



# Predictions, role of interventions and the crisis of the virus in India: Data Science Call to Arms

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Thanks to Xihong Lin for being my guiding light!



At the ISI Meeting in Marakesh, 2017

# It takes an army of data warriors to make a difference...



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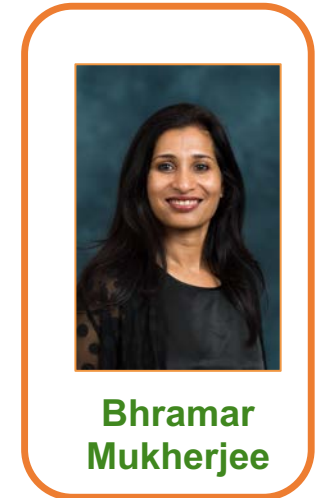
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# COVID-19 Heroes



Thanks to the first responders of  
COVID19 crisis around the world!



# December 14, 2020



First two healthcare workers get vaccinated at the University of Michigan



# Safe, Efficacious, Affordable vaccines...

<b>Hope in a vial</b> Covid-19 vaccines, to January 6th 2021 Approved by: ● Stringent regulators    ● Other regulators Price per dose, \$*    Doses delivered in 2020 and promised for 2021*					
Producer	Name	Type	Price per dose, \$*	Doses delivered in 2020 and promised for 2021*	Approved in
● AstraZeneca-Oxford Uni.	AZD1222 <sup>†</sup>	Viral vector	1.50-4	3.0bn in total	Britain, India and 3 others
Novavax	NVX-CoV2373	Protein subunit	16	2.1bn	–
● Pfizer-BioNTech	tozinameran	mRNA	19.50	1.4bn	Britain, EU, US and 21 others
● Sinopharm	BBIBP-CorV	Inactivated	<77	1.3bn	Bahrain, China, Egypt, UAE
● Gamaleya Centre	Sputnik V	Viral vector	<10	1.0bn	Argentina, Belarus, Russia
Johnson & Johnson	JNJ-78436735	Viral vector	10	1.0bn	–
● Sinovac Biotech	CoronaVac	Inactivated	14	900m	China
● Moderna	mRNA-1273	mRNA	32-37	770m	Canada, EU, Israel, US
● Bharat Biotech-ICMR	Covaxin	Inactivated	1	720m	India
CureVac	CVnCoV	mRNA	12.30	300m	–

Sources: Regulatory Affairs Professionals Society; The Economist Intelligence Unit; Morgan Stanley; press reports; government websites; company websites

\*Estimate    <sup>†</sup>Covishield in India

# Real world Effectiveness



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## ORIGINAL ARTICLE

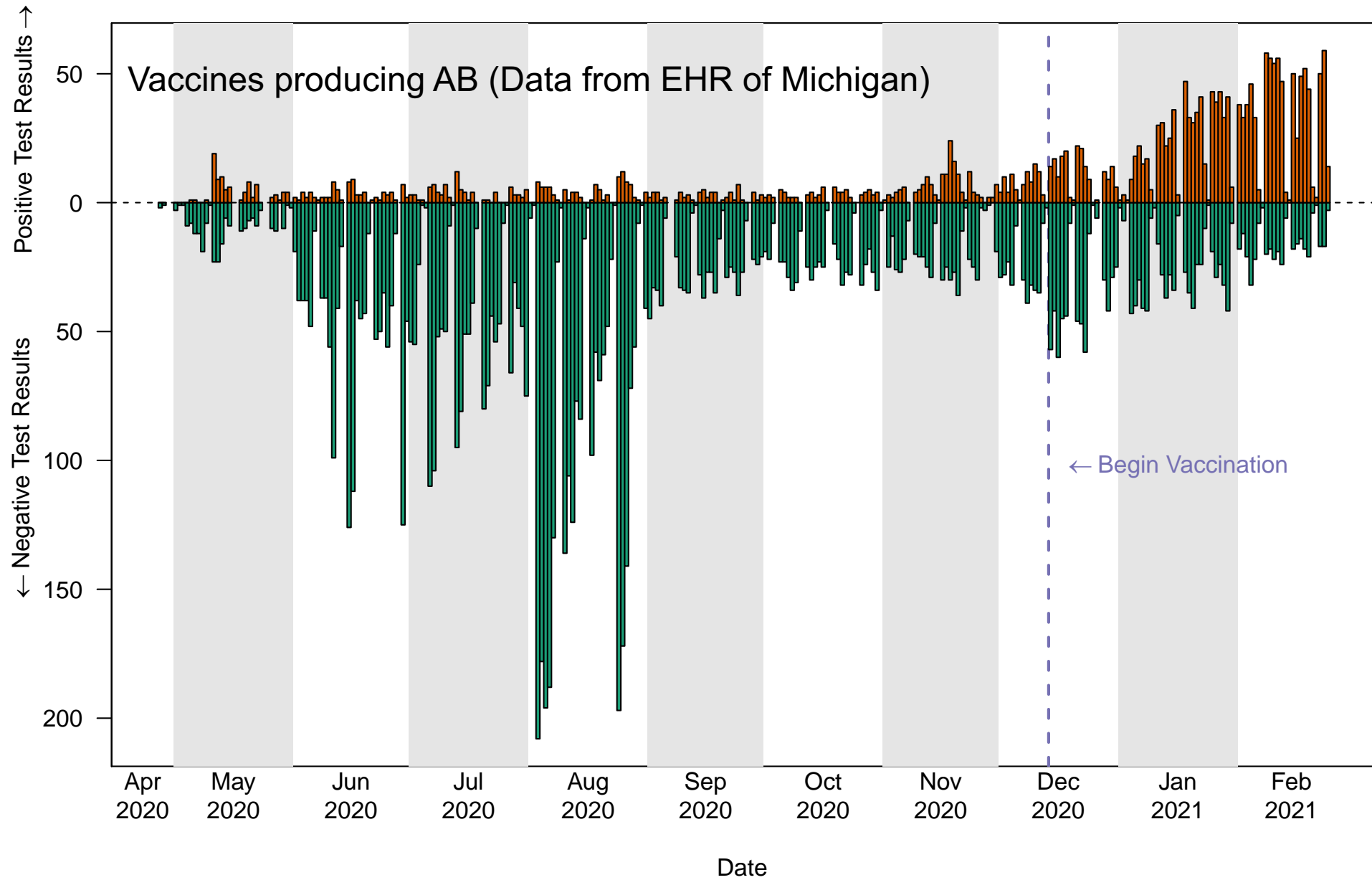
### BNT162b2 mRNA Covid-19 Vaccine in a Nationwide Mass Vaccination Setting

Noa Dagan, M.D., Noam Barda, M.D., Eldad Kepten, Ph.D., Oren Miron, M.A.,  
Shay Perchik, M.A., Mark A. Katz, M.D., Miguel A. Hernán, M.D.,  
Marc Lipsitch, D.Phil., Ben Reis, Ph.D., and Ran D. Balicer, M.D.

#### RESULTS

Each study group included 596,618 persons. Estimated vaccine effectiveness for the study outcomes at days 14 through 20 after the first dose and at 7 or more days after the second dose was as follows: for documented infection, 46% (95% confidence interval [CI], 40 to 51) and 92% (95% CI, 88 to 95); for symptomatic Covid-19, 57% (95% CI, 50 to 63) and 94% (95% CI, 87 to 98); for hospitalization, 74% (95% CI, 56 to 86) and 87% (95% CI, 55 to 100); and for severe disease, 62% (95% CI, 39 to 80) and 92% (95% CI, 75 to 100), respectively. Estimated effectiveness in preventing death from Covid-19 was 72% (95% CI, 19 to 100) for days 14 through 20 after the first dose. Estimated effectiveness in specific subpopulations assessed for documented infection and symptomatic Covid-19 was consistent across age groups, with potentially slightly lower effectiveness in persons with multiple coexisting conditions.

## Serology Test Results Between 2020-04-27 and 2021-02-24





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# COVID vaccination studies: plan now to pool data, or be bogged down in confusion



Incompatible research designs will obscure essential answers about vaccine effectiveness. It's time to plan together.

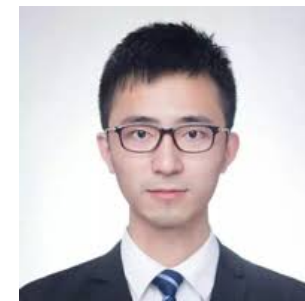
Natalie Dean, Nature, 2021

# Variants chasing Vaccines

	B.1.1.7	B.1.351	P.1
Alternate name	501Y.V1	501Y.V2	501Y.V3
Country identified	United Kingdom	South Africa	Brazil
Mutations	23	21	17
Spike mutations	8	9	10
Key RBD, spike mutations beyond N501Y in all	E69/70 deletion, P681H 144Y deletion, A570D	E484K, K417N, orf1b deletion	E484K, K417T, orf1b deletion
Other mutations, including N-terminal	T716I, S982A, D1118H	L18F, D80A, D215G, Δ242-244, R264I, A701V	L18F, T20N, P26S, D138Y, R190S, H655Y, T1027I
Transmissibility Δ	>50% increased	No	No
Lethality Δ	Not resolved	?	?
Immune escape	Unclear	Yes	Yes
Vaccine efficacy reduction (preserved vs severe infections)	Partial; Novavax (96->86%); Astra Zeneca (84->75%)	Yes, reduced In 3 vaccine trials No efficacy w/ AZ	Likely Not established
Countries reported	93	46	22
US States reported	44	13	4

# Patterns of repeated diagnostic testing for COVID-19 in relation to patient characteristics and outcomes

■ S. Salerno<sup>1,\*</sup> , Z. Zhao<sup>1,\*</sup>, S. Prabhu Sankar<sup>2,3</sup>, M. Salvatore<sup>1</sup>, T. Gu<sup>1</sup> , L. G. Fritsche<sup>1,2,4</sup>, S. Lee<sup>1,5</sup>, L. D. Lisabeth<sup>6</sup>, T. S. Valley<sup>7,8</sup> & B. Mukherjee<sup>1,2,6</sup> 

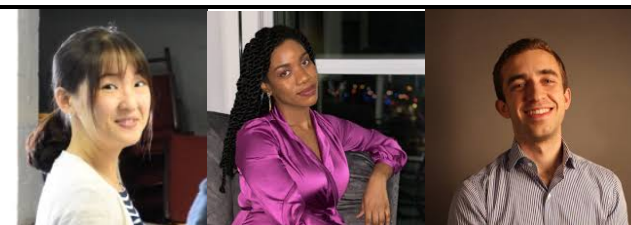


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## Characteristics Associated With Racial/Ethnic Disparities in COVID-19 Outcomes in an Academic Health Care System

Tian Gu, MS; Jasmine A. Mack, MPH; Maxwell Salvatore, MPH; Swaraaj Prabhu Sankar, MS; Thomas S. Valley, MD, MSc; Karandeep Singh, MD, MMSc; Brahmajee K. Nallamothu, MD, MPH; Sachin Kheterpal, MD, MBA; Lynda Lisabeth, PhD; Lars G. Fritsche, PhD; Bhramar Mukherjee, PhD





# This Afternoon's Narrative: Focus on India

- Pre-lockdown forecasting
- Post-lockdown analysis
- Daily projection updates
- Underreporting of cases and deaths in India
- From numerical analysis to humanitarian data science

# Phase 1: March and April

## Predictions and role of interventions for COVID-19 outbreak in India

Crisis Of Virus in INDia (COV-IND)

[Medium Article on March 20](#)



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Mar 21 · 12 min read

## Historic 21-day lockdown, predictions for lockdown effects and the role of data in this crisis of virus in India



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Apr 3 · 23 min read



[Medium Article April 3](#)

Open source code, data transparency and commitment to reproducible science: [covid19.org](https://covid19.org)

# Unlocking the 40-day national lockdown in India: There is no magic key



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Apr 24 · 15 min read

[Medium Article April 24](#)

[Published Paper Harvard Data Science Review](#)



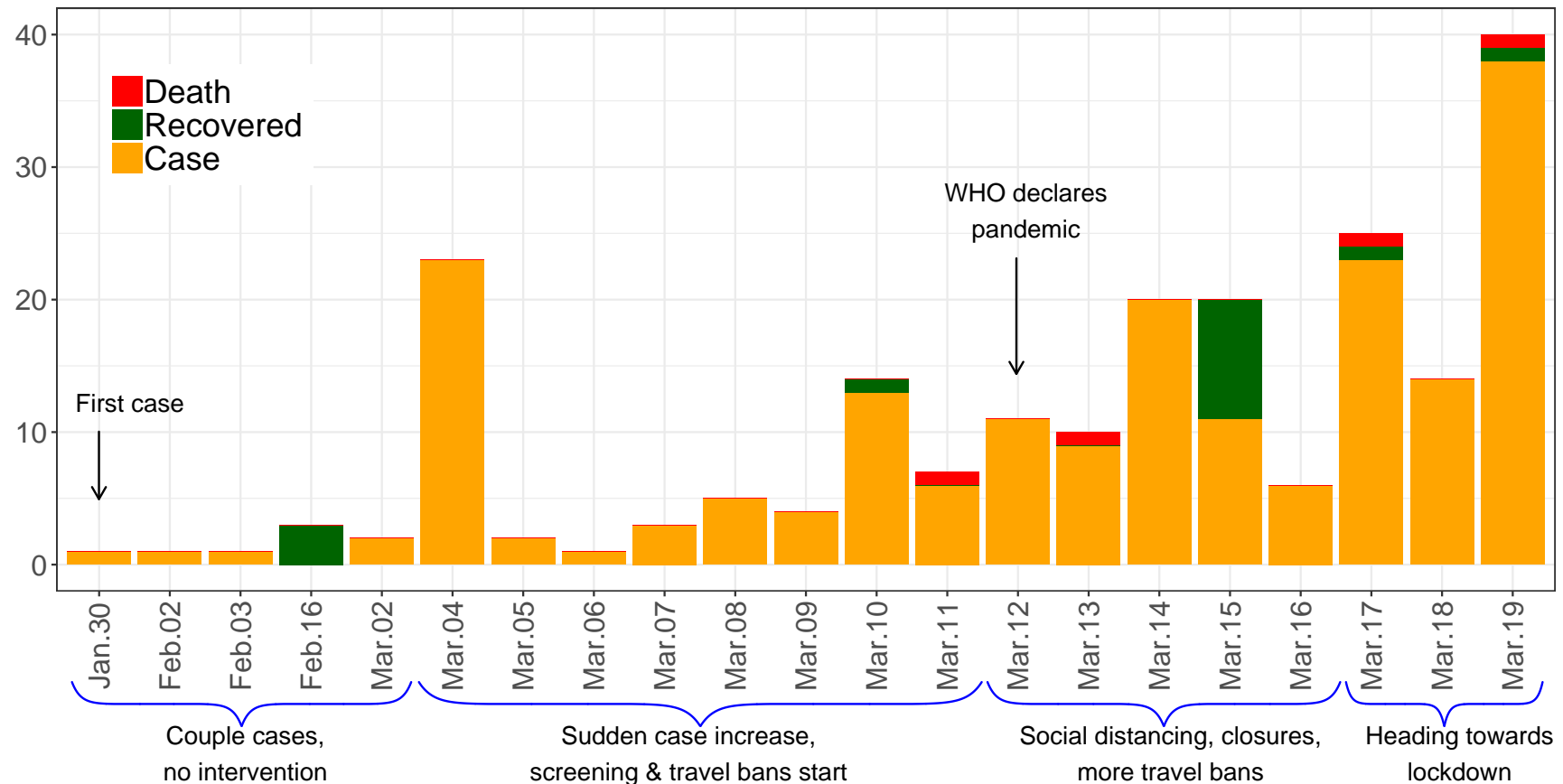


# When we started this work

## COVID-19 Confirmed New Cases/Recovered/Deaths by Day in India

Data source: Johns Hopkins University CSSE

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# Distribution of COVID-19 related risk factors in India

**Table 2.** Proportion of population in specifically vulnerable subgroups at potentially high risk of COVID-19 severity risk in India

Metric	Number† (in millions)	Year	Source
Uninsured	1,104	2014	<a href="#">Prinja et al. 2019</a>
Population over 65	92.5	2020 (est.)	<a href="#">CIA World Factbook</a>
Hypertension (men)*	175.7	2015/16	<a href="#">Gupta &amp; Ram 2019</a>
Hypertension (women)*	132.6	2015/16	<a href="#">Gupta &amp; Ram 2019</a>
People with cardiovascular disease*	78.7	2016	<a href="#">Prabhakaran et al. 2018</a>
Population with COPD*	75.9	2016	<a href="#">Lancet 2018</a>
Population with asthma*	45.5	2016	<a href="#">Lancet 2018</a>
Develop cancer by age 75 (men)**	70.3	2018	<a href="#">NICPR</a>
Develop cancer by age 75 (men)**	62.3	2018	<a href="#">NICPR</a>
Population with diabetes (adult)	122.8	-	<a href="#">IDF</a>
Access to inpatient department facilities***	731.4	2012	<a href="#">IMS Institute 2013</a>
Access to outpatient department***	1,104	2012	<a href="#">IMS Institute 2013</a>

† based on 2020 est. of 1.38 billion from [UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs](#)

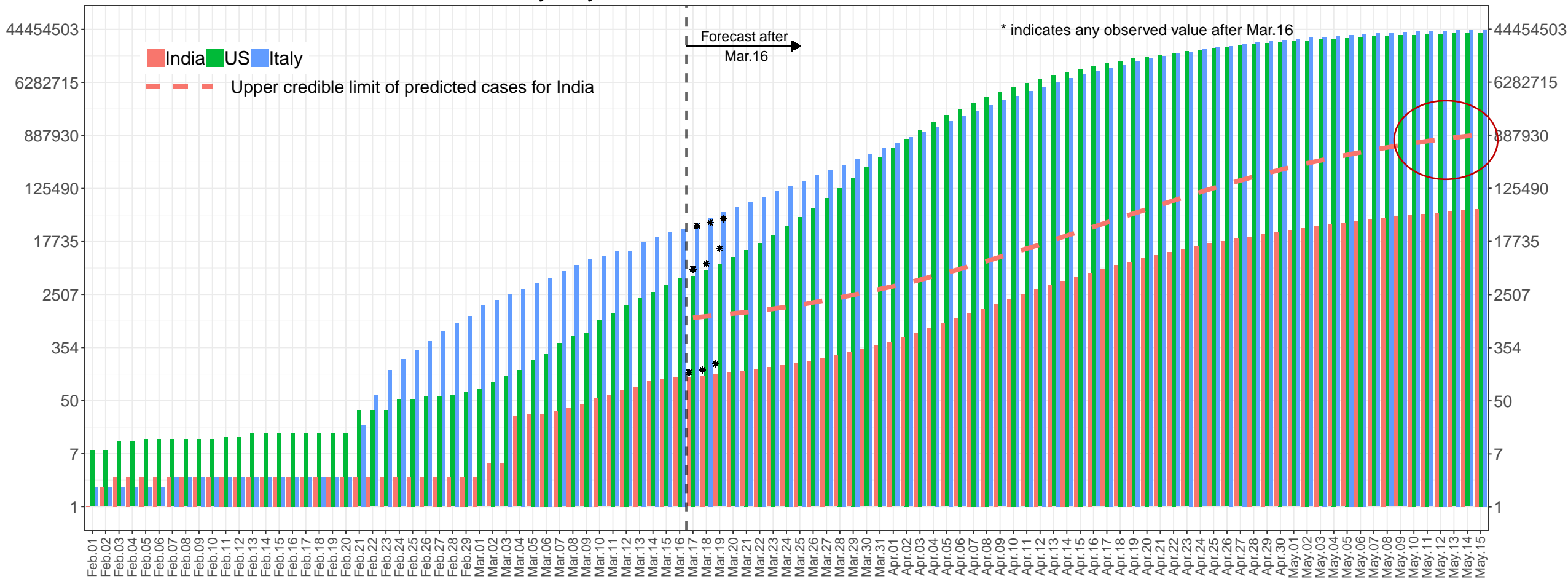
\* age-standardized; \*\* risk; \*\*\* defined as within 5 kilometer distance of home or work

Abbrev.: COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; IDF, International Diabetes Federation;

NICPR, National Institute of Cancer Prevention and Research

# Pre-lockdown forecast (No Intervention)

COVID-19 Cumulative Confirmed Cases by Day





# Media coverage



OPINION

FROM TOI PRINT EDITION

THE TIMES OF INDIA

'Epidemiologic models show we need aggressive measures in the early phase ... lockdown buys us time'

April 1, 2020, 3:00 AM IST

[Pratigyan Das](#) in [Melange](#) | [Edit Page](#) | [India](#) | [Q&A](#) | [World](#) | [TOI](#)



## India may have 97k-1.3mn Covid-19 infections by mid-May, shows projection

INDIA

Updated: Mar 24, 2020 10:42 IST



Binayak Dasgupta

Hindustan Times



# Historic 21-day National Lockdown: March 25

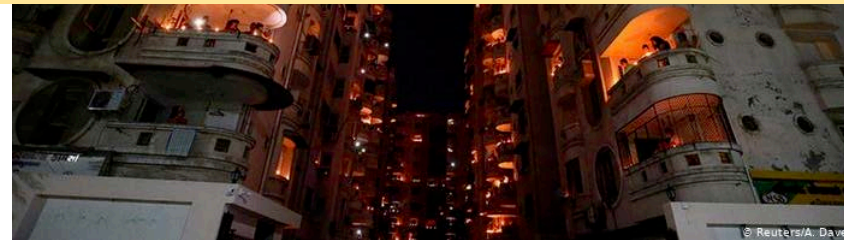


On **Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 evening** India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi announces a 21-day lockdown, noting that it is crucial in India's battle against Covid-19 ([India Today](#)).

Since then there has been more than 1100 media clips from our work with a reach of 6.0 billion. Prominent media coverage includes WSJ, Washington Post, NYT, The Times of India, BBC, NPR, Der Spiegel, The Wire, The Guardian and major Indian National TV channels.



Indian coronavirus lockdown triggers exodus of migrant workers to rural areas ([ft.com](#))



Millions light candles in a collective display of solidarity called for by Prime Minister Narendra Modi ([dw.com](#))

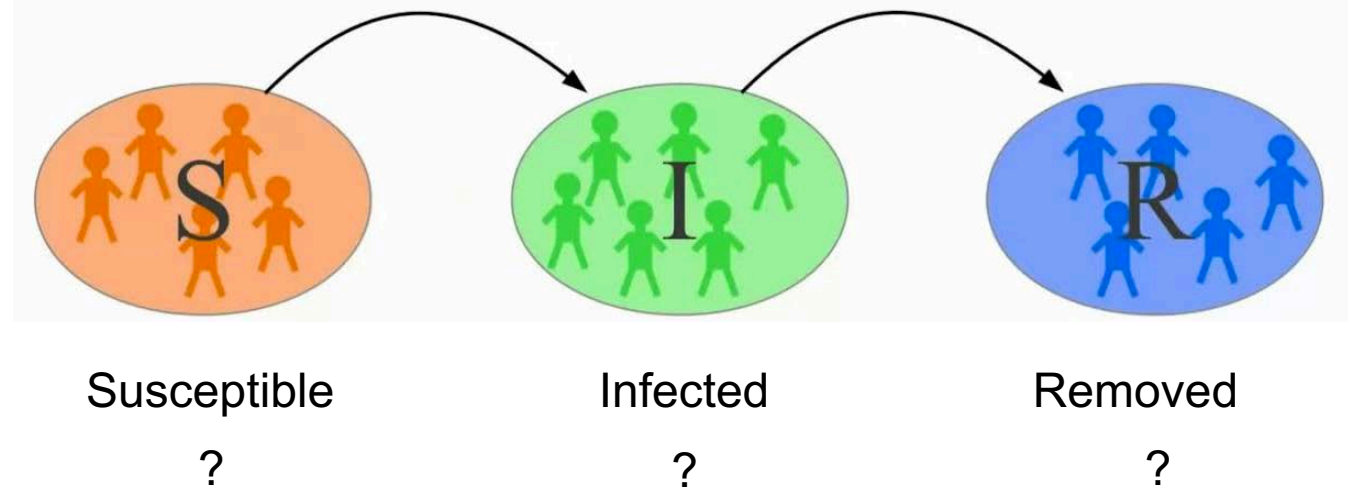
# Forecasting Models (India specific)

- ICMR
- Cambridge
- Armed Forces
- Sourish Das (CMI)
- Ohio State University
- INDSCISIM
- The Indian Super Model
- Youyang Gu <https://covid19-projections.com/>
- And many more in the last few months...



# SIR model: fundamentals

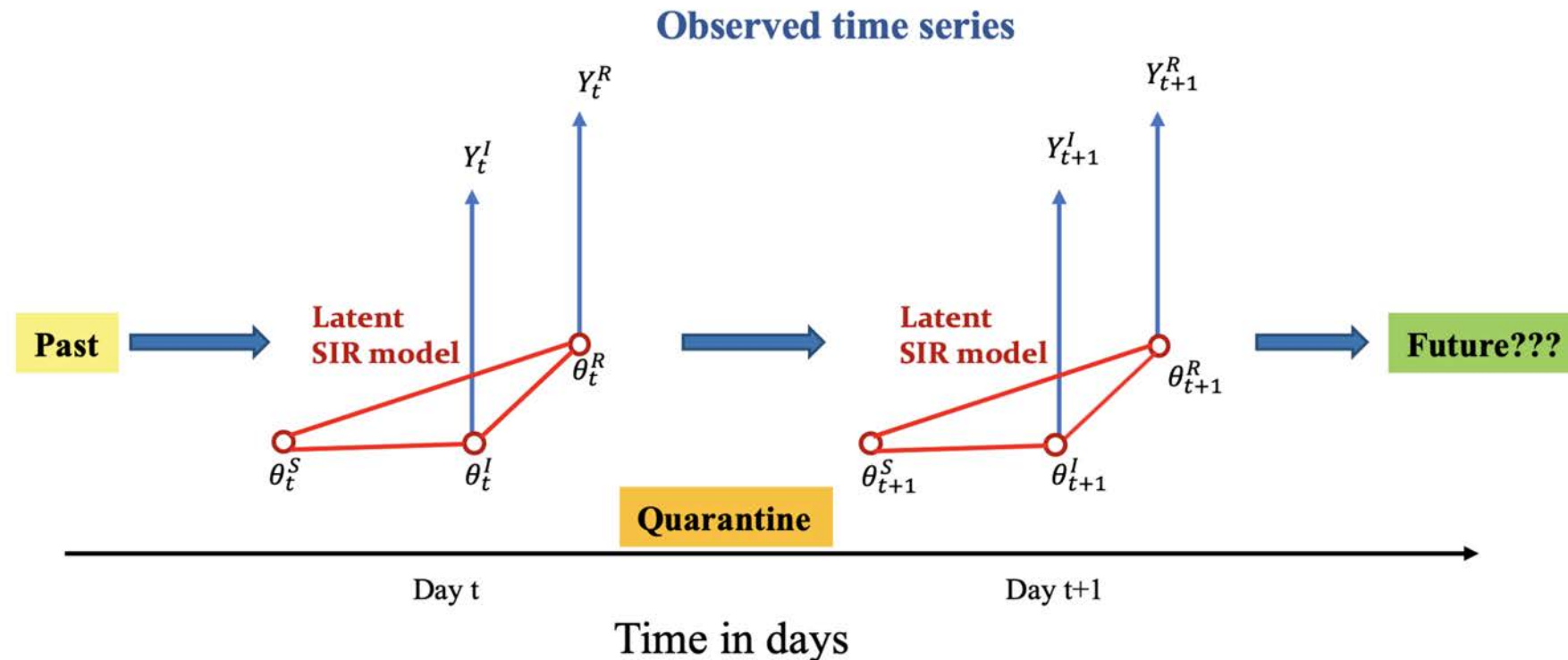
- **Structure:** Each person is in one of three 'states'.



- **Utility:** Can model transmissions using count data.
- **Challenge:** True proportions unknown!

# Facing the challenge: extended SIR

- **Idea:** Introduce a latent Markov prevalence process.



# eSIR model: hierarchical formulation and solution

$$\frac{d\theta_t^S}{dt} = -\beta \theta_t^S \theta_t^I, \quad \frac{d\theta_t^I}{dt} = \beta \theta_t^S \theta_t^I - \gamma \theta_t^I, \quad \frac{d\theta_t^R}{dt} = \gamma \theta_t^I.$$

Compartmental  
Specification

$\boldsymbol{\tau}$  : All other parameters

$$Y_t^I | \boldsymbol{\theta}_t, \boldsymbol{\tau} \sim \text{Beta}(\lambda^I \theta_t^I, \lambda^I (1 - \theta_t^I)),$$
$$Y_t^R | \boldsymbol{\theta}_t, \boldsymbol{\tau} \sim \text{Beta}(\lambda^R \theta_t^R, \lambda^R (1 - \theta_t^R)).$$

$$R_{\text{eff}} = \beta / \gamma$$

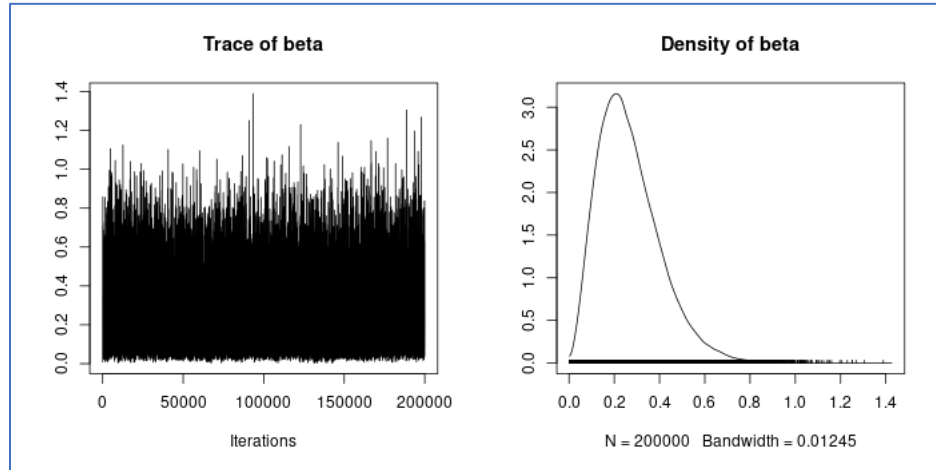
Building autocorrelation

$$\boldsymbol{\theta}_t | \boldsymbol{\theta}_{t-1}, \boldsymbol{\tau} \sim \text{Dirichlet}(\kappa f(\boldsymbol{\theta}_{t-1}, \beta, \gamma)).$$

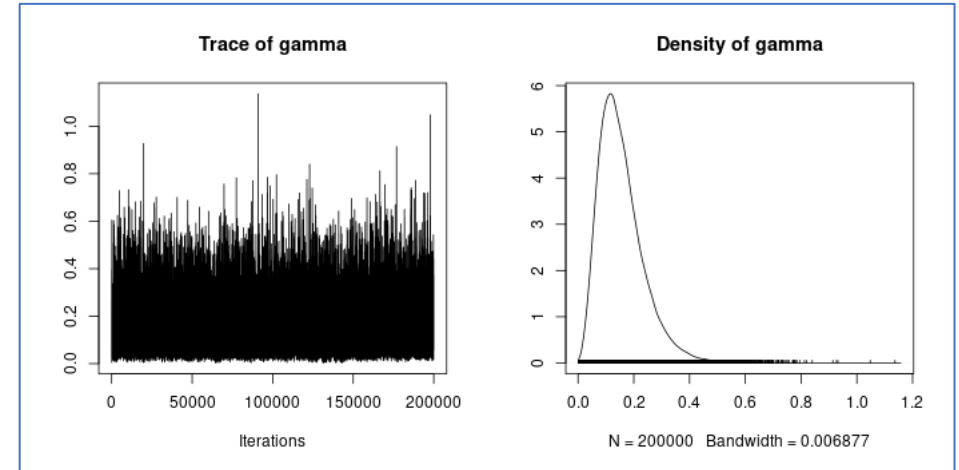
- Given the values at the previous step, the system can then be solved for  $f$  using approximations.

# Trace plots and posterior density plots

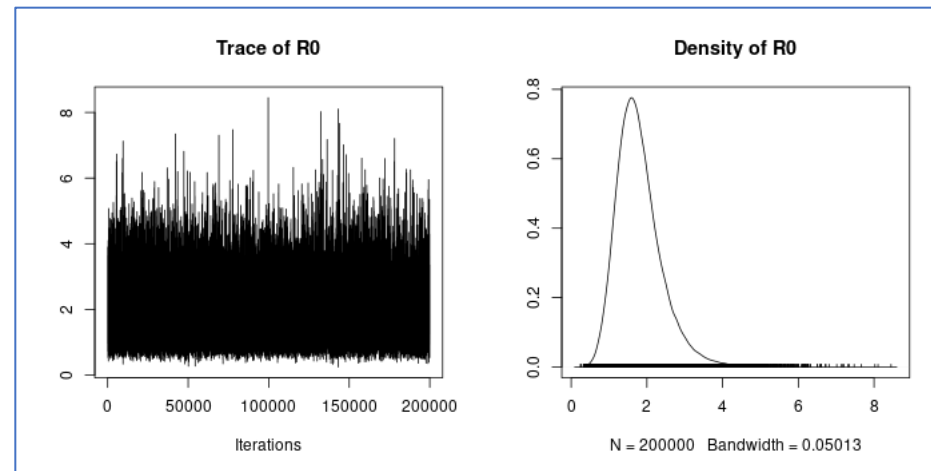
$\beta$



$\gamma$

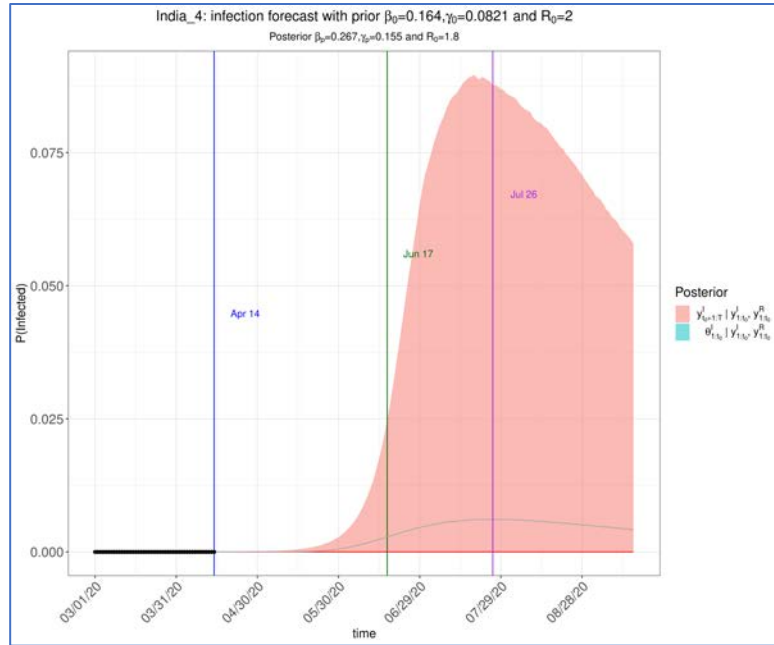


$R_0$

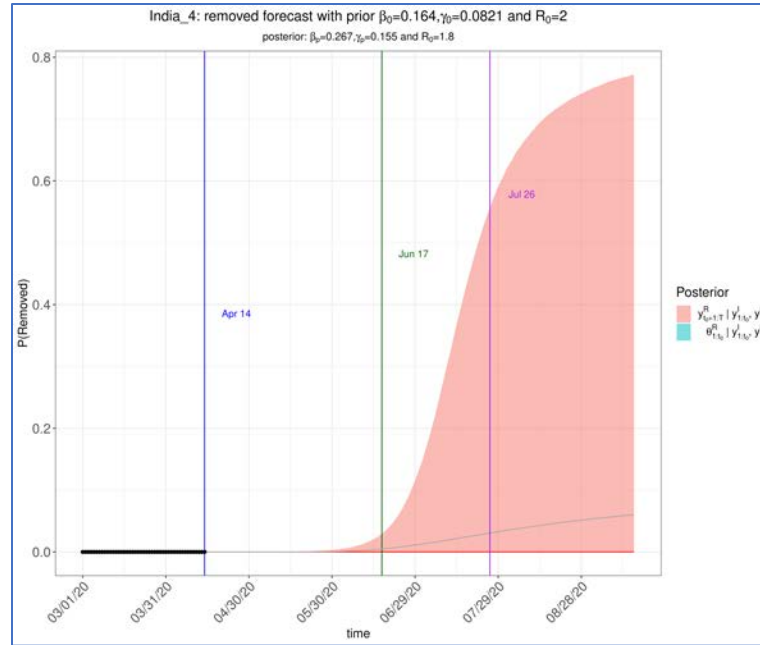




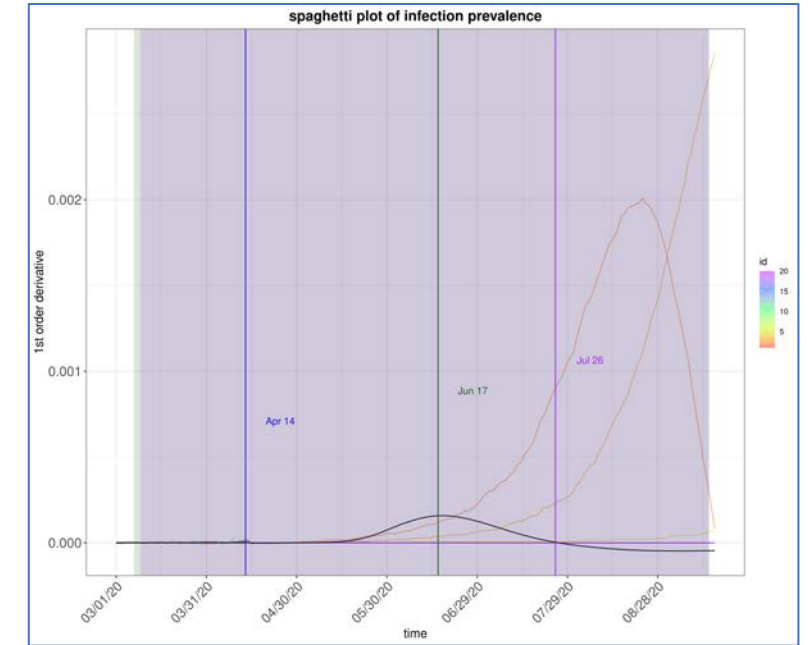
# Posterior distributions of $Y$ and $\theta$



In compartment I

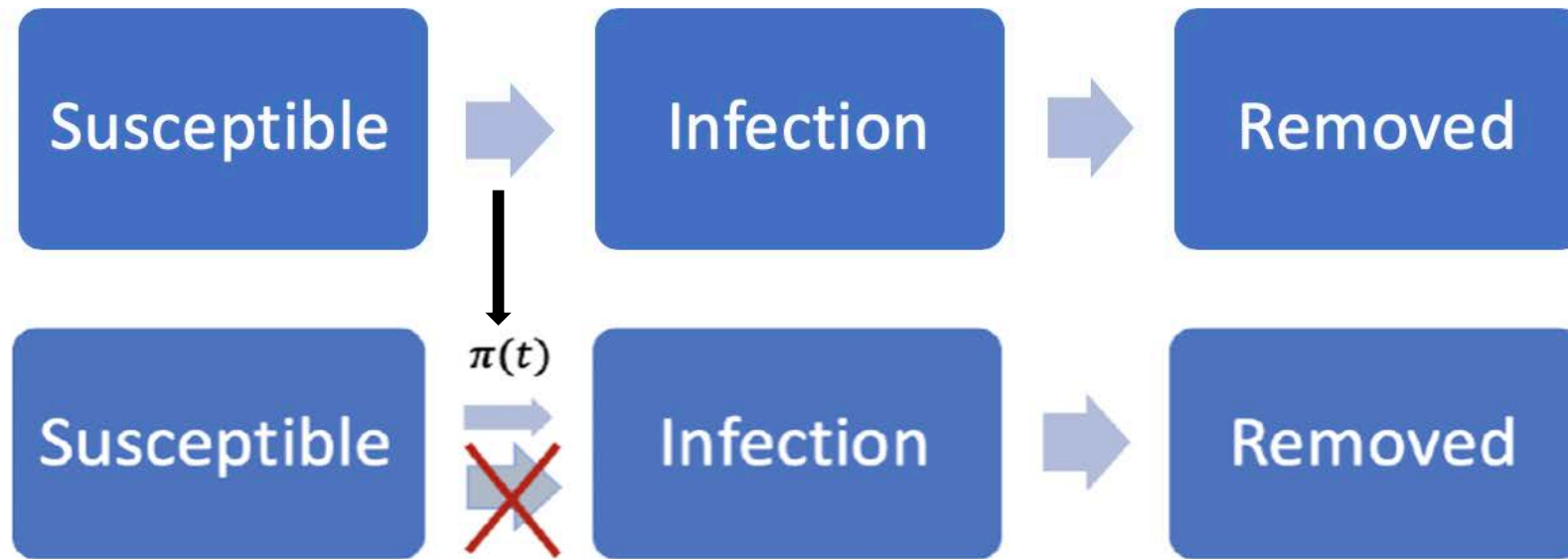


In compartment R



Daily Incidence

# Modeling interventions

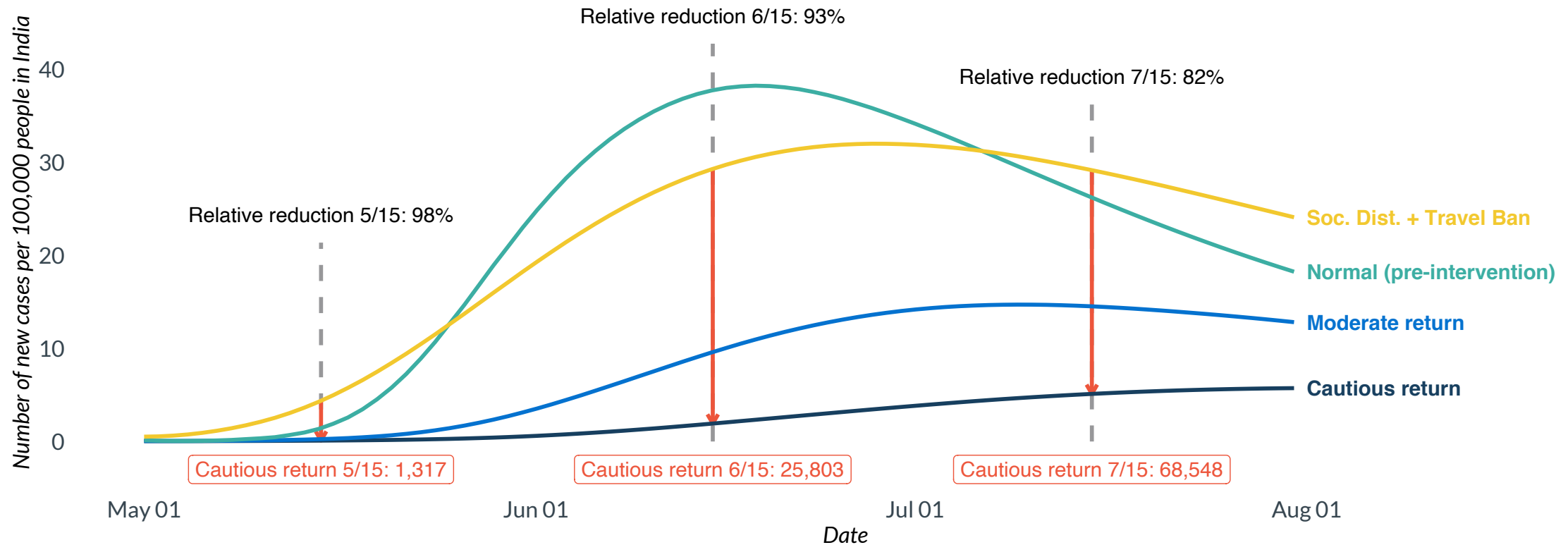


$$\frac{d\theta_t^S}{dt} = -\beta\pi(t)\theta_t^S\theta_t^I, \quad \frac{d\theta_t^I}{dt} = \beta\pi(t)\theta_t^S\theta_t^I - \gamma\theta_t^I, \quad \frac{d\theta_t^R}{dt} = \gamma\theta_t^I.$$

# Long term projection and forecasting scenarios

## b. Predicted number of new COVID-19 cases in India under hypothetical scenarios

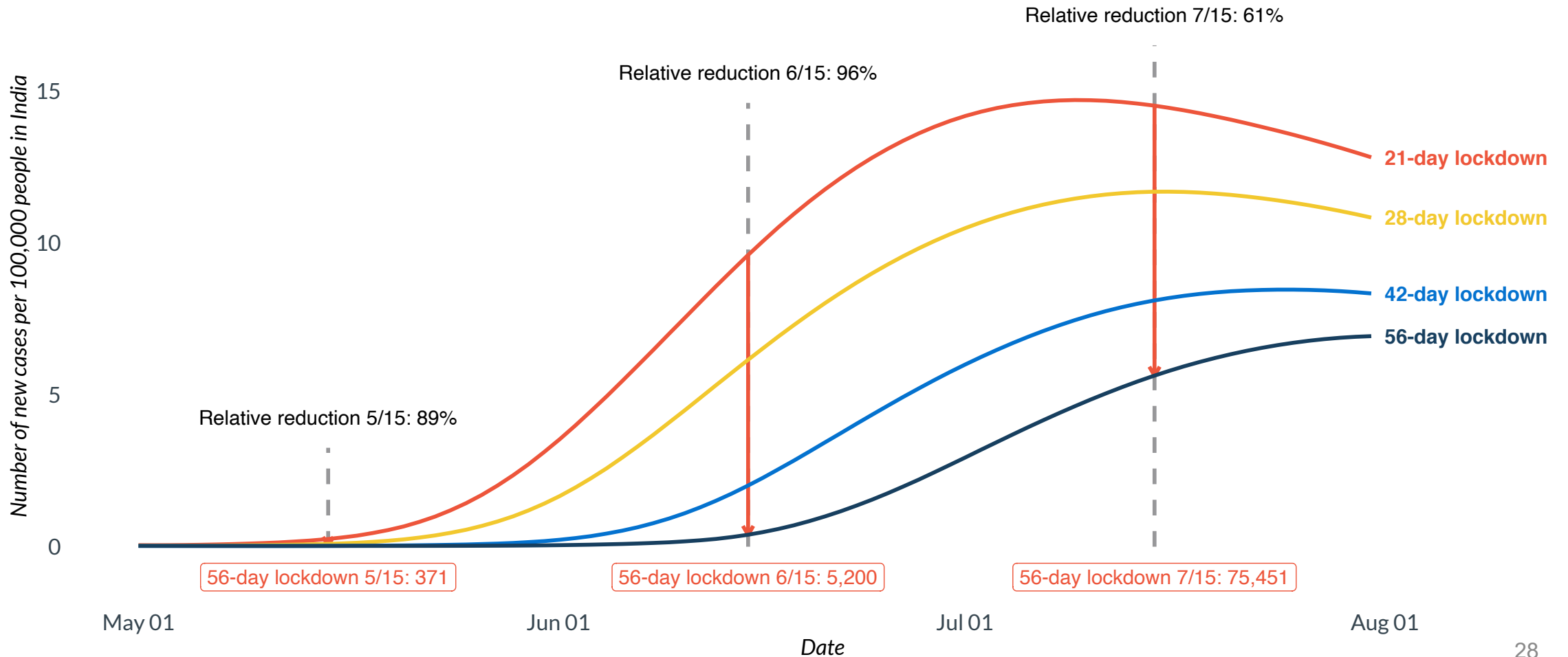
as of 14 April 2020; quick adherence



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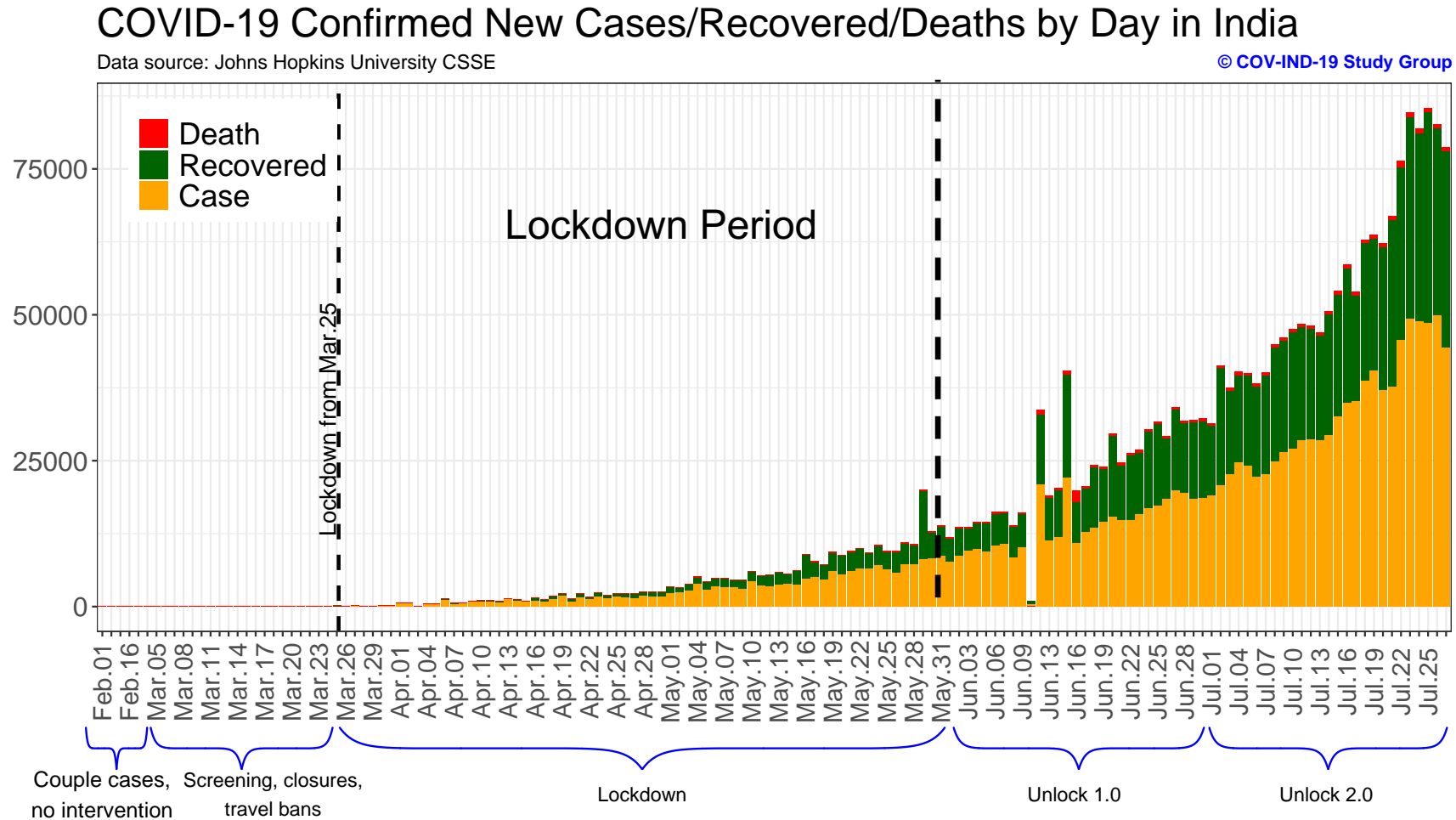
# Lockdown duration - incidence

b. Predicted number of daily COVID-19 infections under varying lockdown lengths  
as of 14 April, 2020; quick adherence





# Was lockdown effective in India?



# Scaling up health care infrastructure

Health Care Capacity	Then	End of 2020
Tests per day	3000	A million
Price of RT-PCR	Rs. 12,000-15,000	Rs. 400-950
ICU Beds	21000	63000
Isolation Beds	173000	1.55 million
COVID care centers	1900	15400



# Characterizing Nation versus State Heterogeneity

Open access

Original research

## **BMJ Open** Comprehensive public health evaluation of lockdown as a non-pharmaceutical intervention on COVID-19 spread in India: national trends masking state-level variations

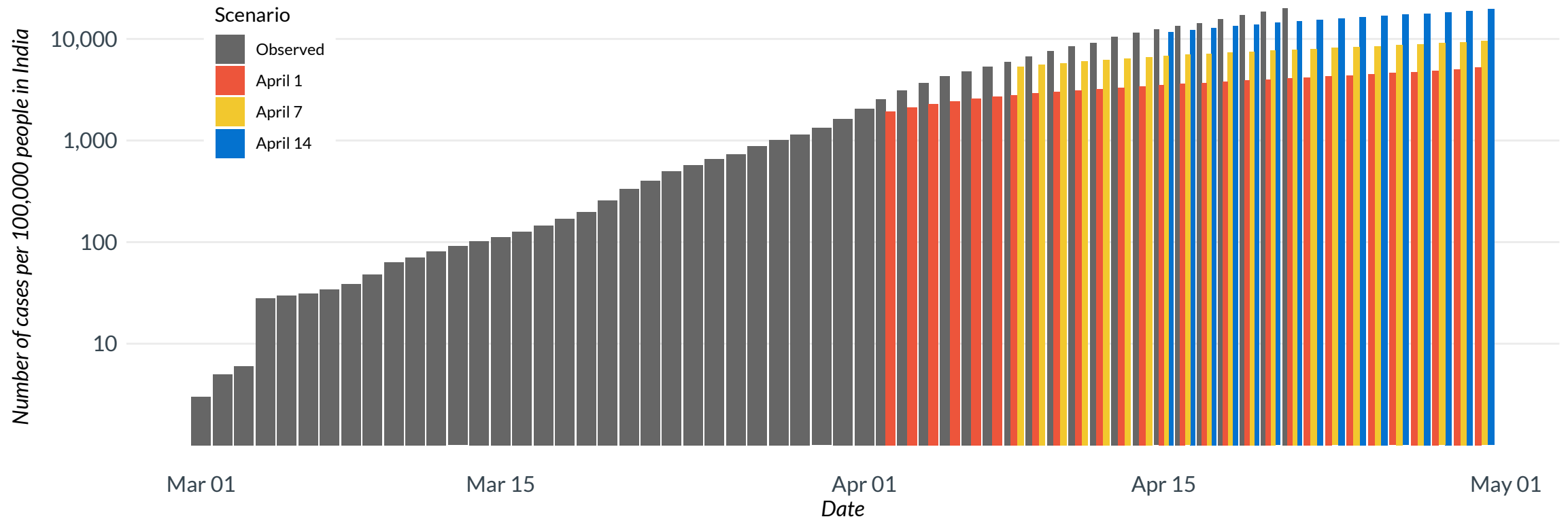
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# Phase 2: Updating projections was important

## Comparison of India projections at different time points

assuming 21-day lockdown with moderate return



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Our contribution and service  
as data scientists

## COV-IND-19 Study Group

The  
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Study Group

Welcome to the COV-IND-19 shiny app. We aim to provide a resource to describe the COVID-19 outbreak in India to date as well as prediction models under various hypothetical scenarios. The figure and forecasting models update as new data becomes available (i.e., at least daily). You may download PNG files of each figure by clicking on the camera icon when you are hovering within each plot. Please cite our medium article and this website in any publication that you use this resource for.

The COV-IND-19 study group is comprised of: Maxwell Salvatore, Alexander Rix, Michael Kleinsasser, Daniel Barker, Lili Wang, Rupam Bhattacharyya, Soumik Purkayastha, Debashree Ray, Shariq Mohammed, Aritra Halder, Debraj Bose, Peter Song, Mousumi Banerjee, Veera Baladandayuthapani, and Parikshit Ghosh. Led by PI [Bhramar Mukherjee](#).

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### References

Read the study: [Ray et al. 2020](#)

Read the report: [COV-IND-19 Report](#) (this is a direct download link, check your downloads folder)

Read our Medium trilogy: [pre-lockdown \(March 21\)](#), [studying lockdown \(April 3\)](#), and [unlocking the lockdown \(April 24\)](#)

Source code: [COV-IND-19 GitHub](#)

### Sources

Non-India country-level data source: [JHU CSSE COVID-19 GitHub](#)

India National and State / Union Territory data source: [covid19india.org](#)

R modeling package: [eSIR R package](#)

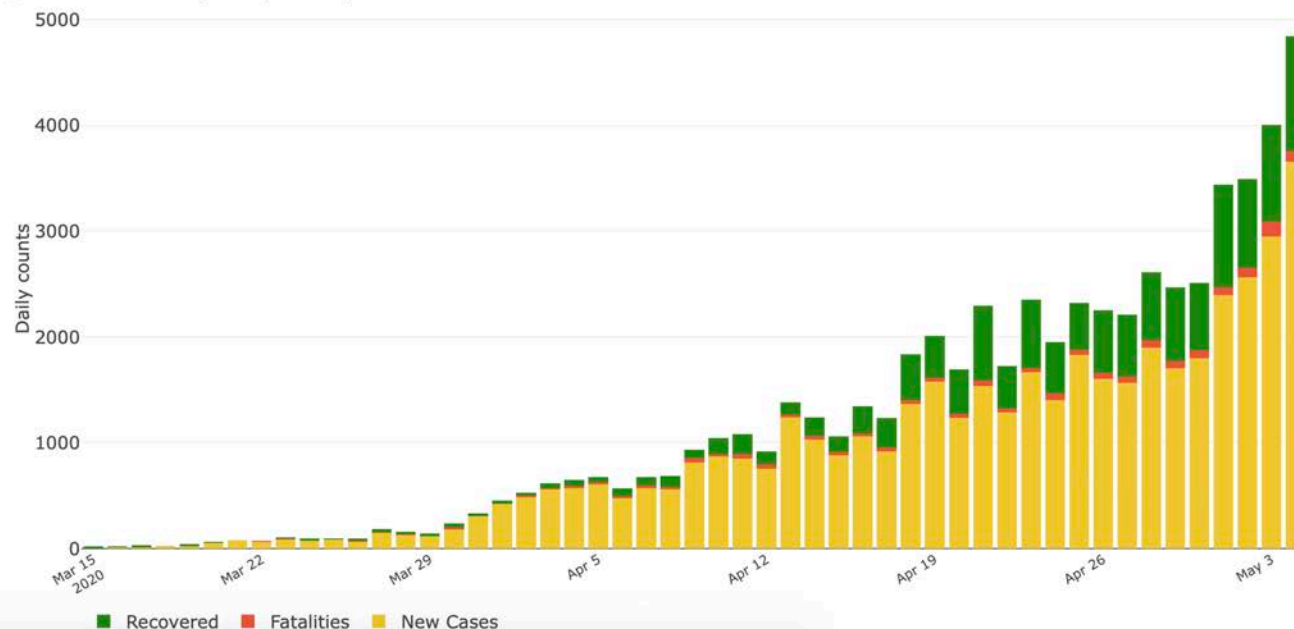
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Data last updated May 05

## Daily number of new COVID-19 cases, fatalities and recovered in India

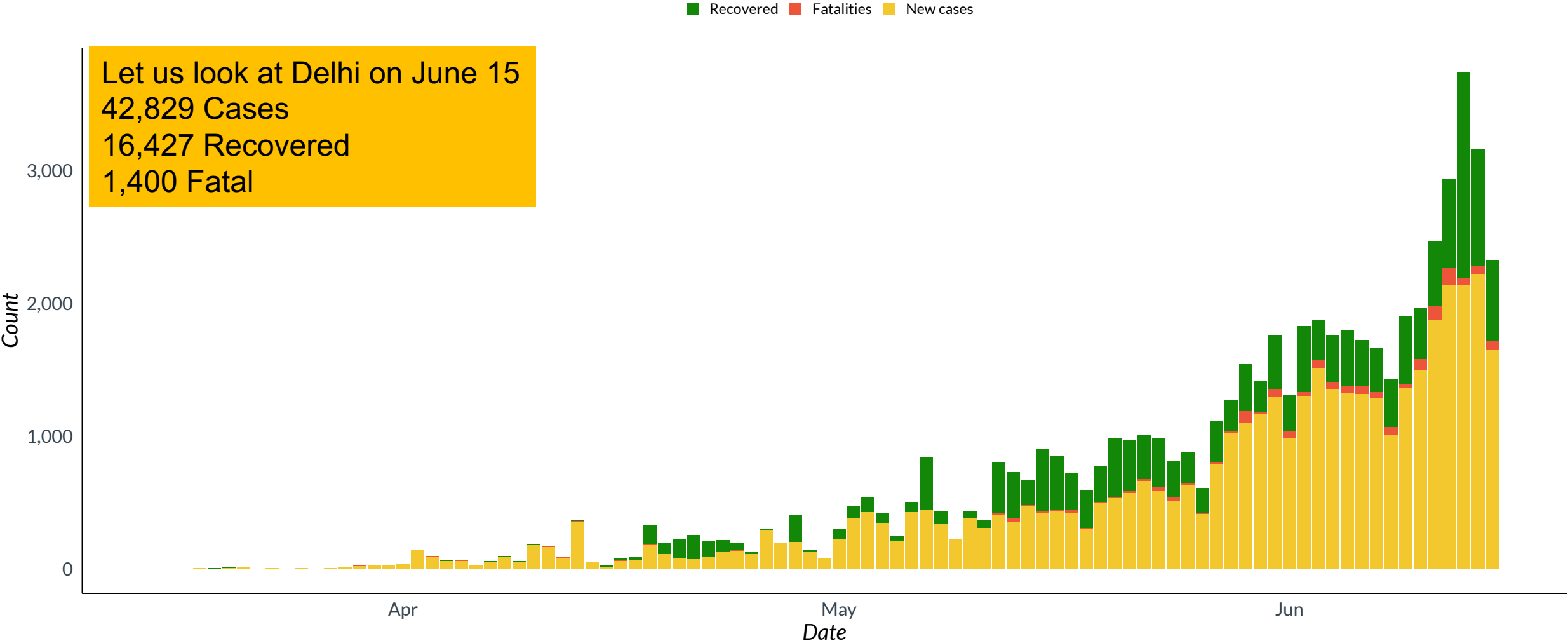
This figure provides the number of COVID-19 new cases (yellow), fatalities (red), and recovered cases (green) in India. You can hover your cursor over the bar to see the exact numerical counts.

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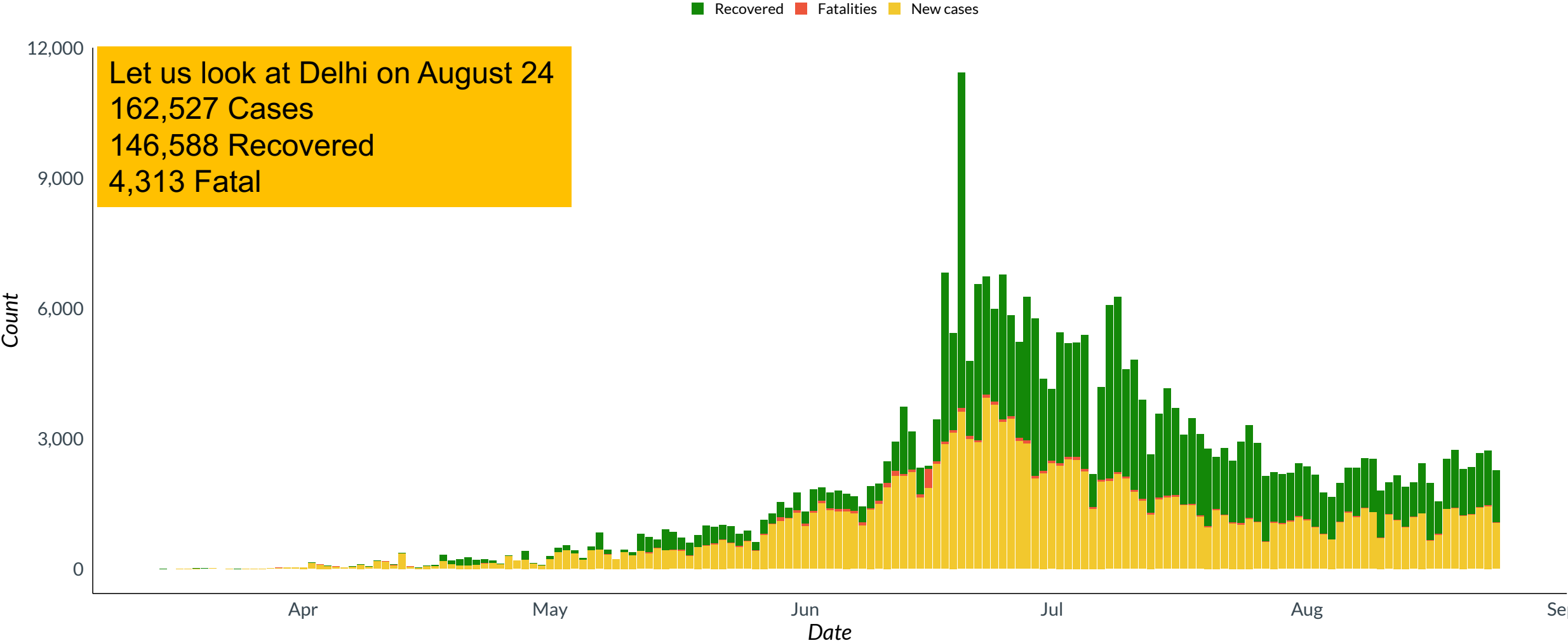
# Daily number of COVID-19 cases, fatalities, and recovered in Delhi

as of June 15



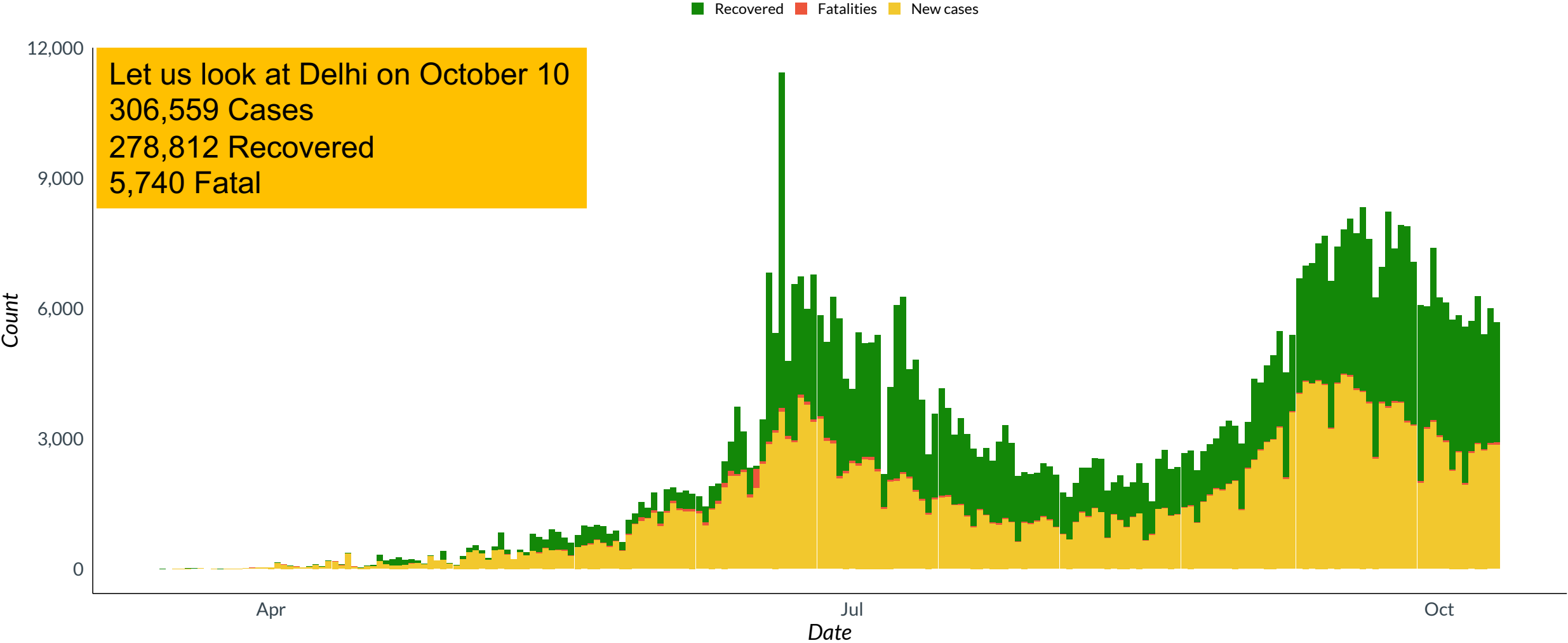
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as of August 24



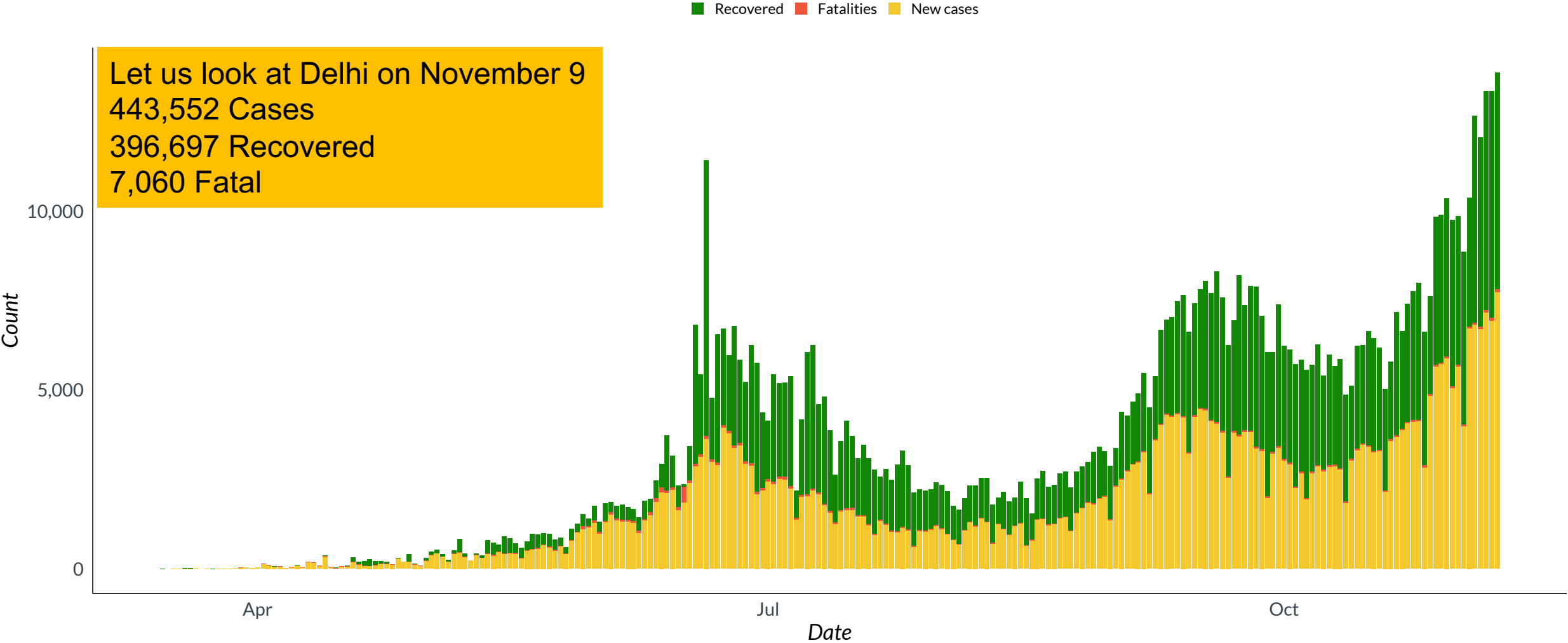
# Daily number of COVID-19 cases, fatalities, and recovered in Delhi

as of October 10



# Daily number of COVID-19 cases, fatalities, and recovered in Delhi

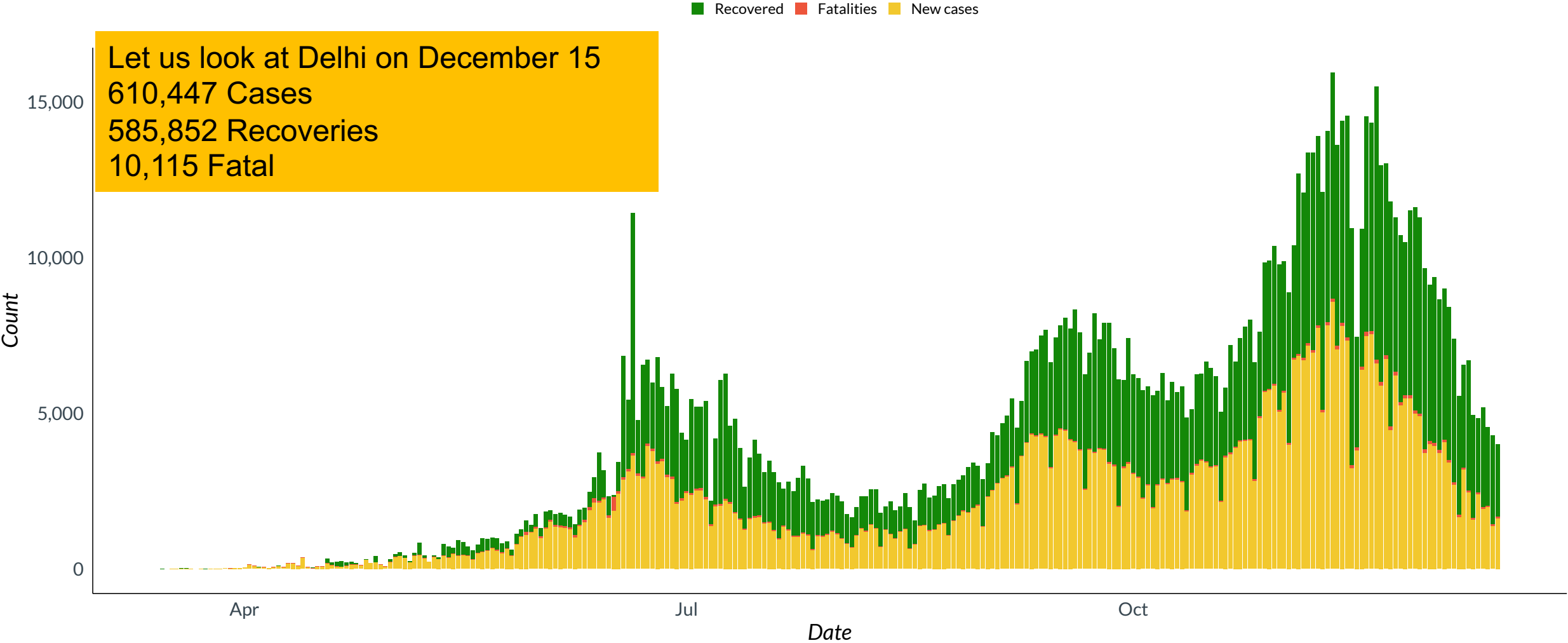
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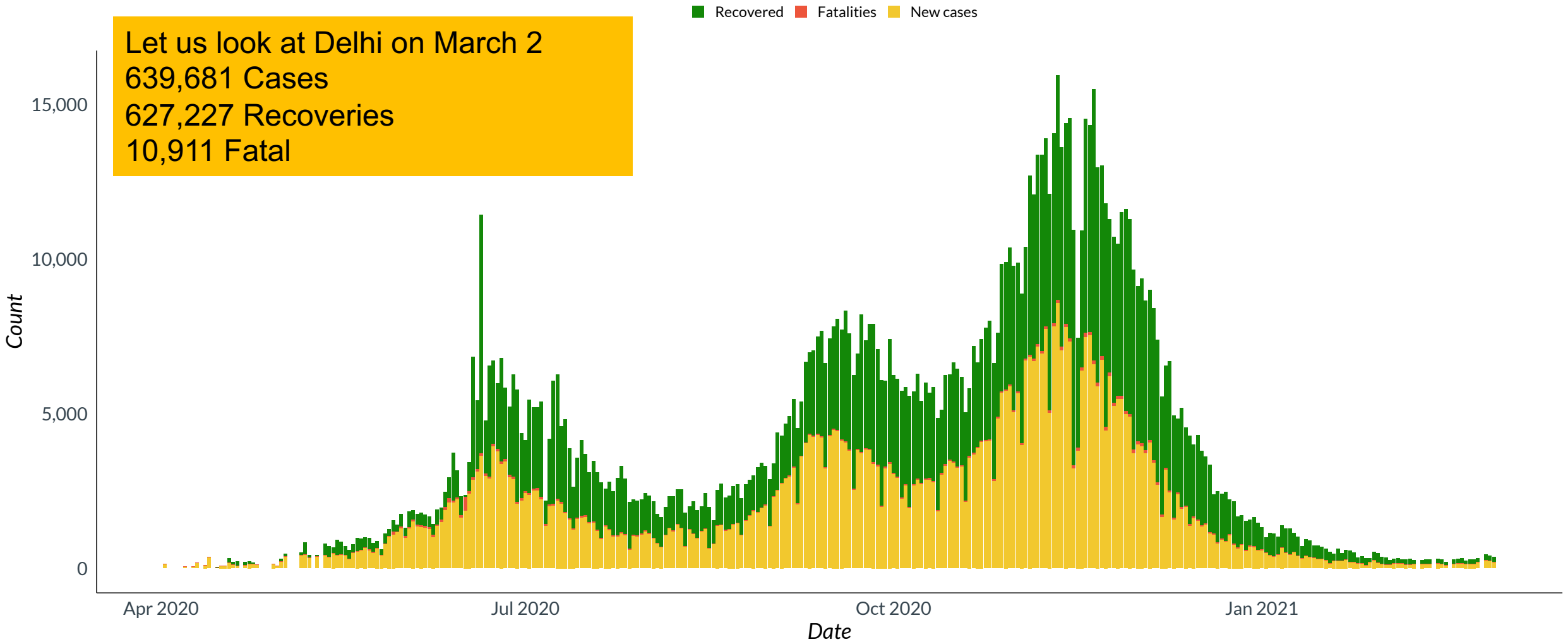
# Daily number of COVID-19 cases, fatalities, and recovered in Delhi

as of December 15



# Daily number of COVID-19 cases, fatalities, and recovered in Delhi

as of March 2

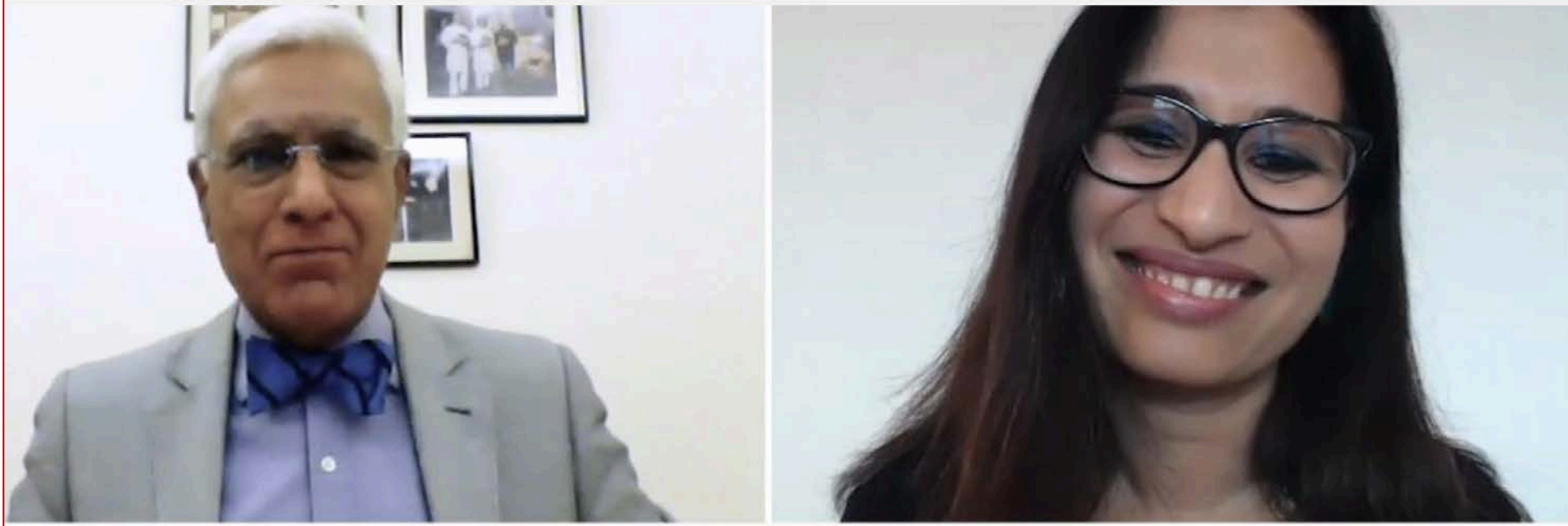


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Source: covid19data.org

# Phase 3: Seroprevalence surveys and underreporting

## Watch | 'India Could Have 30 Million Undetected COVID-19 Cases Today; 100 Million in 6 Weeks'

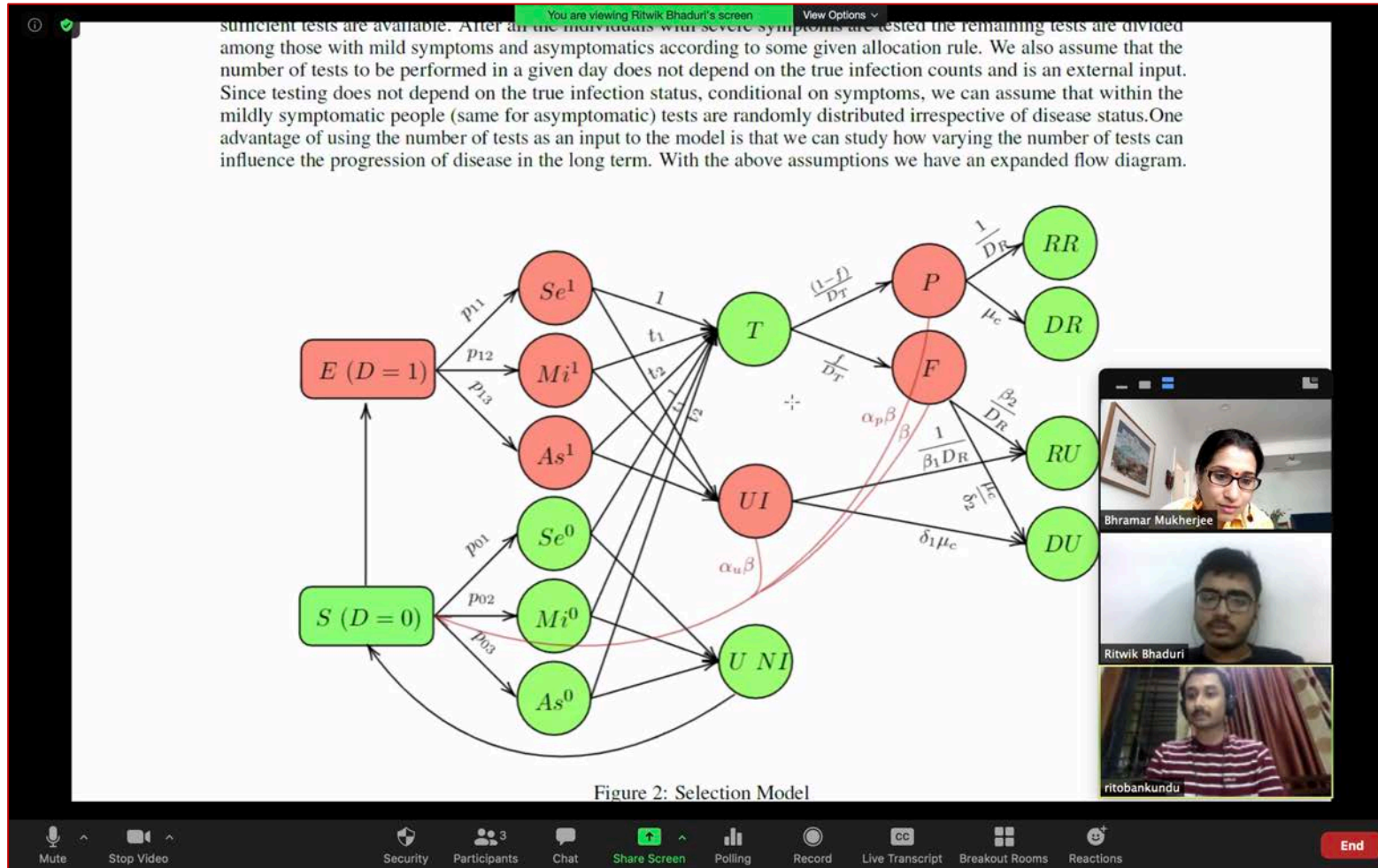
Bhramar Mukherjee, professor of epidemiology and head of the Department of Biostatistics at the University of Michigan, speaks to Karan Thapar on the future of the health crisis.



Mr Karan Thapar: India's Anderson Cooper for my generation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gHakQGaed9>

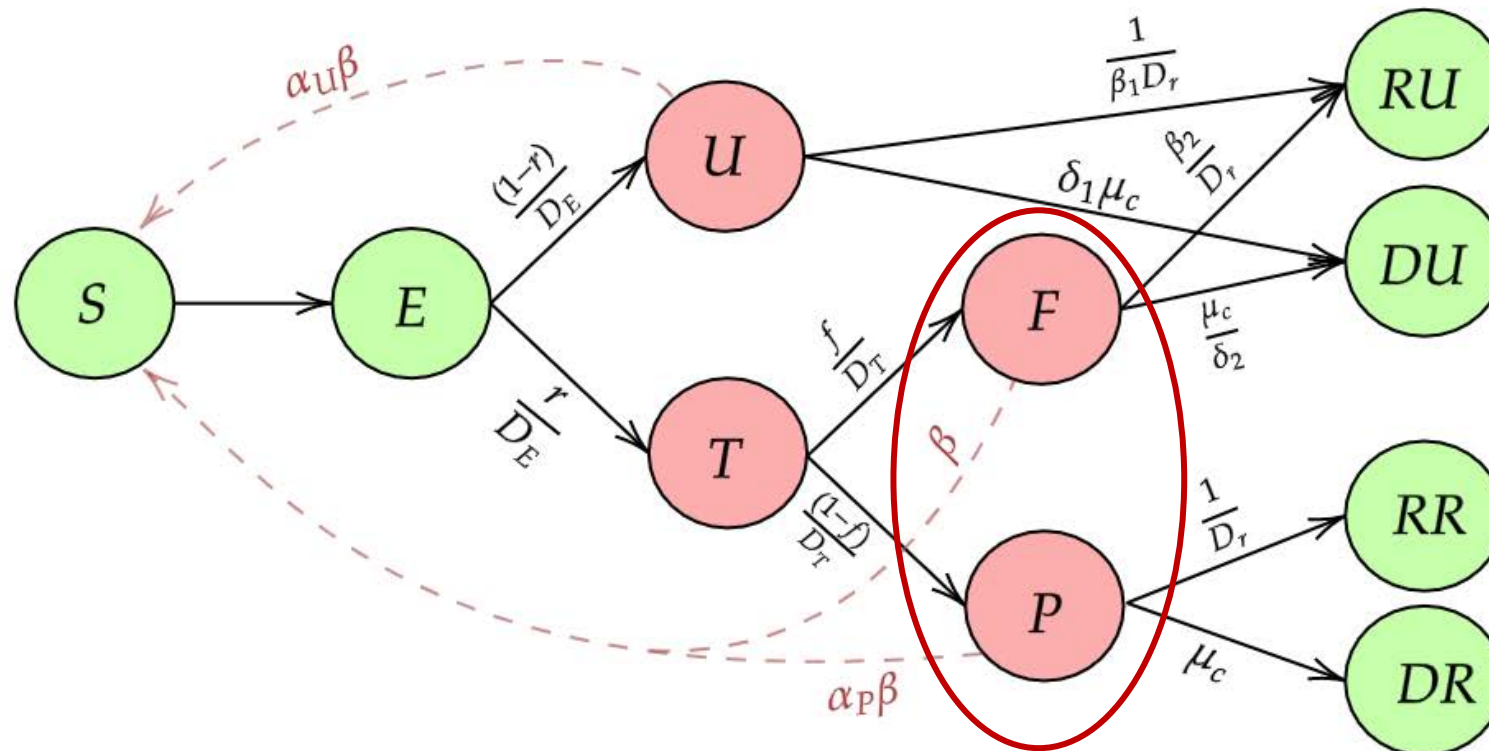
# Summer Internship work of two students from ISI Kolkata: Handling false negatives in the tests and testing bias



Underreporting factor:

- For cases 10-20
- For deaths 2-5
- Infection Fatality Rate  
0.1%-0.5%
- With 0.1% IFR If 50% of India gets the infection we will have  
670,000 deaths

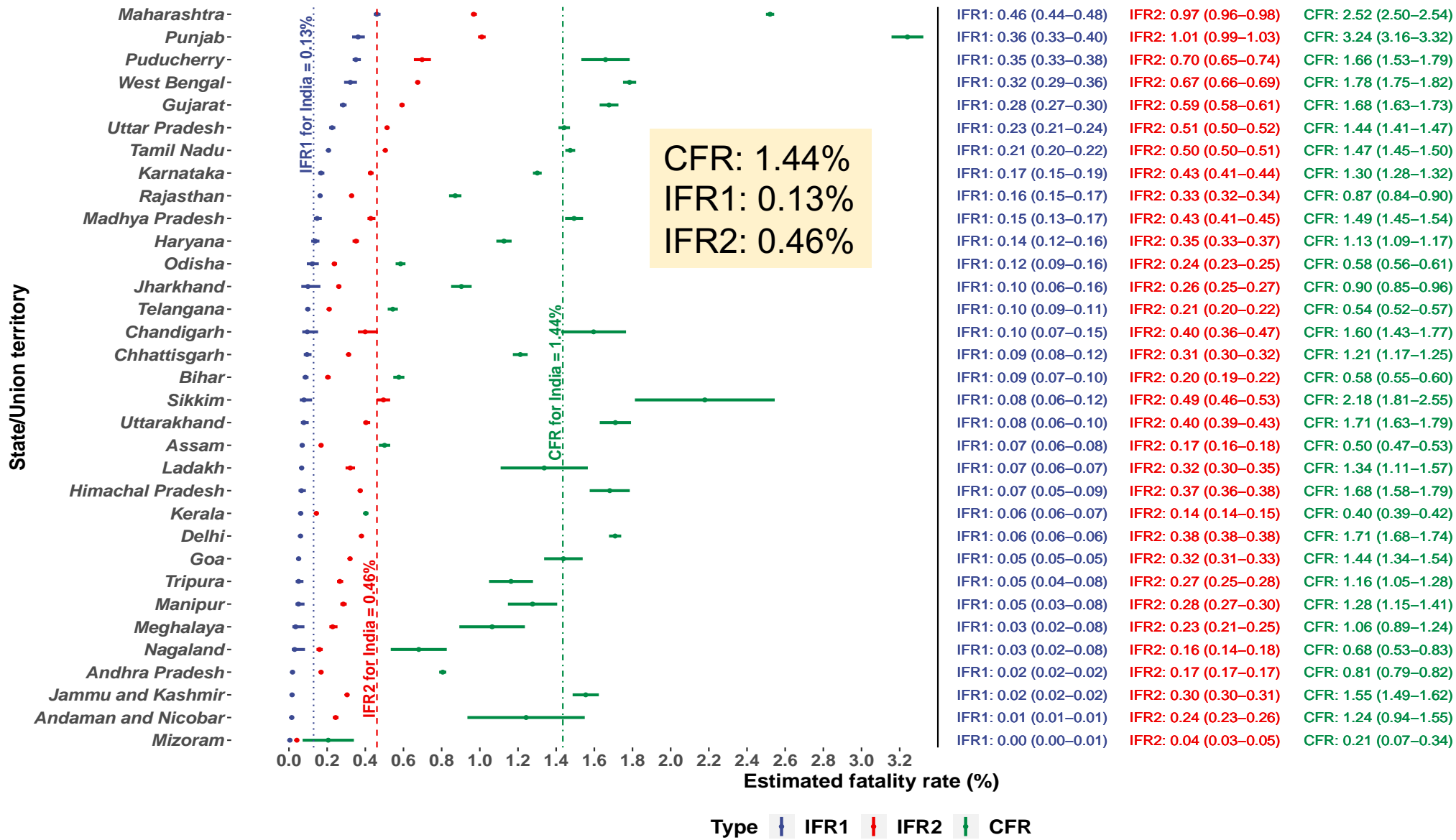
# False negatives can give false security



$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_u &= \alpha_p = 0.5 \\ \beta_1 &= 0.6, \beta_2 = 0.7 \\ \delta_1 &= 0.3, \delta_2 = 0.7 \\ f &= 0.15 \\ \mu_c &= mCFR / 17.8 \\ \mu &= \lambda = 3.95 \times 10^{-5} \\ D_r &= 17.8 \\ D_E &= 5.2 \\ D_T &\approx 0 \\ \beta, r &\rightarrow \text{time varying} \end{aligned}$$



# Estimated fatality rates associated with SARS-CoV-2 for states in India as of 31 January 2021



$$IFR_1 = \frac{\text{Observed total deaths}}{\text{Estimated total cases}}$$

$$IFR_2 = \frac{\text{Estimated total deaths}}{\text{Estimated total cases}}$$

$$CFR = \frac{\text{Observed total deaths}}{\text{Observed total cases}}$$

Estimated count

= Observed count  
+ Unreported count

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Source: covid19india.org

Note:

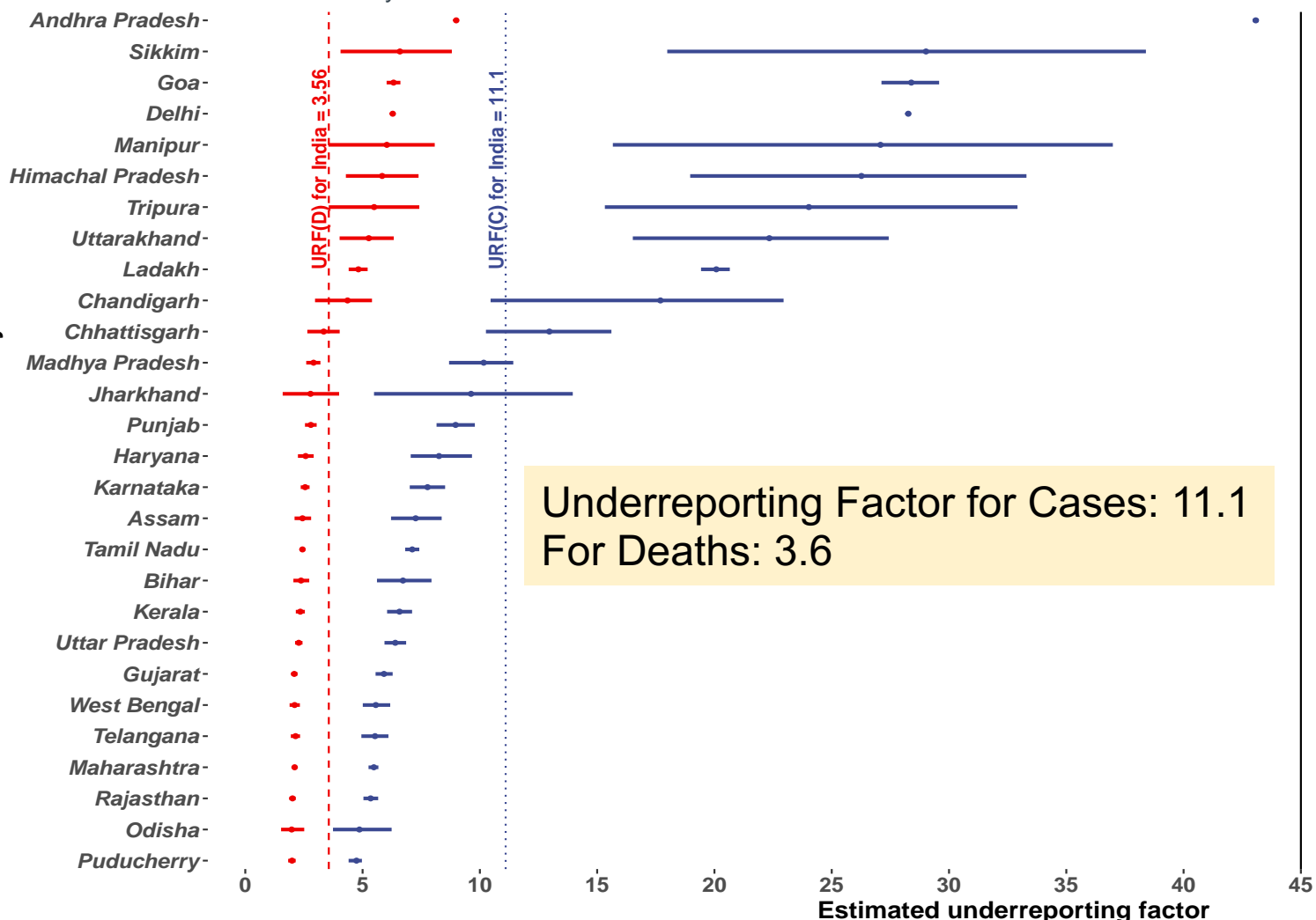
– Owing to lack of sufficient data, estimates from Arunachal Pradesh and Dadra and Nagar Haveli have not been included.

– Coloured blue for IFR<sub>1</sub>, red for IFR<sub>2</sub> and green for CFR values.

# Estimated underreporting factors associated with SARS-CoV-2 for states in India

as of 31 January 2021

State/Union territory



Type URF(C) URF(D)

URF(D): 9.0 ( 8.9– 9.1)	URF(C): 43.1 (43.0–43.2)
URF(D): 6.6 ( 4.1– 8.8)	URF(C): 29.0 (18.0–38.4)
URF(D): 6.3 ( 6.0– 6.6)	URF(C): 28.4 (27.1–29.6)
URF(D): 6.3 ( 6.2– 6.3)	URF(C): 28.3 (28.2–28.4)
URF(D): 6.0 ( 3.5– 8.1)	URF(C): 27.1 (15.7–37.0)
URF(D): 5.8 ( 4.3– 7.4)	URF(C): 26.3 (19.0–33.3)
URF(D): 5.5 ( 3.6– 7.4)	URF(C): 24.0 (15.3–32.9)
URF(D): 5.3 ( 4.0– 6.3)	URF(C): 22.3 (16.5–27.4)
URF(D): 4.8 ( 4.4– 5.2)	URF(C): 20.1 (19.4–20.7)
URF(D): 4.4 ( 3.0– 5.4)	URF(C): 17.7 (10.5–22.9)
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URF(D): 2.9 ( 2.6– 3.2)	URF(C): 10.2 ( 8.7–11.4)
URF(D): 2.8 ( 1.6– 4.0)	URF(C): 9.6 ( 5.5–14.0)
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URF(D): 2.0 ( 1.5– 2.5)	URF(C): 4.9 ( 3.7– 6.2)
URF(D): 2.0 ( 1.8– 2.1)	URF(C): 4.7 ( 4.4– 5.0)

$$URF_D = \frac{\text{Observed total deaths}}{\text{Estimated total deaths}}$$

$$URF_C = \frac{\text{Observed total cases}}{\text{Estimated total cases}}$$

Estimated count  
= Observed count  
+ Unreported count

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Source: covid19india.org

Note:

– Owing to lack of sufficient data, estimates from Jammu and Kashmir, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Nagaland, Meghalaya and Andaman and Nicobar have not been included.

– Coloured blue for URF(C) and red for URF(D) values.

## Summary of various serological surveys conducted in India during 2020-21.

### Part B: Results from some other serological surveys conducted in India in 2020-21.

Region	Study setting	Study period	# of people tested	% of positive samples
Delhi (Round 3)	Urban	September 1-5, 2020	17,409	25.1
Delhi (Round 4)	Urban	January 11-22, 2021	28,840	58.0
Tamil Nadu	Rural and Urban	October-November, 2020	26,640	26.9 (rural areas) 36.9 (urban areas)
Mumbai	Urban	Last half of August, 2020	3,024 (slum areas) 2,176 (non-slum areas)	45.2 (slum areas) 17.1 (non-slum areas)
Pune	Urban	July 20 – August 5, 2020	1,664	51.5
Chennai (Round 1)	Urban	July 17 – 28, 2020	12,405	18.4
Chennai (Round 2)	Urban	October 8 – 15, 2020	6,366	30.1
Indore	Urban	August 11 – 23, 2020	7,100	7.75
Karnataka	Rural and urban	June 15 – August 29, 2020	15,624	44.1 (rural areas) 53.8 (urban areas)
Jammu and Kashmir	Rural and urban	October, 2020	6,230	38.8

Latest National Serosurvey: "The 3rd sero-survey was done from Dec 17, 2020 to Jan 8, 2021. A general population of 28,589 individuals were included & another group of 7,171 healthcare workers were also included. Above the age of 18 years the sero-prevalance was 21.4%."

If you believe the data then there are 175M infections In India.  
Qualitatively agrees with the model estimates (120-125M)

# Methodological Advances

- [SEIR-FanSy: Extension to SEIR model under false negatives](#)
- [Comparison of five different epidemiologic models](#)
- [Optimal test allocation strategies](#)

# Dangers of rapid science

The New York Times

Opinion

## How to Identify Flawed Research Before It Becomes Dangerous

Scientists and journalists need to establish a research that's publicized before it is peer reviewed.

**By Michael B. Eisen and Robert Tibshirani**

Mr. Eisen is a biologist at the University of California, Berkeley. Mr. Tibshirani is a statistician at Stanford University.

July 20, 2020

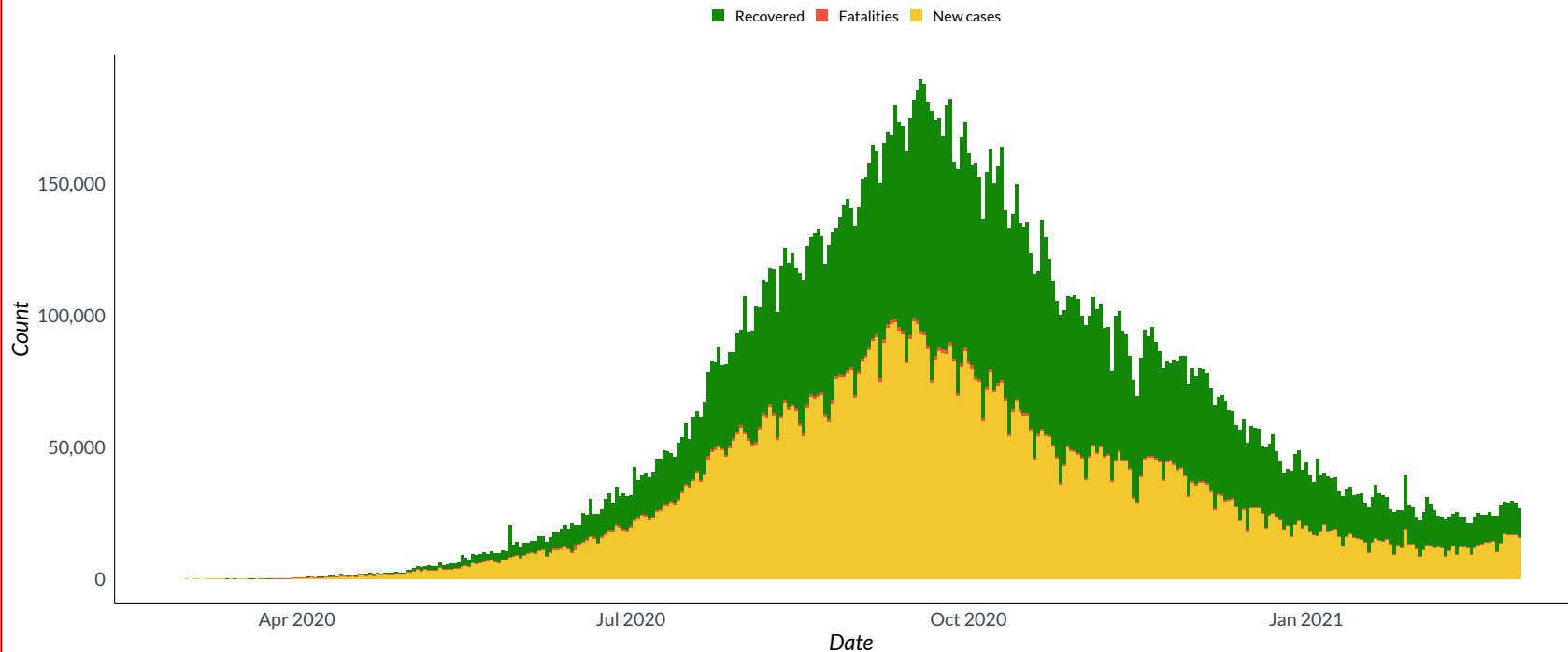
We are thrilled that researchers have embraced preprints, which are making new ideas, data and discoveries about the pandemic available to scientists and the public in almost real time. An example is the work of Bhramar Mukherjee and her team at the University of Michigan, whose research modeling the Covid-19 outbreak in India helped guide that government's lockdown policies.



<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/20/opinion/coronavirus-preprints.html>

# India Recently

Daily number of COVID-19 cases, fatalities, and recovered in India  
as of March 2



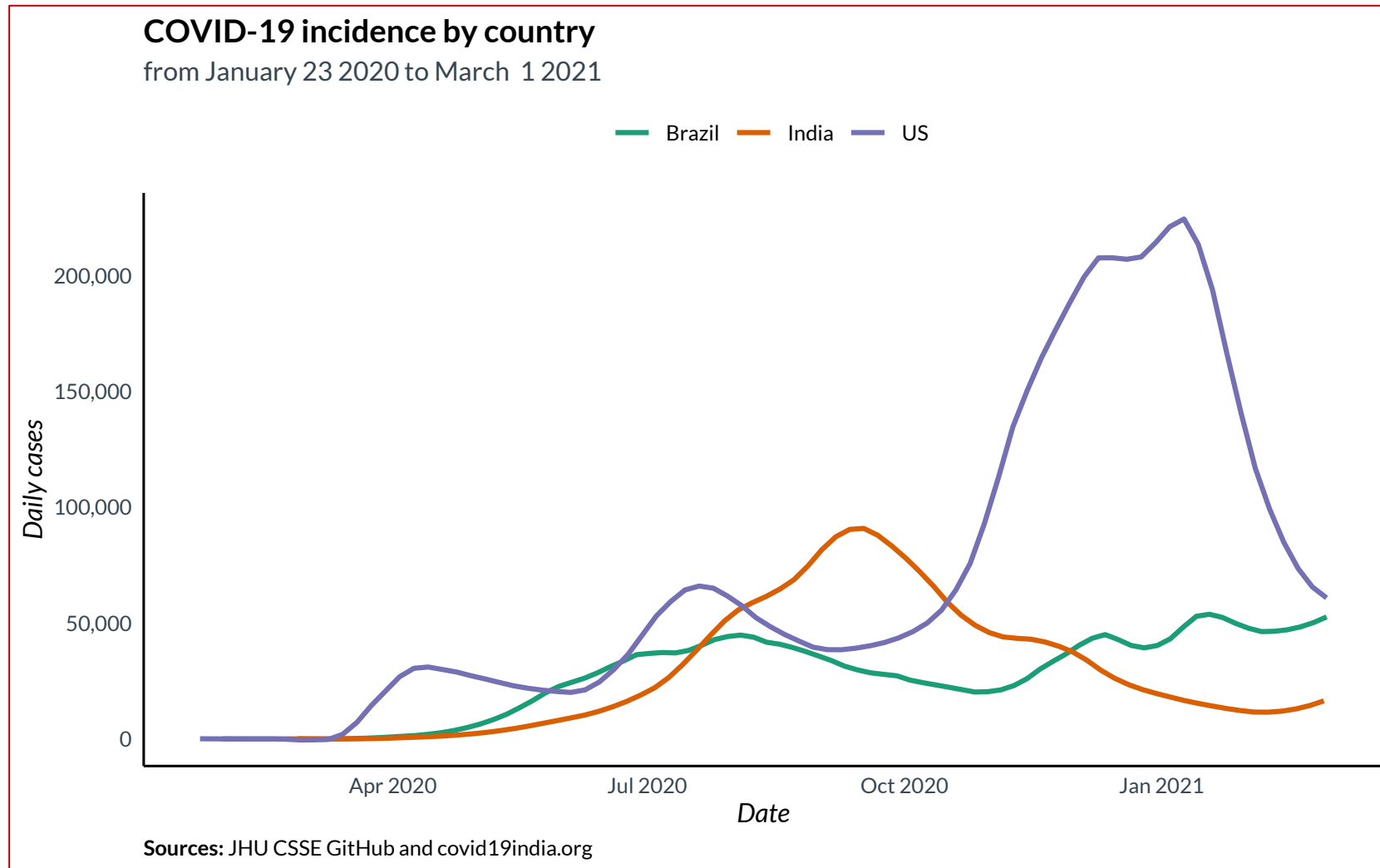
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## Summary as of March 2:

11.6 M total cases  
167 K Active Cases  
157 K Deaths  
218 M tests done  
16% population tested  
5.1% cumulative test  
positivity rate  
2.5% daily test positive rate  
**Case Fatality Rate: 1.4%**

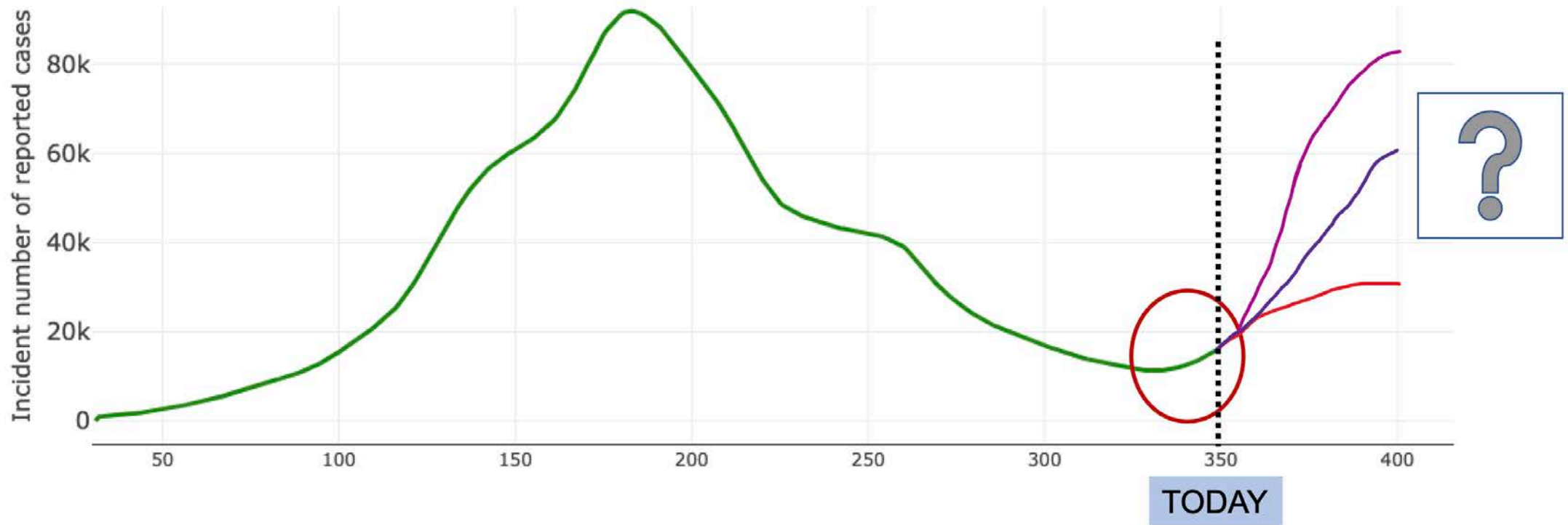


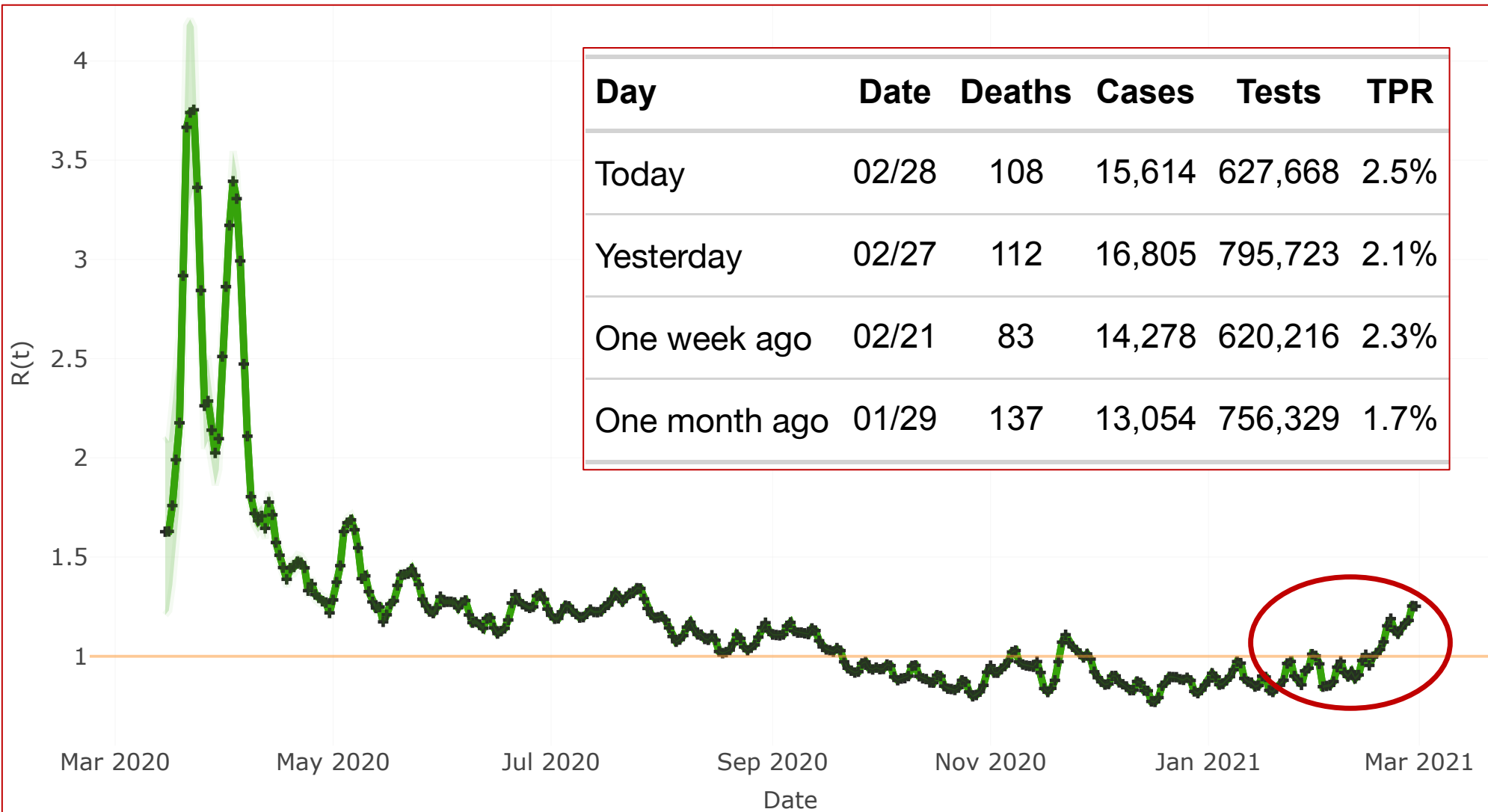
# India vs US



# Predictions for second wave depend on assumptions

- Are people with AB getting reinfected?
- What fraction will be vaccinated?
- Damped Oscillations is our forecast not a huge second peak





Effective R over time for India

## Assessing COVID-19 in India

as of March 1

LOCATION	METRICS						PREDICTED CASES (03/22)
	R	CFR	TEST-POSITIVE RATE	TOTAL TESTED	PPT (%)	TESTING SHORTFALL	NO INTERVENTION
<b>National estimate</b>	1.18	0.014	0.051	216,231,106	16.22	339,367,794	11,405,226
<b>Maharashtra</b>	1.55	0.024	0.132	16,284,612	13.33	91,468,888	2,270,688
<b>Kerala</b>	0.83	0.004	0.092	11,476,284	32.67	41,493,916	1,121,973
<b>Karnataka</b>	1.02	0.013	0.051	18,796,775	28.57	28,765,775	962,043
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	1.23	0.008	0.064	13,954,131	26.72	30,541,669	893,512
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	0.99	0.015	0.049	17,479,572	23.09	25,097,528	861,007
<b>Delhi</b>	1.27	0.017	0.052	12,380,699	62.48	19,583,751	641,648
<b>Uttar Pradesh</b>	1.15	0.014	0.019	31,287,226	13.91	0	612,733
<b>West Bengal</b>	1.08	0.018	0.067	8,563,278	8.84	20,192,622	583,352
<b>Odisha</b>	1.02	0.006	0.041	8,321,641	19.06	8,537,909	340,198
<b>Rajasthan</b>	1.07	0.009	0.051	6,304,465	8.16	9,712,335	324,113
<b>Chhattisgarh</b>	0.94	0.012	0.065	4,812,273	16.75	10,815,727	316,458
<b>Telangana</b>	1.28	0.005	0.034	8,700,651	23.38	6,214,199	301,470
<b>Gujarat</b>	1.27	0.016	0.023	11,739,846	17.28	1,754,554	275,185
<b>Haryana</b>	1.36	0.011	0.048	5,669,984	19.78	7,869,216	274,082
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	1.31	0.015	0.045	5,786,018	7.04	7,302,282	268,796
<b>Bihar</b>	1.03	0.006	0.012	22,434,044	18.77	0	266,754
<b>Assam</b>	1.48	0.005	0.032	6,850,204	19.98	4,021,546	221,057
<b>Punjab</b>	1.53	0.032	0.036	4,999,390	16.74	4,109,410	194,690
<b>Jammu and Kashmir</b>	1.13	0.015	0.024	5,201,665	39.40	1,120,385	128,259
<b>Jharkhand</b>	1.13	0.009	0.022	5,528,514	14.78	467,686	122,730

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Source data: covid19india.org

**Notes:** Cells highlighted in green indicates good performance for given metric while red indicates need for improvement. Predicted cases are for March 22 based on data through March 1. Only states/union territories with the highest cumulative case counts as of March 1 are shown. National Commission on Population 2019 projections used to calculate PPT.

**Abbrev:** CFR, Case-fatality rate; PPT, Proportion of population tested

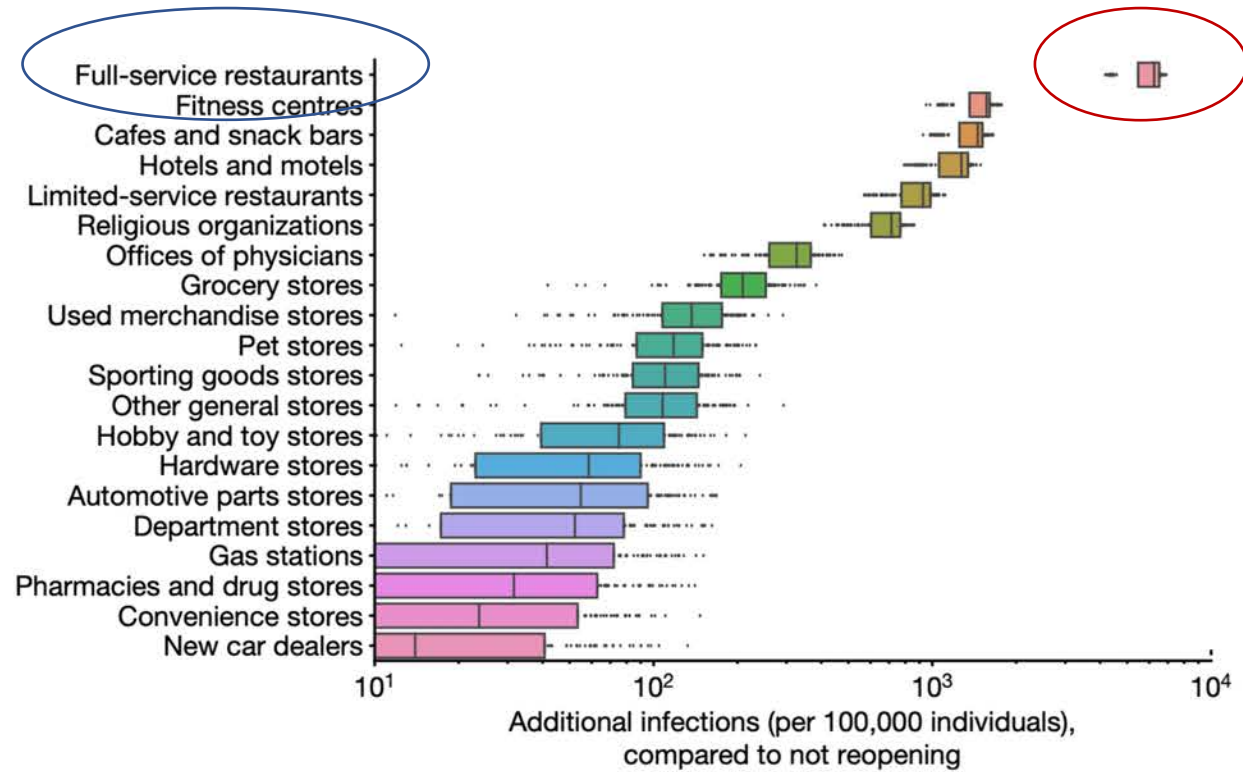
**EVERYDAY**  
~10-17,000 new  
cases  
~100 deaths

Updated daily  
Under the metrics Tab  
at [covid19.org](https://covid19.org)

# Moving Forward...

- There is no “the” model, ensembling is a better alternative
- Need a transparent vaccine dissemination plan: public-private partnership
- Need an evaluation of the disruption the pandemic caused to healthcare, nutrition programs, immunization, education
- Need population-based periodic serosurveys (with serial follow-up to track seroconversions).
- Genomic surveillance to track variants.
- Nimble policymaking (pause, push and drive) in a data adaptive way.
- Track daily death and admissions data and compare to historical trends.
- A national follow up cohort of recovered patients (already underway)
- Public has a serious role in public health. We need to manage risk in our daily lives.

# Mobility network models of COVID-19 explain inequities and inform reopening nature

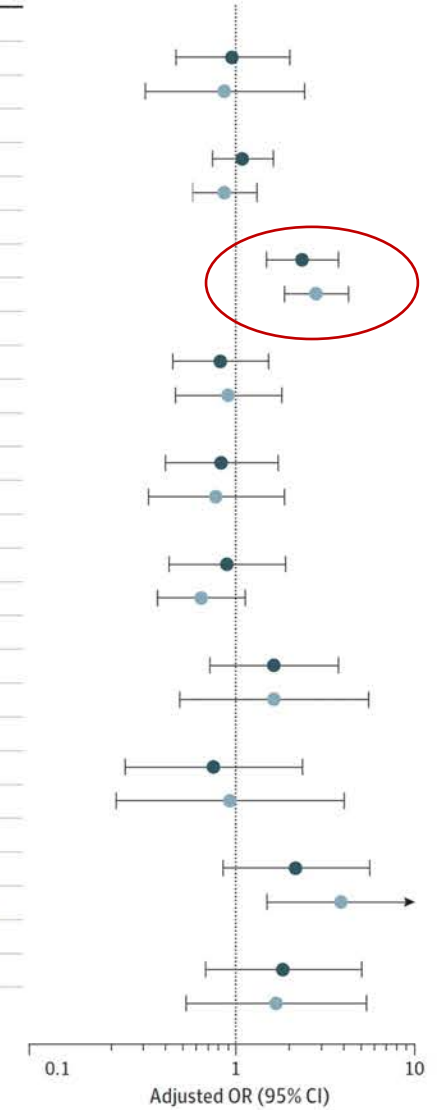


Managing Risk in Our Daily Lives!

## Identifying COVID-19 Risk Through Observational Studies to Inform Control Measures

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The Journal of the American Medical Association

	Adjusted OR (95% CI)
Shopping	
Close COVID-19 contact	0.96 (0.46-2.00)
No close COVID-19 contact	0.87 (0.31-2.43)
Home, ≤10 persons	
Close COVID-19 contact	1.09 (0.74-1.63)
No close COVID-19 contact	0.87 (0.57-1.32)
Restaurant	
Close COVID-19 contact	2.37 (1.49-3.76)
No close COVID-19 contact	2.82 (1.86-4.26)
Office setting	
Close COVID-19 contact	0.82 (0.45-1.52)
No close COVID-19 contact	0.91 (0.46-1.80)
Salon	
Close COVID-19 contact	0.83 (0.40-1.71)
No close COVID-19 contact	0.78 (0.32-1.86)
Home, >10 persons	
Close COVID-19 contact	0.89 (0.42-1.89)
No close COVID-19 contact	0.64 (0.37-1.13)
Gym	
Close COVID-19 contact	1.64 (0.71-3.76)
No close COVID-19 contact	1.64 (0.49-5.53)
Public transportation	
Close COVID-19 contact	0.75 (0.24-2.35)
No close COVID-19 contact	0.93 (0.21-4.05)
Bar or coffee shop	
Close COVID-19 contact	2.18 (0.85-5.61)
No close COVID-19 contact	3.88 (1.49-10.05)
Church or religious gathering	
Close COVID-19 contact	1.84 (0.67-5.02)
No close COVID-19 contact	1.68 (0.53-5.38)







An antique cartoon from 1920

## The 2020 String Quartet

- The Government
- The Public
- The Scientists
- The Corporations
- Conductor: The Virus

Not always in harmony

## Closing Remarks: The Humanitarian Component

## Do's and Don't's for Influenza Prevention.

(Douglas Island News.)

Wear a mask.  
Live a clean, healthy life.  
Keep the pores open—that is bathe frequently.  
Wash your hands before each meal.  
Live in an abundance of fresh air, day and night.  
Keep warm.  
Get plenty of sleep.  
Gargle frequently (and always after having been out) with a solution of salt in water. (Half teaspoon of salt to one glass—eight ounces—of water).  
Report early symptoms to the doctor at once.  
Respect the quarantine regulations.  
Avoid crowds. You can get the influenza only by being near some one who is infected.  
Avoid persons who sneeze or cough.  
Do not neglect your mask.  
Do not disregard the advice of a specialist just because you do not understand.  
Do not disregard the rights of a community—obey cheerfully the rules issued by the authorities.  
Do not think you are entitled to special privileges.  
Do not go near other people if you have a cold or fever—you may expose them to the influenza and death. See the doctor.

- It is a long haul, we are tired.
- Some recommendations are eternal
- Mental health and humanitarian aspects need to have more focus in our discussions
- Morbidity and mortality due to delay in care and from other causes need to be quantified



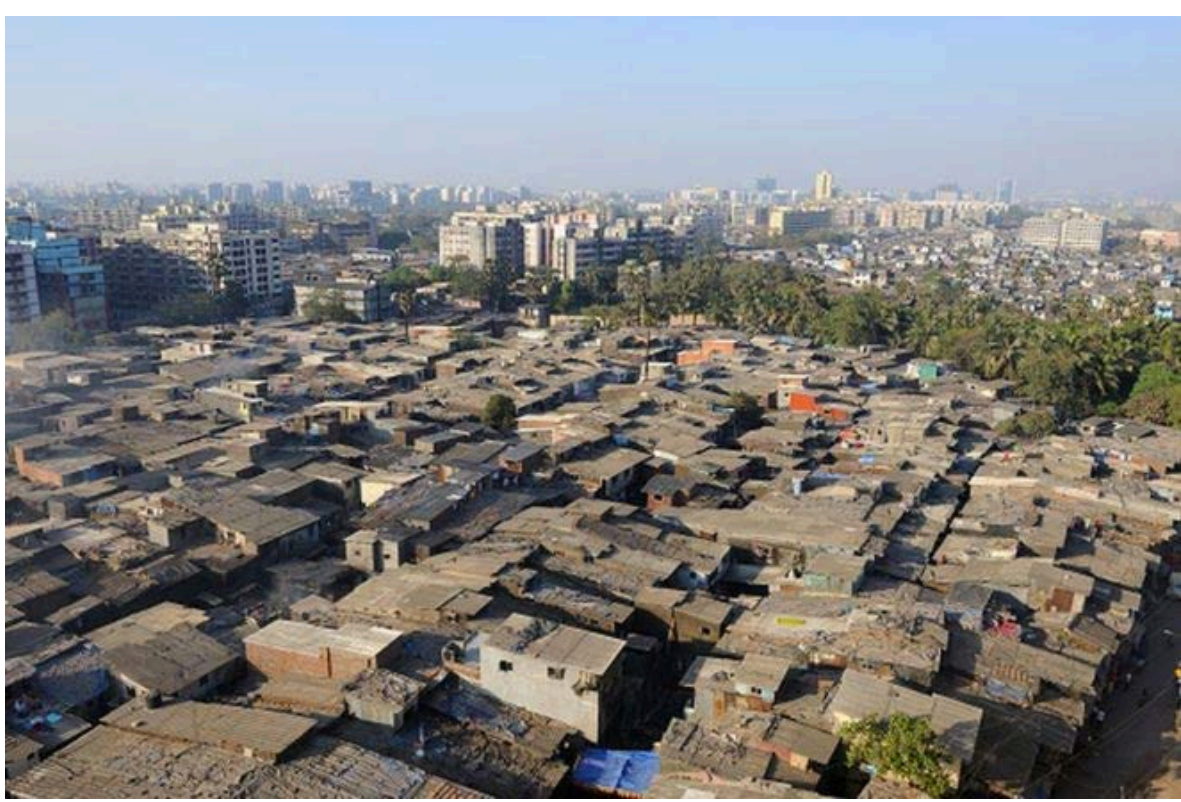
# On being human in the face of a pandemic

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**As the COVID-19 pandemic sweeps through the world, we must reassess the principles that guide our individual and collective responses and the way we operate in society. In the face of crisis, we must lead with science and humanity.**





Dharavi, Mumbai

Asia's Largest Slum

Austrian Poet Rainer Maria Rilke said, “Let everything happen to you. The beauty and the terror. Just keep going. No feeling is final.”





# We have to manage our personal risks!



My desk in Ann Arbor



I flew back to India on November 1



Happy Reunion

Thank you so much for listening!