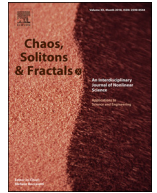




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Letter to the editor

**Corrigendum to “Mathematical modeling of COVID-19 transmission dynamics with a case study of Wuhan”**  
[Chaos Solitons Fractals 135 (2020), 109846]



The following corrections need to be done to Ndairou et al. [1]:

1. In Section 3.1, the Jacobian matrix  $J_{\mathcal{F}}$  has the entry in the first row and the third column interchanged with the entry in the first row and the fourth column. In other words, the correct matrix is

$$J_{\mathcal{F}} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \beta & \beta' & \beta l \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

2. In Table 1, where the values of the model parameters used in the numerical simulations are given, the values associated with  $\delta_i$ ,  $\delta_p$  and  $\delta_h$  are wrong. The correct values are:

$$\delta_i = \delta_p = \delta_h = \frac{1}{23} \text{ day}^{-1}.$$

3. For the parameters used in the simulations, the basic reproduction number is not  $R_0 = 0.945$ , as wrongly given in Ndairou et al. [1], but should be corrected to  $R_0 = 4.375$ . Please see Appendix A for all details, where computations are carried out in the free and open-source computer algebra system SageMath.
4. In (7), the Jacobian matrix  $J_M$  has the entry in the first row and the third column interchanged with the entry in the first row and the fourth column. In other words, the correct matrix is

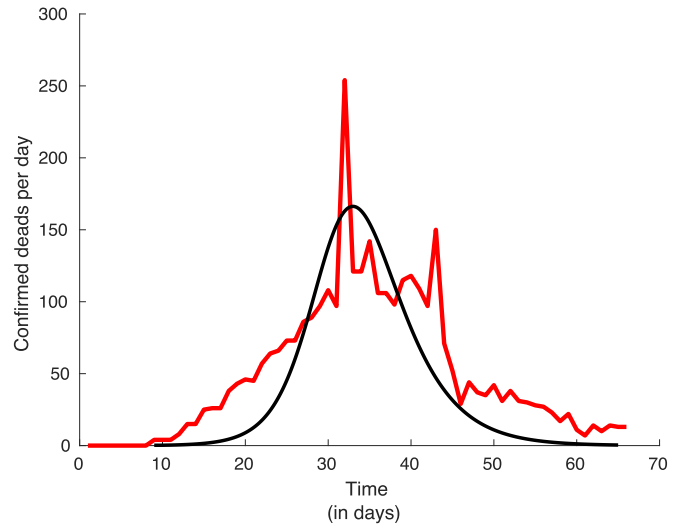
$$J_M = \begin{bmatrix} -\kappa & \beta & \beta' & l\beta \\ \kappa \rho_1 & -\varpi_i & 0 & 0 \\ \kappa \rho_2 & 0 & -\varpi_p & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma_a & \gamma_a & -\varpi_h \end{bmatrix}.$$

5. The values given in Table 2, of the sensitivity of  $R_0$  evaluated for the parameter values used in the simulations, need to be corrected as follows:

Parameter	Sensitivity index
$\beta$	0.999
$l$	0.729
$\beta'$	0.00139
$\kappa$	0.000
$\rho_1$	0.997
$\rho_2$	0.00265
$\gamma_a$	-0.0210
$\gamma_i$	-0.215
$\gamma_r$	-0.671
$\delta_i$	-0.0346
$\delta_p$	-0.0000919
$\delta_h$	-0.0583

Please see Appendix A for all details, where the computations to obtain such values are carried out in the free and open-source computer algebra system SageMath.

6. Figure 3 needs to be substituted by the following one:



This figure was obtained in Matlab, and the full code is given in Appendix B.

The authors of [1] would like to apologize for any inconvenience caused.

**Appendix A. SageMath code to compute  $R_0$  and its sensitivity indexes**

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sage:#the constant parameters values
sage: beta=2.55; l=1.56; betaprim=7.65; kappa=0.25; rho_1=0.580; rho_2=0.001;
gamma_a=0.94;
sage: gamma_i=0.27; gamma_r=0.5; delta_i= 1/23; delta_p = 1/23; delta_h=1/23; N=1100000
sage: R_0 = ((beta*gamma_a*l*rho_2+
sage: betaprim*rho_2*(gamma_r+delta_h))*(gamma_a+gamma_i+delta_i)
... + (beta*gamma_a*l*rho_1+
...
sage: beta*rho_1*(gamma_r+delta_h))*(gamma_a+gamma_i+delta_p))/((gamma_r
sage: +delta_h)*(gamma_a+gamma_i+delta_i)*(gamma_a+gamma_i+delta_p))
sage: print R_0
4.37513184233091
sage: #Sensitivity of beta
sage: S_beta = ((delta_i+gamma_a+gamma_i)*gamma_a*l*rho_2+(gamma_a*l*rho_1+
sage: (delta_h+gamma_r)*rho_1)*(delta_p+gamma_a+
sage: gamma_i))*beta/((beta*gamma_a*l*rho_2+betaprim*(delta_h+
sage: gamma_r)*rho_2)*(delta_i+gamma_a+gamma_i)+(beta*gamma_a*l*rho_1+
sage: beta*(delta_h+gamma_r)*rho_1)*(delta_p+gamma_a+gamma_i))
sage: print S_beta
0.998605066564884
sage: #sensitivity of l
sage: S_l = (beta*(delta_p+gamma_a+gamma_i)*gamma_a*rho_1+beta*(delta_i+
sage: gamma_a+gamma_i)*gamma_a*rho_2)/((beta*gamma_a*l*rho_2+
sage: betaprim*(delta_h+gamma_r)*rho_2)*(delta_i+gamma_a+gamma_i)+
sage: (beta*gamma_a*l*rho_1+beta*(delta_h+gamma_r)*rho_1)*(delta_p+
sage: gamma_a+gamma_i))
sage: print S_l
0.728917935775866
sage: #sensitivity analysis of betaprim
sage: S_betaprim = betaprim*(delta_h+gamma_r)*(delta_i+gamma_a+
sage: gamma_i)*rho_2/((beta*gamma_a*l*rho_2+betaprim*(delta_h+
sage: gamma_r)*rho_2)*(delta_i+gamma_a+gamma_i)+(beta*gamma_a*l*rho_1+
sage: beta*(delta_h+gamma_r)*rho_1)*(delta_p+gamma_a+gamma_i))
sage: print S_betaprim
0.00139493343511561
sage: #sensitivity of rho_1
sage: S_rho1 = (beta*gamma_a*l+beta*(delta_h+gamma_r))*(delta_p+gamma_a+
sage: gamma_i)*rho_1/((beta*gamma_a*l*rho_2+betaprim*(delta_h+
sage: gamma_r)*rho_2)*(delta_i+gamma_a+gamma_i)+(beta*gamma_a*l*rho_1+
sage: beta*(delta_h+gamma_r)*rho_1)*(delta_p+gamma_a+gamma_i))
sage: print S_rho1
0.997350474592809
sage: #sensitivity of rho_2
sage: S_rho2 = (beta*gamma_a*l+betaprim*(delta_h+gamma_r))*(delta_i+gamma_a+
sage: gamma_i)*rho_2/((beta*gamma_a*l*rho_2+betaprim*(delta_h+
sage: gamma_r)*rho_2)*(delta_i+gamma_a+gamma_i)+(beta*gamma_a*l*rho_1+
sage: beta*(delta_h+gamma_r)*rho_1)*(delta_p+gamma_a+gamma_i))
sage: print S_rho2
0.00264952540719111
sage: #sensitivity of gamma_a
sage: S_gammaa = (delta_h+gamma_r)*(delta_i+gamma_a+gamma_i)*(delta_p+gamma_a+
sage: gamma_i)*gamma_a*((beta*(delta_p+gamma_a+gamma_i)*l*rho_1+
sage: beta*gamma_a*l*rho_1+beta*(delta_i+gamma_a+gamma_i)*l*rho_2+
sage: beta*gamma_a*l*rho_2+beta*(delta_h+gamma_r)*rho_1+
sage: betaprim*(delta_h+gamma_r)*rho_2)/((delta_h+gamma_r)*(delta_i+
sage: gamma_a+gamma_i)*(delta_p+gamma_a+gamma_i))-
sage: ((beta*gamma_a*l*rho_2+betaprim*(delta_h+gamma_r)*rho_2)*(delta_i+
sage: gamma_a+gamma_i)+(beta*gamma_a*l*rho_1+beta*(delta_h+
sage: gamma_r)*rho_1)*(delta_p+gamma_a+gamma_i))/((delta_h+
sage: gamma_r)*(delta_i+gamma_a+gamma_i)*(delta_p+gamma_a+gamma_i)^2)
sage: -((beta*gamma_a*l*rho_2+betaprim*(delta_h+gamma_r)*rho_2)*(delta_i+
sage: gamma_a+gamma_i)+(beta*gamma_a*l*rho_1+beta*(delta_h+
sage: gamma_r)*rho_1)*(delta_p+gamma_a+gamma_i))/((delta_h+
sage: gamma_r)*(delta_i+gamma_a+gamma_i)^2*(delta_p+gamma_a+

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sage: gamma_i)))/((beta*gamma_a*1*rho_2+betaprim*(delta_h+
sage: gamma_r)*rho_2)*(delta_i+gamma_a+gamma_i) + (beta*gamma_a*1*rho_1+
sage: beta*(delta_h+gamma_r)*rho_1)*(delta_p+gamma_a+gamma_i))
sage: print S_gammaaa
-0.0209953489969400
sage: #sensitivity of Gamma_i
sage: S_gammaai = (delta_h+gamma_r)*(delta_i+gamma_a+gamma_i)*(delta_p+gamma_a+
sage: gamma_i)*gamma_i*((beta*gamma_a*1*rho_1+beta*gamma_a*1*rho_2+
sage: beta*(delta_h+gamma_r)*rho_1+betaprim*(delta_h+
sage: gamma_r)*rho_2)/((delta_h+gamma_r)*(delta_i+gamma_a+
sage: gamma_i)*(delta_p+gamma_a+gamma_i)) - ((beta*gamma_a*1*rho_2+
sage: betaprim*(delta_h+gamma_r)*rho_2)*(delta_i+gamma_a+gamma_i) +
sage: (beta*gamma_a*1*rho_1+beta*(delta_h+gamma_r)*rho_1)*(delta_p+
sage: gamma_a+gamma_i))/((delta_h+gamma_r)*(delta_i+gamma_a+
sage: gamma_i)*(delta_p+gamma_a+gamma_i)^2) - ((beta*gamma_a*1*rho_2+
sage: betaprim*(delta_h+gamma_r)*rho_2)*(delta_i+gamma_a+gamma_i) +
sage: (beta*gamma_a*1*rho_1+beta*(delta_h+gamma_r)*rho_1)*(delta_p+
sage: gamma_a+gamma_i))/((delta_h+gamma_r)*(delta_i+gamma_a+
sage: gamma_i)^2*(delta_p+gamma_a+gamma_i)))/((beta*gamma_a*1*rho_2+
sage: betaprim*(delta_h+gamma_r)*rho_2)*(delta_i+gamma_a+gamma_i) +
sage: (beta*gamma_a*1*rho_1+beta*(delta_h+gamma_r)*rho_1)*(delta_p+
sage: gamma_a+gamma_i))
sage: print S_gammamai
-0.215400624349636
sage: #sensitivity of gamma_r
sage: S_gammar = (delta_h+gamma_r)*(delta_i+gamma_a+gamma_i)*(delta_p+gamma_a+
sage: gamma_i)*gamma_r*((beta*(delta_p+gamma_a+gamma_i)*rho_1+
sage: betaprim*(delta_i+gamma_a+gamma_i)*rho_2)/((delta_h+
sage: gamma_r)*(delta_i+gamma_a+gamma_i)*(delta_p+gamma_a+gamma_i)) -
sage: ((beta*gamma_a*1*rho_2+betaprim*(delta_h+gamma_r)*rho_2)*(delta_i+
sage: gamma_a+gamma_i) + (beta*gamma_a*1*rho_1+beta*(delta_h+
sage: gamma_r)*rho_1)*(delta_p+gamma_a+gamma_i))/((delta_h+
sage: gamma_r)^2*(delta_i+gamma_a+gamma_i)*(delta_p+gamma_a+
sage: gamma_i)))/((beta*gamma_a*1*rho_2+betaprim*(delta_h+
sage: gamma_r)*rho_2)*(delta_i+gamma_a+gamma_i) + (beta*gamma_a*1*rho_1+
sage: beta*(delta_h+gamma_r)*rho_1)*(delta_p+gamma_a+gamma_i))
sage: print S_gammar
-0.670604500913797
sage: #sensitivity of delta_i
sage: S_deltai = (delta_h+gamma_r)*(delta_i+gamma_a+gamma_i)*delta_i*(delta_p+
sage: gamma_a+gamma_i)*((beta*gamma_a*1*rho_2+betaprim*(delta_h+
sage: gamma_r)*rho_2)/((delta_h+gamma_r)*(delta_i+gamma_a+
sage: gamma_i)*(delta_p+gamma_a+gamma_i)) - ((beta*gamma_a*1*rho_2+
sage: betaprim*(delta_h+gamma_r)*rho_2)*(delta_i+gamma_a+gamma_i) +
sage: (beta*gamma_a*1*rho_1+beta*(delta_h+gamma_r)*rho_1)*(delta_p+
sage: gamma_a+gamma_i))/((delta_h+gamma_r)*(delta_i+gamma_a+
sage: gamma_i)^2*(delta_p+gamma_a+gamma_i)))/((beta*gamma_a*1*rho_2+
sage: betaprim*(delta_h+gamma_r)*rho_2)*(delta_i+gamma_a+gamma_i) +
sage: (beta*gamma_a*1*rho_1+beta*(delta_h+gamma_r)*rho_1)*(delta_p+
sage: gamma_a+gamma_i))
sage: print S_deltai
-0.0345941891985019
sage: #sensitivity of delta_p
sage: S_deltap = (delta_h+gamma_r)*(delta_i+gamma_a+gamma_i)*(delta_p+gamma_a+
sage: gamma_i)*delta_p*((beta*gamma_a*1*rho_1+beta*(delta_h+
sage: gamma_r)*rho_1)/((delta_h+gamma_r)*(delta_i+gamma_a+
sage: gamma_i)*(delta_p+gamma_a+gamma_i)) - ((beta*gamma_a*1*rho_2+
sage: betaprim*(delta_h+gamma_r)*rho_2)*(delta_i+gamma_a+gamma_i) +
sage: (beta*gamma_a*1*rho_1+beta*(delta_h+gamma_r)*rho_1)*(delta_p+
sage: gamma_a+gamma_i))/((delta_h+gamma_r)*(delta_i+gamma_a+
sage: gamma_i)*(delta_p+gamma_a+gamma_i)^2))/((beta*gamma_a*1*rho_2+
sage: betaprim*(delta_h+gamma_r)*rho_2)*(delta_i+gamma_a+gamma_i) +
sage: (beta*gamma_a*1*rho_1+beta*(delta_h+gamma_r)*rho_1)*(delta_p+
sage: gamma_a+gamma_i))
sage: print S_deltap
-0.0000919016790562303

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sage: #sensitivity of delta_h
sage: S_deltah = (delta_h + gamma_r) * delta_h * (delta_i + gamma_a + gamma_i) * (delta_p +
sage: gamma_a + gamma_i) * ((beta * (delta_p + gamma_a + gamma_i) * rho_1 +
sage: betaprim * (delta_i + gamma_a + gamma_i) * rho_2) / ((delta_h +
sage: gamma_r) * (delta_i + gamma_a + gamma_i) * (delta_p + gamma_a + gamma_i)) -
sage: ((beta * gamma_a * rho_2 + betaprim * (delta_h + gamma_r) * rho_2) * (delta_i +
sage: gamma_a + gamma_i) + (beta * gamma_a * rho_1 + beta * (delta_h +
sage: gamma_r) * rho_1) * (delta_p + gamma_a + gamma_i)) / ((delta_h +
sage: gamma_r) ^ 2 * (delta_i + gamma_a + gamma_i) * (delta_p + gamma_a +
sage: gamma_i)) / ((beta * gamma_a * rho_2 + betaprim * (delta_h +
sage: gamma_r) * rho_2) * (delta_i + gamma_a + gamma_i) + (beta * gamma_a * rho_1 +
sage: beta * (delta_h + gamma_r) * rho_1) * (delta_p + gamma_a + gamma_i))
sage: print S_deltah
-0.0583134348620693

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## Appendix B. Matlab code for Figures 2 and 3 of [1]

In our Matlab code we use the fde12 routine freely available from MATLAB central [2].

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clear all
realdata = [0 6; 1 12; 2 19; 3 25; 4 31; 5 38; 6 44; 7 60; 8 80; 9 131; 10 131;
11 259; 12 467; 13 688; 14 776; 15 1776; 16 1460; 17 1739; 18 1984; 19 2101; 20 2590;
21 2827; 22 3233; 23 3892; 24 3697; 25 3151; 26 3387; 27 2653; 28 2984; 29 2473; 30 2022;
31 1820; 32 1998; 33 1506; 34 1278; 35 2051; 36 1772; 37 1891; 38 399; 39 894; 40 397;
41 650; 42 415; 43 518; 44 412; 45 439; 46 441; 47 435; 48 579; 49 206; 50 130;
51 120; 52 143; 53 146; 54 102; 55 46; 56 45; 57 20; 58 31; 59 26; 60 11;
61 18; 62 27; 63 29; 64 39; 65 39];
aux = size(realdata);
deadpeople = [0 0; 1 0; 2 0; 3 0; 4 0; 5 0; 6 0; 7 0; 8 4; 9 4; 10 4;
11 8; 12 15; 13 15; 14 25; 15 26; 16 26; 17 38; 18 43; 19 46; 20 45;
21 57; 22 64; 23 66; 24 73; 25 73; 26 86; 27 89; 28 97; 29 108;
30 97; 31 254; 32 121; 33 121; 34 142; 35 106; 36 106; 37 98;
38 115; 39 118; 40 109; 41 97; 42 150; 43 71; 44 52; 45 29; 46 44;
47 37; 48 35; 49 42; 50 31; 51 38; 52 31; 53 30; 54 28; 55 27; 56 23;
57 17; 58 22; 59 11; 60 07; 61 14; 62 10; 63 14; 64 13; 65 13];
t0 = 0;
tend = realdata(aux(1), 1);
time = t0:tend;
t0dead = deadpeople(1, 1);
timedead = t0dead:tend;
totaldead = deadpeople(:, 2);
deadpeople = [0 0; 1 0; 2 0; 3 0; 4 0; 5 0; 6 0; 7 0; 8 4; 9 4; 10 4;
11 8; 12 15; 13 15; 14 25; 15 26; 16 26; 17 38; 18 43; 19 46; 20 45;
21 57; 22 64; 23 66; 24 73; 25 73; 26 86; 27 89; 28 97];
totalill = realdata(:, 2);
beta = 2.55;
ell = 1.56;
betap = 3 * beta;
kappa = 0.250;
rho1 = 0.580;
rho2 = 0.001;
gammaa = 0.94;
gammai = 0.27;
gammarr = 0.500;
N = 11000000 / (250);
initialvalue = realdata(1, 2);
p0 = 5;
e0 = 0;
i0 = initialvalue - p0;
s0 = N - i0;
a0 = 0;
h0 = 0;
r0 = 0;
d0 = 0;
stepsize = 0.001;
delta = 1 / (23);
system = @(t, X) [

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-beta.*X(3).*X(1)./N-e11.*beta.*X(6).*X(1)./N-betap.*X(4).*X(1)./N;
beta.*X(3).*X(1)./N+e11.*beta.*X(6).*X(1)./N+betap.*X(4).*X(1)./N-kappa.*X(2);
kappa.*rho1.*X(2)-(gammaa+gammai).*X(3)-delta.*X(3);
kappa.*rho2.*X(2)-(gammaa+gammai).*X(4)-delta.*X(4);
kappa.*(1-rho1-rho2).*X(2);
gammaa.*(X(3)+X(4))-gammar.*X(6)-delta.*X(6);
gammai.*(X(3)+X(4))+gammar.*X(7);
];
[ts1,ys1] = fde12(1,system,t0,tend,[s0;e0;i0;p0;a0;h0;r0],stepsize);
figure
hold on
plot(time,totalill,'green-','LineWidth',2.5)
xlabel({'Time','(in days)'})
ylabel('Confirmed cases per day')
plot(ts1(1,1:end),ys1(3,:)+ys1(4,:)+ys1(6,:),'black','linewidth',2);
hold off
tau = 9;
aux2 = size(ys1);
aux3 = size(ts1);
sizetimes = aux3(2);
totaltime = tend-t0;
for k = 1:aux2(2)-tau*(sizetimes-1)/totaltime
shifted(k) = delta.*(ys1(3,k+tau)+ys1(4,k+tau)+ys1(6,k+tau));
end
newtime = tau:totaltime/(sizetimes-1):tend;
figure
hold on
plot(totaldead,'red-','LineWidth',2.5)
xlabel({'Time','(in days)'})
ylabel('Confirmed deads per day')
plot(newtime(:),shifted(:),'black','linewidth',2);
hold off

```

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