

Supplementary appendix S2 – Data extraction tool, dictionary, and case definitions

Prognostic indicators and outcomes of hospitalised COVID-19 patients with neurological disease: a systematic review and individual patient data meta-analysis

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Clinician details

Name of responsible clinician
 Role and specialty of responsible clinician
 Hospital
 Town/City
 Country

Patient record

Admission details

Date of patient's hospital admission (dd/mm/yy)

Patient demographics

Age
 Sex
 Ethnicity
 Pregnant

If 'YES', gestational weeks:

Patient recruited to other research studies?

Comorbidities

Hypertension
 Chronic cardiac disease
 Atrial fibrillation
 Diabetes mellitus
 Obesity
 HIV or other immunocompromise
 Malignancy
 Dementia
 History of previous stroke
 Other chronic neurological disorder
 Other comorbidity
 If 'YES', please give details of other comorbidity:
 Smoker/ smoking history
 History of excessive alcohol consumption

Medication pre-admission

Anti-hypertensives
 Anti-platelets
 Anti-coagulation
 Immunomodulatory therapy – oral steroids or other immunosuppressant agents
 Other pre-admission medication

COVID-19: Systemic Infection

Did the patient have suspected, probable or confirmed COVID-19? (See Tab 3 Table 1)

If 'suspected' due to contact with case, indicate date of contact if known (dd/mm/yy)

COVID-19 disease severity (See Tab 3 Table 2)

Date of COVID-19 symptom onset (dd/mm/yy)

Date of COVID-19 symptom resolution (dd/mm/yy) - if symptoms ongoing, leave blank

Clinical features of COVID-19 infection

fever
 lethargy
 myalgia
 coryza
 loss of smell (anosmia)
 loss of taste (ageusia)

sore throat	
cough	
chest pain	
shortness of breath	
diarrhoea	
abdominal pain	

Blood results - please indicate units

Initial haemoglobin	
Initial lymphocyte count	
Lowest lymphocyte count	
Initial neutrophil count	
Initial platelet count	
Initial CRP	
Initial D-dimer	
Highest D-dimer	
Initial ferritin	
Initial creatinine	
Initial LDH	
Initial Prothrombin time	
Blood culture performed?	
If YES, select result:	
HIV	
Malaria screen (RDT/film/smear)	
Scrub typhus serology	
Japanese encephalitis serology	
Dengue serology	
Other non-COVID-19 blood results:	

Chest Imaging

Chest X-ray performed?	
If 'YES', Abnormalities?	
date performed [dd/mm/yy]:	
Chest CT performed?	
If 'YES', Evidence of pneumonia?	
Evidence of ground glass abnormality?	
Evidence of pulmonary embolism?	
date performed [dd/mm/yy]:	

COVID-19: Laboratory testing

Laboratory-confirmed SARS-2 infection	
PCR positive - respiratory specimen	
date of sample collection (dd/mm/yy)	
What was the RT-PCR Cycle threshold (Ct) of the first respiratory specimen tested?	
PCR positive - blood	
date of sample collection (dd/mm/yy)	
PCR positive - Cerebrospinal fluid	
date of sample collection (dd/mm/yy)	
IgM positive - serum	
date of sample collection (dd/mm/yy)	
IgM positive - cerebrospinal fluid	
date of sample collection (dd/mm/yy)	
IgG positive - serum	

date of sample collection (dd/mm/yy)	
IgG positive - cerebrospinal fluid	
date of sample collection (dd/mm/yy)	
If other method, please specify	
date of sample collection (dd/mm/yy)	
Additional respiratory pathogen testing	
PCR Influenza	
Positive test for other respiratory pathogen	
If YES, describe pathogen, test and sample:	
Neurological syndrome	
Date of onset of neurological features (dd/mm/yy)	
Neurological syndrome (select; see Tab 4 for Neuro Case Definitions)	
Specific neurological syndrome:	
If 'Encephalitis' OR 'Encephalopathy' (includes delirium or coma), select syndrome:	
If 'Other' or additional details, describe:	
If 'Guillain Barré Syndrome', select syndrome:	
If 'Other' or additional details, describe:	
If 'Cerebrovascular event', select:	
If 'Other' or additional details, describe:	
If 'Other neurological syndrome', give details:	
Level of evidence - neurological diagnosis:	
If 'Meningitis':	
If 'Encephalitis':	
If 'Acute Disseminated Encephalomyelitis (ADEM)':	
If 'Myelitis':	
If 'Guillain Barré Syndrome':	
If 'Cerebrovascular event - Vasculitis':	
Level of evidence - association between neurological disease and COVID-19:	
See Tab 4 Neuro Case Definitions	
Based on Tab 5, Table 1, indicate if the association between SARS-CoV-2 infection and neurological disease is confirmed / strong, probable, possible, or not described:	
If 'Not described in Tab 5 Table 1', give details of evidence for association:	
History of pre-existing neurological disorder?	
if yes: give details (estimated data of diagnosis; neurological disorder)	
Neurological symptoms	
Headache	
Reduced conscious level	
Confusion	
Delirium	
If Disturbance in attention and awareness?	
'YES',	
Change from baseline that developed rapidly and fluctuates during the day?	
Additional disturbance in cognition?	
If 'YES' to additional disturbance in cognition, give details:	
Behavioural change	
Seizure(s)	
if 'YES': focal, generalised, or other?	
If 'Other', give details:	
Visual disturbance	
if 'YES': visual field defect, diplopia, reduced acuity, or other?	
If 'Other', give details:	
Photophobia	
If other neurological symptom(s), give details:	

Neurological signs

AVPU
Glasgow Coma Score (/15) (lowest score recorded during admission)
 Eye opening
 Verbal response
 Motor response
Neck stiffness
Disorientation
Witnessed seizures
New onset movement disorder
 if 'YES': ataxia, chorea, tremor, myoclonus, bradykenesia or other?
 If 'Other / combination of features', give details:
Cranial neuropathy
 if yes: describe here
Peripheral neuropathy
 if yes: describe here
Limb weakness
 if yes: describe here
Sensory abnormality
 if yes: describe here
Dysphagia
Dysphasia
 if yes: describe here

Neurological Investigations

CSF results

Lumbar puncture performed?
If YES, date of lumbar puncture (dd/mm/yy)
 CSF opening pressure [cm CSF/water]
 CSF total white cell count [per μl or cumm or mm³]
 CSF neutrophil/polymorph count
 Units for neutrophil/polymorph count
 CSF lymphocyte/mononuclear cell count
 Units for lymphocyte/mononuclear cell count
 CSF red blood cells [per μl or cumm or mm³]
 CSF protein
 Units for protein
 CSF glucose
 Paired blood glucose
 Units for glucose
 CSF albumin [g/L]
 CSF oligoclonal bands
Other NON-MICROBIOLOGICAL CSF results

Microbiological CSF results

CSF Gram stain (record result if performed)
CSF bacterial culture (record result if performed)
CSF Herpes Simplex Virus PCR (HSV1 or HSV2 or combined)
CSF Varicella Zoster Virus PCR
CSF Enterovirus PCR
CSF TB PCR
CSF Other pathogen test
 If YES, describe:

Neuroimaging

1 Section 2: Dictionary for data extraction tool

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Variable name	Values									
clinician_name										
clinician_role										
centre										
location_city										
location_country										
date_adm_hosp										
age										
sex	0 - Male	1 - Female	2 - Other	3 - Unknown						
ethnic	1 - Arab	2 - Black	3 - East Asian	4 - South Asian	5 - West Asian	6 - Latin American	7 - White	8 - Aboriginal	9 - First Nations	10 - Other
pregnancy	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown							
weeks_pregnant										
other_studies	0 - No	1 - ISARIC CCP	2 - WHO-SOLIDARITY	3 - Other						
comorb_hypertension	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown							
comorb_ccd	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown							
comorb_af	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown							
comorb_diabetes	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown							
comorb_obesity	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown							
comorb_hiv	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown							
comorb_malignancy	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown							
comorb_dementia	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown							
comorb_stroke	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown							
comorb_chronicneuro	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown							
comorb_other	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown							
comorb_detail										
smoke	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown							
alcohol	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown							
anti_htn	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown							
anti_plat	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown							
anti_coag	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown							
immunotherapy	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown							
comorb_other_detail										
covid_diag_label	1 - Confirmed	2 - Probable - test inconclusive	3 - Probable - test not done	4 - Probable - PCR negative, supportive blood tests/radiology	5 - Suspected - local transmission	6 - Suspected - contact with case	7 - Suspected - severe and no other aetiology identified	8 - Suspected - clinical suspicion		
date_cov_contact										
covid-severity	1 - Asymptomatic	2 - Mild - no hypoxia or pneumonia	3 - Moderate - pneumonia	4 - Severe - severe pneumonia	5 - Critical - ARDS	6 - Critical - sepsis	7 - Critical - septic shock	8 - Unknown		
date_cov_sym_onset										

date_cov_sym_resolution				
fever_hist	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown	
lethargy	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown	
myalgia	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown	
coryza	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown	
anosmia	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown	
loss_of_taste	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown	
sore_thr	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown	
cough	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown	
chest_pain	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown	
sob	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown	
diarrhoea	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown	
abdo_pain	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown	
Hb				
lymphocyte				
lowest_lymphocyte				
neut				
plat				
CRP				
d_dimer				
highest_d_dimer				
ferritin				
creat				
LDH				
ptt				
blood_culture	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown	
blood_culture_result	0 - Negative	1 - Positive - bacteraemia	2 - Positive - other	3 - Unknown
HIV	0 - Negative	1 - Positive	2 - Not tested	
Malaria	0 - Negative	1 - Positive	2 - Not tested	
scrub_t	0 - Negative	1 - Positive	2 - Not tested	
JE	0 - Negative	1 - Positive	2 - Not tested	
denv	0 - Negative	1 - Positive	2 - Not tested	
other_path_results				
cxr	1 - Yes	0 - No		
cxr_abnormal	1 - Yes, unilateral	2 - Yes, bilateral	0 - No, normal	3 - Unknown
cxr_date				
chest_ct	1 - Yes	0 - No		
ct_pneumonia	1 - Yes, unilateral	2 - Yes, bilateral	0 - No	3 - Unknown
ct_gr_glass	1 - Yes, unilateral	2 - Yes, bilateral	0 - No	3 - Unknown
ct_pulm_emb	1 - Yes, unilateral	2 - Yes, bilateral	0 - No	3 - Unknown
SARS2_infection_confirmed	1 - Yes	0 - No		
PCR_resp	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Not tested	
PCR_resp_date				
PCR_Ct				

PCR_blood	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Not tested																		
PCR_blood_date																					
PCR_CSF	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Not tested																		
PCR_CSF_date																					
IgM_serum	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Not tested																		
IgM_serum_date																					
IgM_CSF	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Not tested																		
IgM_CSF_date																					
IgG_serum	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Not tested																		
IgG_serum_date																					
IgG_CSF	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Not tested																		
IgG_CSF_date																					
SARS2_method_other																					
SARS2_method_other_date																					
influ_resp	0 - Negative	1 - Positive	2 - Not tested																		
other_resp_path	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Not tested																		
other_resp_path_descr																					
neuro_onset																					
syndrome	1 - Meningitis	2 - Encephalopathy (no CNS inflammation) - including delirium or coma	3 - Encephalitis	4 - Acute Disseminated Encephalomyelitis (ADEM)	5 - Myelitis	6 - Guillain-Barré syndrome	7 - Radiculitis	8 - Peripheral neuropathy	9 - Myositis	10 - Cerebrovascular event	11 - Other neurological presentation										
syndrome_encephalitis	1 - Encephalopathy - delirium	2 - Encephalopathy - coma	3 - Encephalopathy - other	4 - Posterior reversible encephalopathy syndrome (PRES)	5 - Malignant cerebral oedema	6 - Acute Necrotising Encephalopathy (ANE)	7 - Encephalitis - Other														
syndrome_GBS	1 - Classic sensorimotor (all 4 limbs)	2 - Motor only (all 4 limbs)	3 - Paraparetic (lower limbs only)	4 - Pharyngeal-cervical-brachial weakness	5 - Bilateral facial palsy with paraesthesias	6 - Pure sensory	7 - Miller Fisher syndrome	8 - Bickerstaff brainstem encephalitis	9 - Other												
syndrome_GBS_desc																					
syndrome_cerebrovascular	1 - TIA	2 - Ischaemic stroke - large artery	3 - Ischaemic stroke - cardioembolic	4 - Ischaemic stroke - small vessel occlusion	5 - Vasculitis	6 - Haemorrhage	7 - Cerebral vein / sinus thrombosis	8 - Other													
syndrome_cerebrovascular_desc																					
syndrome_other																					
evidence_meningitis	1 - Meningitis	2 - Possible meningitis	3 - Meningism	4 - Suspected meningitis																	
evidence_encephalitis	1 - Encephalitis	2 - Possible encephalitis	3 - Encephalopathy	4 - Suspected encephalopathy																	
evidence_adem	1 - ADEM	2 - Possible ADEM	3 - Suspected ADEM																		
evidence_myelitis	1 - Myelitis	2 - Possible myelitis	3 - Myelopathy	4 - Suspected myelopathy																	

evidence_gbs	1 - Brighton level 1	2 - Brighton level 2	3 - Brighton level 3	4 - Brighton level 4		
evidence_vasculitis	1 - Definite vasculitis	2 - Possible vasculitis				
neuro_inf_assoc	1-Confirmed/Strong association	2-Probable	3-Possible	4-Not described in Tab 5 Table 1		
neuro_inf_assoc_details						
neuro_disorder	1 - Yes	0 - No				
neuro_disorder_detail						
headache	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown			
reduced_consc	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown			
conf	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown			
delirium	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown			
del_att_aw	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown			
del_change	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown			
del_cog	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown			
del_cog_desc						
behav_change	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown			
seizure	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown			
seizures_detail	1 - Focal	2 - Generalised	3 - Other			
seizures_detail_other						
visual_symp	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown			
visual_symp_detail	1 - Visual field defect	2 - Diplopia	3 - Reduced acuity	4 - Other		
photophobia	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown			
neuro_symp_other	1 - Yes	0 - No				
AVPU	1 - Alert	2 - To voice	3 - To pain	4 - Unresponsive		
GCS_total						
GCS_eyes	1 - no response	2 - to pain	3 - to speech	4 - spontaneously		
GCS_verbal	1 - no response	2 - incomprehensible sounds	3 - inappropriate words	4 - confused, but able to answer questions	5 - oriented	
GCS_motor	1 - no response	2 - abnormal extension (decerebrate)	3 - abnormal flexion (decorticate)	4 - flexion withdrawal from pain	5 - localises pain	6 - obeys commands
neck_stiff	1 - Yes	0 - No				
disorient	1 - Yes	0 - No				
witness_seiz	1 - Yes - focal	2 - Yes - generalised	3 - Yes - other	0 - No		
new_movement_dis	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown			
new_movement_dis_detail	1 - Ataxia	2 - Chorea	3 - Tremor	4 - Myoclonus	5 - Bradykinesia	6 - Other / combination of features
cran_neuro	1 - Yes	0 - No				
cran_neuro_detail						
perip_neuro	1 - Yes	0 - No				
perip_neuro_detail						
limb_weakness	1 - Yes	0 - No				
limb_weakness_detail						

Sensory_abnorm	1 - Yes	0 - No		
sensory_abnorm_detail				
dysphagia	1 - Yes	0 - No		
dysphasia	1 - Yes	0 - No		
dysphasia_detail				
LP_done	1 - Yes	0 - No		
LP_date				
CSF_OP				
CSF_total_WCC				
CSF_neut				
csf_neut_units	1 - % of total	2 - per µl or cumm or mm ³		
CSF_lymp				
csf_lymp_units	1 - % of total	2 - per µl or cumm or mm ³		
CSF_rbc				
CSF_protein				
csf_protein_units	1 - g/L	2 - mg/dL		
CSF_glucose				
paired_blood_glucose				
csf_glucose_units	1 - mmol/L	2 - mg/dL		
CSF_albumin				
CSF_bands	1 - present (same as serum)	2 - present (different from serum)	3 - present (no serum result)	0 - absent
Other_non_micro_CSF				
gram_stain				
csf_culture				
CSF_HSV	1 - Positive	0 - Negative	2 - Not tested	
CSF_VZV	1 - Positive	0 - Negative	2 - Not tested	
CSF_enterovirus	1 - Positive	0 - Negative	2 - Not tested	
CSF_tb	1 - Positive	0 - Negative	2 - Not tested	
CSF_other_pathogen	1 - Yes	0 - No		
CSF_other_p_desc				
ct_head	1 - Yes	0 - No		
ct_head_result				
mri_brain	1 - Yes	0 - No		
mri_brain_result				
mri_spine	1 - Yes	0 - No		
mri_spine_result				
other_neuro_ex	1 - Yes	0 - No		
eeg	1 - Yes	0 - No		
eeg_result				
NCS_EMG	1 - Yes	0 - No		
ncs_EMG_result				
antin_ab	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown	
ab_result				
hypoxia	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - Unknown	
tx_oxygen				
tx_antivir	1 - Yes	0 - No		
tx_conv_plasma	1 - Yes	0 - No		

tx_toc	1 - Yes	0 - No			
tx_vasopress	1 - Yes	0 - No			
tx_anx	1 - Yes	0 - No			
tx_steroids	1 - Yes	0 - No			
tx_steroids_dose					
tx_steroids_start					
tx_steroids_stop					
tx_steroids_ind					
tx_ivig	1 - Yes	0 - No			
tx_ivig_dose					
tx_ivig_start					
tx_ivig_stop					
tx_ivig_ind					
tx_plex	1 - Yes	0 - No			
tx_plex_start					
tx_plex_stop					
tx_plex_ind					
tx_antic	1 - Yes	0 - No			
tx_antic_dose					
tx_antic_start					
tx_antic_stop					
tx_antic_ind					
tx_antip	1 - Yes	0 - No			
tx_antip_dose					
tx_antip_start					
tx_antip_stop					
tx_antip_ind					
tx_throm	1 - Yes	0 - No			
tx_throm_dose					
tx_throm_start					
tx_thrombec	1 - Yes	0 - No			
tx_thrombec_start					
treatment_other	1 - Yes	0 - No			
treatment_other_detail					
ITU	1 - Yes	0 - No			
date_ad_ITU					
date_dis_ITU					
niv	1 - CPAP	2 - BiPAP	3 - Both CPAP and BiPAP	4 - Other	0 - No
inv_vent	1 - Yes	0 - No			
intub_date					
extub_date					
reintub	1 - Yes	0 - No			
trache	1 - Yes	0 - No			
complications	1 - Yes	0 - No			
complications_desc					
death	1 - Yes	0 - No			
death_date					
death_cause					
autopsy_report					
disch	1 - Yes	0 - No			

discharge_MRS disch_date follow_up_date	0 - No symptoms at all	1 - No significant disability despite symptoms; able to carry out all usual duties and activities	2 - Slight disability; unable to carry out all previous activities, but able to look after own affairs without assistance	3 - Moderate disability; requiring some help, but able to walk without assistance	4 - Moderately severe disability; unable to walk without assistance and unable to attend to own bodily needs without assistance	5 - Severe disability; bedridden, incontinent and requiring constant nursing care and attention	6 - Dead
covid_neuro_data covid_neuro_hospital_total covid_neuro_hospital_num covid_neuro_time covid_hospital_num	1 - Yes	0 - No					
study	1 - Yes	0 - No					
case_def pub doi	1 - Yes	0 - No	2 - submitted/submission planned				
control control_def case_control	1 - Yes	0 - No					
data_col	1 - Retrospective collection	2 - Prospective collection					
3							
4							

5 Section 3: Case definitions

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7 3.1 COVID-19 case definitions

COVID-19 Case definitions, modified from WHO definitions ¹				
	Confirmed	Probable	Suspected	
WHO COVID-19 case definitions, adapted from World Health Organization. COVID-19: situation report, 95.¹	A person with laboratory confirmation ² of SARS-CoV-2 infection, irrespective of clinical signs and symptoms. Confirmatory tests include a nucleic acid amplification test (e.g. RT-PCR) or validated antibody test	A suspected case, for whom testing for the COVID-19 virus is inconclusive	A patient with acute respiratory illness (fever and at least one sign/symptom of respiratory distress) AND history of travel to or residence in a location reporting community transmission of COVID-19 disease during the 14 days prior to onset	
		OR	A suspected case, for whom testing could not be performed for any reason	OR
		OR	A suspected case, with a negative RT-PCR test for COVID-19 but ongoing clinical suspicion, with supportive features on blood tests and/or radiological investigations, and no alternative aetiology identified	OR
			OR	
			A patient with severe acute respiratory illness (fever and at least one sign/symptom of respiratory distress AND requiring hospitalisation) AND in the absence of an alternative explanation that fully explains the clinical presentation	
			OR	
			A patient with systemic and/or respiratory features suspected to be due to COVID-19 by the assessing clinician	

COVID-19 Disease Severity Scoring ³		
Mild disease		Symptomatic patients (Table 1) meeting the case definition for COVID-19 without evidence of viral pneumonia or hypoxia. See the WHO website for most up-to-date case definitions. ¹
Moderate disease	Pneumonia	Adolescent or adult with clinical signs of pneumonia (fever, cough, dyspnoea, fast breathing) but no signs of severe pneumonia, including SpO ₂ ≥ 90% on room air ⁴ Child with clinical signs of non-severe pneumonia (cough or difficulty breathing + fast breathing and/or chest indrawing) and no signs of severe pneumonia. Fast breathing (in breaths/min): < 2 months: ≥ 60; 2–11 months: ≥ 50; 1–5 years: ≥ 40 ⁵ While the diagnosis can be made on clinical grounds; chest imaging (radiograph, CT scan, ultrasound) may assist in diagnosis and identify or exclude pulmonary complications.
Severe disease	Severe pneumonia	Adolescent or adult with clinical signs of pneumonia (fever, cough, dyspnoea, fast breathing) plus one of the following: respiratory rate > 30 breaths/min; severe respiratory distress; or SpO ₂ < 90% on room air. ⁴ Child with clinical signs of pneumonia (cough or difficulty in breathing) + at least one of the following: • Central cyanosis or SpO ₂ < 90%; severe respiratory distress (e.g. fast breathing, grunting, very severe chest indrawing); general danger sign: inability to breastfeed or drink, lethargy or unconsciousness, or convulsions ^{5,6} • Fast breathing (in breaths/min): < 2 months: ≥ 60; 2–11 months: ≥ 50; 1–5 years: ≥ 40 ⁵ While the diagnosis can be made on clinical grounds; chest imaging (radiograph, CT scan, ultrasound) may assist in diagnosis and identify or exclude pulmonary complications.
Critical disease	Acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS)⁷⁻⁹	Onset: within 1 week of a known clinical insult (i.e. pneumonia) or new or worsening respiratory symptoms. Chest imaging: (radiograph, CT scan, or lung ultrasound): bilateral opacities, not fully explained by volume overload, lobar or lung collapse, or nodules. Origin of pulmonary infiltrates: respiratory failure not fully explained by cardiac failure or fluid overload. Need objective assessment (e.g. echocardiography) to exclude hydrostatic cause of infiltrates/oedema if no risk factor present. Oxygenation impairment in adults^{7,9}: • Mild ARDS: 200 mmHg < PaO ₂ /FiO ₂ a ≤ 300 mmHg (with PEEP or CPAP ≥ 5 cmH ₂ O).b • Moderate ARDS: 100 mmHg < PaO ₂ /FiO ₂ ≤ 200 mmHg (with PEEP ≥ 5 cmH ₂ O).b • Severe ARDS: PaO ₂ /FiO ₂ ≤ 100 mmHg (with PEEP ≥ 5 cmH ₂ O).b Oxygenation impairment in children: note OI and OSI.c Use OI when available. If PaO ₂ not available, wean FiO ₂ to maintain SpO ₂ ≤ 97% to calculate OSI or SpO ₂ /FiO ₂ ratio: • Bilevel (NIV or CPAP) ≥ 5 cmH ₂ O via full face mask: PaO ₂ /FiO ₂ ≤ 300 mmHg or SpO ₂ /FiO ₂ ≤ 264. • Mild ARDS (invasively ventilated): 4 ≤ OI < 8 or 5 ≤ OSI < 7.5. • Moderate ARDS (invasively ventilated): 8 ≤ OI < 16 or 7.5 ≤ OSI < 12.3. • Severe ARDS (invasively ventilated): OI ≥ 16 or OSI ≥ 12.3.
Critical disease	Sepsis^{10,11}	Adults: acute life-threatening organ dysfunction caused by a dysregulated host response to suspected or proven infection. Signs of organ dysfunction include: altered mental status, difficult or fast breathing, low oxygen saturation, reduced urine output ¹⁰ , fast heart rate, weak pulse, cold extremities or low blood pressure, skin mottling, laboratory evidence of coagulopathy, thrombocytopenia, acidosis, high lactate, or hyperbilirubinemia. Children: suspected or proven infection and ≥ 2 age-based systemic inflammatory response syndrome (SIRS) criteria,e of which one must be abnormal temperature or white blood cell count.
	Septic shock^{10,11}	Adults: persistent hypotension despite volume resuscitation, requiring vasopressors to maintain MAP ≥ 65 mmHg and serum lactate level > 2 mmol/L. Children: any hypotension (SBP < 5th centile or > 2 SD below normal for age) or two or three of the following: altered mental status; bradycardia or tachycardia (HR < 90 bpm or > 160 bpm in infants and heart rate < 70 bpm or > 150 bpm in children); prolonged capillary refill (> 2 sec) or weak pulse; fast breathing; mottled or cool skin or petechial or purpuric rash; high lactate; reduced urine output; hyperthermia or hypothermia. ^{12,13} .

Other complications that have been described in COVID-19 patients include acute, life-threatening conditions such as: acute pulmonary embolism, acute coronary syndrome, acute stroke and delirium. Clinical suspicion for these complications should be heightened when caring for COVID-19 patients, and appropriate diagnostic and treatment protocols available.

a If altitude is higher than 1000 m, then the correction factor should be calculated as follows: $\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 \times \text{barometric pressure}/760$.

b When PaO_2 is not available, $\text{SpO}_2/\text{FiO}_2 \leq 315$ suggests ARDS (including in non-ventilated patients).

c Oxygenation Index (OI) is an invasive measurement of the severity of hypoxaemic respiratory failure and may be used to predict outcomes in paediatric patients. It is calculated as follows: percentage of fraction of inhaled oxygen multiplied by the mean airway pressure (in mmHg), divided by the partial pressure of arterial oxygen (in mmHg). Oxygen saturation index (OSI) is a non-invasive measurement and has been shown to be a reliable surrogate marker of OI in children and adults with respiratory failure. OSI replaces PaO_2 with oxygen saturation as measured by pulse oximetry (SpO_2) in the OI equation.

d The SOFA score ranges from 0 to 24 and includes points related to six organ systems: respiratory (hypoxaemia defined by low $\text{PaO}_2/\text{FiO}_2$); coagulation (low platelets); liver (high bilirubin); cardiovascular (hypotension); central nervous system (low level of consciousness defined by Glasgow Coma Scale); and renal (low urine output or high creatinine). Sepsis is defined by an increase in the sepsis-related SOFA score of ≥ 2 points. Assume the baseline score is 0 if data are not available.¹⁴

e SIRS criteria: abnormal temperature ($> 38.5^\circ\text{C}$ or $< 36^\circ\text{C}$); tachycardia for age or bradycardia for age if < 1 year; tachypnoea for age or need for mechanical ventilation; abnormal white blood cell count for age or $> 10\%$ bands.

Abbreviations: BP blood pressure; bpm beats per minute; CPAP continuous positive airway pressure; CT computed tomography; FiO_2 fraction of inspired oxygen; MAP mean arterial pressure; NIV non-invasive ventilation; OI Oxygenation Index; OSI Oxygenation Index using SpO_2 ; PaO_2 partial pressure arterial oxygen; PEEP positive end-expiratory pressure; SBP systolic blood pressure; SD standard deviation; SIRS systemic inflammatory response syndrome; SOFA sequential organ failure assessment; SpO_2 oxygen saturation.

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9 **3.2 Neurological case definitions**
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1. Meningitis and meningism ¹			
Level 1 Meningitis	Level 2 Possible meningitis	Level 3 Meningism	Level 4 Suspected meningitis
[] Suspected meningitis with no other diagnoses apparent, but does not fulfil level 3 criteria			
[] Absence of an alternative diagnosis for symptoms AND [] Neck stiffness OR [] Kernig's sign positive OR [] Brudzinsky's sign positive			
[] Fever ($\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$)			
[] CSF total white cell count > 5 cells/mm ³ OR [] Meningeal enhancement seen on contrast enhanced CT or MRI			
[] Level 1 Meningitis	[] Level 2 Possible meningitis	[] Level 3 Meningism	[] Level 4 Suspected meningitis

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2. Encephalitis and encephalopathy (including delirium) ^{2,3,4}			
Level 1 Encephalitis*	Level 2 Possible encephalitis	Level 3 Encephalopathy^	Level 4 Suspected encephalopathy
<input type="checkbox"/> Suspected encephalopathy with no other diagnosis apparent, but does not fulfill level 3 criteria			
<input type="checkbox"/> Acute or sub acute (<4 weeks) alteration in consciousness, cognition (including delirium ⁺), personality or behaviour persisting for more than 24 hours AND <input type="checkbox"/> Absence of an alternative diagnosis for symptoms			
<input type="checkbox"/> New onset seizure OR <input type="checkbox"/> New focal neurological signs OR <input type="checkbox"/> Fever ($\geq 38^{\circ}\text{C}$) OR <input type="checkbox"/> Movement disorder (includes: Parkinsonism, oromotor dysfunction etc.) OR <input type="checkbox"/> EEG consistent with focal abnormality			
<input type="checkbox"/> CSF total white cell count > 5 cells/mm ³ OR <input type="checkbox"/> Neuroimaging compatible with encephalitis OR <input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation of brain inflammation on brain biopsy			
<input type="checkbox"/> Level 1 Encephalitis*	<input type="checkbox"/> Level 2 Possible encephalitis	<input type="checkbox"/> Level 3 Encephalopathy^	<input type="checkbox"/> Level 4 Suspected encephalopathy

*Encephalitis is inflammation of the brain parenchyma;

^**Encephalopathy** is a rapidly developing pathobiological process in the brain that can lead to a change in consciousness, cognition (with a clinical presentation of delirium or coma), personality or behaviour persisting for more than 24 hours.

+**Delirium**⁴ is defined as a clinical manifestation of encephalopathy, when the following features are present:

- A) Disturbance in attention (reduced ability to direct, focus, sustain, and shift attention) and awareness (reduced orientation to the environment);
- B) Develops over a short period of time, represents a change from baseline attention and awareness, and tends to fluctuate in severity during the course of the day
- C) An additional disturbance in cognition (e.g., memory deficit, disorientation, language, visuospatial ability, or perception).
- D) Criteria A and C are not explained by another pre-existing, established, or evolving neurocognitive disorder, and do not occur in the context of a severely reduced level of arousal, such as coma.
- E) There is evidence from the history, physical examination, or laboratory findings that the disturbance is a direct physiologic consequence of another medical condition, substance intoxication or withdrawal, or exposure to a toxin, or is because of multiple etiologies.

3. Myelitis and myelopathy ⁵			
Level 1 Myelitis	Level 2 Possible myelitis	Level 3 Myelopathy	Level 3 Suspected myelopathy
[] Weakness or sensory disturbance of upper and/or lower limbs, developing to its worst severity between 4h and 21d following onset of symptoms *			
[] Absence of an alternative diagnosis for symptoms WITH [] Brisk reflexes or extensor plantar response OR [] Bladder or bowel dysfunction OR [] Clearly defined sensory level			
[] Absence of extra-axial compressive aetiology by neuroimaging (MRI or CT myelography) AND [] Absence of flow voids on the surface of the spinal cord suggestive of arteriovenous malformation (MRI)			
[] CSF total white cell count >5 cells/mm ³ OR [] MRI changes consistent with myelitis (gadolinium enhancement or T2 hyperintensity) OR [] Elevated CSF IgG index			
[] Level 1 Myelitis	[] Level 2 Possible myelitis	[] Level 3 Myelopathy	[] Level 4 Suspected myelopathy

4. Acute Disseminated Encephalomyelitis (ADEM) ^{6,7}		
Level 1 ADEM	Level 2 Probable ADEM	Level 3 Suspected ADEM
<input type="checkbox"/> Suspected ADEM with no other diagnosis apparent, but does not fit level 2 criteria		
<input type="checkbox"/> first multifocal clinical CNS event AND <input type="checkbox"/> alteration in consciousness or behavioural change (encephalopathy) unexplained by fever/systemic illness/postictal symptoms AND <input type="checkbox"/> abnormal brain MRI with typical diffuse, poorly demarcated lesions >1cm		
<input type="checkbox"/> no new clinical or MRI findings 3 months or more after symptom onset OR <input type="checkbox"/> signs/symptoms/MRI findings consistent with multiphasic ADEM*		
<input type="checkbox"/> Level 1 ADEM	<input type="checkbox"/> Level 2 Probable ADEM	<input type="checkbox"/> Level 3 Suspected ADEM
<p>*Multiphasic ADEM – two episodes of Level 2 ADEM separated by three months but not followed by any further events. The second ADEM event can involve either new or re-emergence of prior neurological symptoms/signs/MRI findings. Beyond a second encephalopathic event, the diagnosis is no longer consistent with multiphasic ADEM.</p>		

5. Guillain-Barré Syndrome ⁸			
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Suspected Guillain-Barré syndrome with no other diagnosis apparent, but does not fulfill level 3 criteria			
<input type="checkbox"/> Bilateral and flaccid weakness of the limbs AND <input type="checkbox"/> Absence of an alternative diagnosis for weakness AND <input type="checkbox"/> Decreased or absent deep tendon reflexes in affected limbs AND <input type="checkbox"/> Monophasic illness pattern with weakness nadir between 12 hours and 28 days, followed by clinical plateau			
<input type="checkbox"/> CSF total white cell count < 50 cells/mm ³ OR <input type="checkbox"/> If CSF results unavailable, electrophysiological findings consistent with GBS			
<input type="checkbox"/> CSF protein level above laboratory normal value AND CSF total white cell count < 50 cells/mm ³ AND <input type="checkbox"/> Electrophysiological findings consistent with GBS			
<input type="checkbox"/> Level 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Level 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Level 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Level 4

6. Cerebrovascular disease a) Stroke and Transient Ischaemic Attack^{9,10}

Definitions

Central Nervous System (CNS) infarction	Brain, spinal cord, or retinal cell death attributable to ischemia, based on: <input type="checkbox"/> clinical evidence of cerebral, spinal cord, or retinal focal ischemic injury based on symptoms persisting ≥ 24 hours or until death, and other etiologies excluded (CNS infarction includes hemorrhagic infarctions, types I and II, see 'Intracerebral hemorrhage') OR <input type="checkbox"/> pathological, imaging, or other objective evidence of cerebral, spinal cord, or retinal focal ischemic injury in a defined vascular distribution
Silent CNS infarction	<input type="checkbox"/> Imaging or neuropathological evidence of CNS infarction, without a history of acute neurological dysfunction attributable to the lesion.
Ischemic stroke	<input type="checkbox"/> An episode of neurological dysfunction caused by focal cerebral, spinal, or retinal infarction.
Intracerebral hemorrhage	<input type="checkbox"/> A focal collection of blood within the brain parenchyma or ventricular system that is not caused by trauma. (Intracerebral hemorrhage includes parenchymal hemorrhages after CNS infarction, type I - petechiae of blood along the margins of the infarction, and type II - confluent petechiae within the infarction but without a space-occupying effect.)
Silent cerebral hemorrhage	<input type="checkbox"/> A focal collection of chronic blood products within the brain parenchyma, subarachnoid space, or ventricular system on neuroimaging or neuropathological examination that is not caused by trauma and without a history of acute neurological dysfunction attributable to the lesion.
Stroke caused by intracerebral hemorrhage	<input type="checkbox"/> Rapidly developing clinical signs of neurological dysfunction attributable to a focal collection of blood within the brain parenchyma or ventricular system that is not caused by trauma.
Subarachnoid hemorrhage	<input type="checkbox"/> Bleeding into the subarachnoid space (the space between the arachnoid membrane and the pia mater of the brain or spinal cord)
Stroke caused by subarachnoid hemorrhage	<input type="checkbox"/> Rapidly developing signs of neurological dysfunction and/or headache because of bleeding into the subarachnoid space (the space between the arachnoid membrane and the pia mater of the brain or spinal cord), which is not caused by trauma.
Stroke caused by cerebral venous thrombosis	<input type="checkbox"/> Infarction or hemorrhage in the brain, spinal cord, or retina because of thrombosis of a cerebral venous structure. Symptoms or signs caused by reversible edema without infarction or hemorrhage do not qualify as stroke.
Stroke, not otherwise specified	<input type="checkbox"/> An episode of acute neurological dysfunction presumed to be caused by ischemia or hemorrhage, persisting ≥ 24 hours or until death, but without sufficient evidence to be classified as one of the above.
Transient ischemic attack (TIA)	<input type="checkbox"/> A transient episode of neurological dysfunction caused by focal brain, spinal cord, or retinal ischemia, without acute infarction

6. Cerebrovascular disease b) Central nervous system (CNS) vasculitis ¹¹		
	Definite	Possible
Central Nervous System (CNS) vasculitis	<p>Clinical presentation compatible with CNS vasculitis with exclusion of alternative possible diagnoses and of primary systemic vasculitic syndrome</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Positive CNS histology (biopsy or autopsy) showing CNS angiitis (granulomatous, lymphocytic or necrotising), including evidence of vessel wall damage.</p>	<p>Clinical presentation compatible with CNS vasculitis with exclusion of alternative possible diagnoses and of primary systemic vasculitic syndrome</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Laboratory and imaging support for CNS inflammation (elevated levels of CSF protein and/or cells, and/or the presence of oligoclonal bands and/or MR scan evidence compatible with CNS vasculitis), with angiographic* exclusion of other specific entities, but without histological proof of vasculitis.</p>
*Certain disorders, perhaps most particularly moyamoya disease, may require formal contrast angiography for definitive diagnosis.		

7. Other neurological syndrome
Any new onset neurological disease suspected by the clinician to be associated with recent COVID-19 infection, including neuropsychiatric disease (psychosis, affective disorders), complications of critical illness (myopathy, neuropathy), and olfactory dysfunction (anosmia, ageusia etc.) with no other neurological features.

Tables 1-5 from Mehta et al.¹²

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3.3 COVID-19: association between viral infection and neurological disease

	Confirmed	Probable	Possible
SARS-CoV-2 meningitis, encephalitis, CNS vasculitis, myelitis/myelopathy**	1. SARS-CoV-2 detected in CSF/ brain tissue †,	1. SARS-CoV-2 detected in respiratory or other non-CNS sample ‡,	Patient meets suspected case definition of COVID-19 according to national or WHO guidance (as below), based on clinical symptoms and epidemiological risk factors.
	OR	OR	
	Evidence of SARS-CoV-2-specific intrathecal antibody;	Evidence of SARS-CoV-2-specific antibody in serum indicating acute infection+§;	In the context of known community SARS-CoV-2 transmission, supportive features* include: <i>Clinical:</i> new onset of least one of: cough, fever, shortness of breath, muscle aches, loss of smell, loss of taste; <i>Laboratory:</i> lymphopenia, raised d-dimer; <i>Radiological:</i> evidence of abnormalities consistent with infection or inflammation (e.g. ground glass changes)
	AND	AND	
2. No other explanatory pathogen or cause found	2. No other explanatory pathogen or cause found		

	Strong association	Probable association	Possible association
Acute disseminated encephalomyelitis** (ADEM) associated with SARS-CoV-2 infection		1. Neurological disease onset <= 6 weeks after acute infection,	1. Neurological disease onset <= 6 weeks after acute infection,
		AND	AND
		2. SARS-CoV-2 RNA detected in any sample,	2. SARS-CoV-2 RNA detected in any sample;
		OR	OR
	Antibody evidence of acute SARS-CoV-2 infection;	Antibody evidence of acute SARS-CoV-2 infection;	
	AND	AND	AND
	3. No evidence of other commonly associated causes	3. No evidence of other commonly associated causes	3. Evidence of other commonly associated causes

Strong association	Probable association	Possible association
Guillain-Barré syndrome** and other acute neuropathies associated with SARS-CoV-2 infection	1. Neurological disease onset <= 6 weeks after acute infection, AND 2. SARS-CoV-2 RNA detected in any sample; OR Antibody evidence of acute SARS-CoV-2 infection; AND 3. No evidence of other commonly associated causes ¶	1. Neurological disease onset <= 6 weeks after acute infection, AND 2. SARS-CoV-2 RNA detected in any sample; OR Antibody evidence of acute SARS-CoV-2 infection; AND 3. Evidence of other commonly associated causes ¶
Stroke** associated with SARS-CoV-2 infection	1. SARS-CoV-2 detected in CSF or other sample †; OR Evidence of SARS-CoV-2-specific antibody in serum indicating acute infection; AND 2. No other known traditional cardiovascular risk factors ¥	1. SARS-CoV-2 detected in CSF or other sample; OR Evidence of SARS-CoV-2-specific antibody indicating acute infection; AND 2. Other traditional cardiovascular risk factors ¥

*These case definitions are suggestions based on published information to date; they are likely to need refining as more data emerge.

† detection in CSF or brain tissue by PCR, culture, or immunohistochemistry, as appropriate; ‡ detection in non-CNS sample by PCR or culture. § Serological evidence of acute infection can be defined as i) detection of IgM, or ii) IgG seroconversion or iii) >=4-fold rise in antibody titres in paired acute and convalescent serum samples. ¶ These include: infection with one of *Campylobacter jejuni*, *Mycoplasma pneumoniae*, Cytomegalovirus (CMV), Epstein–Barr virus (EBV), hepatitis E virus, Zika virus, and HIV; or vaccination in the last 6 weeks. Associated causes may differ depending on geographical location. ¥ traditional cardiovascular risk factors include; hypertension, current smoker, diabetes, hypercholesterolemia, and atrial fibrillation.

The terms ‘confirmed’, ‘probable’ and ‘suspected’ are used in the WHO COVID-19 case definition. The terms ‘confirmed’, ‘probable’ and ‘possible’ for COVID-19 meningitis, encephalitis or myelitis and ‘strong association’, ‘probable association’, ‘possible association’ reflect the terminology used for the different syndromes in the original publications from which this table derives (see table references).

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