

# Could Data Available in February 20 Have Helped Define the World Response to COVID19?

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This analysis has been extraordinarily interesting. I will write it up as a PDF report with the Excel and also make a video today. Just shows that we can learn from every question and critique.

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COVID19 Deaths in Wuhan by 12 Feb	0	0.0	118,574.9	0.000%	0.000	8,665,283	0	35,891,843	0
Normalize Wuhan Deaths to 1000 Deaths	1	1.0	118,575.0	0.001%	0.000	7,569,560	316	42,398,871	1,770
Normalize China Population to 1,000,000 People	29	7	6.8	0.005%	0.003	8,639,614	2,269	46,179,965	12,141
Wuhan Deaths Divided by Chinese Population	39	18	17.6	0.011%	0.005	9,282,569	5,034	43,980,969	24,058
Renormalize to Relative Age-Group PFR	49	38	37.1	0.025%	0.012	8,624,629	10,546	46,388,449	49,204
United Kingdom Population	59	130	127.1	0.082%	0.039	9,138,265	37,182	42,957,686	173,159
United Kingdom Number of Deaths Expected	69	309	302.1	0.287%	0.135	7,396,495	102,103	37,845,998	536,209
United States Population	79	312	305.0	0.614%	0.289	5,673,467	172,176	25,989,234	898,271
United States Number of Deaths Expected	8	208	203.3	1.059%	0.518	3,418,569	185,768	12,995,499	701,833
<b>ns</b>	<b>1023</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>1,000,000.0</b>	<b>2.124%</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>47,530,161</b>	<b>515,394</b>	<b>329,664,917</b>	<b>2,196,710</b>

1000	2.2				
# Deaths in US by Ferguson et al 2020 (millions)	7				
# Deaths on Diamond Princess	6				
# Wuhan Population 24 Jan to 14 Feb 2020 (millions)	2,600				
# Deaths in Wuhan on 20 March 2020	8,10900				
# Scaling Factor	0.10900				
Factor to match Predicted US Deaths Ferguson et al 2020	0.10900	47,530,161	515,394	329,664,917	2,196,710
Factor to match Diamond Princess Deaths	0.01262	47,530,161	61,959	329,664,917	264,08
Factor to match Wuhan Deaths	0.09274	47,530,161	47,825	329,664,917	203,83

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Prediction algorithm is coded. Will now clean Excel, while still using relative age mortality values from Feb., as applied to populations of UK, US, DP & Wuhan, & scaled to get Ferguson deaths for UK & US. Then re-scale to fit DP & Wuhan, thereby changing UK, US deaths. Easy!  
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	Age	Sex	Occupation	Service industry	Farm/forestry	Health-care	Police	Other
0-9	418 (8.6)	+	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-19	349 (7.2)	1.0 (5.1)	0.2	6.825	0.002	-	-	-
20-29	3,619 (7.5)	7.0 (5.7)	0.2	83,863	0.001	-	-	-
30-39	7,600 (15.6)	19 (1.6)	0.2	114,650	0.002	-	-	-
40-49	8,871 (18.2)	38 (3.7)	0.4	128,448	0.003	-	-	-
50-59	10,038 (20.4)	130 (12.7)	1.3	151,059	0.009	-	-	-
60-69	8,583 (17.8)	309 (29.2)	3.4	128,068	0.024	-	-	-
70-79	3,918 (8.0)	312 (30.8)	6.0	65,812	0.056	-	-	-
≥80	1,408 (2.9)	209 (20.3)	14.8	18,871	0.111	-	-	-
Sex								
Male	22,981 (47.4)	653 (63.8)	2.8	342,063	0.016	-	-	-
Female	21,691 (44.6)	379 (36.2)	1.7	319,648	0.012	-	-	-
Occupation								
Service industry	3,449 (7.1)	23 (2.2)	0.7	54,454	0.004	-	-	-
Farm/forestry	9,811 (20.3)	109 (10.4)	1.4	137,982	0.010	-	-	-
Health-care	1,716 (3.6)	9 (0.8)	0.3	28,099	0.002	-	-	-
Police	9,198 (19.0)	472 (46.1)	5.1	137,116	0.024	-	-	-
Other	20,833 (43.0)	384 (37.5)	1.9	303,946	0.013	-	-	-

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	
1	Age Group	COVID19 Deaths in Wuhan by 12 Feb	Normalize Wuhan Deaths to 1000 Deaths	Normalize China Population to 1,000,000 People	Wuhan Deaths Divided by Chinese Population	Renormalize to Relative Age-Group PFR	United Kingdom Population	United Kingdom: Number of Deaths Expected	United States Population	United States Number of Deaths Expected	Diamond Princess: Population from Russell et al 2020 Table 2	Diamond Princess: Number of Deaths Expected	Wuhan China Population at 6000	Wuhan with 6,000,000 people Number of Deaths Expected	
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3	0-9	0	0.0	118,574.9	0.000%	0.000	8,065,283	0	39,891,845	0	16	0.00	711,449	0	
4	10-19	1	1.0	115,752.0	0.001%	0.000	7,569,160	316	42,398,071	1,770	23	0.00	694,512	29	
5	20-29	7	6.8	128,634.8	0.005%	0.003	8,630,614	2,269	46,179,065	12,141	347	0.09	771,809	203	
6	30-39	18	17.6	158,984.7	0.011%	0.005	9,203,569	5,034	43,980,069	24,058	428	0.23	953,908	522	
7	40-49	38	37.1	150,148.1	0.025%	0.012	8,624,679	10,546	40,288,440	49,264	334	0.41	900,889	1,102	
8	50-59	130	127.1	154,368.2	0.082%	0.039	9,138,365	37,182	42,557,686	173,159	398	1.62	926,209	3,769	
9	60-69	309	302.1	105,371.6	0.287%	0.135	7,206,475	102,103	37,845,098	536,200	923	13.08	632,230	8,958	
10	70-79	312	305.0	49,672.1	0.614%	0.289	5,673,457	172,176	23,009,234	698,274	1,015	30.80	298,033	9,045	
11	80+	208	203.3	18,493.5	1.099%	0.518	3,418,559	185,768	12,915,409	701,835	216	11.74	110,961	6,030	
12															
13	Sums	1023	1000	1,000,000.0	2.124%	1.0	67,530,161	515,394	329,064,917	2,196,700	3,700	58	6,000,000	29,656	
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23	Scaling to match Predicted US Deaths Ferguson et al 2020	0.10500		67,530,161	515,394	329,064,917	2,196,700	3,700	58	6,000,000	28,020				
24	Scaling Factor to match Diamond Princess Deaths	0.01262		67,530,161	61,959	329,064,917	264,081	3,700	7	6,000,000	3,565				
25	Scaling Factor to match Wuhan Deaths	0.00974		67,530,161	47,825	329,064,917	203,837	3,700	5	6,000,000	2,600				

**TABLE 1.** [B] COVID19 death age-profile released by China CDC on 14 Feb 20 is normalized in [C] to be for 1000 total deaths. [D] Normalizes Chinese population age-ranges per million (FIG. 9 & TABLE 10). [E] is [C]/[D], deaths per million population assuming an arbitrary death rate of 1,000/1,000,000 (0.01%); this rate is arbitrary as scaling is still applied. [F] Normalizes [E] to sum to 1.0. [G], [I], [K] & [N] are the population age profiles for UK, US, Diamond Princes (DP) & Wuhan. [H], [J], [L] & [M] are deaths calculated for each age range as (PFR in [F]) x (Population in [G], [I], [K] & [N], respectively) x (Scaling Value in Cell \$F\$21).

We use three different scaling values: Scaling by 0.105 gives the Ferguson et al. 2020 prediction for US & UK (2.2 & 0.5 Million, respectively) but DP and Wuhan are too high at 58 and 28,020. Scaling by 0.1262 give 7 deaths for DP, 3,565 for Wuhan, 61,959 for UK and 264,081 for US. Because we know that infection levels on DP were high (at least 20%), we use this scaling. It incidentally predicts that Wuhan COVID19 death were too low as confirmed by the subsequent 50% increase occurring on 15 Apr 20.

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On January 7, 2020, the causative pathogen was

**FIG 1.** Important paper on Epidemiological Characteristics of COVID-19 released by China CDC on 14-Feb. 2020.



TABLE 1. Patients, deaths, and case fatality rates, as well as observed time and mortality for n=44,672 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Mainland China as of February 11, 2020.

Baseline characteristics	Confirmed cases, N (%)	Deaths, N (%)	Case fatality rate, %	Observed time, PD	Mortality, per 10 PD
Overall	44,672	1,023	2.3	661,609	0.015
Age, years					
0–9	416 (0.9)	–	–	4,383	–
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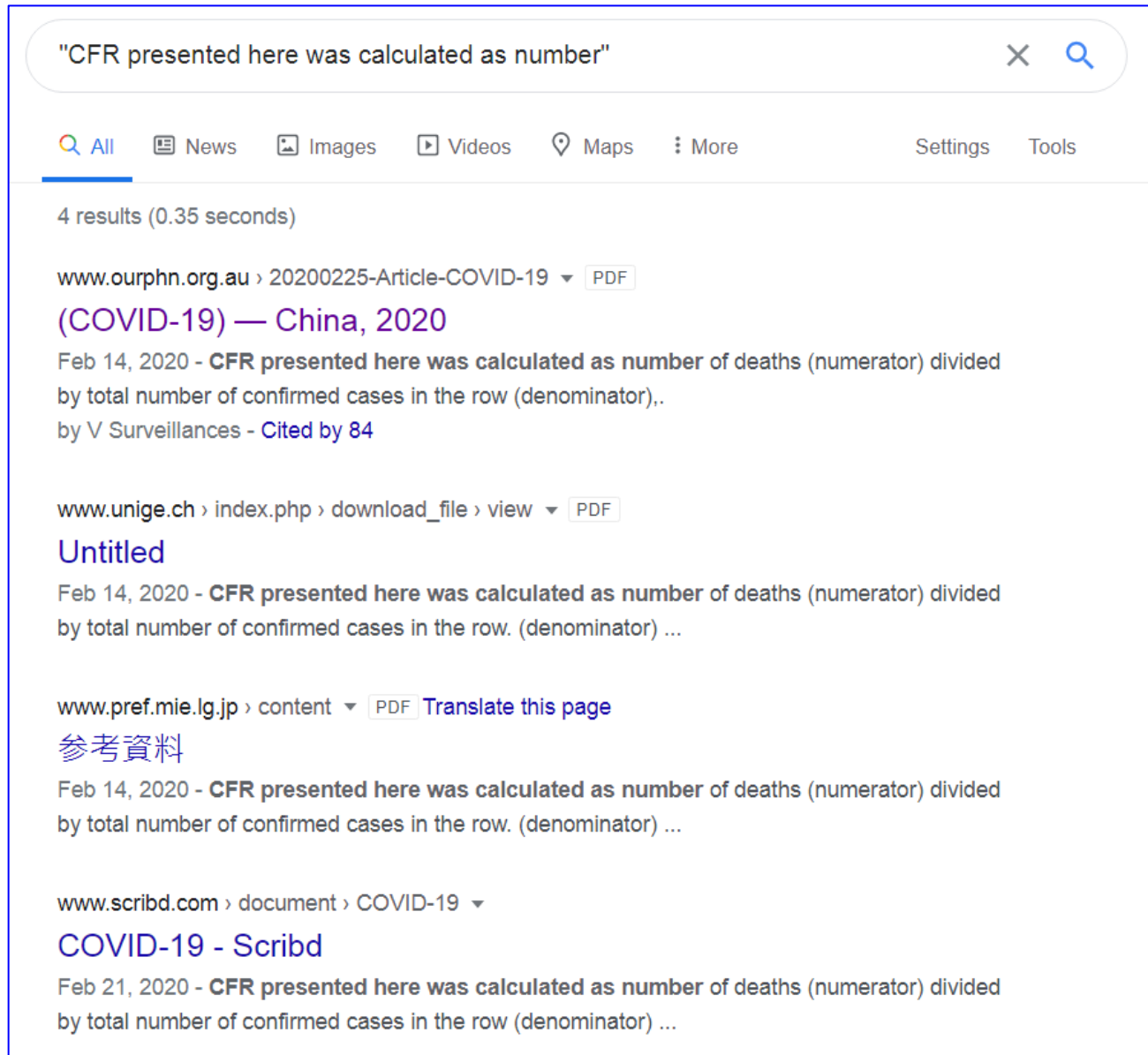
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1,408	80+	14.8

Source: CCDC Weekly. Note: data for confirmed Covid-19 cases in mainland China as of 11



**FIG 3.** This essential report was not full-text indexed by Google at the China CDC website when it was released on 14 Feb, and even today, 15 weeks later, the CCDC report, can only be located at places outside of China (.au, .ch, .jp). Could this have slowed Western appreciation of the dangers?

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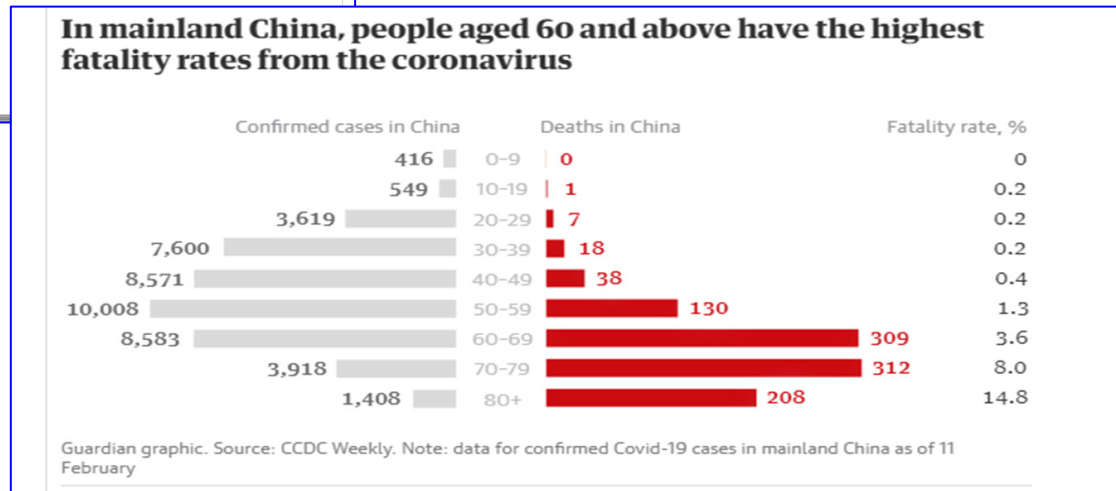
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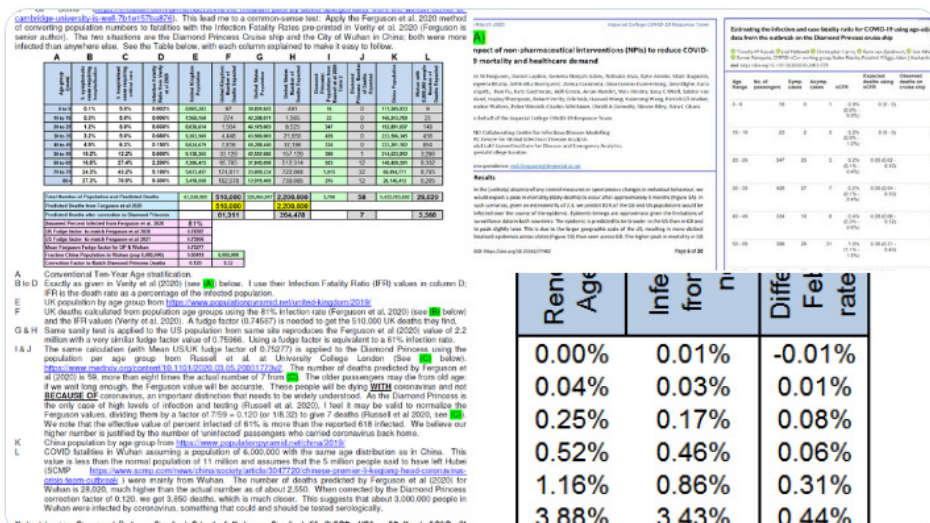
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1.16%	0.86%	0.31%
3.88%	3.43%	0.44%

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## How Accurate are the Number of UK and US Deaths Predicted by Ferguson et al. (2020)?

The preprint (<https://www.imperial.ac.uk/media/imperial-college/medicine/sph/ide/gida-fellowships/Imperial-College-COVID19-NPI-modelling-16-03-2020.pdf>) by the renowned team at Imperial College received international attention by claiming that left untreated coronavirus would infect 81% of the population and lead to 510,000 deaths in the UK and 2,200,000 deaths in the US. Although the Medium post by Sir David Spiegelhalter (<https://medium.com/wintoncentre/how-much-normal-risk-does-covid-represent-4539118e1196>) at the Winton Center in Cambridge converted these numbers to being no more than one year of normal risk of death in each country, they still seemed high to me as pointed out in my reply to Sir David (<https://medium.com/@michael.levitt/the-medium-post-by-david-spiegelhalter-from-the-winton-center-at-cambridge-university-is-well-7b1e157ba876>). This lead me to a common-sense test: Apply the Ferguson et al. 2020 method of converting population numbers to fatalities with the Infection Fatality Rates pre-printed in Verity et al. 2020 (Ferguson is senior author). The two situations are the Diamond Princess Cruise ship and the City of Wuhan in China; both were more infected than anywhere else. See the Table below, with each column explained to make it easy to follow.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
Age-group (years)	% symptomatic cases requiring hospitalisation	% hospitalised cases requiring critical care	Infection Fatality Ratio from Verity et al 2020	United Kingdom Population	United Kingdom: Number of Deaths Expected	United States Population	United States Number of Deaths Expected	Diamond Princess: Population Result at 2020 Table 2	Diamond Princess: Number of Deaths Expected	China Population	Wuhan with 6,000,000 people Number of Deaths Expected
0 to 9	0.1%	5.0%	0.002%	8,065,283	97	39,891,845	491	16	0	171,585,833	9
10 to 19	0.3%	5.0%	0.006%	7,569,160	274	42,398,071	1,565	23	0	166,513,709	25
20 to 29	1.2%	5.0%	0.030%	8,630,614	1,564	46,179,065	8,525	347	0	192,891,037	148
30 to 39	3.2%	5.0%	0.080%	9,203,569	4,448	43,980,069	21,650	428	0	223,506,345	456
40 to 49	4.9%	6.3%	0.160%	8,624,679	7,816	40,288,440	37,186	334	0	223,201,182	854
50 to 59	10.2%	12.2%	0.600%	9,138,365	33,126	42,557,686	157,120	398	1	214,623,812	3,286
60 to 69	16.6%	27.4%	2.200%	7,206,475	95,785	37,845,098	512,314	923	12	148,420,591	8,332
70 to 79	24.3%	43.2%	6.100%	5,673,457	174,811	23,009,234	722,064	1,015	32	66,894,771	8,705
80+	27.3%	70.9%	9.300%	3,418,559	192,078	12,915,409	739,085	216	12	26,146,412	6,205
Total Number of Population and Predicted Deaths				67,530,161	510,000	329,064,917	2,200,000	3,700	58	1,433,783,692	28,200
Predicted Deaths from Ferguson et al 2020					510,000		2,200,000				
Predicted Deaths after correction to Diamond Princess					61,311		264,478		7		3,368
Assumed Percent Infected from Ferguson et al. 2020					81%						
UK Fudge factor to match Ferguson et al 2020					0.74587						
US Fudge factor to match Ferguson et al 2021					0.75966						
Mean Ferguson Fudge factor for DP & Wuhan					0.75277						
Fraction China Population in Wuhan (pop 6,000,000)					0.00418	6,000,000					
Correction Factor to Match Diamond Princess Deaths					0.120	8.32					

- A Conventional Ten-Year Age stratification.
- B to D Exactly as given in Verity et al (2020) (see **A**) below. I use their Infection Fatality Ratio (IFR) values in column D; IFR is the death rate as a percentage of the infected population.
- E UK population by age group from <https://www.populationpyramid.net/united-kingdom/2019/>
- F UK deaths calculated from population age groups using the 81% infection rate (Ferguson et al. 2020) (see **B**) below) and the IFR values (Verity et al. 2020). A fudge factor (0.74587) is needed to get the 510,000 UK deaths they find.
- G & H Same sanity test is applied to the US population from same site reproduces the Ferguson et al (2020) value of 2.2 million with a very similar fudge factor value of 0.75966. Using a fudge factor is equivalent to a 61% infection rate.
- I & J The same calculation (with Mean US/UK fudge factor of 0.75277) is applied to the Diamond Princess using the population per age group from Russell et al. at University College London (See **C**) below). <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.03.05.20031773v2>. The number of deaths predicted by Ferguson et al (2020) is 59, more than eight times the actual number of 7 from **C**. The older passengers may die from old age: if we wait long enough, the Ferguson value will be accurate. These people will be dying **WITH** coronavirus and not **BECAUSE OF** coronavirus, an important distinction that needs to be widely understood. As the Diamond Princess is the only case of high levels of infection and testing (Russell et al. 2020), I feel it may be valid to normalize the Ferguson values, dividing them by a factor of  $7/59 = 0.120$  (or  $1/8.32$ ) to give 7 deaths (Russell et al 2020, see **C**). We note that the effective value of percent infected of 61% is more than the reported 618 infected. We believe our higher number is justified by the number of 'uninfected' passengers who carried coronavirus back home.
- K China population by age group from <https://www.populationpyramid.net/china/2019/>
- L COVID fatalities in Wuhan assuming a population of 6,000,000 with the same age distribution as in China. This value is less than the normal population of 11 million and assumes that the 5 million people said to have left Hubei (SCMP <https://www.scmp.com/news/china/society/article/3047720/chinese-premier-li-keqiang-head-coronavirus-crisis-team-outbreak>) were mainly from Wuhan. The number of deaths predicted by Ferguson et al (2020) for Wuhan is 28,020, much higher than the actual number as of about 2,550. When corrected by the Diamond Princess correction factor of 0.120, we get 3,850 deaths, which is much closer. This suggests that about 3,000,000 people in Wuhan were infected by coronavirus, something that could and should be tested serologically.

**TABLE 6**, which was broadly distributed by email on 25 March and reached prominent UK epidemiologists who felt it was wrong for reasons that I did not agree with. On 28 March I gave up.

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**(A)**  
**Impact of non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPIs) to reduce COVID-19 mortality and healthcare demand**

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**Results**

In the (unlikely) absence of any control measures or spontaneous changes in individual behaviour, we would expect a peak in mortality (daily deaths) to occur after approximately 3 months (Figure 1A). In such scenarios, given an estimated  $R_0$  of 2.4, we predict 81% of the GB and US populations would be infected over the course of the epidemic. Epidemic timings are approximate given the limitations of surveillance data in both countries: The epidemic is predicted to be broader in the US than in GB and to peak slightly later. This is due to the larger geographic scale of the US, resulting in more distinct localised epidemics across states (Figure 1B) than seen across GB. The higher peak in mortality in GB

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is due to the smaller size of the country and its older population compared with the US. In total, in an unmitigated epidemic, we would predict approximately 510,000 deaths in GB and 2.2 million in the US, not accounting for the potential negative effects of health systems being overwhelmed on mortality.

**(B)** Verity R, Okell LC, Dorigatti I, et al. Estimates of the severity of COVID-19 disease. medRxiv 2020; Available from <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.03.09.20033357v1>.

**Table 1: Current estimates of the severity of cases. The IFR estimates from Verity et al.<sup>12</sup> have been adjusted to account for a non-uniform attack rate giving an overall IFR of 0.9% (95% credible interval 0.4%-1.4%). Hospitalisation estimates from Verity et al.<sup>12</sup> were also adjusted in this way and scaled to match expected rates in the oldest age-group (80+ years) in a GB/US context. These estimates will be updated as more data accrue.**

Age-group (years)	% symptomatic cases requiring hospitalisation	% hospitalised cases requiring critical care	Infection Fatality Ratio
0 to 9	0.1%	5.0%	0.002%
10 to 19	0.3%	5.0%	0.006%
20 to 29	1.2%	5.0%	0.03%
30 to 39	3.2%	5.0%	0.08%
40 to 49	4.9%	6.3%	0.15%
50 to 59	10.2%	12.2%	0.60%
60 to 69	16.6%	27.4%	2.2%
70 to 79	24.3%	43.2%	5.1%
80+	27.3%	70.9%	9.3%

**Estimating the infection and case fatality ratio for COVID-19 using age-adjusted data from the outbreak on the Diamond Princess cruise ship**

**(C)**  
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Age Range	No. of passengers	Symp. cases	Asymp. cases	nCFR	Expected deaths using nCFR	Observed deaths on cruise ship
0 - 9	16	0	1	0.0% (0.0% - 0.9%)	0 (0 - 0)	0
10 - 19	23	2	3	0.2% (0.0% - 1.0%)	0 (0 - 0)	0
20 - 29	347	25	3	0.2% (0.1% - 0.4%)	0.05 (0.02 - 0.10)	0
30 - 39	428	27	7	0.2% (0.1% - 0.4%)	0.06 (0.04 - 0.10)	0
40 - 49	334	19	8	0.4% (0.3% - 0.6%)	0.08 (0.06 - 0.12)	0
50 - 59	398	28	31	1.3% (1.1% - 1.5%)	0.36 (0.31 - 0.43)	0
60 - 69	923	76	101	3.6% (3.2% - 4.0%)	2.74 (2.5 - 3.1)	0
70 - 79	1015	95	139	8.0% (7.2% - 8.9%)	7.6 (6.8 - 8.4)	6
80 - 89	216	29	25	14.8% (13.0% - 16.7%)	4.28 (3.8 - 4.9)	1
Totals	3711	301	318		15.15 (13.5 - 17.1)	7

Table 2: Age stratified data of symptomatic (symp.) and asymptomatic (asymp.) cases on-board the Diamond Princess [2], [3], along with the nCFR estimates given in [7], the expected number

**Fig. 7, the references for TABLE 6, were also were broadly distributed by email on 25 March and reached prominent UK epidemiologists who felt it was wrong for reasons that I did not agree with. On 28 March I gave up.**

**TABLE 8.** On normalization to add to 100%, the Infection Fatality Ratio (IFR) from Verity et al. 2020 is essentially identical to the Population Fatality Ratio calculated in TABLE 1 (p.3). This is why the results in TABLE 1 (p.3) and TABLE 6 (p.10) are so similar.

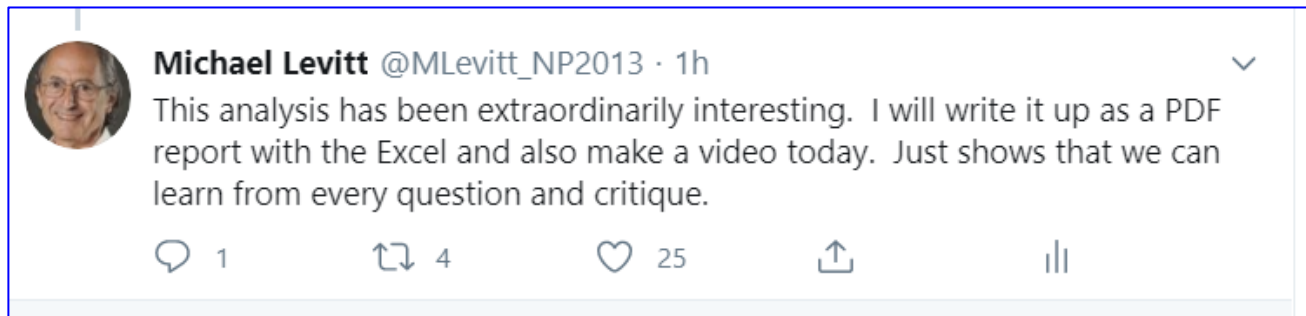
Renormalize to Relative Age-Group PFR x100	Infection Fatality Ratio from Verity et al 2020 normalized to 100	Difference between 14 Feb 20 Wuhan death rate & Verity et al 2020
0.00%	0.01%	-0.01%
0.04%	0.03%	0.01%
0.25%	0.17%	0.08%
0.52%	0.46%	0.06%
1.16%	0.86%	0.31%
3.88%	3.43%	0.44%
13.49%	12.59%	0.90%
28.90%	29.20%	-0.29%
51.75%	53.24%	-1.49%
100%	100%	0.615%



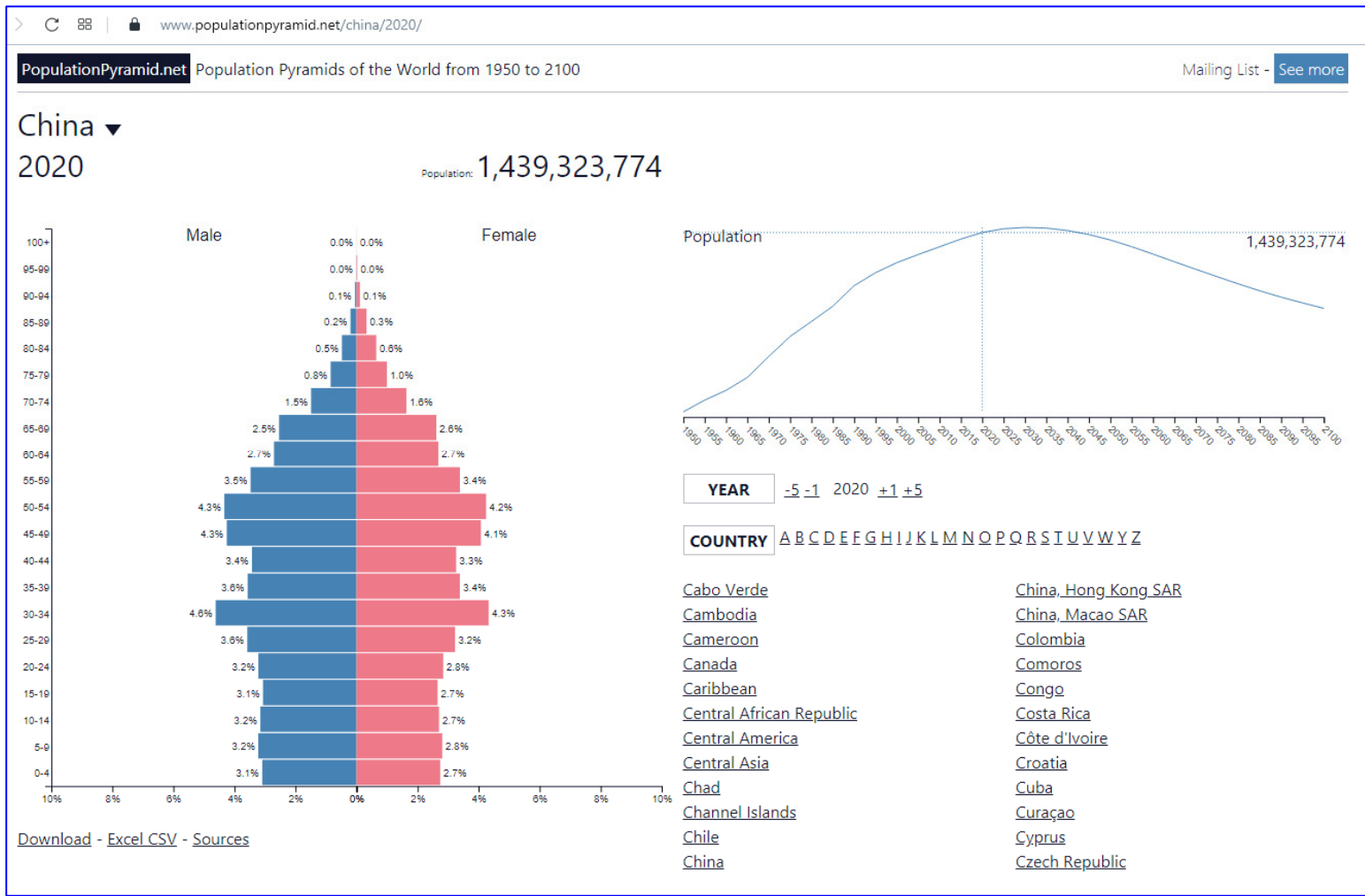
## TWEET 4/4

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This analysis has been extraordinarily interesting. I will write it up as a PDF report with the Excel and also make a video today. Just shows that we can learn from every question and critique.



<https://www.populationpyramid.net/china/2020/>



**FIGURE 9.** Chinese population pyramid used to normalize Wuhan COVID19 deaths.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
1	<a href="https://www.populationpyramid.net/china/2020/">https://www.populationpyramid.net/china/2020/</a>														
2	Age	M	F	Age Male Female			Age Add Male & Female to get M & F		Age M & F		Normalize M&F/mil population				
3	0-4	44456332	39476105	0-4	44,456,332	39,476,105	0-4	83,932,437							
4	9-May	46320144	40415039	5-9	46,320,144	40,415,039	5-9	86,735,183	0-9	170,667,620	118,575				
5	14-Oct	45349923	38912828	10-14	45,349,923	38,912,828	10-14	84,262,751	10-19	166,604,610	115,752				
6	15-19	44103122	38238737	15-19	44,103,122	38,238,737	15-19	82,341,859	20-29	185,147,170	128,635				
7	20-24	46273865	40884302	20-24	46,273,865	40,884,302	20-24	87,158,167	30-39	228,830,425	158,985				
8	25-29	51522843	46466160	25-29	51,522,843	46,466,160	25-29	97,989,003	40-49	216,111,763	150,148				
9	30-34	66443228	62295742	30-34	66,443,228	62,295,742	30-34	128,738,970	50-59	222,185,873	154,368				
10	35-39	51345507	48745948	35-39	51,345,507	48,745,948	35-39	100,091,455	60-69	151,663,905	105,372				
11	40-44	49289359	46984787	40-44	49,289,359	46,984,787	40-44	96,274,146	70-79	71,494,305	49,672				
12	45-49	61173349	58664268	45-49	61,173,349	58,664,268	45-49	119,837,617	80+	26,618,103	18,493				
13	50-54	62348020	61097362	50-54	62,348,020	61,097,362	50-54	123,445,382							
14	55-59	49958045	48782446	55-59	49,958,045	48,782,446	55-59	98,740,491							
15	60-64	38917285	38596854	60-64	38,917,285	38,596,854	60-64	77,514,139							
16	65-69	36526788	37622978	65-69	36,526,788	37,622,978	65-69	74,149,766							
17	70-74	21425163	23524526	70-74	21,425,163	23,524,526	70-74	44,949,689							
18	75-79	12207276	14337340	75-79	12,207,276	14,337,340	75-79	26,544,616							
19	80-84	6883629	9297788	80-84	6,883,629	9,297,788	80-84	16,181,417							
20	85-89	2843084	4738693	85-89	2,843,084	4,738,693	85-89	7,581,777							
21	90-94	731228	1573796	90-94	731,228	1,573,796	90-94	2,305,024							
22	95-99	116377	358816	95-99	116,377	358,816	95-99	475,193							
23	100+	12773	61919	100+	12,773	61,919	100+	74,692							
24															
25															
26		1439323774			1,439,323,774			1,439,323,774		1,439,323,774	1,000,000				
27											1,000,000				

**TABLE 10.** Showing the Excel table that converts the population data to ten-year age ranges.