. The authors independently analyzed  
110 the manuscript contained in the title and abstract.

### 111 **2.3. Selection Criteria**



112 The duplicates records were removed using EndNote X7 (Thomson Reuters, New York, NY,  
113 USA). Two reviewers (MH.YK and A.J) independently screened the records by title and abstract.  
114 A third reviewer were evaluated the full texts of potentially eligible records. Included studies were  
115 patients who diagnosed with RT-PCR; the raw data for clinical, radiological, CT-scan, laboratory  
116 findings, and the outcomes. Studies were excluded which had insufficient information about  
117 patients' characteristics and outcomes. Case reports, reviews, repeat articles, letters, editorials, and  
118 expert opinions; studies without usable data; and animal studies were also excluded. Only studies  
119 are written in English and Chinese were selected.

#### 120 **2.4. Quality assessment**

121 The Newcastle-Ottawa Scale was used to assess quality. Assessment scores of 0-3, 4-6, and 7-9  
122 indicated poor, fair, and good studies, respectively. Disagreements were resolved by consensus.

123 After excluding irrelevant studies in the screening and eligibility stages, the Newcastle-Ottawa  
124 Scale (NOS) <sup>19</sup> were used to assessing the quality of the final studies. The Checklist (S3 File) was  
125 used which consists of 8 sections, and divides the studies with a scale score of 0 to 8 from poor to  
126 high quality, respectively. The studies are divided into three levels of scoring: 1- Studies with a  
127 score of 5: poor quality; 2- studies with a score of 5–6: medium quality; 3- studies with a score of  
128 7 to 8: high quality. Finally, medium to high quality articles were entered into the next stage (Fig  
129 1).

130 Fig 1. A flow diagram following the PRISMA (Depicted by MH-YK).

#### 131 **2.5. Data extraction**

132 A data extraction form was designed by two reviewers (MH.YK and A.J) which were blind for the  
133 name of the author, institute and journal. In necessary cases, further information and raw data were  
134 requested by contacting the author (the first author or responsible or the authors' department). The

135 reviewers extracted the data from all eligible studies and disagreements were resolved by  
136 discussion with a third researcher. The following data were extracted: first author name; year of  
137 publication; type of study, the country where the study was conducted; distribution of age and sex  
138 in the population, number of patients investigated, exposure history, comorbid conditions,  
139 symptoms at admission, clinical, radiological, CT-scan and laboratory findings, therapies, and  
140 discharge, recovery, and death outcomes ([S4 File](#)).

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## 142 **2.6. Statistical analysis**

143 All data was considered as a binomial distribution probability, and the variance was calculated by  
144 a binomial distribution. The Cochran test (Q) and  $I^2$  index were used to evaluate its heterogeneity  
145 <sup>20,21</sup>. The  $I^2$  index less than 25% is low heterogeneity, between 25% -75% is the average  
146 heterogeneity and more than 75% are considered as heterogeneous<sup>22,23</sup>. To examine publication  
147 bias, the Begg's test and Egger's test were carried out using a funnel plot. Data analysis was  
148 examined by the comprehensive meta-analysis (Ver. 2 Englewood, NJ 07631, USA), and the level  
149 of significance was considered as  $p < 0.05$ .

## 150 **3. RESULTS**

### 151 **3.1. Study characteristics and methodological quality**

152 Out of 2464 studies, 75(3.04%)<sup>24-92</sup> were included with a total of 111490 patients ([Fig 1](#)). All  
153 possible data were meta-analyzed ([S4 File](#))(Table 1)(S1-144 Fig).

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### 155 **3.2. General characteristics**

156 As shown in ([S1-3 Fig](#)), 62.71% of patients had direct exposure history with infected people in  
157 Wuhan or Hubei province [CI95%: 52.22-72.12]. The mean age of the patients was 49.43 years  
158 [CI95%: 47.44-51.42] ([S4 Fig](#)). Most of patients (52.65%) was male [CI95%: 51-54.3], and  
159 47.28% was female [CI95%: 45.56-49] ([S5 Fig](#)). The body mass index (BMI) in most of patients  
160 was in normal rate (23.26) [CI95%: 22.28-24.23] ([S6 Fig](#)). About 33.5% of patients who suffer  
161 from 2019 novel infected coronavirus pneumonia were health care workers (HCWs) [CI95%: 12-  
162 64.9] ([S7 Fig](#)).

### 163 **3.3. The prevalence of 2019 coronavirus based on the comorbidities**

164 The most common comorbidities were acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) 30.4% [CI  
165 95%: 14.4-53.1]; chronic medical illness 22.25% [CI 95%: 10.62-40.79], hypertension 17.47%  
166 [CI 95%: 13.55-22.24], and diabetes 11.19% [CI 95%: 9.19-13.55] respectively. The low common  
167 comorbidities were chronic kidney diseases 3.05% [CI 95%: 1.59-6.78]; malignancies 3.2% [CI  
168 95%: 2.33-4.38]; nervous system 3.5% [CI 95%: 1.26-9.31], and chronic obstructive pulmonary  
169 disease (COPD) 3.56% [CI 95%: 2.38-5.32] ([S8-23 Fig](#)).

### 170 **3.4. The prevalence of 2019 coronavirus based on the clinical symptoms**

171 The more than three fourths of patients (82.72%) had fever [CI 95%: 77.87-86.68]; 57.69% had  
172 cough [CI 95%: 50.72-64.37]; 25.20% had myalgia/fatigue [CI 95%: 19.62-31.73], and 20.87%  
173 had dyspnea [CI 95%:13.94-30.04]. The other clinical symptoms of patients were respectively,  
174 chill 15.02% [CI 95%: 7.57-27.61]; sore throat 10.18% [CI 95%: 6.83-14.91]; rhinorrhea 5.9%  
175 [CI 95%: 3.47-9.17]; shortness of breath 13.61% [CI 95%: 5.98-28.06]; chest tightness 14.55%  
176 [CI95%: 9.73-21.19]; chest pain 3.19% [CI95%: 1.02-9.54]; sputum production 19.93% [CI95%:  
177 13.38-28.63]; headache 9.08% [CI 95%: 7.08-11.58]; hemoptysis 3.55% [CI 95%: 2.00-6.22];  
178 nausea and vomiting 6.00% [CI 95%: 4.54-7.90], and diarrhea 7.49% [CI 95%: 5.87-9.51] ([S24-](#)  
179 [42 Fig](#)).

### 180 **3.5. The prevalence of 2019 coronavirus based on the timing**

181 The incubation period of patients was estimated 5 days [CI95%: 5.008-6.073]. Duration of illness  
182 to dyspnea, first hospital to ICU, onset of symptom to hospital, and first symptom to death were  
183 reported 13 days [CI95%: 11.025-15.581], 5 days [CI95%: 3.438-6.158], 6 days [CI95%: 4.664-  
184 7.201], and 17 days [CI95%: 13.772-19.523] ([S43-9 Fig](#)).

### 185 **3.6. General Examination of COVID-19 plus Patients'**

186 The systolic to diastolic blood pressure was 87.887 (mm Hg) [CI95%: 82.570-93.205] \ 126.56  
187 (mm Hg) [CI95%: 123.696-129.423], which was normal. The oxygen pressure of patients was  
188 between 49 (kpa) and 128 (kpa), (Mean 87.887 kpa) [CI95%: 82.570-93.205]. The oxygen  
189 saturation of patients was between 92 (kpa) and 97 (kpa), (Mean 95.141 kpa) [CI95%: 92.991-  
190 97.291]. The heart rate of patients was between 87 and 90 beats per minute (Mean 89.272 beats  
191 per minute) [CI95%: 87.870-90.674]. The respiratory rate of patients was between 10 and 18.7  
192 breaths per minute (Mean 14.335 breaths per minute) [CI95%: 9.938-18.731] ([S50-6 Fig](#)).

### 193 **3.7. The prevalence of 2019 coronavirus based on the laboratory findings**

194 The mean of white blood cell (WBC) of patients was reported  $5.063 (\times 10^9 \text{ per L})$  [CI 95%: 4.74-  
195 5.37]. The most patients with COVID-19 (54.36%) were in the range of 4 and 10 (count,  $\times 10^9$   
196 per L) of WBC [CI 95%: 41.11-67.00]. The mean of leucocytes was reported  $5.93 (\times 10^9 \text{ per L})$   
197 [CI 95%: 5.11-6.74]. The most patients with COVID-19 (24.76%) were in the range of more than  
198  $10 (\times 10^9 \text{ per L})$  of leucocytes [CI 95%: 17.39-33.96]. The mean of lymphocyte was found  $1.01$   
199  $(\times 10^9 \text{ per L})$  [CI 95%: 0.9509-1.0872]. In this study, the most patients with COVID-19 (39.56%)  
200 were in the range of more than  $1.0 (\times 10^9 \text{ per L})$  of lymphocyte [CI 95%: 30.32-49.61]. The mean  
201 of neutrophil was shown  $3.94 (\times 10^9 \text{ per L})$  [CI 95%: 3.599-4.283]. As shown in ..., 13.14% of  
202 patients with COVID-19 had an increasing in the neutrophil [CI 95%: 5.71-1.50], and 9.37% had  
203 a decreasing in the neutrophil [CI 95%: 7.61-21.73]. The mean of hemoglobin was reported 134.96  
204 (g/L) [CI 95%: 131.981-137.947]. As shown in ..., 37.35% of patients with COVID-19 had a  
205 decreasing in the hemoglobin [CI 95%: 24.62-52.11]. The mean of platelet was reported 202.75  
206  $(\times 10^9 \text{ per L})$  [CI 95%: 191.530-213.982]. The most patients with COVID-19 (39.81%) had range  
207 higher than  $100 (\times 10^9 \text{ per L})$  of platelet [CI 95%: 16.68-68.59]. The mean of prothrombin time  
208 was reported 12.18 s [CI 95%: 11.62-12.74]. Although, the mean of activated partial  
209 thromboplastin time was found 32.21 s [CI 95%: 29.40-35.02]. About 14.48% of patients with  
210 COVID-19 had an increasing in the neutrophil [CI 95%: 7.42-26.36], and 7.38% had a decreasing  
211 in the neutrophil [CI 95%: 10.14-32.15]. The mean of the D-dimer was found  $0.548 \mu\text{g/L}$  [CI 95%:  
212 0.478-0.618]. About 30.89% of patients with COVID-19 had an increasing in the D-dimer [CI  
213 95%: 21.09-42.77]. The mean of aspartate aminotransferase (AST) was reported 28.95 IU/L [CI  
214 95%: 25.243-32.659]. In this regards, 22.09 % of patients with COVID-19 had an increasing in  
215 the AST [CI 95%: 17.43-27.58]. Another frequent abnormal laboratory finding in patients with

216 COVID-19 had increasing levels in the creatinine (48.21%) [CI 95%: 19.61-78.03]. Other hands,  
217 4.12 % of patients with COVID-19 had high levels of troponin I [CI 95%: 2.78-5.46]. According  
218 to confirmed COVID-19 subjects, the mean of urea nitrogen was reported 4.702 mmol/L [CI 95%:  
219 4.39-5.01]. Among the patients, 22.94% had high levels of the urea nitrogen [CI 95%: 6.26-57.03].  
220 Procalcitonin levels lower than 0.25 ng/mL was seen in 64.97% of the patients. Also, the patients  
221 with high levels of C-reactive proteins was estimated 56.8% [CI 95%: 33.75-77.23]. The mean of  
222 creatine kinase was 105.34 U/L [CI 95%: 95.258-115.421]. In fact, 38.53% of patients had lower  
223 than 185 U/L of creatine kinase [CI 95%: 12.81-72.79]. Based on confirmed COVID-19 subjects,  
224 the means of myoglobin, glucose, potassium, alanine aminotransferase, sodium, albumin, and  
225 lactate dehydrogenase were 43.42 ng/mL [CI 95%: 26.458-60.385], 6.415 mmol/L [CI 95%:  
226 6.061-6.769], 3.905 mmol/L [CI 95%: 3.803-4.008], 26.358 U/L [CI 95%: 24.062-28.654], 138.56  
227 mmol/L [CI 95%: 138.123-139.001], 37.488 g/L [CI 95%: 34.812-40.165], and 284.265 U/L [CI  
228 95%: 262.114-306.415], respectively ([S58-101 Fig](#)).

### 229 **3.8. The prevalence of 2019 coronavirus based on the radiologic findings**

230 To diagnoses of COVID-19, imaging of chest X-Ray (CXR) and chest CT-scan were common.  
231 The study shows that the most common pattern of parenchymal involvement was bilateral  
232 pneumonia involvement and ground-glass opacification/opacity (GGO). In fact, three fourths of  
233 patients (78.25%) had bilateral pneumonia involvement [CI 95%: 60.59-8938], and 58.37% had  
234 GGO [CI 95%: 45.11-70.52]. This study shows that 46.83% of patients had both of consolidation  
235 and GGOs [CI 95%: 34.26-59.82]. Absence of both GGOs and consolidation were seen in 12.78%  
236 of patients [CI 95%: 4.72-30.24]. Also, consolidation was seen in 29.43% of patients [CI 95%:  
237 20.2-40.71]. Based on CT-Scan findings, crazy-paving, vascular enlargement, air bronchus gram  
238 sign, and air trapping were seen in 22.55% [CI 95%: 14.26-33.76], 43.59% [CI 95%: 6.34-89.82],

239 61.79% [CI 95%: 50.02-72.32], and 11.76% [CI 95%: 5.38-23-81], respectively. This study also  
240 shows that patients who suffer from nodular opacities, reversed halo sign, bronchus deformation  
241 due to fibrosis and strip like lesions, pleural retraction sign, and pleural effusion were 13.99% [CI  
242 95%: 5.53-31.13], 2.54% [CI 95%: 0.96-6.58], 47.62% [CI 95%: 27.85-68.16], 56.45% [CI 95%:  
243 43.97-68.17], and 7.15% [CI 95%: 4.65-10.84], respectively. The most common sites of the lung  
244 involvement were lower lobe 91.70% [CI 95%: 82.70-96.23]. Also, 66.34% of patients had  
245 peripheral involvement [CI 95%: 47.89-80.86], and 64.73% had punctate ground glass opacities  
246 [CI 95%: 15.97-94.66]. Five affected lobes were involved in the most of patients 34.59% [CI 95%:  
247 27.32-42.66] ([S102-127 Fig](#)).

### 248 **3.9. The prevalence of 2019 coronavirus based on the therapies**

249 To treatment of COVID-19, the most common patients (86.45%) took antiviral drugs [CI 95%:  
250 76.34-92.65] and 75.09% took antibiotic [CI 95%: 61.65-84.97]. As shown in ..., oxygen therapy  
251 and interferon therapy were seen in 72% [CI 95%: 47.85-87.82], and 68.78% [CI 95%: 10.63-  
252 97.61] of patients. Corticosteroid therapy and Intravenous immunoglobulin therapy were seen in  
253 about 27% of patients, [CI 95%: 20.54-35], and [CI 95%: 14.6-46.43], respectively ([S128-140](#)  
254 [Fig](#)).

### 255 **3.10. Outcomes**

256 Remained in hospital was required in 62.38% of patients with COVID-19 [CI 95%: 47.43-76.06].  
257 The pooled mortality rate of the patients was about 4.55% [CI 95%: 2.49-8.15]. The discharge and  
258 recovery rates of patients with COVID-19 were estimated 25.88% [CI 95%: 15.91-39.18], and  
259 6.49% [CI 95%: 0.11-80.93]. The subgroup analysis shows that there was no significant difference  
260 between male and female in the patients with COVID-19 (P = 0.9008), direct and indirect exposure  
261 of patients (P = 0.1094), hemoglobin (P = 0.092), urea nitrogen (P = 0.1121), and CRP (P = 0.5716).

262 On the other hands, there was a significant difference between increasing and decreasing of the  
263 body temperature (P = 0.004), PO<sub>2</sub> (P = 0.034), WBC (P = 0.0001), leucocytes (P=0.0001), and  
264 lymphocyte (P=0.0006). Meanwhile there was a significant difference between increasing and  
265 decreasing of the neutrophil (P=0.0001), platelet (P=0.0001), prothrombin time (P=0.0001),  
266 activated partial thromboplastin time (P=0.0001), d-dimer (P=0.002), AST (P=0.0001), creatinine  
267 (P=0.0001), bilirubin (P=0.0001), Creatine kinase (P=0.0001), myoglobin (P=0.0001), glucose  
268 (P=0.877), albumin (P=0.0165), and lactate dehydrogenase (P=0.745) ([S141-4 Fig](#)).

### 269 **3.11. Publication bias**

270 The publication bias in this study was evaluated by Begg's and Egger's tests. The publication bias  
271 by Begg's test was calculated 0.68, and the Egger's test was calculated 0.87. The probability of the  
272 publication bias in this study was not significant ([Fig 2](#)).

273 Fig 2. Publication bias of studies included.



#### 274 4. Discussion

275 This study has evaluated the COVID-19 clinical characteristics, complications, and comorbidity  
276 to the comparison of the latest information about the COVID-19 pandemic. The mean age of  
277 patients with COVID-19 was estimated 49.43 years. Most of patients was male. The BMI of  
278 patients was in normal rate. 33.5% of patients were health care workers. More half of the patients  
279 had direct exposure history. The most common clinical symptoms were fever, cough, myalgia and  
280 dyspnea. The most common comorbidities were acute respiratory distress syndrome, chronic  
281 medical illness, hypertension, and diabetes. In the terms of the laboratory abnormalities, the most  
282 patients had high levels of leucocytes, lymphocyte, neutrophil, platelet, D-dimer, AST, Creatinine,  
283 troponin I, urea nitrogen, Creatine Kinase, and C-reactive proteins. Majority of patients had a  
284 decreasing in the hemoglobin. CT-Scan imaging showed that most of patients involved with  
285 bilateral pneumonia, and GGO. Crazy-paving, vascular enlargement, air bronchus gram sign, and  
286 air trapping were also seen. The most common regions of the lung involvement were lower lobe.  
287 Also, majority of patients had peripheral involvement, and had punctate ground glass opacities.  
288 This study showed that fever (82.72%), cough (57.69%), (25.20%) myalgia or fatigue, and dyspnea  
289 (20.87%) were the most common symptoms. Nasiri et al fund that fever (83.0%), cough (65.2%)  
290 and dyspnea (27.4%) were the most common symptoms<sup>93</sup>. Chen et al estimated fever and cough  
291 were the most common clinical finding in 87.1% and 36.5% of patients, respectively<sup>88</sup>. Chen et al  
292 showed the cardiovascular and cerebrovascular diseases at 21.7% of the patients<sup>88</sup>. Our study  
293 showed the most common comorbidities were ARDS, (30.4%), chronic medical illness (22.25%),  
294 hypertension (17.47%), and diabetes (11.19%). In this respect, the results of our study were  
295 inconsistent with those of Nasiri et al<sup>93</sup>. They found that the most common comorbidities were  
296 hypertension (18.5 %), cardiovascular diseases (14.9 %) and diabetes (10.8 %) <sup>93</sup>. Yang et al, also

297 showed that hypertension ( $17 \pm 7\%$ ), diabetes ( $8 \pm 6\%$ ), and cardiovascular diseases ( $5 \pm 4\%$ ) were  
298 the most common comorbid findings <sup>10</sup>. The high prevalence of ARDS among patients with  
299 COVID-19 may be a case of the role of these viruses in inducing of the ARDS <sup>94</sup>. The high  
300 prevalence of hypertension and cardiovascular comorbidities may be regarding the important role  
301 of angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors (ACEI) in COVID-19. Based on researches  
302 angiotensin-converting enzyme 2 (ACE2) receptor was identified as the receptor used by COVID-  
303 19 to infect human cells. Previous studies showed that the function of ACEI results in the  
304 upregulation of ACE2 <sup>95</sup>. Therefore, the increase in ACE2 levels may result in a greater risk of  
305 infection with the COVID-19 [31].

306 Based on the laboratory abnormalities, the most patients had high levels of the C-reactive proteins  
307 (56.8%), Creatine Kinase (48.21%), Creatinine (48.21%), platelet (39.81%), lymphocyte  
308 (39.56%), leucocytes (24.76%), D-dimer (30.89%), neutrophil (14.48%), AST (22.09%), troponin  
309 I (4.12%), and urea nitrogen (22.94%). Wang observed that the C-reactive protein levels in the  
310 early stage of COVID-19 may show lung lesions and disease severity. C-reactive protein levels  
311 also could show disease changes, especially for patients in critical condition <sup>96</sup>. Wang et al also  
312 demonstrated that most patients with severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) had high levels  
313 of the CRP <sup>97</sup>. However, Carlos Lopez-Delgado previously showed that thrombocytopenia and  
314 lymphopenia strongly increased a higher risk of mortality in SARS and H1N1 influenza <sup>98</sup>.

315 The incubation period of patients was estimated at 5 days. Duration of illness to dyspnea was  
316 reported 13 days, the first hospital to ICU was reported 5 days, the onset of symptom to the hospital  
317 was estimated 6 days, and the first symptom to death was reported 17 days. In this respect, the  
318 results of our study were consistent with those of Nasiri et al <sup>93</sup>. Nasiri showed that the mean

319 duration between hospitalization and death was 17.5 days <sup>93</sup>. Feng et al showed that duration  
320 between hospitalization and death was 17.4 days in patients with SARS <sup>99</sup>.  
321 This study has limitations. Most of the clinical findings were from observational studies. This  
322 study not only Chinese studies, but also needs other countries for comprehensive results globally.  
323 The pooled mortality rate of the patients was about 4.55%. Guan reported the mortality rate of the  
324 patients with COVID-19 was 1.4% <sup>100</sup>. In this respect, the results of our study were inconsistent  
325 with those Li et al (7%) <sup>93</sup>, Qian et al (8.9%) <sup>101</sup>, and Rodriguez et al (13.9%) <sup>102</sup>. In the current  
326 study, early recognition, early intervention, and early centered-quarantine may be contributing  
327 factors in the low mortalities <sup>103</sup>.

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## 329 **5. Limitations**

330 the inclusion of studies with different inclusion and exclusion criteria, and there is no consensus  
331 definition of COVID-19 expressed is one of the main limitations of this meta-analysis to be  
332 mentioned. Otherwise most of the information is for China and the results cannot be generalized  
333 to the whole world because of nationality, ethnicity, race, lifestyle and etc. Also, data were  
334 accessed by using Guilan University of Medical Sciences' -Iran Ministry of Health & Medical  
335 Education- VPN which some databases are not fully accessible. Most of the articles were  
336 preprinted and not reviewed. This will be challenging the accuracy and precision of the results of  
337 the original articles, and the use of previous articles. However, the research team reviewed each  
338 article carefully.

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342 **6. Conclusion**

343 COVID-19 has turned the new leaf in the world people's lives with various cultures, languages,  
344 and traditions. The mortality rate in our study was 4.55% and the mean duration between  
345 hospitalization and death was 17 days. It seems to be the rate of mortality of patients with COVID-  
346 19 is decreasing, gradually. It could be related to the early recognition, early intervention, and  
347 early centered-quarantine in the world.

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349 **7. Supporting information**

350 S1 File. PRISMA Checklist

351 S2 File. The review protocol which has been registered in PROSPERO International  
352 Prospective Register of Systematic Reviews.

353 S3 File. Newcastle-Ottawa scale checklist.

354 S4 File. Data characteristics (Full details) (MS Excel).

355 S1 Fig. The percentage of direct exposure history in patients with COVID-19

356 S2 Fig. The percentage of indirect exposure history in patients with COVID-19

357 S3 Fig. The percentage of total exposure history in patients with COVID-19

358 S4 Fig. The prevalence of age in patients with COVID-19

359 S5 Fig. The percentage of gender age in patients with COVID-19

360 S6 Fig. The prevalence of BMI in patients with COVID-19

361 S7 Fig. The percentage of occupation (HCWs) in patients with COVID-19

362 S8 Fig. The percentage of acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS) in patients with  
363 COVID-19

364 S9 Fig. The percentage of acute cardiac injury in patients with COVID-19

- 365 S10 Fig. The percentage of acute kidney injury in patients with COVID-19
- 366 S11 Fig. The percentage of acute respiratory injury in patients with COVID-19
- 367 S12 Fig. The percentage of septic shock in patients with COVID-19
- 368 S13 Fig. The percentage of diabetes in patients with COVID-19
- 369 S14 Fig. The percentage of hypertension in patients with COVID-19
- 370 S15 Fig. The percentage of cardiovascular diseases (CVD) in patients with COVID-19
- 371 S16 Fig. The percentage of COPD in patients with COVID-19
- 372 S17 Fig. The percentage of nervous system in patients with COVID-19
- 373 S18 Fig. The percentage of malignancies in patients with COVID-19
- 374 S19 Fig. The percentage of chronic medical illness in patients with COVID-19
- 375 S20 Fig. The percentage of endocrine system diseases in patients with COVID-19
- 376 S21 Fig. The percentage of digestive system diseases in patients with COVID-19
- 377 S22 Fig. The percentage of chronic kidney diseases in patients with COVID-19
- 378 S23 Fig. The percentage of chronic liver diseases in patients with COVID-19
- 379 S24 Fig. The percentage of Fever in patients with COVID-19
- 380 S25 Fig. The percentage of Chill in patients with COVID-19
- 381 S26 Fig. The percentage of Temperature (°C) in patients with COVID-19
- 382 S27 Fig. The percentage of Cough in patients with COVID-19
- 383 S28 Fig. The percentage of Sore throat in patients with COVID-19
- 384 S29 Fig. The percentage of Rhinorrhea in patients with COVID-19
- 385 S30 Fig. The percentage of Shortness of breath in patients with COVID-19
- 386 S31 Fig. The percentage of Chest tightness in patients with COVID-19
- 387 S32 Fig. The percentage of Chest pain in patients with COVID-19

- 388 S33 Fig. The percentage of Dyspnea in patients with COVID-19
- 389 S34 Fig. The percentage of Myalgia in patients with COVID-19
- 390 S35 Fig. The percentage of Sputum production in patients with COVID-19
- 391 S36 Fig. The percentage of Headache in patients with COVID-19
- 392 S37 Fig. The percentage of Hemoptysis in patients with COVID-19
- 393 S38 Fig. The percentage of Nausea and vomiting in patients with COVID-19
- 394 S39 Fig. The percentage of Diarrhea in patients with COVID-19
- 395 S40 Fig. The percentage of Anosemia in patients with COVID-19
- 396 S41 Fig. The percentage of Anorexia in patients with COVID-19
- 397 S42 Fig. The percentage of Rash in patients with COVID-19
- 398 S43 Fig. Mean of days Incubation period in patients with COVID-19
- 399 S44 Fig. Mean of days Illness onset to dyspnea in patients with COVID-19
- 400 S45 Fig. Mean of days First hospital to ICU in patients with COVID-19
- 401 S46 Fig. Mean of days Onset of symptom to hospital in patients with COVID-19
- 402 S47 Fig. Mean of days Onset of symptom to ICU in patients with COVID-19
- 403 S48 Fig. Mean of days ARDS and needed ICU in patients with COVID-19
- 404 S49 Fig. Mean of days symptom to death in patients with COVID-19
- 405 S50 Fig. Mean Diastolic pressure in patients with COVID-19
- 406 S51 Fig. Mean Systolic pressure in patients with COVID-19
- 407 S52 Fig. Mean PO<sub>2</sub> (kpa, range80-100) in patients with COVID-19
- 408 S53 Fig. Decreased PO<sub>2</sub> (kpa, range80-100) in patients with COVID-19
- 409 S54 Fig. Mean O<sub>2</sub> sat (range ≥95%) in patients with COVID-19
- 410 S55 Fig. Mean Heart rate (Beats per minute) in patients with COVID-19

411 S56 Fig. Mean Respiratory rate in patients with COVID-19

412 S57 Fig. Mean WBC (count,  $\times 10^9$  per L Range) in patients with COVID-19

413 S58 Fig. Sub grouped analysis of WBC (count,  $\times 10^9$  per L Range) in patients with COVID-  
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415 S59 Fig. Mean Leucocytes ( $\times 10^9$  per L; normal range 3.5–9.5) range in patients with  
416 COVID-19

417 S60 Fig. Sub grouped analysis of Leucocytes ( $\times 10^9$  per L; normal range 3.5–9.5) range in  
418 patients with COVID-19

419 S61 Fig. Mean Lymphocyte ( $\times 10^9$  per L) (range 1.1–3.2) range in patients with COVID-19

420 S62 Fig. Sub grouped analysis of Lymphocyte ( $\times 10^9$  per L) (range 1.1–3.2) range in patients  
421 with COVID-19

422 S63 Fig. Mean Neutrophil (count,  $\times 10^9$  per L range) in patients with COVID-19

423 S64 Fig. Sub grouped analysis of Neutrophil (count,  $\times 10^9$  per L range) in patients with  
424 COVID-19

425 S65 Fig. Mean Hemoglobin (g/L; normal range 130.0–175.0) range in patients with  
426 COVID-19

427 S66 Fig. Sub grouped analysis of Hemoglobin (g/L; normal range 130.0–175.0) range in  
428 patients with COVID-19

429 S67 Fig. Mean Platelet (count,  $\times 10^9$  per L range) in patients with COVID-19

430 S68 Fig. Sub grouped analysis of Platelet (count,  $\times 10^9$  per L range) in patients with  
431 COVID-19

432 S69 Fig. Mean Prothrombin time (s Range) in patients with COVID-19

433 S70 Fig. Sub grouped analysis of Prothrombin time (s Range) in patients with COVID-19

434 S71 Fig. Mean Activated partial thromboplastin time (s Range) in patients with COVID-19  
435 S72 Fig. Sub grouped analysis of Activated partial thromboplastin time (s Range) in patients  
436 with COVID-19  
437 S73 Fig. Mean D-dimer ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ; normal range 0·0–1·5) Range in patients with COVID-19  
438 S74 Fig. Sub grouped analysis of D-dimer ( $\mu\text{g/L}$ ; normal range 0·0–1·5) Range in patients  
439 with COVID-19  
440 S75 Fig. Mean AST (IU/L, range 8–40) Range in patients with COVID-19  
441 S76 Fig. Sub grouped analysis of AST (IU/L, range 8–40) Range in patients with COVID-  
442 19  
443 S77 Fig. Mean Creatinine ( $\mu\text{mol/L}$  range) in patients with COVID-19  
444 S78 Fig. Sub grouped analysis of Creatinine ( $\mu\text{mol/L}$  range) in patients with COVID-19  
445 S79 Fig. Mean Troponin in patients with COVID-19  
446 S80 Fig. Total Bilirubin (U/L; normal range 50·0–310·0) in patients with COVID-19  
447 S81 Fig. Sub grouped analysis of Increased bilirubin in patients with COVID-19  
448 S82 Fig. Mean Urea nitrogen (mmol/L, range 2·6–7·5) in patients with COVID-19  
449 S83 Fig. Sub grouped analysis of Decreased Urea nitrogen in patients with COVID-19  
450 S84 Fig. Mean Procalcitonin (ng/mL) in patients with COVID-19  
451 S85 Fig. Sub grouped analysis of Procalcitonin in patients with COVID-19  
452 S86 Fig. Mean CRP (mg/dL) in patients with COVID-19  
453 S87 Fig. Sub grouped analysis of CRP in patients with COVID-19  
454 S88 Fig. Mean Erythrocyte in patients with COVID-19  
455 S89 Fig. Mean Creatine kinase (U/L; normal range 50·0–310·0) in patients with COVID-19  
456 S90 Fig. Sub grouped analysis of Creatine kinase in patients with COVID-19



457 S91 Fig. Mean Myoglobin (ng/mL; normal range 0.0–146.9) in patients with COVID-19

458 S92 Fig. Sub grouped analysis of Myoglobin in patients with COVID-19

459 S93 Fig. Mean Glucose (mmol/L; normal range 3.9–6.1) in patients with COVID-19

460 S94 Fig. Sub grouped analysis of Glucose in patients with COVID-19

461 S95 Fig. Mean Potassium (mmol/L) in patients with COVID-19

462 S96 Fig. Mean Alanine aminotransferase/ALT (U/L) in patients with COVID-19

463 S97 Fig. Mean Sodium (mmol/L) in patients with COVID-19

464 S98 Fig. Mean Albumin (g/L, range 35–57) in patients with COVID-19

465 S99 Fig. Sub grouped analysis of Albumin in patients with COVID-19

466 S100 Fig. Mean Lactate dehydrogenase/LDH in patients with COVID-19

467 S101 Fig. Sub grouped analysis of Lactate dehydrogenase/LDH in patients with COVID-19

468 S102 Fig. The percentage of CXR Unilateral Pneumonia in patients with COVID-19

469 S103 Fig. The percentage of Chest X-Ray Bilateral Pneumonia in patients with COVID-19

470 S104 Fig. The percentage of Absence of both GGOs and consolidation in patients with  
471 COVID-19

472 S105 Fig. The percentage of Presence of GGOs with consolidation in patients with COVID-  
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474 S106 Fig. The percentage of GGOs in patients with COVID-19

475 S107 Fig. The percentage of consolidation in patients with COVID-19

476 S108 Fig. The percentage of Crazy-paving in patients with COVID-19

477 S109 Fig. The percentage of Vascular enlargement in patients with COVID-19

478 S110 Fig. The percentage of Interlobular septal thickening in a crazy-paving pattern in  
479 patients with COVID-19

- 480 S111 Fig. The percentage of Air Broncho gram sign in patients with COVID-19
- 481 S112 Fig. The percentage of Air trapping in patients with COVID-19
- 482 S113 Fig. The percentage of Nodular opacities in patients with COVID-19
- 483 S114 Fig. The percentage of Reversed halo sign in patients with COVID-19
- 484 S115 Fig. The percentage of Discrete pulmonary Nodules with halo sign in patients with  
485 COVID-19
- 486 S116 Fig. The percentage of Discrete pulmonary Nodules without halo sign in patients with  
487 COVID-19
- 488 S117 Fig. The percentage of Bronchus deformation due to fibrosis and strip like lesions in  
489 patients with COVID-19
- 490 S118 Fig. The percentage of Lymphadenopathy in patients with COVID-19
- 491 S119 Fig. The percentage of Pleural retraction sign in patients with COVID-19
- 492 S120 Fig. The percentage of Pleural effusion in patients with COVID-19
- 493 S121 Fig. The percentage of fibrous stripes in patients with COVID-19
- 494 S122 Fig. The percentage of patchy Consolidation at CT in patients with COVID-19
- 495 S123 Fig. The percentage of Peripheral, Central, Both of lung in patients with COVID-19
- 496 S124 Fig. The percentage of Upper, Middle, Lower lobe in patients with COVID-19
- 497 S125 Fig. The percentage of Patchy or punctate ground glass opacities in patients with  
498 COVID-19
- 499 S126 Fig. The percentage of Patients number affected lobe in patients with COVID-19
- 500 S127 Fig. The percentage of Interstitial abnormality in patients with COVID-19
- 501 S128 Fig. The percentage of Corticosteroid in patients with COVID-19

502 S129 Fig. The percentage of Intravenous immunoglobulin therapy in patients with COVID-  
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504 S130 Fig. The percentage of Interferon in patients with COVID-19  
505 S131 Fig. The percentage of Non-Invasive ventilation in patients with COVID-19  
506 S132 Fig. The percentage of Invasive Mechanical Ventilation in patients with COVID-19  
507 S133 Fig. The percentage of Immunoglobulin therapy in patients with COVID-19  
508 S134 Fig. The percentage of Nasal cannula in patients with COVID-19  
509 S135 Fig. The percentage of Oxygen therapy in patients with COVID-19  
510 S136 Fig. The percentage of CRRT in patients with COVID-19  
511 S137 Fig. The percentage of ECMO in patients with COVID-19  
512 S138 Fig. The percentage of Antifungal in patients with COVID-19  
513 S139 Fig. The percentage of Antibiotic in patients with COVID-19  
514 S140 Fig. The percentage of Antiviral in patients with COVID-19  
515 S141 Fig. The percentage of Discharge in patients with COVID-19  
516 S142 Fig. The percentage of Recovery in patients with COVID-19  
517 S143 Fig. The percentage of Remained in hospital in patients with COVID-19  
518 S144 Fig. The percentage of Death in patients with COVID-19

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785 Table 1- A Systemic Review and Meta-analysis COVID-19 Clinical Characteristics, Complications and  
786 comorbidity

		NO Study	(CI-95%)	P-value	I <sup>2</sup> (%)	P-value Subgroup	I <sup>2</sup> (%) Subgroup	Supplementary Data/ Figures
Exposure History	Direct	37	62.71% ( 52.22-72.12)	0.0181	96.39	0.1094	97.18	S1 Fig
	Indirect	12	41.01% (24.47-59.87)	0.3507	97.42			S2 Fig
	Total	49	57.6% (48.3-66.4)	---	--			S3 Fig
Age		64	49.43 (47.44-51.42)	0.0001	98.10	--	--	S4 Fig
Gender	Male	68	52.65% (51-54.3)	0.0016	58.56	0.9008	69.57	S5 Fig
	Female	67	47.28% (45.56-49)	0.0019	62.31			
	Total	136	---	--	---			
BMI		4	23.26 (22.28-24.23)	0.0001	85.61	--	--	S6 Fig
Occupation	HCWs	5	33.5% (12-64.9)	0.302	96.72	--	--	S7 Fig
Comorbid conditions	Acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS)	8	30.4% (14.4-53.1)	0.088	91.48	--	--	S8 Fig
	Acute Cardiac Injury	6	10.16% (6.34-15.9)	0.0001	65.47	--	--	S9 Fig
	Acute Kidney Injury	7	4.4% (1.46-12.54)	0.0001	92.1	--	--	S10 Fig
	Acute Respiratory Injury	7	5.49% (3.26-9.09)	0.0001	63.65	--	--	S11 Fig
	Septic Shock	7	4.61% (1.97-10.41)	0.0001	80.86	--	--	S12 Fig
	Diabetes	35	11.19% (9.19-13.55)	0.0001	66.95	--	--	S13 Fig
	Hypertension	34	17.47% (13.55-22.24)	0.0001	88.64	--	--	S14 Fig
	Cardiovascular diseases (CVD)	23	11.16% (6.87-17.65)	0.0001	94.79	--	--	S15 Fig
	COPD	20	3.56% (2.38-5.32)	0.0001	61.75	--	--	S16 Fig
	Nervous system	4	3.5% (1.26-9.31)	0.0001	71.3	--	--	S17 Fig
	Malignancies	23	3.2% (2.33-4.38)	0.0001	26.56	--	--	S18 Fig
	Chronic medical illness	5	22.25% (10.62-40.79)	0.0053	90.33	--	--	S19 Fig

	Endocrine system diseases	3	8.3% (5.4-12.4)	0.0001	6.44 (Fixed effect size)	--	--	S20 Fig	
	Digestive system diseases	7	4.62% (2.47-8.46)	0.0001	75.85	--	--	S21 Fig	
	Chronic kidney diseases	12	3.05% (1.59-6.78)	0.0001	67.87	--	--	S22 Fig	
	Chronic liver diseases	14	5.94% (3.51-9.9)	0.0001	80.77	--	--	S23 Fig	
Sign and symptoms	Fever	60	82.72% (77.87-86.68)	0.0001	95.24	--	--	S24 Fig	
	Chill	11	15.02% (7.57-27.61)	0.001	95.13	--	--	S25 Fig	
	Temperature (°C)	<37.3	10	19.16% (10.55-32.26)	0.0001	96.3	0.004	91.87	S26 Fig
		>39	15	14.1% (8.12-23.35)	0.0001	94.02			
		37.3-38	14	32.38% (25.7-39.87)	0.0001	87.12			
		38.1-39	14	33.39% (22.96-40.51)	0.0001	86.39			
			53	--	--	--			
	Cough	62	57.69% (50.72-64.37)	0.0307	95.62	--	--	S27 Fig	
	Sore throat	23	10.18% (6.83-14.91)	0.0001	90.59	--	--	S28 Fig	
	Rhinorrhea	7	5.9% (3.47-9.17)	0.0001	0 (Fixed effect size)	--	--	S29 Fig	
	Shortness of breath	11	13.61% (5.98-28.06)	0.0001	94.17	--	--	S30 Fig	
	Chest tightness	14	14.55% (9.73-21.19)	0.0001	89.31	--	--	S31 Fig	
	Chest pain	11	3.19% (1.02-9.54)	0.0001	93.64	--	--	S32 Fig	
	Dyspnea	22	20.87% (13.94-30.04)	0.0001	92.86	--	--	S33 Fig	
	Myalgia	52	25.20% (19.62-31.73)	0.0001	94.19	--	--	S34 Fig	
	Sputum production	20	19.93% (13.38-28.63)	0.0001	94.59	--	--	S35 Fig	
	Headache	42	9.08% (7.08-11.58)	0.0001	83.10	--	--	S36 Fig	
	Hemoptysis	9	3.55% (2.00-6.22)	0.0001	61.99	--	--	S37 Fig	
	Nausea and vomiting	21	6.00% (4.54-7.90)	0.0001	35.81	--	--	S38 Fig	
	Diarrhea	43	7.49% (5.87-9.51)	0.0001	72.42	--	--	S39 Fig	
Anosmia	2	6.65%	0.0001	78.44	--	--	S40 Fig		

				20.1-19.84					
	Anorexia	2		32.59% 20.02-48.27	0.0303	80.45	--	--	S41 Fig
	Rash	1		8.33% 2.09-27.88	0.0012	68.89	--	--	S42 Fig
Timing(days)	Incubation period	8		5.540 (5.008-6.073)	0.0001	98.07	--	--	S43 Fig
	Illness onset to dyspnea	11		13.303 (11.025-15.581)	0.0001	99.32	--	--	S44 Fig
	First hospital to ICU	12		4.798 (3.438-6.158)	0.0001	99.47	--	--	S45 Fig
	Onset of symptom to hospital	11		5.935 (4.664-7.201)	0.0001	98.90	--	--	S46 Fig
	Onset of symptom to ICU	4		6.092 (1.594-10.590)	0.007	99.78	--	--	S47 Fig
	ARDS and needed ICU	2		9.5 (6.56-12.44)	0.0001	100	--	--	S48 Fig
	Days symptom to death	3		16.647 (13.772-19.523)	0.0001	97.73	--	--	S49 Fig
Pressure (mmHg)	Diastolic pressure	5		87.887 (82.570-93.205)	0.0001	96.62	--	--	S50 Fig
	Systolic pressure	6		126.56 (123.696-129.423)	0.0001	63.17	--	--	S51 Fig
PO <sub>2</sub> (kpa, range80-100)	Mean	7		88.690 (49.211-128.169)	0.0001	99.93	--	--	S52 Fig
	Decreased	3		26.72% (12.52-48.15)	--	--	0.034	83.779	S53 Fig
	Total			26.72% (12.52-48.15)	--	--	0.034		
O <sub>2</sub> sat ((range ≥95%))		3		95.141% (92.991-97.291)	0.0001	99.08	--	--	S54 Fig
Heart rate (beats per minute)		9		89.272 (87.870-90.674)	0.0001	60.06	--	--	S55 Fig
Respiratory rate		13		14.335 (9.938-18.731)	0.0001	99.84	--	--	S56 Fig
Laboratory	WBC count, × 10 <sup>9</sup> per L Range	Mean	22	5.063 (4.74-5.37)	0.0001	85.18	--	--	S57 Fig
		<4	12	17.97% (10.17-29.78)	0.0001	94.18	0.0001	93.21	S58 Fig
		>10	10	14.45% (10.28-19.94)	0.005	61.43			
		4-10	5	54.36% (41.11-67.00)	0.0001	82.43			

	<b>Total</b>		<b>23.53%</b> <b>(18.81-29.00)</b>	--	--			
<b>Leucocytes</b> <b>(× 10<sup>9</sup> per L; normal range 3.5–9.5) range</b>	<b>Mean</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5.93</b> <b>(5.11-6.74)</b>	<b>0.0001</b>	<b>95.82</b>	--	--	<b>S59 Fig</b>
	<b>&lt;10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16.25%</b> <b>(6.05-36.89)</b>	<b>0.003</b>	<b>97.55</b>	<b>0.0001</b>	<b>95.88</b>	<b>S60 Fig</b>
	<b>&gt;10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>24.76%</b> <b>(17.39-33.96)</b>	<b>0.0001</b>	<b>88.73</b>			
	<b>Total</b>		<b>23.40%</b> <b>(16.80-31.61)</b>	--	--			
<b>Mean</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>1.0190</b> <b>(0.9509-1.0872)</b>	<b>0.0001</b>	<b>97.98</b>	--			
<b>Lymphocyte</b> <b>(× 10<sup>9</sup> per L) (range 1.1–3.2) range</b>	<b>&lt;1.0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>32.89%</b> <b>(22.65-45.07)</b>	<b>0.0001</b>	<b>93.43</b>	<b>0.0006</b>	<b>92.34</b>	<b>S62 Fig</b>
	<b>&gt;1.0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>39.56%</b> <b>(30.32-49.61)</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>90.55</b>			
	<b>Total</b>		<b>43.04%</b> <b>(40.93-45.18)</b>	--	--			
	<b>Mean</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3.941</b> <b>(3.599-4.283)</b>	<b>0.0001</b>	<b>94.18</b>			
<b>Neutrophil count, × 10<sup>9</sup> per L range</b>	<b>Decreased</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9.37%</b> <b>(5.71-1.50)</b>	<b>0.0001</b>	<b>76.05</b>	<b>0.0001</b>	<b>85.64</b>	<b>S64 Fig</b>
	<b>Increased</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13.14%</b> <b>(7.61-21.73)</b>	<b>0.0001</b>	<b>88.42</b>			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>10.88%</b> <b>(7.55-15.42)</b>	--	--			
	<b>Mean</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>134.964</b> <b>(131.981-137.947)</b>	<b>0.0001</b>	<b>90.36</b>			
<b>Hemoglobin (g/L; normal range 130.0–175.0) range</b>	<b>Decreased</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>37.35%</b> <b>(24.62-52.11)</b>	<b>0.092</b>	<b>78.07</b>	<b>0.092</b>	<b>90.36</b>	<b>S66 Fig</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>37.35%</b> <b>(24.62-52.11)</b>	--	--			
	<b>Mean</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>202.756</b> <b>(191.530-213.982)</b>	<b>0.0001</b>	<b>98.62</b>			
<b>Platelet count, × 10<sup>9</sup> per L range</b>	<b>&lt;100</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11.48</b> <b>(06.49-19.49)</b>	<b>0.0001</b>	<b>91.89</b>	<b>0.0001</b>	<b>93.82</b>	<b>S68 Fig</b>
	<b>≥100</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>39.81</b> <b>(16.68-68.59)</b>	<b>0.4974</b>	<b>95.09</b>			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>15.54</b> <b>(9.56-24.24)</b>	--	--			
	<b>Mean</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12.18</b> <b>(11.62-12.74)</b>	<b>0.0001</b>	<b>98.59</b>			
<b>Prothrombin time (s Range)</b>	<b>Decreased</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8.28</b> <b>(1.28-38.59)</b>	<b>0.0151</b>	<b>93.75</b>	<b>0.0001</b>	<b>53.35</b>	<b>S70 Fig</b>
	<b>Increased</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8.65</b> <b>(5.56-13.22)</b>	<b>0.0001</b>	<b>57.88</b>			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8.63</b> <b>(5.62-13.04)</b>	--	--			
	<b>Mean</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>32.21</b> <b>(29.40-35.02)</b>	<b>0.0001</b>	<b>98.93</b>			
<b>Activated partial thromboplastin time</b>	<b>Decreased</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7.38%</b> <b>(10.14-32.15)</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>92.55</b>	<b>0.0001</b>	<b>91.75</b>	<b>S72 Fig</b>

(s Range)	Increased	6	14.48% (7.42-26.36)	0.0001	91.25			
	Total	9	13.14% (7.05-23.17)	--	--			
D-dimer (µg/L; normal range 0·0– 1·5) Range	Mean	16	0.548 (0.478-0.618)	0.0001	99.92			S73 Fig
	Increased	8	30.89% (21.09-42.77)	0.002	92.47	0.002	92.47	S74 Fig
	Total		30.89% (21.09-42.77)	--	--			
AST (IU/L, range 8– 40) Range	Mean	10	28.951 (25.243-32.659)	0.0001	97.06	--	--	S75 Fig
	Increased	5	22.09% (17.43-27.58)	0.0001	56.10	0.0001	92.87	S76 Fig
	Total		22.09% (17.43-27.58)	--	--			
Creatinine (µmol/L range)	Mean	23	68.47 (65.22-71.07)	0.0001	95.29	--	--	S77 Fig
	>133	7	48.21% (19.61-78.03)	0.916	95.18	0.0001	95.29	S78 Fig
	≤133	10	5.04% (2.55-9.73)	0.0001	81.71			
	Total	17	9.03% (5.04-15.66)	--	--			
Troponin		4	4.12% (2.78-5.46)	0.0001	98.80	--	--	S79 Fig
Bilirubin (U/L; normal range 50·0– 310·0) range	Total bilirubin	21	10.23% (9.32-11.14)	0.0001	98.45	--	--	S80 Fig
	Increased bilirubin	9	6.61% (3.97-10.79)	--	--	0.0001	74.42	S81 Fig
Urea nitrogen (mmol/L, range 2.6– 7.5)	Mean	17	4.702% (4.39-5.01)	0.0001	93.72	--	--	S82 Fig
	Decrease d	4	22.94% (6.26-57.03)	--	--	0.1121	93.66	S83 Fig
Procalcitonin (ng/mL)	Total	18	0.22% (0.18-0.53)	0.0001	99.93	--	--	S84 Fig
	<0.1	5	43.65% (20.04-70.54)	0.6575	88.59	0.0001	93.93	S85 Fig
	0.1 to <0.25	3	21.32% (14.1-30.92)	0.0001	1.35 (Fixed effect size)			
	0.25 to 0.5	5	17.78% (3.4-57.05)	0.093	87.89			
	>0.5	9	11.47% (3.45-31.98)	0.0002	96.08			
CRP (mg/dL)	Mean	28	37.52% (34.16-40.87)	0.0001	99.9	--	--	S86 Fig
	CRP >60	14	56.8% (33.75-77.23)	--	--	0.5716	97.72	S87 Fig
Erythrocyte	Mean	5	41.11	0.0007	87.09	--	--	S88 Fig

				(17.21-65.02)					
<b>Creatine kinase (U/L; normal range 50-0-310-0) range</b>	<b>Mean</b>	18	105.34 (95.25-115.42)	0.0001	99.70	--	--	S89 Fig	
	≤185	6	38.53% (12.81-72.79)	0.520	96.32	0.0001	93.94	S90 Fig	
	≥185	8	14.68% (9.55-21.91)	0.0001	81.91				
	<b>Total</b>	13	16.41% (10.99-23.78)	--	--				
<b>Myoglobin (ng/mL; normal range 0-0-146-9) range</b>	<b>Mean</b>	4	43.421 (26.45-60.38)	0.0001	99.96	--	--	S91 Fig	
	<b>Increased</b>	4	14.20% (11.79-17.00)	--	--	0.0001	0.000	S92 Fig	
<b>Glucose (mmol/L; normal range 3-9-6-1)</b>	<b>Mean</b>	7	6.415 (6.061-6.769)	0.0001	82.01	--	--	S93 Fig	
	<b>Increased</b>	4	49.12% (38.10-60.22)	--	--	0.877	83.073	S94 Fig	
<b>Potassium (mmol/L)</b>		10	3.905 (3.803-4.008)	0.0001	32.07	--	--	S95 Fig	
<b>Alanine aminotransferase/ALT (U/L)</b>		18	26.358 (24.06-28.65)	0.0001	91.89	--	--	S96 Fig	
<b>Sodium (mmol/L)</b>		10	138.56 (138.12-139.00)	0.0001	70.66	--	--	S97 Fig	
<b>Albumin (g/L, range 35-57)</b>	<b>Mean</b>	12	37.488 (34.81-40.16)	0.0001	97.81	--	--	S98 Fig	
	<b>Decreased</b>	6	14.77% (3.97-42.06)	--	--	0.0165	96.77	S99 Fig	
<b>Lactate dehydrogenase/LDH</b>	<b>Mean</b>	22	284.265 (262.11-306.41)	0.0001	95.57	--	--	S100 Fig	
	≤245	5	37.73% (20.98-58.03)	0.234	87.19	0.745	89.57	S101 Fig	
	245≥	10	56.43% (44.56-67.61)	0.287	91.14				
	<b>Total</b>	15	51.71% (41.47-61.81)	--	--				
<b>Radiological Findings</b>	<b>CXR Unilateral Pneumonia</b>	6	16.29% (9.26-27.04)	0.0001	83.78	--	--	S102 Fig	
	<b>Chest X-Ray Bilateral Pneumonia</b>	21	78.25% (60.59-89.38)	0.0032	97.72	--	--	S103 Fig	
	<b>Absence of both GGOs and consolidation</b>	3	12.78% (4.72-30.24)	0.0005	71.58	--	--	S104 Fig	
	<b>Presence of GGOs with consolidation</b>	10	46.83% (34.26-59.82)	0.0001	88.26	--	--	S105 Fig	



GGOs	30	58.37% (45.11-70.52)	0.0001	97.03	--	--	S106 Fig
consolidation	18	29.43% (20.2-40.71)	0.0006	93.83	--	--	S107 Fig
Crazy-paving	7	22.55% (14.26-33.76)	0.0001	84.75	--	--	S108 Fig
Vascular enlargement	4	43.59% (6.34-89.82)	0.8356	98.67	--	--	S109 Fig
Interlobular septal thickening in a crazy-paving pattern	3	62.94% (56.24-69.18)	0.0002	0 (Fixed effect size)	--	--	S110 Fig
Air Bronchogram sign	6	61.79% (50.02-72.32)	0.0497	79.89	--	--	S111 Fig
Air trapping	1	11.76% (5.38-23-81)	0.0001	0 (Fixed effect size)	--	--	S112 Fig
Nodular opacities	4	13.99% (5.53-31.13)	0.0005	80.12	--	--	S113 Fig
Reversed halo sign	2	2.54% (0.96-6.58)	0.0001	0.0001	--	--	S114 Fig
Discrete pulmonary Nodules with halo sign	1	17.65% (9.45-30.57)	0.0001	0 (Fixed effect size)	--	--	S115 Fig
Discrete pulmonary Nodules without halo sign	1	3.92% (0.98-14.37)	0.0001	0 (Fixed effect size)	--	--	S116 Fig
Bronchus deformation due to fibrosis and strip like lesions	1	47.62% (27.85-68.16)	0.8273	0 (Fixed effect size)	--	--	S117 Fig
Lymphadenopathy	2	4.74% (2.48-8.85)	0.0001	0 (Fixed effect size)	--	--	S118 Fig
Pleural retraction sign	1	56.45% (43.97-68.17)	0.3110	0 (Fixed effect size)	--	--	S119 Fig
Pleural effusion	10	7.15% (4.65-10.84)	0.0001	53.92	--	--	S120 Fig

Number of fibrous stripes	2	34.65% (8.23-75.80)	0.4838	94.65	--	--	S121 Fig
Number of patchy Consolidation at CT	2	24.2% (15.73-35.31)	0.0001	42.86	--	--	S122 Fig
Peripheral	8	66.34% (47.89-80.86)	0.2821	92.40	0.0001	94.90	S123 Fig
Central	3	1.47% (0.61-3.48)	0.0001	0 (Fixed effect size)			
Both	5	36.2% (22.13-53.11)	0.0813	93.36			
Upper	2	83.29% (73.31-90.05)	0.0001	0 (Fixed effect size)	0.0001	75.34	S124 Fig
Middle	2	72.64% (40.62-91.16)	0.1582	80.69			
Lower	2	91.70% (82.70-96.23)	0.0001	0 (Fixed effect size)			
Number of Patchy or punctate ground glass opacities	2	64.73% (15.97-94.66)	0.5997	97.51	--	--	S125 Fig
Patients number of 1 affected lobe	6	15.77% (9.11-25.91)	0.0001	76.24	0.0001	84.19	S126 Fig
Patients number of 2 affected lobes	6	14.08% (11.01-17.83)	0.0001	0 (Fixed effect size)			
Patients number of 3 affected lobes	6	9.82% (7.28-13.12)	0.0001	0 (Fixed effect size)			
Patients number of 4 affected lobes	6	18.36% (14.89-22.43)	0.0001	0 (Fixed effect size)			
Patients number of 5	6	34.59% (27.32-42.66)	0.0003	56.47			

	affected lobes							
	Interstitial abnormality	1	13.01% (11.15-15.13)	0.0001	0 (Fixed effect size)			S127 Fig
<b>Treatment</b>	Corticosteroid	18	27.17% (20.54-35)	0.0001	91.77	--	--	S128 Fig
	Intravenous immunoglobulin therapy	8	27.79% (14.6-46.43)	0.021	96.66	--	--	S129 Fig
	Interferon	4	68.78% (10.63-97.61)	0.5958	96.99	--	--	S130 Fig
	Non-Invasive ventilation	16	21.48% (12.02-35.4)	0.0003	96.16	--	--	S131 Fig
	Invasive mechanical Ventilation	8	5.71% (2.91-10.93)	0.0001	76.19	--	--	S132 Fig
	Immunoglobulin therapy	9	25.93% (16.1-38.97)	0.0006	93.18	--	--	S133 Fig
	Nasal cannula	8	59.88% (51.54-67.69)	0.020	72.66	--	--	S134 Fig
	Oxygen therapy	7	72% (47.85-87.82)	0.0725	97.89	--	--	S135 Fig
	CRRT	6	7.92% (4.63-13.25)	0.0001	57.49	--	--	S136 Fig
	ECMO	4	2.06% (0.42-9.39)	0.0001	90.39	--	--	S137 Fig
	Antifungal	5	6.7% (1.98-2.033)	0.0001	94.56	--	--	S138 Fig
	Antibiotic	16	75.09% (61.65-84.97)	0.0006	94.81	--	--	S139 Fig
	Antiviral	18	86.45% (76.34-92.65)	0.0001	96.58	--	--	S140 Fig
<b>Outcomes</b>	Discharge	19	25.88% (15.91-39.18)	0.0008	97.08	--	--	S141 Fig
	Recovery	3	6.49% (0.11-80.93)	0.2036	97.68	--	--	S142 Fig
	Remained in hospital	24	62.87% (47.43-76.06)	0.1012	97.24	--	--	S143 Fig
	Death	25	4.55% (2.49-8.15)	0.0001	98.09	--	--	S144 Fig

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Table 1- A Systemic Review and Meta-analysis COVID-19 Clinical Characteristics, Complications and comorbidity

		NO Study	(CI-95%)	P-value	I <sup>2</sup> (%)	P-value Subgroup	I <sup>2</sup> (%) Subgroup	Supplementary Data/ Figures
Exposure History	Direct	37	62.71% ( 52.22-72.12)	0.0181	96.39	0.1094	97.18	S1 Fig
	Indirect	12	41.01% (24.47-59.87)	0.3507	97.42			S2 Fig
	Total	49	57.6% (48.3-66.4)	---	--			S3 Fig
Age		64	49.43 (47.44-51.42)	0.0001	98.10	--	--	S4 Fig
Gender	Male	68	52.65% (51-54.3)	0.0016	58.56	0.9008	69.57	S5 Fig
	Female	67	47.28% (45.56-49)	0.0019	62.31			
	Total	136	---	--	---			
BMI		4	23.26 (22.28-24.23)	0.0001	85.61	--	--	S6 Fig
Occupation	HCWs	5	33.5% (12-64.9)	0.302	96.72	--	--	S7 Fig
Comorbid conditions	Acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS)	8	30.4% (14.4-53.1)	0.088	91.48	--	--	S8 Fig
	Acute Cardiac Injury	6	10.16% (6.34-15.9)	0.0001	65.47	--	--	S9 Fig
	Acute Kidney Injury	7	4.4% (1.46-12.54)	0.0001	92.1	--	--	S10 Fig
	Acute Respiratory Injury	7	5.49% (3.26-9.09)	0.0001	63.65	--	--	S11 Fig
	Septic Shock	7	4.61% (1.97-10.41)	0.0001	80.86	--	--	S12 Fig
	Diabetes	35	11.19% (9.19-13.55)	0.0001	66.95	--	--	S13 Fig
	Hypertension	34	17.47% (13.55-22.24)	0.0001	88.64	--	--	S14 Fig
	Cardiovascular diseases (CVD)	23	11.16% (6.87-17.65)	0.0001	94.79	--	--	S15 Fig
	COPD	20	3.56% (2.38-5.32)	0.0001	61.75	--	--	S16 Fig
	Nervous system	4	3.5% (1.26-9.31)	0.0001	71.3	--	--	S17 Fig
	Malignancies	23	3.2% (2.33-4.38)	0.0001	26.56	--	--	S18 Fig
	Chronic medical illness	5	22.25% (10.62-40.79)	0.0053	90.33	--	--	S19 Fig

	Endocrine system diseases	3	8.3% (5.4-12.4)	0.0001	6.44 (Fixed effect size)	--	--	S20 Fig	
	Digestive system diseases	7	4.62% (2.47-8.46)	0.0001	75.85	--	--	S21 Fig	
	Chronic kidney diseases	12	3.05% (1.59-6.78)	0.0001	67.87	--	--	S22 Fig	
	Chronic liver diseases	14	5.94% (3.51-9.9)	0.0001	80.77	--	--	S23 Fig	
Sign and symptoms	Fever	60	82.72% (77.87-86.68)	0.0001	95.24	--	--	S24 Fig	
	Chill	11	15.02% (7.57-27.61)	0.001	95.13	--	--	S25 Fig	
	Temperature (°C)	<37.3	10	19.16% (10.55-32.26)	0.0001	96.3	0.004	91.87	S26 Fig
		>39	15	14.1% (8.12-23.35)	0.0001	94.02			
		37.3-38	14	32.38% (25.7-39.87)	0.0001	87.12			
		38.1-39	14	33.39% (22.96-40.51)	0.0001	86.39			
			53	--	--	--			
	Cough	62	57.69% (50.72-64.37)	0.0307	95.62	--	--	S27 Fig	
	Sore throat	23	10.18% (6.83-14.91)	0.0001	90.59	--	--	S28 Fig	
	Rhinorrhea	7	5.9% (3.47-9.17)	0.0001	0 (Fixed effect size)	--	--	S29 Fig	
	Shortness of breath	11	13.61% (5.98-28.06)	0.0001	94.17	--	--	S30 Fig	
	Chest tightness	14	14.55% (9.73-21.19)	0.0001	89.31	--	--	S31 Fig	
	Chest pain	11	3.19% (1.02-9.54)	0.0001	93.64	--	--	S32 Fig	
	Dyspnea	22	20.87% (13.94-30.04)	0.0001	92.86	--	--	S33 Fig	
	Myalgia	52	25.20% (19.62-31.73)	0.0001	94.19	--	--	S34 Fig	
	Sputum production	20	19.93% (13.38-28.63)	0.0001	94.59	--	--	S35 Fig	
	Headache	42	9.08% (7.08-11.58)	0.0001	83.10	--	--	S36 Fig	
	Hemoptysis	9	3.55% (2.00-6.22)	0.0001	61.99	--	--	S37 Fig	
	Nausea and vomiting	21	6.00% (4.54-7.90)	0.0001	35.81	--	--	S38 Fig	
Diarrhea	43	7.49% (5.87-9.51)	0.0001	72.42	--	--	S39 Fig		

	Anosemia	2	6.65% 20.1-19.84	0.0001	78.44	--	--	S40 Fig	
	Anorexia	2	32.59% 20.02-48.27	0.0303	80.45	--	--	S41 Fig	
	Rash	1	8.33% 2.09-27.88	0.0012	68.89	--	--	S42 Fig	
Timing(days)	Incubation period	8	5.540 (5.008-6.073)	0.0001	98.07	--	--	S43 Fig	
	Illness onset to dyspnea	11	13.303 (11.025-15.581)	0.0001	99.32	--	--	S44 Fig	
	First hospital to ICU	12	4.798 (3.438-6.158)	0.0001	99.47	--	--	S45 Fig	
	Onset of symptom to hospital	11	5.935 (4.664-7.201)	0.0001	98.90	--	--	S46 Fig	
	Onset of symptom to ICU	4	6.092 (1.594-10.590)	0.007	99.78	--	--	S47 Fig	
	ARDS and needed ICU	2	9.5 (6.56-12.44)	0.0001	100	--	--	S48 Fig	
	Days symptom to death	3	16.647 (13.772-19.523)	0.0001	97.73	--	--	S49 Fig	
Pressure (mmHg)	Diastolic pressure	5	87.887 (82.570-93.205)	0.0001	96.62	--	--	S50 Fig	
	Systolic pressure	6	126.56 (123.696-129.423)	0.0001	63.17	--	--	S51 Fig	
PO <sub>2</sub> (kpa, range80-100)	Mean	7	88.690 (49.211-128.169)	0.0001	99.93	--	--	S52 Fig	
	Decreased	3	26.72% (12.52-48.15)	--	--	0.034	83.779	S53 Fig	
	Total		26.72% (12.52-48.15)	--	--	0.034			
O <sub>2</sub> sat ((range ≥95%))		3	95.141% (92.991-97.291)	0.0001	99.08	--	--	S54 Fig	
Heart rate (beats per minute)		9	89.272 (87.870-90.674)	0.0001	60.06	--	--	S55 Fig	
Respiratory rate		13	14.335 (9.938-18.731)	0.0001	99.84	--	--	S56 Fig	
Laboratory	WBC count, × 10 <sup>9</sup> per L Range	Mean	22	5.063 (4.74-5.37)	0.0001	85.18	--	--	S57 Fig
		<4	12	17.97% (10.17-29.78)	0.0001	94.18	0.0001	93.21	S58 Fig
		>10	10	14.45% (10.28-19.94)	0.005	61.43			
		4-10	5	54.36%	0.0001	82.43			



			(41.11-67.00)					
	<b>Total</b>		23.53% (18.81-29.00)	--	--			
<b>Leucocytes</b> (× 10 <sup>9</sup> per L; normal range 3·5–9·5) range	<b>Mean</b>	10	5.93 (5.11-6.74)	0.0001	95.82	--	--	S59 Fig
	<10	10	16.25% (6.05-36.89)	0.003	97.55	0.0001	95.88	S60 Fig
	>10	11	24.76% (17.39-33.96)	0.0001	88.73			
	<b>Total</b>		23.40% (16.80-31.61)	--	--			
<b>Lymphocyte</b> (× 10 <sup>9</sup> per L) (range 1.1–3.2) range	<b>Mean</b>	34	1.0190 (0.9509-1.0872)	0.0001	97.98	--	--	S61 Fig
	<1.0	23	32.89% (22.65-45.07)	0.0001	93.43	0.0006	92.34	S62 Fig
	>1.0	15	39.56% (30.32-49.61)	0.001	90.55			
	<b>Total</b>		43.04% (40.93-45.18)	--	--			
<b>Neutrophil count, × 10<sup>9</sup> per L range</b>	<b>Mean</b>	34	3.941 (3.599-4.283)	0.0001	94.18	--	--	S63 Fig
	<b>Decreased</b>	9	9.37% (5.71-1.50)	0.0001	76.05	0.0001	85.64	S64 Fig
	<b>Increased</b>	12	13.14% (7.61-21.73)	0.0001	88.42			
	<b>Total</b>	21	10.88% (7.55-15.42)	--	--			
<b>Hemoglobin</b> (g/L; normal range 130·0–175·0) range	<b>Mean</b>	21	134.964 (131.981-137.947)	0.0001	90.36	--	--	S65 Fig
	<b>Decreased</b>	5	37.35% (24.62-52.11)	0.092	78.07	0.092	90.36	S66 Fig
	<b>Total</b>	21	37.35% (24.62-52.11)	--	--			
<b>Platelet count, × 10<sup>9</sup> per L range</b>	<b>Mean</b>	30	202.756 (191.530-213.982)	0.0001	98.62	--	--	S67 Fig
	<100	12	11.48 (06.49-19.49)	0.0001	91.89	0.0001	93.82	S68 Fig
	≥100	12	39.81 (16.68-68.59)	0.4974	95.09			
	<b>Total</b>	24	15.54 (9.56-24.24)	--	--			
<b>Prothrombin time</b> (s Range)	<b>Mean</b>	16	12.18 (11.62-12.74)	0.0001	98.59	--	--	S69 Fig
	<b>Decreased</b>	3	8.28 (1.28-38.59)	0.0151	93.75	0.0001	53.35	S70 Fig
	<b>Increased</b>	5	8.65 (5.56-13.22)	0.0001	57.88			
	<b>Total</b>	8	8.63 (5.62-13.04)	--	--			
<b>Activated partial</b>	<b>Mean</b>	11	32.21 (29.40-35.02)	0.0001	98.93	--	--	S71 Fig

thromboplastin time (s Range)	Decreased	3	7.38% (10.14-32.15)	0.000	92.55	0.0001	91.75	S72 Fig
	Increased	6	14.48% (7.42-26.36)	0.0001	91.25			
	Total	9	13.14% (7.05-23.17)	--	--			
D-dimer (µg/L; normal range 0-0-1.5) Range	Mean	16	0.548 (0.478-0.618)	0.0001	99.92	0.002	92.47	S73 Fig
	Increased	8	30.89% (21.09-42.77)	0.002	92.47			S74 Fig
	Total		30.89% (21.09-42.77)	--	--			
AST (IU/L, range 8-40) Range	Mean	10	28.951 (25.243-32.659)	0.0001	97.06	--	--	S75 Fig
	Increased	5	22.09% (17.43-27.58)	0.0001	56.10	0.0001	92.87	S76 Fig
	Total		22.09% (17.43-27.58)	--	--			
Creatinine (µmol/L range)	Mean	23	68.47 (65.22-71.07)	0.0001	95.29	--	--	S77 Fig
	>133	7	48.21% (19.61-78.03)	0.916	95.18	0.0001	95.29	S78 Fig
	≤133	10	5.04% (2.55-9.73)	0.0001	81.71			
	Total	17	9.03% (5.04-15.66)	--	--			
Troponin		4	4.12% (2.78-5.46)	0.0001	98.80	--	--	S79 Fig
Bilirubin (U/L; normal range 50-0-310-0) range	Total bilirubin	21	10.23% (9.32-11.14)	0.0001	98.45	--	--	S80 Fig
	Increased bilirubin	9	6.61% (3.97-10.79)	--	--	0.0001	74.42	S81 Fig
Urea nitrogen (mmol/L, range 2.6-7.5)	Mean	17	4.702% (4.39-5.01)	0.0001	93.72	--	--	S82 Fig
	Decreased	4	22.94% (6.26-57.03)	--	--	0.1121	93.66	S83 Fig
Procalcitonin (ng/mL)	Total	18	0.22% (0.18-0.53)	0.0001	99.93	--	--	S84 Fig
	<0.1	5	43.65% (20.04-70.54)	0.6575	88.59	0.0001	93.93	S85 Fig
	0.1 to <0.25	3	21.32% (14.1-30.92)	0.0001	1.35 (Fixed effect size)			
	0.25 to 0.5	5	17.78% (3.4-57.05)	0.093	87.89			
	>0.5	9	11.47% (3.45-31.98)	0.0002	96.08			
CRP (mg/dL)	Mean	28	37.52% (34.16-40.87)	0.0001	99.9	--	--	S86 Fig

	CRP >60	14	56.8% (33.75-77.23)	--	--	0.5716	97.72	S87 Fig
Erythrocyte	Mean	5	41.11 (17.21-65.02)	0.0007	87.09	--	--	S88 Fig
Creatine kinase (U/L; normal range 50-0-310-0)	Mean	18	105.34 (95.25-115.42)	0.0001	99.70	--	--	S89 Fig
	≤185	6	38.53% (12.81-72.79)	0.520	96.32	0.0001	93.94	S90 Fig
	≥185	8	14.68% (9.55-21.91)	0.0001	81.91			
	Total	13	16.41% (10.99-23.78)	--	--			
Myoglobin (ng/mL; normal range 0-0-146-9)	Mean	4	43.421 (26.45-60.38)	0.0001	99.96	--	--	S91 Fig
	Increased	4	14.20% (11.79-17.00)	--	--	0.0001	0.000	S92 Fig
Glucose (mmol/L; normal range 3-9-6-1)	Mean	7	6.415 (6.061-6.769)	0.0001	82.01	--	--	S93 Fig
	Increased	4	49.12% (38.10-60.22)	--	--	0.877	83.073	S94 Fig
Potassium (mmol/L)		10	3.905 (3.803-4.008)	0.0001	32.07	--	--	S95 Fig
Alanine aminotransferase/ALT (U/L)		18	26.358 (24.06-28.65)	0.0001	91.89	--	--	S96 Fig
Sodium (mmol/L)		10	138.56 (138.12-139.00)	0.0001	70.66	--	--	S97 Fig
Albumin (g/L, range 35-57)	Mean	12	37.488 (34.81-40.16)	0.0001	97.81	--	--	S98 Fig
	Decreased	6	14.77% (3.97-42.06)	--	--	0.0165	96.77	S99 Fig
Lactate dehydrogenase/LDH	Mean	22	284.265 (262.11-306.41)	0.0001	95.57	--	--	S100 Fig
	≤245	5	37.73% (20.98-58.03)	0.234	87.19	0.745	89.57	S101 Fig
	245≥	10	56.43% (44.56-67.61)	0.287	91.14			
	Total	15	51.71% (41.47-61.81)	--	--			
<b>Radiological</b>	CXR Unilateral Pneumonia	6	16.29% (9.26-27.04)	0.0001	83.78	--	--	S102 Fig
	Chest X-Ray Bilateral Pneumonia	21	78.25% (60.59-89.38)	0.0032	97.72	--	--	S103 Fig
	Absence of both GGOs and consolidation	3	12.78% (4.72-30.24)	0.0005	71.58	--	--	S104 Fig

Presence of GGOs with consolidation	10	46.83% (34.26-59.82)	0.0001	88.26	--	--	S105 Fig
GGOs	30	58.37% (45.11-70.52)	0.0001	97.03	--	--	S106 Fig
consolidation	18	29.43% (20.2-40.71)	0.0006	93.83	--	--	S107 Fig
Crazy-paving	7	22.55% (14.26-33.76)	0.0001	84.75	--	--	S108 Fig
Vascular enlargement	4	43.59% (6.34-89.82)	0.8356	98.67	--	--	S109 Fig
Interlobular septal thickening in a crazy-paving pattern	3	62.94% (56.24-69.18)	0.0002	0 (Fixed effect size)	--	--	S110 Fig
Air Bronchogram sign	6	61.79% (50.02-72.32)	0.0497	79.89	--	--	S111 Fig
Air trapping	1	11.76% (5.38-23-81)	0.0001	0 (Fixed effect size)	--	--	S112 Fig
Nodular opacities	4	13.99% (5.53-31.13)	0.0005	80.12	--	--	S113 Fig
Reversed halo sign	2	2.54% (0.96-6.58)	0.0001	0.0001	--	--	S114 Fig
Discrete pulmonary Nodules with halo sign	1	17.65% (9.45-30.57)	0.0001	0 (Fixed effect size)	--	--	S115 Fig
Discrete pulmonary Nodules without halo sign	1	3.92% (0.98-14.37)	0.0001	0 (Fixed effect size)	--	--	S116 Fig
Bronchus deformation due to fibrosis and strip like lesions	1	47.62% (27.85-68.16)	0.8273	0 (Fixed effect size)	--	--	S117 Fig
Lymphadenopathy	2	4.74% (2.48-8.85)	0.0001	0 (Fixed effect size)	--	--	S118 Fig

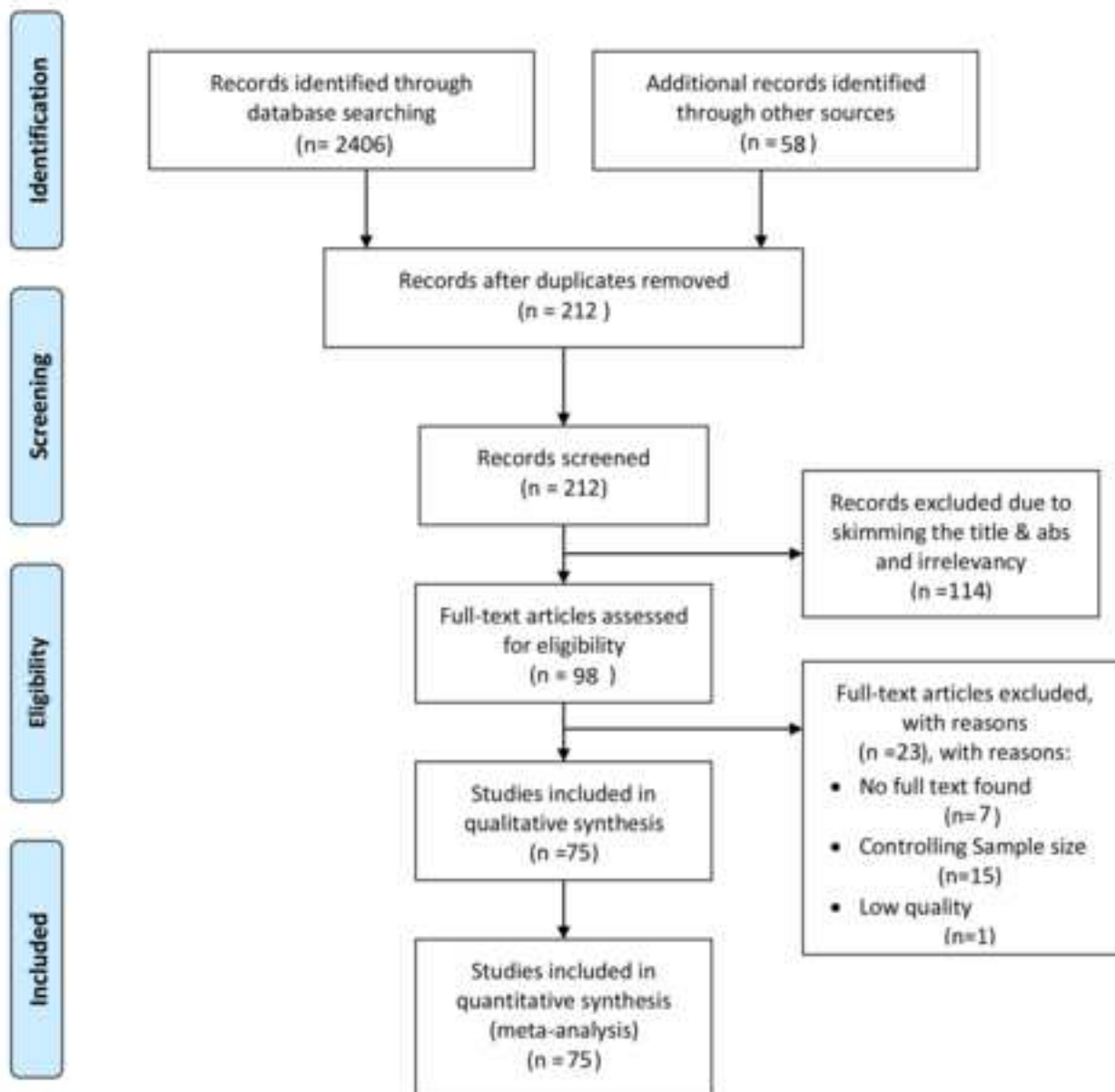
Pleural retraction sign	1	56.45% (43.97-68.17)	0.3110	0 (Fixed effect size)	--	--	S119 Fig
Pleural effusion	10	7.15% (4.65-10.84)	0.0001	53.92	--	--	S120 Fig
Number of fibrous stripes	2	34.65% (8.23-75.80)	0.4838	94.65	--	--	S121 Fig
Number of patchy Consolidation at CT	2	24.2% (15.73-35.31)	0.0001	42.86	--	--	S122 Fig
Peripheral	8	66.34% (47.89-80.86)	0.2821	92.40	0.0001	94.90	S123 Fig
Central	3	1.47% (0.61-3.48)	0.0001	0 (Fixed effect size)			
Both	5	36.2% (22.13-53.11)	0.0813	93.36			
Upper	2	83.29% (73.31-90.05)	0.0001	0 (Fixed effect size)	0.0001	75.34	S124 Fig
Middle	2	72.64% (40.62-91.16)	0.1582	80.69			
Lower	2	91.70% (82.70-96.23)	0.0001	0 (Fixed effect size)			
Number of Patchy or punctate ground glass opacities	2	64.73% (15.97-94.66)	0.5997	97.51	--	--	S125 Fig
Patients number of 1 affected lobe	6	15.77% (9.11-25.91)	0.0001	76.24	0.0001	84.19	S126 Fig
Patients number of 2 affected lobes	6	14.08% (11.01-17.83)	0.0001	0 (Fixed effect size)			
Patients number of 3 affected lobes	6	9.82% (7.28-13.12)	0.0001	0 (Fixed effect size)			
Patients number	6	18.36% (14.89-22.43)	0.0001	0			

	of 4 affected lobes				(Fixed effect size)			
	Patients number of 5 affected lobes	6	34.59% (27.32-42.66)	0.0003	56.47			
	Interstitial abnormality	1	13.01% (11.15-15.13)	0.0001	0 (Fixed effect size)			S127 Fig
<b>Treatment</b>	Corticosteroid	18	27.17% (20.54-35)	0.0001	91.77	--	--	S128 Fig
	Intravenous immunoglobulin therapy	8	27.79% (14.6-46.43)	0.021	96.66	--	--	S129 Fig
	Interferon	4	68.78% (10.63-97.61)	0.5958	96.99	--	--	S130 Fig
	Non-Invasive ventilation	16	21.48% (12.02-35.4)	0.0003	96.16	--	--	S131 Fig
	Invasive mechanical Ventilation	8	5.71% (2.91-10.93)	0.0001	76.19	--	--	S132 Fig
	Immunoglobulin therapy	9	25.93% (16.1-38.97)	0.0006	93.18	--	--	S133 Fig
	Nasal cannula	8	59.88% (51.54-67.69)	0.020	72.66	--	--	S134 Fig
	Oxygen therapy	7	72% (47.85-87.82)	0.0725	97.89	--	--	S135 Fig
	CRRT	6	7.92% (4.63-13.25)	0.0001	57.49	--	--	S136 Fig
	ECMO	4	2.06% (0.42-9.39)	0.0001	90.39	--	--	S137 Fig
	Antifungal	5	6.7% (1.98-2.033)	0.0001	94.56	--	--	S138 Fig
	Antibiotic	16	75.09% (61.65-84.97)	0.0006	94.81	--	--	S139 Fig
	Antiviral	18	86.45% (76.34-92.65)	0.0001	96.58	--	--	S140 Fig
<b>Outcomes</b>	Discharge	19	25.88% (15.91-39.18)	0.0008	97.08	--	--	S141 Fig
	Recovery	3	6.49% (0.11-80.93)	0.2036	97.68	--	--	S142 Fig
	Remained in hospital	24	62.87% (47.43-76.06)	0.1012	97.24	--	--	S143 Fig

	<b>Death</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>4.55%</b> <b>(2.49-8.15)</b>	<b>0.0001</b>	<b>98.09</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>S144 Fig</b>
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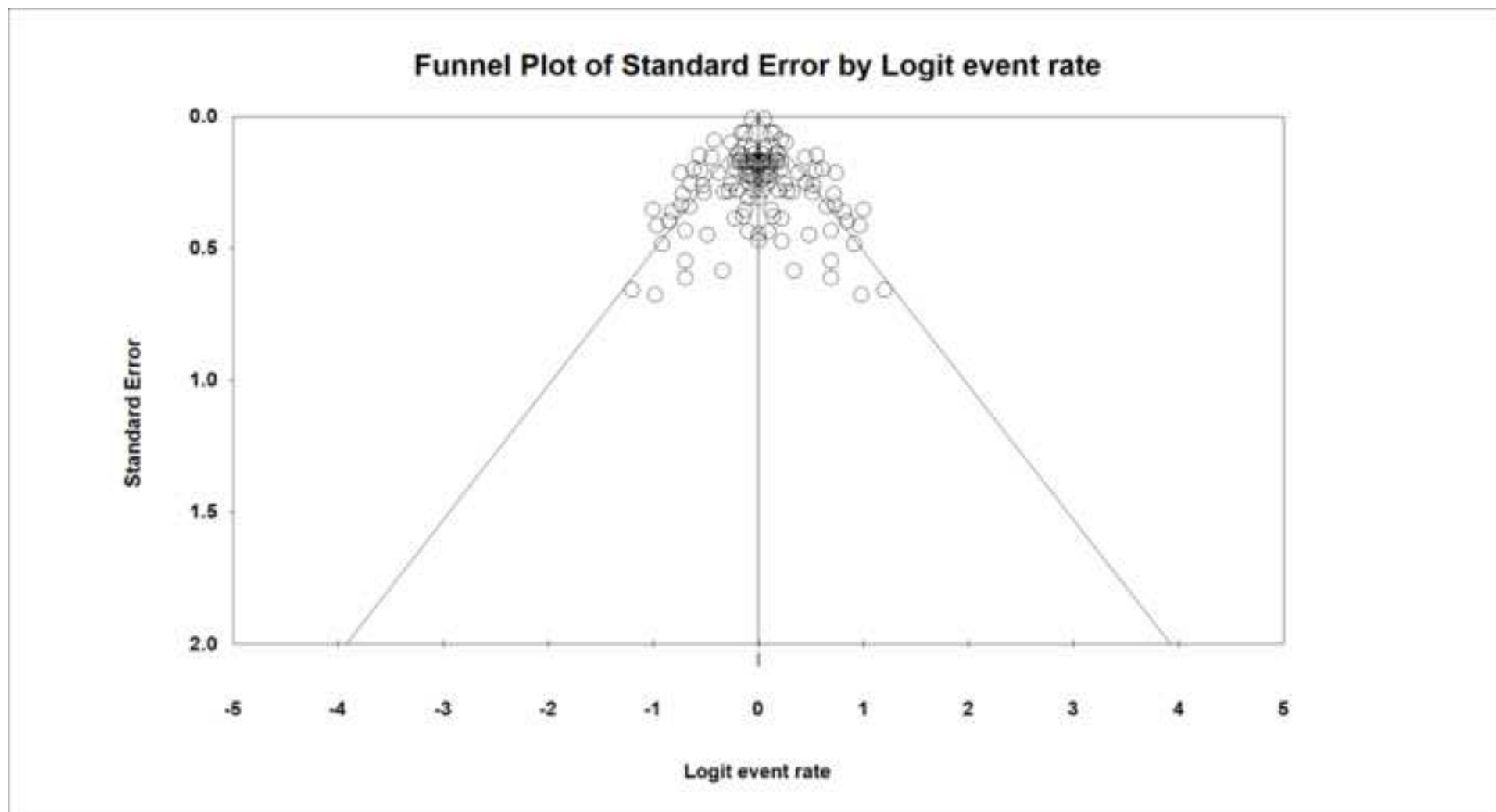


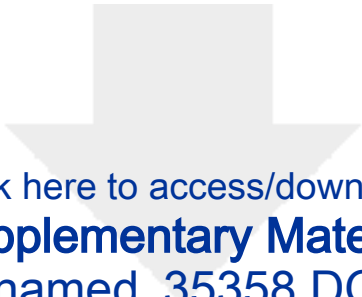
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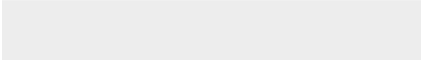



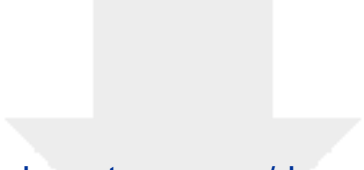


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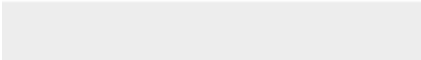



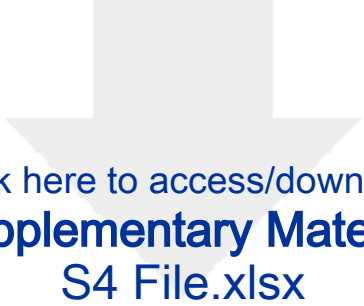
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