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## **Predicting the severity of disease progression in COVID-19 at the individual and population level: A mathematical model**

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24 **ABSTRACT**

25 The impact of COVID-19 disease on health and economy has been global, and the magnitude of  
26 devastation is unparalleled in modern history. Any potential course of action to manage this  
27 complex disease requires the systematic and efficient analysis of data that can delineate the  
28 underlying pathogenesis. We have developed a mathematical model of disease progression to  
29 predict the clinical outcome, utilizing a set of causal factors known to contribute to COVID-19  
30 pathology such as age, comorbidities, and certain viral and immunological parameters. Viral load  
31 and selected indicators of a dysfunctional immune response, such as cytokines IL-6 and IFN $\alpha$ ,  
32 which contribute to the cytokine storm and fever, parameters of inflammation d-dimer and  
33 ferritin, aberrations in lymphocyte number, lymphopenia, and neutralizing antibodies were  
34 included for the analysis. The model provides a framework to unravel the multi-factorial  
35 complexities of the immune response manifested in SARS-CoV-2 infected individuals. Further,  
36 this model can be valuable to predict clinical outcome at an individual level, and to develop  
37 strategies for allocating appropriate resources to mitigate severe cases at a population level.

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## 39 INTRODUCTION

40 The COVID-19 pandemic caused by infection with SARS-CoV-2 was officially announced in  
41 March 2020 by the CDC and WHO [1, 2]. As of this publication, more than 100 million  
42 infections and over 2.6 million deaths have been reported worldwide. Majority of the subjects  
43 have asymptomatic infections. The rate of fatality is disproportionately high in the elderly and  
44 patients with comorbidities such as diabetes, cardiac disease, and kidney disease [3, 4]. The  
45 consequences of the pandemic are fraught with potential loss of lives, social and economic  
46 distress, and the uncertainty of disease progression because of variable individual pathogenesis.

47 A unique and dysregulated immune response has been shown to be a hallmark of  
48 COVID-19 [5-9]. **Figure 1** schematically depicts the cascade of events that contribute to the  
49 progression of disease. Mathematical models have been utilized by several investigators to  
50 understand the mechanisms of disease pathogenesis, immune pathways involved and course of  
51 viral infections [10, 11]. In this article, we have proposed a predictive model that utilizes the  
52 levels of clinical and laboratory parameters to determine the severity of clinical outcomes  
53 ranging from asymptomatic to mild, moderate, severe, and critical disease states. The proposed  
54 model can be useful to predict clinical outcome at the individual-level and develop efficient and  
55 effective treatment strategies to manage public health challenges at the population-level.

56 The questions the model attempts to answer are: i) At an individual level, what is the  
57 probability of an individual infected with SARS-CoV-2, given the clinical signs and laboratory  
58 values on various days, likely to progress to severe disease, and ii) At a population level, what  
59 are the prioritized clinical and laboratory parameters that are most likely to contribute to  
60 progression to severe disease. We have used a multiple regression based model to predict

61 severity of the outcome of COVID-19. To evaluate the combinatorics that are not observed in the  
62 sample, we have applied resampling methods based on Monte Carlo simulation.

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## 64 **METHODS**

### 65 **Development of a Simulated Dataset**

66 A simulated data set of 45 individual subjects was created with 15 subjects assumed to be  
67 asymptomatic, 15 with moderate disease, and 15 with severe COVID-19 [12, 13]. The simulated  
68 values for the viral and immune parameters were generated using data from clinical reports  
69 published in the last year for each of the selected parameters. **Table 1** provides the ranges and  
70 the related references for the values for all parameters and **Figure 2** shows the box-and-whisker  
71 plots for the distribution of the values for each parameter.

### 72 **Data Modeling**

73 We have applied Multiple Linear Regression approach to the simulated data set for COVID-19  
74 subjects generated and analyzed to understand the impact of each of the parameters on the  
75 outcome of disease severity. We chose a multiple regression model since both, the outcomes and  
76 predictors, were numeric. We used regression models to establish a predictive transfer function  
77 and evaluated significance of results. In this model, the relationship between independent  
78 variables ( $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2 \dots \mathbf{x}_n$ ) with dependent variable ( $\mathbf{y}$ ) can be visualized by the equation,  $\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}_1,$   
79  $\mathbf{x}_2 \dots \mathbf{x}_n)$ . This is the transfer function that is derived through analysis. The validity of the model  
80 was established using 'Goodness of Fit' and ANOVA. The statistical significance of the model  
81 was tested by evaluating residuals and F Ratio in one-way ANOVA, based on the criteria of p

82 <0.05 and goodness-of-fit with Adj. RSq >90%. The assumption for this analysis was that each  
83 of the parameters was independent. However, in cases where factual patient datasets will be  
84 subjected to this type of analysis, there may be multi-co-linearity within the parameters that  
85 should be rationalized using dimensionality reduction methods [14, 15].

86 Since the model may not exhibit multiple combination of parameters in the limited  
87 dataset of 45 subjects, we have used resampling methods using Monte Carlo simulation to  
88 achieve a better density of combinations. The simulation was applied for resampling of the  
89 transfer function with 2000 runs, where a convergence was achieved after multiple runs. The  
90 simulation was performed in order to understand the impact of possible parameter combinations  
91 on clinical outcomes. Monte Carlo simulation uses random variates from selected range of values  
92 to model the impact of progression of events leading to outcomes.

### 93 **Data analysis using training and testing data sets**

94 Model building involved partitioning the data set into ‘training’ and ‘testing’ sets. We  
95 apportioned 70% of the data to train the model and used the remaining 30% to test the model,  
96 using random selection algorithms. Following development of the model, we analyzed a set of  
97 test data to compare predicted versus observed results to validate the model. The regression  
98 model generated a prediction formula as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} 99 \quad \mathbf{Outcome} = & -36.898 - 0.020 \text{ AGE} + 0.894 \text{ COMORBID} - 0.048 \text{ Viral Load} - 0.004 \text{ IFN}\alpha + 0.444 \\ 100 \quad & \text{Fever} - 0.003 \text{ IL6} + 0.271 \text{ D-Dimer} + 0.000 \text{ Ferritin} - 0.000 \text{ Lymphocyte Count} - 0.037 \text{ O}_2 \\ 101 \quad & \text{saturation} - 2.57034\text{e-}006 \text{ NAB} \end{aligned}$$

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103 The linear coefficients of the prediction equation determined the weights of each parameter to  
104 predict the clinical outcome.

## 105 **Estimation of the coefficients of input parameters**

106 The modeling approach was based on utilizing clinical and laboratory parameters to fit the  
107 regression models. Since direct comparison of regression coefficients was not necessary, and  
108 interactions in factors were not considered on account of assumption of independence of factors,  
109 we chose to leave the factor-data in the original scales.

## 110 **Rationale for the parameters included in the analysis**

111 The input parameters selected for this model, which requires cause (clinical and laboratory  
112 parameters) and effect (clinical outcome) relationships, were based on the data reported in recent  
113 scientific publications. **Figure 1** shows the schematic representation of the stage of disease  
114 progression and parameters associated with the increasing severity of diseases. The following  
115 parameters were chosen:

- 116 1. **Comorbidities:** Though the precise mechanism(s) of disease progression in patients with  
117 comorbidities has yet to be elucidated, pre-existing conditions such as diabetes, cancer,  
118 neurological, cardiac and lung and kidney disease have been reported to contribute towards  
119 severity of COVID-19 [16, 17]. The simulated data for comorbidity was generated using  
120 an arbitrary range of 1 to 4, where 1 represented a healthy individual and 4 represented an  
121 individual with a severe co-morbidity.
- 122 2. **Age:** A range of 18 to 100 years was utilized for generating the mock data set. The  
123 assumption used in generating the data was that disease progression was directly  
124 proportional to age [17]. Reports of certain rare pathogenic conditions in children, e.g.,

125 Kawasaki disease [18, 19], have not been considered in the current model. Reports indicate  
126 that majority of children infected with SARS-CoV-2 are asymptomatic [19].

127 3. **Viral load:** SARS-CoV-2 infects individuals through the nasopharyngeal pathway. This  
128 infection is the cause of all subsequent effects. Viral load is measured by reverse-  
129 transcriptase quantitative PCR (RT-qPCR), which detects viral RNA from nasopharyngeal  
130 swabs [20]. The test relies on multiple cycles of RNA amplification to produce detectable  
131 amount of RNA in the mixed nucleic acid sample, reflected in the Cycle-time (Ct) value,  
132 which is defined as the number of cycles necessary to detect the virus. A Ct value of less  
133 than 20 is considered a high viral load while a Ct value of 35 and higher indicates a lower  
134 level or near absence of viral infection [20]. Viral load in patients is dependent on various  
135 factors, including number of ACE2 and TMPRSS2 receptors [21, 22], comorbidities,  
136 cytokines, number of viral particles at infection, and the overall immune health status of the  
137 patients [23-26]. Viral loads have been demonstrated to have a direct correlation with  
138 severity of disease and mortality in COVID-19 [27, 28].

139 4. **Cytokine Storm:** High viral loads evoke defensive mechanisms that can induce  
140 inflammation leading to a dysregulated innate immune response that could result in a  
141 cytokine storm characterized by fever-inducing levels of cytokines such as IL6, IFN $\alpha$ ,  
142 IL1 $\beta$  and CXCL-10 [27, 29-33]. CXCL-10, interestingly was also found to be indicative of  
143 severe outcomes in patients affected by the SARS CoV1 outbreak in 2002 [34]. Cytokine  
144 storm has been implicated in contributing to pulmonary immunopathology, leading to  
145 severe clinical disease and mortality. In this model, we have included levels of IFN $\alpha$  and  
146 IL6 obtained from the published data.



- 147      5. **Systemic Inflammation:** Laboratory based parameters indicating inflammation in the  
148            serum, such as D-Dimer and Ferritin, have been shown to lead to a reduction in blood  
149            oxygen saturation levels, reflecting inadequate oxygenation in the lungs [35, 36].
- 150      6. **Lymphopenia:** Viral infection can lead to marked lymphopenia that can affect both CD4+  
151            and CD8+ T cells [3, 28, 36]. Lymphopenia, reflected by significantly reduced CD4 and  
152            CD8 T cells in peripheral blood, is likely due to sequestration and cell death and reflected  
153            by significantly reduced CD4 and CD8 T cells in peripheral blood, has been reported in  
154            moderate and severe COVID-19 patients. In addition, antigen specific CD8 Cytotoxic T  
155            lymphocyte (CTL) responses have been detected approximately a week following viral  
156            infection, and the magnitude of the response was observed to have protective or damaging  
157            effects [37].
- 158      7. **Neutralizing antibodies:** Neutralizing antibodies bind to specific surface receptors on  
159            infectious agents such as viruses and toxins, reducing or eliminating their ability to exert  
160            harmful effects on cells. SARS-CoV-2 infected individuals generate a robust and long-  
161            lasting neutralizing antibody response, and plasma from convalescent COVID-19 patients  
162            has been used for treatment of severe disease with some success [38, 39]. It has recently  
163            been reported that neutralizing antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 can predict severity and  
164            survival, with higher titers being associated with severe disease in some instances [40].  
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## 166    **RESULTS**

167    We evaluated multiple approaches to develop mathematical models using parameters that can  
168    predict the progression of disease. Candidate parameters were selected from mechanistic  
169    understanding of the process of pathogenesis of COVID-19 to evaluate their possible impact on  
170    the clinical outcome. Regression models utilize data to build predictive models. Hypotheses are  
171    examined and confirmed with pre-determined statistical confidence and inferential power. These  
172    models incorporate all the experimental variability in the data set. Since the models contained  
173    numeric factors and numeric ordinal outcomes, we utilized methods of Multiple Linear  
174    Regression [41]. In this approach, we used the simulated data set from COVID-19 affected  
175    subjects, organized, and analyzed it to understand the variability of each of the parameters.

### 176    **Regression modeling approach**

177    The data set was parsed into training and testing partitions using methods of randomization. The  
178    validity of the model was based on goodness-of-fit of  $R^2 > 90\%$  and ANOVA, [p value  $< 0.05$ ]  
179    and a consequent F Ratio (**Table 2a and 2b**). These statistical results confirmed acceptable  
180    degree of predictability of the model.

181    Following this multiple-regression analysis, we conducted 2,000 bootstrap samplings using the  
182    predicted coefficients and random variates from chosen intervals of parameters. The assumption  
183    for this analysis was that each of the parameters were independent variables. The coefficients of  
184    each parameter were determined by using multiple regression analyses, which is the multiplier to  
185    the parameter value in a linear regression equation. The inclusion of all the variables in analysis  
186    ensures their contribution to the model [41]. However, analysts applying this model in the future  
187    may, at their judgment, evaluate statistical significance of regression coefficients. Parameters

188 that are not significant maybe excluded using step wise regression. In our analysis, results based  
189 on training dataset predictors matched with those from the test dataset confirming an acceptable  
190 degree of predictability of the model. We invite the readers of this article to contact us to analyze  
191 the predictive potential of the model using their data.

## 192 **Monte Carlo simulation**

193 To determine the factors that contribute to the clinical outcome at the population level, Monte  
194 Carlo simulation was performed on a sample set of laboratory and clinical parameters covering  
195 the full range, from asymptomatic to severe disease, of outcomes (stages 1-7 [Figure 2]) [12, 13].  
196 The histogram and cumulative data (**Figure 3a**) show the distribution of asymptomatic to severe  
197 outcomes. The Tornado chart (**Figure 3b**) shows the sensitivity of parameter to the outcome in  
198 the selected range.

## 199 **The predictive model**

200 Based on the correlation coefficient of the parameters and the outcome from the training data set,  
201 we developed a model using the prediction equation. **Table 4** shows the process of predicting the  
202 outcome. When the numerical values of the individual parameters for each patient are entered  
203 into the columns, the model predicts the outcome. The validation of the model will require data  
204 from patients and clinical trials. The goal of this exercise was to develop a model that can be  
205 used to predict the outcome in a large number of patients.

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207 **DISCUSSION**

208 We have evaluated multiple regression analysis for mathematically modeling the course of  
209 COVID-19 to predict clinical outcome. The premise of this model is that quantitatively measured  
210 clinical and laboratory parameters involved in the pathogenesis of disease progression can be  
211 mathematically mapped to a multiple-regression model. COVID-19 is initiated by infection of  
212 the subject with SARS-CoV-2 with subsequent replication in the epithelial cells of the lung. The  
213 factors that contribute to the viral load include number of cells that express the ACE2 and other  
214 receptors, and inflammatory cytokines. Comorbidities contribute towards a more serious disease  
215 progression. Virus infection of antigen presenting cells, such as dendritic cells, macrophages, and  
216 other cell types including endothelial cells, results in activation of biochemical signals, which  
217 lead to secretion of a battery of cytokines that include IL1 $\beta$  and IL-6. The viral infection as well  
218 as inflammatory cytokines cause fever and an increase in serum inflammatory factors such as D-  
219 Dimer and Ferritin. Induction of an inflammatory response contributes to reduction of the total  
220 numbers of lymphocytes from circulation. The inflammation results in a loss of lung function  
221 (e.g., reduction in blood-oxygen levels), cardiac function (blood pressure) and can culminate in  
222 multi-organ failure.

223         Subjects with a normal immune response can generally mount an adequate innate and  
224 adaptive response to the virus. These individuals clear the virus by generating adaptive T cell  
225 responses and neutralizing antibodies. Subjects with comorbid conditions can have compromised  
226 immune function which could result in dysfunctional activation of inflammatory responses,  
227 leading to worse clinical outcomes.

228 Selection of the parameters that were included in the model building process was  
229 influenced by their perceived significance from current research reports. This list of factors is by  
230 no means complete and it is expected that in due course a more comprehensive list will emerge.  
231 This report provides a basis for creating a tool, independent of the number and type of  
232 parameters, that could find utility in predicting the disease outcome using those parameters.

233 **Viral Load.** Association of viral load and progression of diseases has been reported for several  
234 viral infections [42-44]. Viral load in COVID-19 is measured by qRT-PCR of SARS-CoV-2  
235 using primers for the spike gene [43]. The correlation of high viral load with severity of disease  
236 progression has been extensively demonstrated. The systemic dissemination of the virus has been  
237 associated with expression of the ACE2 receptor on endothelial cells [21]]. Comorbid conditions  
238 could enhance the expression of receptors and enable distribution of virus, thereby enhancing the  
239 viral load, which can result in progression of disease.

240 **IFN $\alpha$ .** The critical role of Type I interferons in innate and adaptive immunity, leading to both  
241 protective and pathogenic responses, has been reported in the case of several viral and bacterial  
242 infections [45]. SARS-CoV-2 infection has been shown to result in a diverse range of effects on  
243 Type I immune responses. Most patients elicit a strong IFN $\alpha$  response along with a battery of  
244 inflammatory cytokines, some of which progress to a cytokine storm [46, 47]. Specific blocking  
245 of the type I mediated signal transduction by various proteins of SARS-CoV-2 has been  
246 demonstrated [48]. A remarkably high proportion of male subjects experiencing severe or critical  
247 COVID-19 disease expressed an inability to produce sufficient levels of IFN $\alpha$  due to various  
248 types of errors in the IFN genes. Curiously, majority of the male subjects possessed circulating  
249 IFN $\alpha$  autoantibodies that had the ability to neutralize the endogenously produced cytokine,

250 thereby effectively reducing the available IFN $\alpha$ . The discovery of these two mechanisms for  
251 lowering IFN $\alpha$  levels underscores its relevance in controlling the progression of disease in  
252 individuals infected with the SARS-CoV-2 [49].

253 **D-Dimer.** D-Dimer is routinely measured in clinical situations because its levels correlate with  
254 serious underlying conditions including venous thromboembolism, cancer and sepsis [48]. In the  
255 case of COVID-19 patients, introduction of the virus brings about infection-induced  
256 inflammatory alterations leading to coagulopathy. Lungs being the target of SARS-CoV-2, acute  
257 injury to the lung as well as multi organ failure have been caused by the virus-induced cascade of  
258 the inflammatory pathway. In an early study on 41 COVID-19 patients, those with severe disease  
259 had higher levels of D-Dimer along with high levels of IL-8, TNF $\alpha$  and IL-2R [31]. Male  
260 patients were found to have higher levels of IL-6, IL-2R, Ferritin and other markers of  
261 inflammation compared to female. High levels of IL-6 showed a statistically significant  
262 correlation with severe disease in a retrospective study as well [27]. One can hypothesize that  
263 such patients would likely benefit from anticoagulation therapy.

264 **Ferritin.** A high level of ferritin, measure of stored iron, was found to be associated with severe  
265 disease in COVID-19 patients and was linked to high fatality rates in a 72 patient prospective  
266 study [33, 50, 51]. In another study on 39 patients, those with mild COVID-19 symptoms had  
267 lower levels of ferritin while those with moderate or severe symptoms expressed higher levels of  
268 ferritin [50].

269 **Lymphopenia.** Loss of lymphocytes after viral infections has been associated with severe  
270 disease. The mechanisms involved in lymphodepletion can be implicated to be due to cell  
271 death, cytokine storm and/or redistribution of lymphocyte populations [3, 33, 37]. In this model,

272 we have utilized lymphopenia as a measure of severity of disease progression. Loss of immune  
273 function could result in several potential mechanisms of pathogenesis including autoimmunity,  
274 hyperactivation, increased susceptibility to infections and organ dysfunction.

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276 **Neutralizing Antibodies.** Induction of neutralizing antibodies directed to the receptor-binding  
277 domain of the spike protein is critical for restricting entry of the virus into the cells and has been  
278 one of the central tenets of a protective immune response. In this model, we have used a range of  
279 IgG titers to spike protein for the simulated data set [52]. However, the role of neutralizing  
280 antibodies induced in a large proportion of subjects following natural infection is still being  
281 studied [53]. Some subjects do not elicit strong antibody responses. Sub-optimal levels of  
282 antibodies may catalyze generation of virus mutants [54]. Neutralizing antibodies to the virus  
283 have generally not correlated with reduced severity of disease in the primary infection. In  
284 addition, it will be interesting to decipher the role of pre-existing antibodies reported recently in  
285 the modulation of disease and its impact on vaccination regimens. Thus, the mechanisms  
286 involved in the induction of antibodies, the repertoire and diversity of responses, and effects on  
287 protection versus progression, remains to be clearly established.

288 The predictive model can have multiple applications, such as forecasting the percentage  
289 of the population that will progress to severe disease in each geography, enabling logistics  
290 planning for hospital beds, health care providers and personal-protective safety equipment.  
291 Analysis of the coefficient of correlations of parameters with outcome of disease may provide  
292 clues to a better understanding of the mechanism of action of disease pathogenesis. The model  
293 can predict the probability of disease progression at an individual level, based on parameter data,  
294 and can be used to understand the effect and impact of therapeutic interventions. The predictive

295 model can be utilized to analyze large amounts of data to develop algorithms for personalized  
296 treatment regimens.

297 In summary, we have developed a probabilistic model that can be utilized to predict progression  
298 of disease following infection with SARS-CoV-2. This model was developed using simulated  
299 data based on published levels of COVID-19 related clinical and laboratory parameters and  
300 provides an approach to predicting the outcome of disease. Validation of the model will require  
301 existing data and the clinical outcomes of patients. Prediction of disease progression can be  
302 highly valuable at an individual as well as population level.

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304 **TABLES LEGENDS:**

305 **Table 1. Ranges of values for the parameters used for developing the simulated dataset for**  
306 **the mathematical model.** The range of comorbidities was assigned arbitrary nominal value  
307 between 1 to 4, with 1 being healthy, and 4 having multiple health-conditions (e.g., diabetes,  
308 cancer etc.). The age ranges in the model were 18-100 years.

309 **Table 2A. Statistical analysis of coefficients for each parameter based on the multiple**  
310 **regression analysis.** The Table shows the regression statistics. The statistical terms are: DF  
311 (degrees of freedom); SeqSS (Sequential Sum Square); AdjSS (Adjusted Sum Square), AdjMS  
312 (Adjusted Mean Squares), F ratio, p value.

313 **Table 2B. Coefficient and standard error for parameters.** The coefficients for each  
314 parameter were determined by using multiple regression analyses, which is the multiplier to the  
315 parameter value in a linear regression equation. The values of the coefficients of each of the  
316 parameters are shown using ANOVA. The table shows the standard error, t and p values. The p  
317 value denotes statistical significance to the outcome.

318 **Table 3. The Ranges for the Monte Carlo Simulation.**

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320 **Table 4. The Prediction of outcome based on observed and predicted values.** The values of  
321 the parameters for each of the seven subjects are entered in columns, upon running of the model.  
322 The predicted values are calculated in numerical values in a range of 1-7, with 1 being  
323 asymptomatic, and 7 most severe.

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325 **FIGURE LEGENDS:**

326 **Figure 1. Schematic representation of the progression of disease.** The width of the triangles  
327 denotes increase in levels of viral load (purple), cytokine storm (blue), and anti-inflammatory  
328 symptoms (green); blue arrows denote T and B cell responses.

329 **Figure 2. Box-and-whisker plots of the simulated data.** The figures show the visual  
330 representation of the summary, which includes median (Q2/50<sup>th</sup> percentile); first quartile (Q1/25<sup>th</sup>  
331 percentile); third quartile (Q3/75<sup>th</sup> percentile); interquartile range in whiskers, maximum and  
332 outliers.

333 **Figure 3a. Histogram from Monte Carlo Simulation.** 2,000 bootstrap samplings were  
334 generated using the predicted coefficients from the linear regression analysis, from the intervals  
335 of parameters. The minimum and maximum values for each of the parameters was set to the  
336 levels. The distribution of the severity of outcome is in this frequency histogram. The values on  
337 the x axis denote the disease severity, and y axis denote frequency of the population in each level  
338 of clinical outcome.

339 **Figure 3b. The Tornado Chart.** The tornado chart shows the influence of each of the  
340 parameters on the outcome. The positive values correlate positively towards the severity of  
341 disease, and negative values towards asymptomatic disease.

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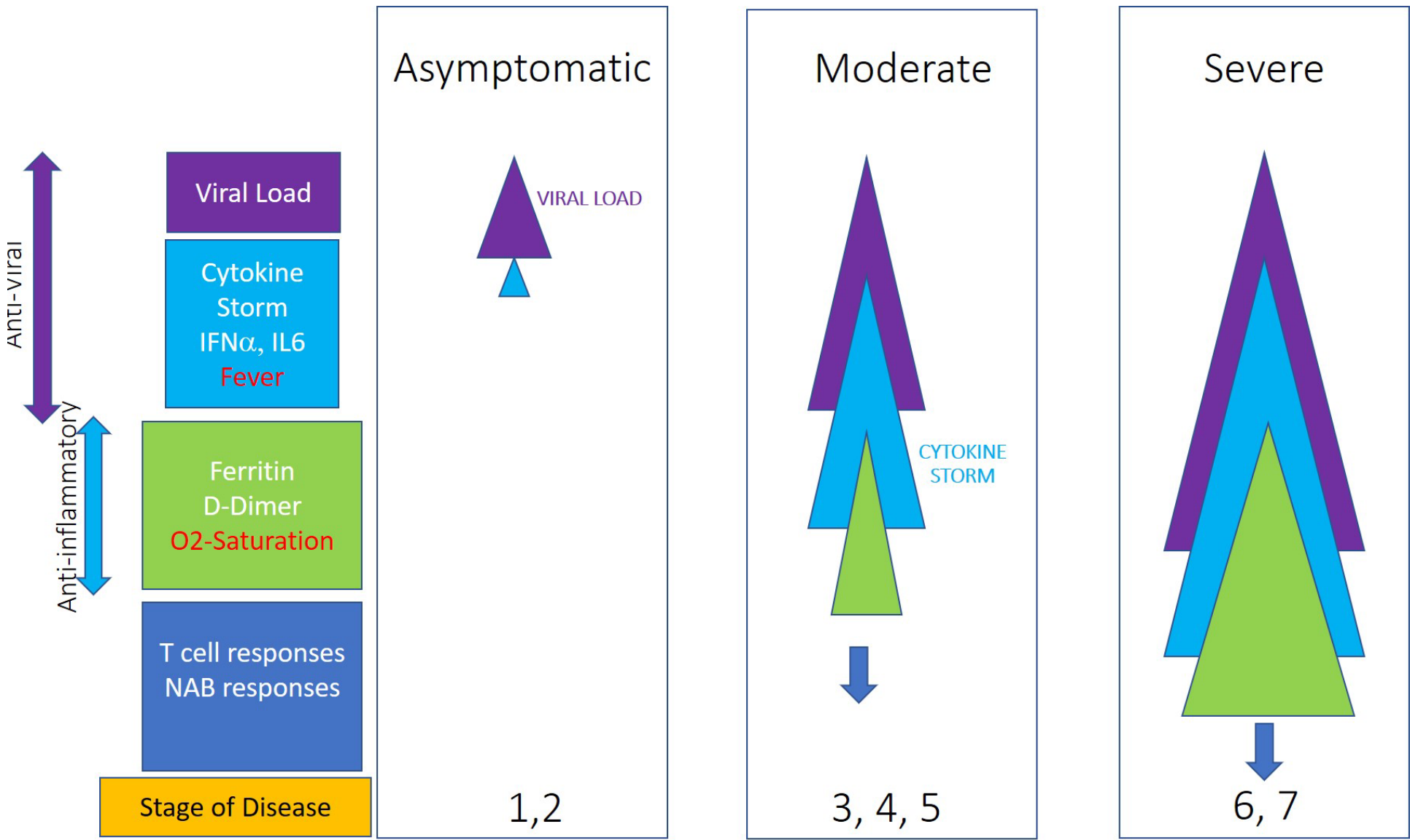
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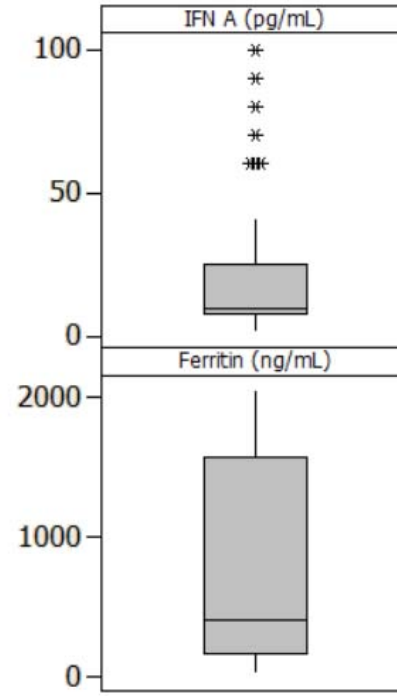
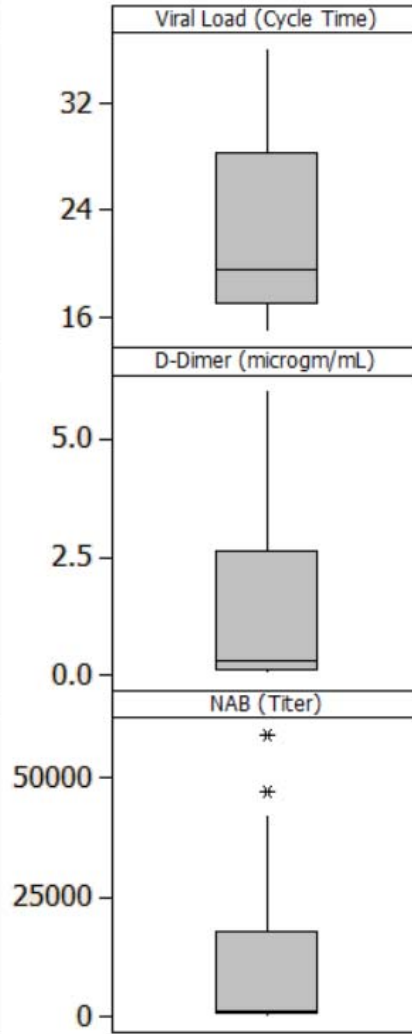
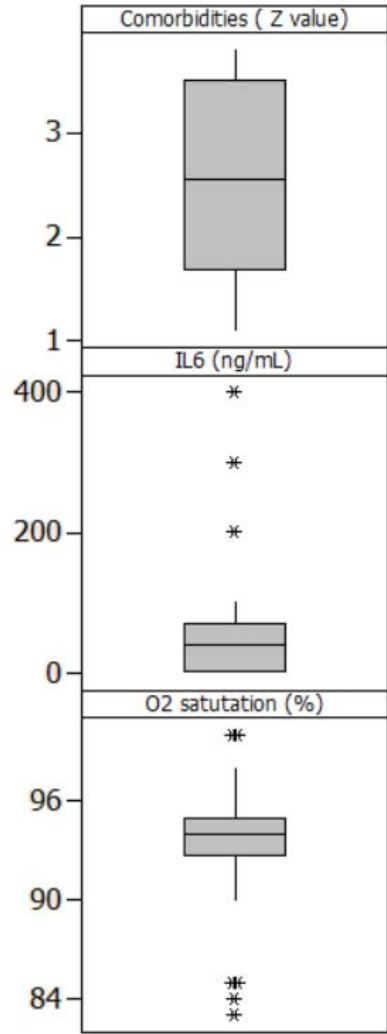
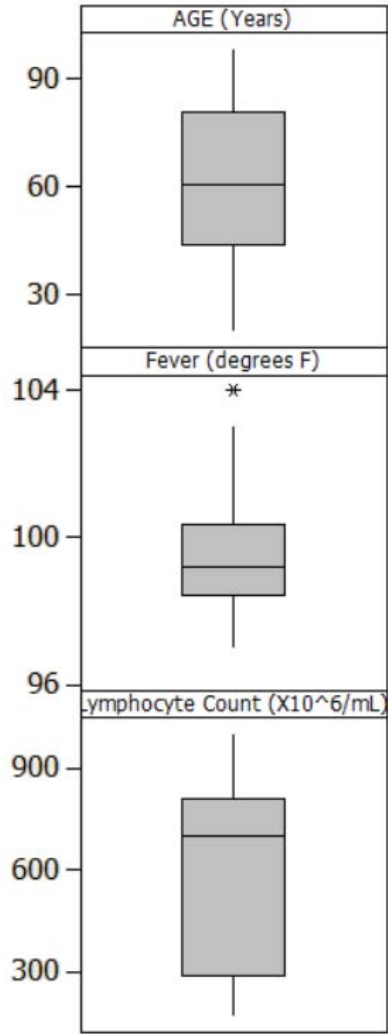
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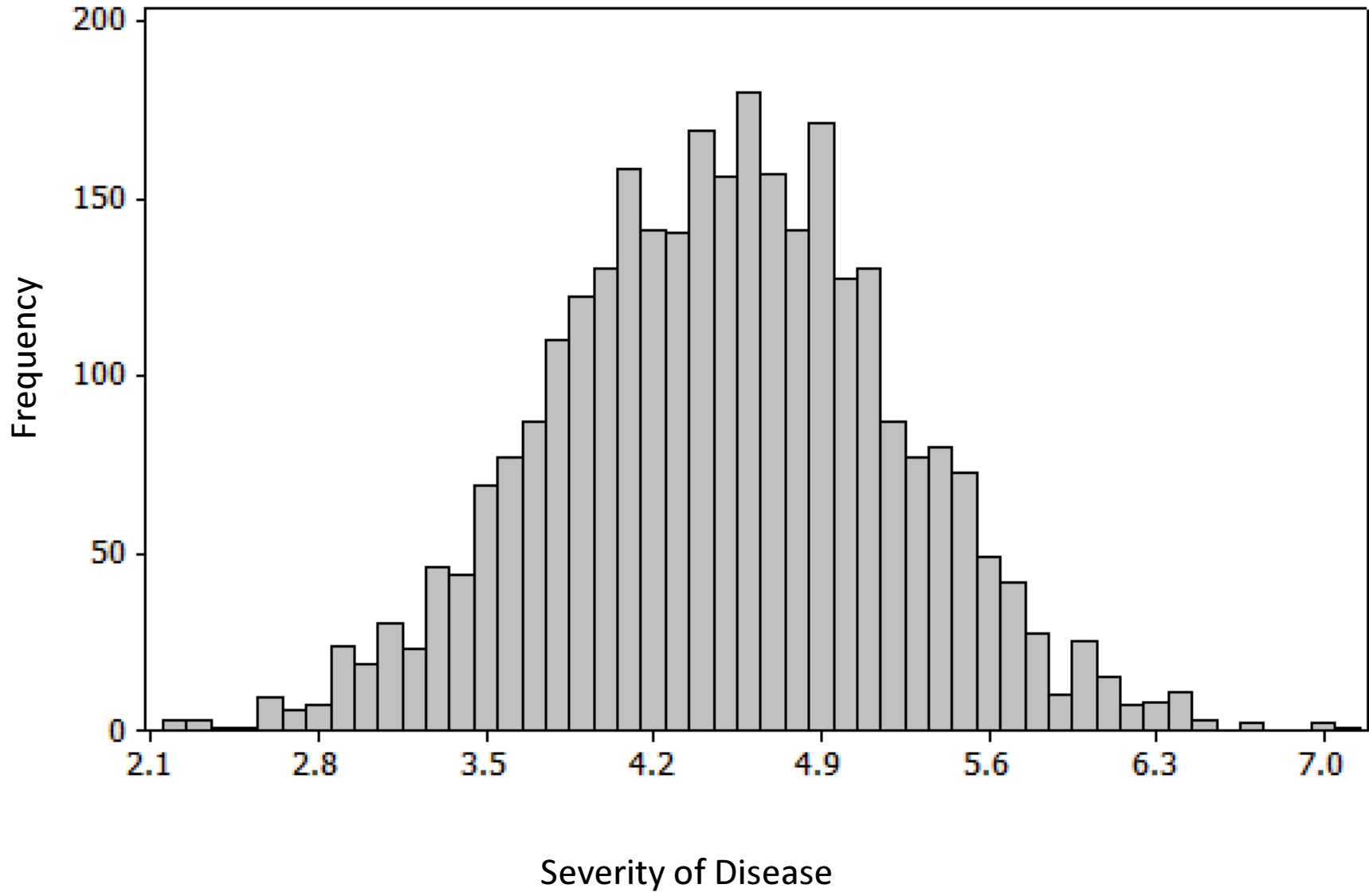
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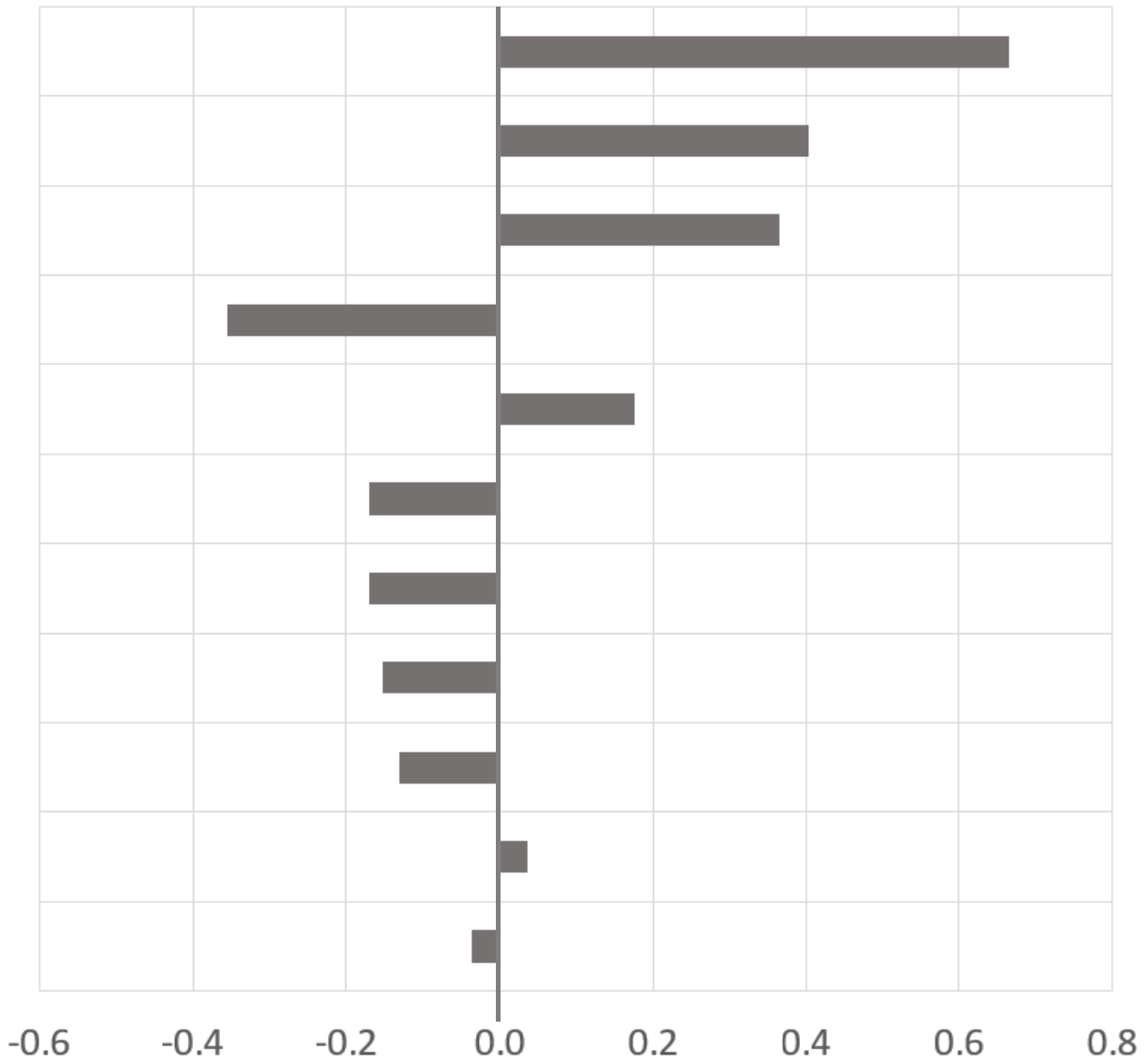
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**Table 1. Ranges of values for the parameters used for developing the simulated dataset for the mathematical model.**

Parameter	Unit	Reference	COVID-19 Ranges	COVID-19 Ranges	COVID-19 Ranges
			Asymptomatic	Moderate	Severe
<b>Viral Load</b>	Cycle Time	[20]	>28	20-15	22-16
<b>IFN<math>\alpha</math></b>	pg/mL	[45, 46]	<10	10-100	10-2
<b>Fever</b>	°F	[55, 56]	97-98.6	98.6-100	100-104
<b>D-Dimer</b>	$\mu\text{g/mL}$	[31]	<0.1	0.15-0.62	0.5-9.3
<b>Ferritin</b>	ng/L	[31]	20-200	286-1,275	1,400-2,000
<b>Oxygen Saturation</b>	%	[3, 56]	95-100	85-94	60-84
<b>IL-6</b>	ng/mL	[45, 46]	<1	19-76	19-430
<b>Lymphocyte count</b>	$\times 10^6/\text{mL}$	[27]	>785	588-785	169-415
<b>NAB</b>	Titer	[57]	1,000-45,000	200-20,000	500-60,000









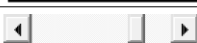
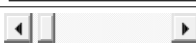














**Table 2A. Statistical analysis of coefficients for each parameter based on the multiple regression analysis.** The Table shows the regression statistics. The statistical terms are: DF (degrees of freedom); SeqSS (Sequential Sum Square); AdjSS (Adjusted Sum Square), AdjMS (Adjusted Mean Squares), F ratio, p value.

Source	DF	SeqSS	AjdSS	AdjMS	F	p
<b>Regression</b>	11	13.172	139.172	12.652	10.259	0
<b>AGE</b>	1	116.579	0.095	0.095	0.817	0.337
<b>COMORBID</b>	1	10.085	0.175	0.175	1.5	0.231
<b>Viral Load</b>	1	0.172	0.392	0.392	3.357	0.078
<b>IFN<math>\alpha</math></b>	1	1.037	0.136	0.135	1.161	0.291
<b>Fever</b>	1	8.159	0.378	0.378	3.238	0.083
<b>IL6</b>	1	0.808	0.172	0.171	1.469	0.236
<b>D-Dimer</b>	1	1.511	0.444	0.444	3.799	0.062
<b>Ferritin</b>	1	0.574	0.098	0.098	0.839	0.368
<b>Lymphocyte Count</b>	1	0.018	0.039	0.039	0.334	0.568
<b>Oxygen saturation</b>	1	0.91	0.133	0.133	1.141	0.295
<b>NAB</b>	1	0.039	0.039	0.039	0.337	0.566

**Table 2B. Coefficient and standard error for parameters.** The coefficients for each parameter were determined by using multiple regression analyses, which is the multiplier to the parameter value in a linear regression equation. The values of the coefficients of each of the parameters are shown using ANOVA. The table shows the standard error, t and p values. The p value denotes statistical significance to the outcome.

<b>Term</b>	<b>Coefficient</b>	<b>Standard Error</b>	<b>t</b>	<b>p</b>
<b>Constant</b>	-36.898	24.867	-1.484	0.150
<b>AGE</b>	-0.021	0.023	-0.904	0.374
<b>COMORBID</b>	0.894	0.730	1.225	0.232
<b>Viral Load</b>	-0.048	0.026	-1.832	0.078
<b>IFN A</b>	-0.005	0.005	-1.077	0.291
<b>Fever</b>	0.444	0.247	1.799	0.084
<b>IL6</b>	-0.003	0.003	-1.212	0.236
<b>D-Dimer</b>	0.271	0.139	1.949	0.062
<b>Ferritin</b>	0.000	0.001	0.916	0.368
<b>Lymphocyte Count</b>	-0.001	0.001	-0.578	0.568
<b>Oxygen saturation</b>	-0.038	0.036	-1.068	0.295
<b>NAB</b>	0.000	0.000	-0.580	0.567
<b>Error</b>	26.000	3.039	3.039	0.117
<b>Total</b>	37.000	142.211		

**Table 3. The Ranges for the Monte Carlo Simulation.**

Parameters	Range				Parametric	
	Max		Min			
Age	66		20		43	
Comorbidities	3.6		1.2		2.4	
Viral Load	30		18		24	
IFNa	48		5		26.5	
Fever	104		97.7		100.85	
IL6	390		2		196	
D-Dimer	6		0.02		3.01	
Ferritin	1775		30		902.5	
Lymphocyte Count	983		150		566.5	
O2 saturation	100		81		90.5	
NAB	1580		2		791	
					<b>4.50</b>	Simulated Rank

**Table 4. The Prediction of outcome based on observed and predicted values.**

Variable	Subject 1	Subject 2	Subject 3	Subject 4	Subject 5	Subject 6	Subject 7
Age	20	52	55	55	62	73	80
Comorbidity	1.1	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.6	3.2	3.5
Viral Load	36	19	16	15	17	21	17
IFNa	7	20	50	60	40	9	5
Fever	98.6	99.1	99.8	100	99.4	100.1	100
IL6	1	30	60	70	50	50	90
D-Dimer	0.05	0.25	0.40	0.45	0.35	1.5	4.0
Ferritin	30	350	800	1275	500	1500	1800
Lymphocyte Count	800	740	620	580	640	340	200
Oxygen Saturation	100	95	83	85	90	95	94
NAB	2	20	150	200	100	220	400
Calculated Outcome Rank	0.723	3.299	4.008	4.237	3.228	4.916	6.427
PREDICTED	1	3	4	4	3	5	6
OBSERVED	1	3	4	4	4	5	6