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# Summaries, Analysis and Simulations of Recent COVID-19 Epidemic in Mainland China during May 1<sup>st</sup>-December 6<sup>th</sup> 2022

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#### **Abstract**

**Background:** The recent COVID-19 epidemic in mainland China is an important issue for studying the prevention and disease control measures and the spread of the COVID-19 epidemic. Following our previous study for the mainland China epidemic during December 6 2021 to 30 April 2022, this paper studies the mainland China epidemic during May 1-December 6 2022.

**Methods:** Using differential equations and real word data (both domestic and foreign input infected individuals) modelings and simulates COVID-19 epidemic in mainland China during May 1 2022 to December 6 2022, estimates the transmission rates, the recovery rates, and the blocking rates to the symptomatic and the asymptomatic infections.

Results: The simulation results were in good agreement with the real word data. The average input transmission rate of the foreign input symptomatic infection individuals was much lower than the average transmission rate of the symptomatic infection causing by the mainland symptomatic individuals. The average input transmission rate of the foreign input asymptomatic infection individuals was much lower than the average transmission rate of the asymptomatic infection causing by the mainland symptomatic individuals. The average recovery rates of the foreign input COVID-19 symptomatic and asymptomatic infected individuals were much higher than the average recovery rates of the mainland COVID-19 symptomatic and asymptomatic infected individuals, respectively. For the mainland epidemic simulations: If kept the transmission rates, the recovery rates, the death rate and the blocking rates on day 181 (June 30, 2022), the numbers of the current symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals would reduce to about one on day 277 (October 4, 2022). If kept the transmission rates, the recovery rates, the death rate and the blocking rates on day 340 (December 6, 2022) until day 380 (January 15, 2023), the numbers of the current symptomatic and the asymptomatic infected individuals would increase to 37 999 and 224 945, respectively, the cumulative death individuals would increase from 599 to 616, respectively. If kept the transmission rates, the recovery rates on day 340, but decreased the blocking rates to 34% and select the death rate to equal to the average death rate during days 104-150, then the simulation showed that on day 380, the numbers of current symptomatic and the asymptomatic infected individuals would increase to about 323 559 095 and 481 270 717, respectively, and the cumulative death individuals would reach about 1 055 607. For the foreign input epidemic simulations: If kept the transmission rates, the recovery rates, and the blocking rates day 242 (August 30, 2022), until day 340, the numbers of the current symptomatic and the asymptomatic infected individuals would decrease to 13 and 430, respectively. If kept the transmission rates, the recovery rates, the death rate and the blocking rates on day 340 until day 380 (January 15, 2023), the numbers of the current symptomatic and the asymptomatic infected individuals would decrease and increase to 168 and 1952, respectively. Recommendations on COVID-19 epidemic base on WHO's technic guidelines and HBV Infection in Chimpanzees are provided.

Conclusion: For the mainland individual's epidemic, keeping the blocking rates of over 86% and 93% to the symptomatic and asymptomatic infections, and the recovery rates of over 0.119 and 0.112 to the symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals may make the numbers of the current symptomatic and asymptomatic infected individuals to decrease to very low levels in three months. For the foreign input individuals' epidemic, keeping the transmission rates of under 0.07 to the symptomatic and asymptomatic infections, and the recovery rates of over 0.125 and 0.099 to the symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals may make the numbers of the current symptomatic and asymptomatic infected individuals to decrease to very low levels in four months. After December 6, 2022, decreasing the blocking rates of fewer than 34% to the symptomatic and asymptomatic infections may cause over 1100 million individuals COVID-19 infections and over one million COVID-19 infected individuals death. It is necessary that administrations implement strict prevent and control strategies to prevent the spread of new COVID-19 variants.

**Keywords:** COVID-19; Infection transmission rates; Infection blocking rates; Recovery rates; Modelings; Simulations; HBV infection

### Introduction

Globally, nearly 1.9 million new COVID-19 cases and over 12 000 deaths were reported in the week of 16 to 22 January 2023. In the last 28 days (26 December 2022 to 22 January 2023), over 11 million cases and over 55 000 new deaths were reported globally [1]. Mainland China prevents effectively the spread of COVID-19 epidemics before 2022. Omicron and Delta variant virus appearing makes the numbers of the symptomatic and the asymptomatic COVID-19 infected individuals to increase rapidly. In a previous paper [2,3], we have studied the mainland China epidemic during December 6 2021 to 30 April 2022 [2,3]. This paper summarizes, analyzes and simulates the recent COVID-19 epidemic in mainland China (December 31 2021-December 6 2022), estimates the infection transmission rates, the infection blocking rates, and the preventive measures through modeling's and numerical simulations.

### **Materials and Methods**

The dataset of the China COVID-19 epidemics from December

31, 2021 to December 6, 2022 was collected and edited from the National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China official website [4]. Using differential equation models [2,3,5] stimulates the outcomes of the numbers of the current symptomatic individuals, the current asymptomatic individuals charged in medical observations, the cumulative recovered symptomatic individuals and cumulative asymptomatic individuals discharged from medical observations. Equation parameters were determined by so-called minimization

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error square criterion described in references [2,3,5]. Using virtual simulations estimates outcomes of the spreads of COVID-19 epidemics in mainland China. Simulations and figure drawings were implemented *via* Matlab programs.

### Analysis and simulations of COVID-19 epidemics in China

COVID-19 epidemics in mainland: Figure 1 shows the outcomes of the numbers of the Current Symptomatic Individuals (CSI) charged in observation and the Current Asymptomatic Individuals (CAI) charged in observations. Figure 2 shows the outcomes of the numbers of the Cumulative recovered Symptomatic Individuals (CCSI) and the Cumulative Asymptomatic Individuals (CCAI) discharged from observations. The recent COVID-19 epidemics in mainland China are still continuing. Although there existed several turning points and valley points of the current symptomatic infections, for examples on days 17 (January 17), 43 (February 11), 90 (March 31), 110 (April 20), 181 (June 30), 233 (August 11), and 300 (October 27). The COVID-19 epidemics made that the China authority declared the "open prevent control" policy on December 7, 2022. In order to estimate numerically the transmission rates and the blocking rates to the symptomatic and the asymptomatic infections, we need to use mathematics models [2,3,5,6] to simulate the dynamics of the spread of the infection disease. For the mainland epidemics over the lth transmission interval, the current symptomatic infected individuals (I) and the current asymptomatic infected individuals (Ia) infect the susceptible population (S) with the transmission rates of β11(l) and β21(l), respectively, making S become symptomatic infected individuals, and with the transmission rates of  $\beta$ 12(1) and  $\beta$ 22(1), respectively, making S become asymptomatic individuals. Then, a symptomatic individual is cured at a rate  $\kappa(l)$ , an asymptomatic individual returns to normal at a rate κa(l). The infected symptomatic individuals died at a rate  $\alpha(l)$ . Here all parameters are positive numbers. Assume that the dynamics of an epidemic can be described by m-time intervals, which correspond different transmission rates, prevention and control measures, and medical effects. At lth time interval, the model has the form described by equation (1) [2,3,5,6]. Denote  $\Theta_1(l) = (1-\theta_1(l))$  and  $\Theta_2(l) = (1-\theta_2(l))$  (l=1,...,m) to represent the blocking rates to the symptomatic and asymptomatic infections, respectively.

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \theta_1(I)(\beta_{11}(I)I + \beta_{21}(I)I_a)S - \kappa(I)I \tag{1a}$$

$$\frac{dI_a}{dt} = \theta_2(l)(\beta_{12}(l)I + \beta_{22}(l)I_a)S - \kappa_a(l)I_a$$
(1b)

$$\frac{dI_r}{dt} = \kappa(l)I \tag{1c}$$

$$\frac{dI_{ra}}{dt} = \kappa_a(l)I_a \tag{1d}$$

$$\frac{dD}{dt} = \alpha(l)I\tag{1e}$$

It can be assumed that the input transmissions can be divided into 37 time intervals of solid points in Figures 1 and 2. We need to determine the parameters of equation (1) for  $l=1,2,\ldots,37$ . Over the *lth* time interval  $[t_{l-1},t_l]$ , denote

 $\begin{array}{c} t1=4,\ t2=11,\ t3=17,\ t4=30,\ t5=43,\ t6=48,\ t7=55,\ t8=64,\ t9=70,\\ t10=77,\ t11=82,\ t12=90,\ t13=102,\ t14=107,\ t15=110,\ t16=115,\ t17=120,\\ t18=127,\ t19=135,\ t20=142,\ t21=150,\ t22=160,\ t23=169,\ t24=181,\\ t25=191,\ t26=210,\ t27=215,\ t28=220,\ t29=233,\ t30=249,\ t31=275,\\ \end{array}$ 

t32=287, t33=300, t34=314, t35=325, t36=335, t37=340.

Denote *Ic(tl)* to be the number of the reported current symptomatic infected individuals (hospitalized), and Ica(tl) be the number of the reported current asymptomatic individuals (charged in medical observations). Denote Icr(tl) to be the number of the reported current cumulative recovered symptomatic infected individuals, and Icra(tl) be the number of the reported current cumulative recovered asymptomatic individuals (discharged from medical observations). Denote Dc(tl) to be the number of the reported current cumulative died individuals. Using the minimization error square criterion [2,3,5,6].

$$\begin{split} & \delta = \min_{\beta_{\theta}(I), \theta_{l}(I), \theta_{2}(I), \kappa(I), \kappa_{a}(I), \alpha(I) \in [0, 1]} ((I(t_{l}) - I_{c}(t_{l}))^{2} + (I_{a}(t_{l}) - I_{c}|_{a}(t_{l}))^{2} \\ & + (I_{r}(t_{l}) - I_{cr}(t_{l}))^{2} + (I_{ra}(t_{l}) - I_{cra}(t_{l}))^{2} + (D(t_{l}) - D_{c}(t_{l}))^{2})^{1/2} \end{split}$$

determines the  $\beta$ ij(l)'s,  $\kappa$ a(l)'s,  $\kappa$ a(l)'s),  $\theta$ 1(l)'s,  $\theta$ 2(l)'s and  $\alpha$ (l)'s. The calculated parameters are shown in Table 1. The corresponding simulation results of equation (1) are shown in Figures 1 and 2. Observe that the simulation results of the equation were in good agreement with the data of the COVID-19 epidemics in mainland China in Table 2, and the solid blue lines, the red lines in Figures 1 and 2.

### Results

Recent China COVID-19 epidemics with both Omicron and Delta variants make more difficult to prevent spread of the diseases. On the end points of the 37 investigated time-intervals , that is on day 0, day 4, day 11, day 17, day 30, day 43, day 48, day 55, day 64, day 70 day 77, day 82, day 90, day 102, day 107, day 110, day 115, day 120, day 127, day 135, day 142, day 150, day 160, day 169, day 181, day 191, day 210, day 215, day 220, day 233, day 249, day 275, day 287, day 300, day 314, day 325, day 335, and day 340, we obtain the following results in Figures 1 and 2 and Table 2.

- (1) On the end point days of the 37 investigated time-intervals, the numbers of the reported and the simulated current symptomatic individuals were approximate the same (errors were less than one individual).
- (2) On day 11 and day 17, there were eleven and three differences between the numbers of the reported and the simulated current asymptomatic individuals. On the other end point days, the numbers of the reported and the simulated current asymptomatic individuals charged in medical observations were approximate the same.
- (3) On the end point days of the 37 investigated time-intervals, the numbers of the reported and the simulated current cumulative recovered symptomatic individuals were approximate the same (errors were less than one individual).
- (4) On day 11 and day 17, there were seven and four differences between the numbers of the reported and the simulated current cumulative asymptomatic individuals discharged from observations. On the other end point days, the numbers of the reported and the simulated current cumulative asymptomatic individuals discharged from medical observations were approximate the same.
- (5) On the end point days of the 37 investigated time-intervals, the numbers of the reported cumulative died symptomatic individuals and the simulated ones were approximate the same (errors were less than one individual).
- Generally speaking, the transmission rates  $\beta_{ij}$  of the infections increased during the investigated days. During the first 170 days, the maximal  $\beta_{ij}^i$ s were 0.28727, 0.1, 0.50001, 0.1, respectively. The

minimal  $\beta_y^i$ s were 0.0444, 0.0178, 0.002101, 0.003, respectively. The average transmission rates were about 0.212249, 0.084867, 0.286434, 0.06392475, respectively. During the last 170 days, the transmission rates  $\beta_y$  unchanged, they were 0.28727, 0.1, 0.5, 0.1, respectively.

- The recovery rates s of the symptomatic infection  $\kappa(l)$ 's individuals and the asymptomatic infection individuals waved. During the first 170 days, the maximal recovery rates of the symptomatic infection and asymptomatic infection reached to 0.165077 and 0.159942, respectively. The minimal recovery rates of the symptomatic infection and asymptomatic infection reached to 0.017296, and 0.000617, respectively. The average recovery rates of were about 0.071423, and 0.061583, respectively. During the last 170 days, the maximal recovery rates of the symptomatic infected individuals and the asymptomatic infected individuals reached to 0.1188 and 0.1148, respectively. The minimal recovery rates of the symptomatic infected individuals and asymptomatic infected individuals reached to 0.033997 and 0.024878, respectively. The average recovery rates were about 0.071017 and 0.059622, respectively.
- The transmission rates of the symptomatic infections caused by the symptomatic individuals were increasing from day 31 to day 77, and then seems to stop until the investigated end point day  $\beta11(l)\mbox{'s}$  in Table 1.
- The transmission rates of the asymptomatic infections caused by the symptomatic individuals have obviously increased from day

- 44 to day 102, and seems to stop until the investigated end point day  $\beta$ 12(l)'s in Table 1.
- During days 0-55, the transmission rate of the symptomatic infections caused by the asymptomatic individuals has kept stable. After two weeks decreasing rapidly, the transmission rate increased to 0.1 and then seems to stop until the investigated end point day  $\beta21(l)$ 's in Table 1
- The transmission rates of the asymptomatic infections caused by the asymptomatic individuals obviously increased after day 90 and kept at low level 0.1 until the investigated end point day (see  $\beta$ 22(l)'s in Table 1).
- The blocking rates  $\Theta1(l)$ 's and  $\Theta2(l)$ 's to symptomatic and asymptomatic infections were not hight. Even on day 181 the valley day (Figure 1 and Table 2). The blocking rates only reached to about 85.61% and 92.17% in Tables 1 and 2, respectively. However, for the first and second epidemics in Beijing and the five wave epidemics in Shanghai, the blocking rates reached to over 95% in one month [3,5,6].
- The recovery rates  $\kappa(l)$  and  $\kappa(l)$ , and the blocking rates  $\Theta1(l)$ 's and  $\Theta2(l)$ 's of the symptomatic individuals and the asymptomatic individuals waved. During days 0-43, the recovery rates increased which made the numbers of the symptomatic individuals and the asymptomatic individuals decreased from local maximal 3291 and 125 to local minimum 1397 and 71, respectively in Figure 1 and Tables 1 and 2.

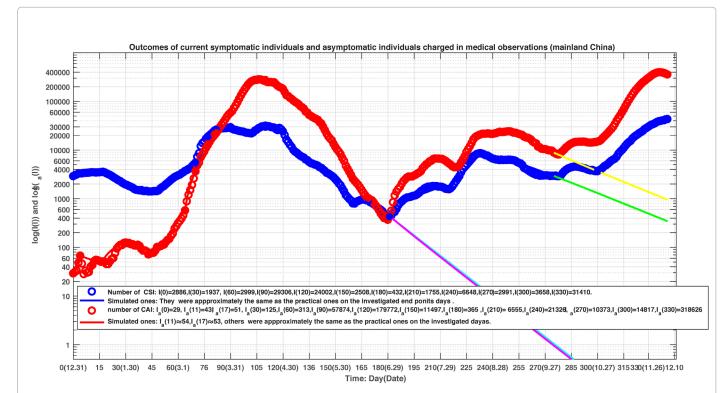


Figure 1: Outcomes of current symptomatic individuals and asymptomatic individuals charged in medical observations (mainland China). Note: (\_○) Blue circles: outcome of the number of the Current Symptomatic Individuals (CSI): I(0)=2886,I(30)=1937, I(60)=2999, I(90)=29306, I(120)=24002, I(150)=2508, I(180)=432, I(210)=1755, I(240)=6648, I(270)=2991, I(300)=3658, I(330)=31410; Blue line: outcome of the corresponding simulations of equation (1). (\_○) Red circles: outcome of the numbers of the Current Asymptomatic Individuals (CAI) charged in medical observations Ia(0)=29, Ia(11)=43, Ia(17)=51, Ia(30)=125, Ia(60)=313, Ia(90)=57874, Ia(120)=179772, Ia(150)=11497, Ia(180)=365, Ia(210)=6555, Ia(240)=21326, Ia(270)=10373, Ia(300)=14817, Ia(330)=318626; Red line: outcome of the corresponding simulations of equation (1) Ia(11)≈54, Ia(17)≈54, others were approximately the same as the practical ones on the investigated days. III: The lines colored by cyan, magenta, green and yellow correspond to the virtual simulation results of equation (1). See Section Mainland Epidemic Virtual Simulations for details

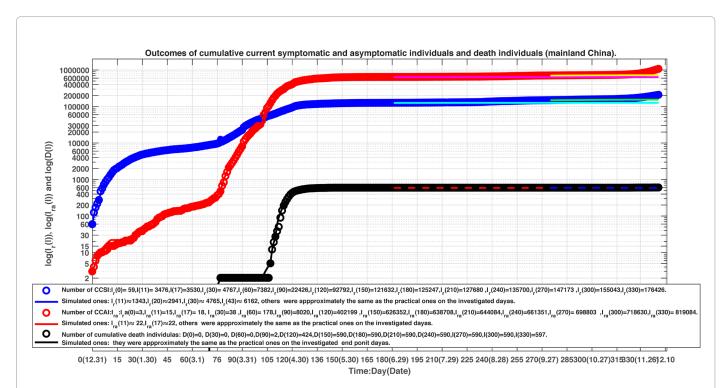


Figure 2: Outcomes of cumulative current symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals and death individuals (mainland China). Note: (\_\_\_\_\_\_) Blue circles: The outcome of the number of the Current Cumulative recovered Symptomatic Individuals (CCSI) Ir(0)=59, I(11)=3476, I(17)=3530, Ir(30)=4767, Ir(60)=7382, Ir(90)=22426, Ir(120)=92792, Ir(150)=121632, Ir(180)=125247, Ir(210)=127680, Ir(240)=135700, Ir(270)=147173, Ir(300)=155043, Ir(330)=176426; Blue line: Outcome of the corresponding simulations of equation (1) Ir(11)=1343, Ir(20)=2941,Ir(30)=4765, Ir(43)=6162. (\_\_\_\_\_\_) Red circles: The outcome of the numbers of the Current Cumulative Asymptomatic Individuals (CCAI) discharged in medical observations Ira:Ira(0)=3, Ira(11)=15, Ira(17)=18, Ira(30)=38, Ira(30)=819084, Ira(210)=640387, Ira(210)=644084, Ira(240)=661351, Ira(270)=698803, Ira(300)=718630, Ira(330)=819084; Red line: Outcome of the corresponding simulations of equation (1) Ira(11)=22, Ira(17)=22. (\_\_\_\_\_\_) Black circles: Number of cumulative death individuals D(0)=0, D(30)=0, D(60)=0, D(90)=2, D(120)=424, D(150)=590, D(180)=590, D(240)=590, D(240)=590, I(270)=590, I(300)=590; Black line: Outcome of simulated ones. In the lines colored by cyan, magenta, green and yellow correspond to the virtual simulation results of equation (1). See Section Mainland Epidemic Virtual Simulations

I	Days	β11(I)	β21(I)	β12(I)	β22(Ι)	θ1(I)	θ2(I)	κ(I)	ка (І)	α(I)
1	0-4	0.049056	0.072052	0.002102	0.094068	0%	0%	0.017296	0.0310702	0
2	5-11	0.05805	0.072052	0.002101	0.094068	10.56%	99%	0.04525	0.031317	0
3	12-17	0.0566	0.072052	0.002102	0.094068	11.90%	99.60%	0.0483	0.000617	0
4	17-30	0.0444	0.072052	0.0041	0.00399	49.64%	40.904%	0.06991	0.01275	0
5	31-43	0.07734	0.071	0.0025	0.003	51.02%	72.00%	0.065	0.05655	0
6	44-48	0.1248	0.071	0.025	0.003	51.15%	71.60%	0.05944	0.0467	0
7	49-55	0.1248	0.071	0.0209	0.003	25.04%	72.377%	0.03146	0.0313	0
8	56-64	0.1249	0.0178	0.059	0.003	31.976%	70.29%	0.03156	0.01291	0
9	65-70	0.1252	0.0178	0.141	0.009	26.02%	21.07%	0.03294	0.00319	0
10	71-77	0.28727	0.1	0.16068	0.009	43.838%	26.337%	0.024098	0.004689	0.000027
11	78-82	0.28727	0.1	0.16068	0.009	73.2635%	37.524%	0.028491	0.018943	0
12	83-90	0.28727	0.1	0.29423	0.009	87.6015%	39.0368%	0.039845	0.0183963	0
13	91-102	0.2872	0.1	0.50001	0.1	93.4012%	27.92971%	0.0867328	0.0181666	0
14	103-107	0.2872	0.1	0.5	0.1	90.2524%	45.973%	0.074738	0.06136523	0.000024
15	108-110	0.2872	0.1	0.5	0.1	91.6929%	60.7865%	0.0711414	0.0875563	0.000242
16	111-115	0.28727	0.1	0.5	0.1	93.3372%	56.6355%	0.0921265	0.0809332	0.0010987
17	116-120	0.28727	0.1	0.5	0.1	92.0929%	76.8392%	0.1199342	0.1000628	0.001758

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18	121-127	0.28727	0.1	0.5	0.1	97.5701%	77.476%	0.165077	0.1232887	0.00106
19	128-135	0.28727	0.1	0.5	0.1	96.878%	82.4683%	0.099507	0.1036156	0.00067
20	136-142	0.28727	0.1	0.5	0.1	96.557%	88.484%	0.07951	0.076584	0.000286
21	143-150	0.28727	0.1	0.5	0.1	96.864%	93.866%	0.094786	0.149584	0.000116
22	151-160	0.28727	0.1	0.5	0.1	95.306%	95.609%	0.1464	0.159942	0
23	161-169	0.28727	0.1	0.5	0.1	82.21%	92.15%	0.0718	0.13365	0
24	170-181	0.28727	0.1	0.5	0.1	85.61%	92.17%	0.1188	0.1148	0
25	182-191	0.28727	0.1	0.5	0.1	68.692%	43.21%	0.0614	0.0284358	0
26	192-210	0.28727	0.1	0.5	0.1	82.9919%	58.742%	0.078343	0.057363	0
27	211-215	0.28727	0.1	0.5	0.1	90.24%	81.288%	0.08786	0.088745	0
28	216-220	0.28727	0.1	0.5	0.1	67.248%	77.095%	0.071895	0.105418	0
29	221-233	0.28727	0.1	0.5	0.1	74.8458%	54.448%	0.033997	0.032763	0
30	234-249	0.28727	0.1	0.5	0.1	91.575%	79.05745%	0.070639	0.044913	0
31	250-275	0.28727	0.1	0.5	0.1	92.6764%	82.2547%	0.07402	0.083372	0
32	276-287	0.28727	0.1	0.5	0.1	82.9877%	65.3733	0.064716	0.049285	0
33	288-300	0.28727	0.1	0.5	0.1	90.8766%	79.451%	0.0765	0.046882	0
34	301-314	0.28727	0.1	0.5	0.1	85.672%	36.9047%	0.044989	0.0251699	0
35	315-325	0.28727	0.1	0.5	0.1	88.2841%	9.2183%	0.052184	0.02487822	3.02E-05
36	325-335	0.28727	0.1	0.5	0.1	90.4742%	32.3966%	0.0717668	0.0461459	6.50E-06
37	336-340	0.28727	0.1	0.5	0.1	91.0601%	57.798%	0.08644	0.0865426	9.80E-06

 Table 1: The equation parameters of the COVID-19 epidemics in mainland China during December 1 2021 - December 6 2022.

Day	Data	I(I)	la(I)	Ir(I)	Ira(I)	D(I)
0	2021.12.31	2886	29	59	3	0
4	2022.1.04	3291	67	272	9	0
11	2022.1.11	3476	43	1344	15	0
17	2022.1.17	3530	51	2359	18	0
30	2022.1.30	1937	125	4767	38	0
43	2022.2.11	1397	71	6164	108	0
48	2022.2.17	1423	101	6583	128	0
55	2022.2.24	2254	148	6981	155	0
64	2022.3.04	3691	570	7808	195	0
70	2022.3.13	5461	3624	8698	233	0
77	2022.3.18	18586	12597	10505	470	2
82	2022.3.23	26253	22564	13661	2110	2
90	2022.3.31	29306	57874	22426	8020	2
102	2022.4.12	21826	257493	47165	40654	2
107	2022.4.17	28987	281992	56674	123194	5
110	2022.4.20	31421	260517	63136	194345	27
115	2022.4.25	28726	245543	76970	296741	192
120	2022.4.30	24002	179772	92792	402199	424
127	2022.5.07	9181	97007	110537	518277	538
135	2022.5.15	5661	52320	116348	578226	577
142	2022.5.22	4275	34763	119101	601237	587
150	2022.5.30	2508	11497	121632	626352	590
160	2022.6.09	795	2571	123826	635868	590

169	2022.6.18	897	1014	124387	637848	590
181	2022.6.30	426	436	125290	638788	590
191	2022.7.10	1047	2712	125698	639180	590
210	2022.7.29	1755	6555	127680	644084	590
215	2022.8.03	1548	5268	128406	646694	590
220	2022.8.08	2561	4468	129145	649220	590
233	2022.8.11	8583	20791	131309	653891	590
249	2022.9.06	6280	24163	139508	670346	590
275	2022.10.02	2929	8814	148152	702888	590
287	2022.10.14	4563	14442	151007	709647	590
300	2022.10.27	3658	14817	155043	718630	590
314	2022.11.10	9915	59141	158879	730195	590
325	2022.11.21	23296	226934	167527	765140	595
335	2022.12.01	38748	394333	189250	905111	597
340	2022.12.06	42955	354890	207015	1066737	599

Table 2: Data set of the COVID-19 epidemics in mainland China on the investigated point days.

- During days 44-77, The blocking rates  $\Theta1(l)$ 's and  $\Theta2(l)$ 's and the recovery rates  $\kappa(l)$  and  $\kappa a(l)$  decreased in wave ways, which made the numbers of the symptomatic individuals and the asymptomatic individuals decreased from local minimum 1397 and 71, to local maximum 29306 and 57874 on day 90, respectively in Figure 1 and Tables 1 and 2.
- During days 77-181, The blocking rates  $\Theta1(l)$ 's and  $\Theta2(l)$ 's, and the recovery rates  $\kappa(l)$  and  $\kappa a(l)$  decreased in wave ways, which made the numbers of the symptomatic individuals and the asymptomatic individuals decreased from local maximum 29306 and 57874, to local minimum 426 and 436, respectively in Figure 1 and Tables 1 and 2.
- During days 182-233, the blocking rates and the recovery rates to the infections decreased significantly in wave ways, which made the numbers of the symptomatic individuals and the asymptomatic individuals increased from 426 and 436 to 8583 and 20791, respectively in Figure 1 and Tables 1 and 2.
- During days 234-300, the blocking rates and the recovery rates to the infections increased significantly in wave ways, which made the numbers of the symptomatic individuals and the asymptomatic individuals decreased from 8583 and 20791 to 3658 and 14817, respectively in Figure 1 and Tables 1 and 2.
- During days 301-335, the blocking rates and the recovery rates to the asymptomatic infections decreased significantly in wave ways, which made the numbers of the symptomatic individuals and the asymptomatic individuals increased from 3658 and 14817 to 38748 and 394333, respectively in Figure 1 and Tables 1 and 2.
- During days 335-340, the blocking rates and the recovery rates to the asymptomatic infections increased significantly, which made the numbers of the symptomatic individuals and the asymptomatic individuals increased and decreased from 38748 and 394333 to 42955 and 354890, respectively in Figure 1 and Tables 1 and 2.
- During days 0-103, there were only two death cases appearing. However during days 104-150, the death cases increased to 590, which happen in Shanghai and the average death rate was about 0.0006568375. During days 315-340, there were new nine death cases appearing, and the average death rate was about 0.000015733 (Tables 1

and 3).

# Foreign input COVID-19 epidemics in China

Figure 3 shows the outcomes of the numbers of the Current Symptomatic Individuals (CSI) and the Current Asymptomatic Individuals (CAI). Figure 4 shows the outcomes of the numbers of the Cumulative recovered Symptomatic Individuals (CCSI) and the Cumulative Asymptomatic Individuals (CCAI) discharged from observations.

Generally speaking the foreign input epidemics were un- der control although the asymptomatic infection increased rapidly in the last month. There existed several turning points and valley points of the current symptomatic infections, for examples on days 15 (January 16), 41 (February 9), 73 (March 14), 129 (May 7), 181 (June 30), 233 (August 21), and 242 (August 30), 287 (October 14), 320 (November 16) (Table 4).

For the foreign input COVID-19 infected individuals, they were discovered immediately and no further transmissions generated each other after entering China. Therefore the model has simply the form [2,3].

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \beta_{11}(l)I - \kappa(l)I$$

$$\frac{dI_a}{dt} = \beta_{22}(l)I_a - \kappa_a(l)I_a$$
(2b)

$$\frac{dI_a}{dt} = \beta_{22}(l)I_a - \kappa_a(l)I_a \tag{2b}$$

$$\frac{dI_r}{dt} = \kappa(l)I \tag{2c}$$

$$\frac{dI_{ra}}{dt} = \kappa_a(l)I_a \tag{2d}$$

Where,  $\beta$ 12(l) and  $\beta$ 22(l) represent input transmission rates of the symptomatic individuals and asymptomatic individuals over the lth time interval, respectively. It can be assumed that the input transmissions can be divided into 37 time intervals, see solid points in Figures 3 and 4. We need to determine the parameters for equation (2) for l=1, 2, ..., 37 over the lth time interval [tl-1, tl] denotes:

 $t1=10,\ t2=16,\ t3=20,\ t4=30,\ t5=41,\ t6=49,\ t7=53,\ t8=64,\ t9=73,$ 

 $\begin{array}{l} t10=76,\,t11=82,\,t12=90,\,t13=99,\,t14=106,\,t15=115,\,t16=120,\,t17=129,\\ t18=137,\,\,t19=150,\,\,t20=159,\,\,t21=177,\,\,t22=184,\,\,t23=195,\,\,t24=210,\\ t25=233,\,\,t26=242,\,\,t27=246,\,\,t28=251,\,\,t29=267,\,\,t30=271,\,\,t31=287,\\ t32=297,\,t33=306,\,t34=314,\,t35=325,\,t36=320,\,t37=340. \end{array}$ 

Denote Ic(tl) to be the number of the reported current symptomatic infected individuals, and Ica(tl) be the number of the reported current asymptomatic individuals charged in medical observations. Denote Icr(tl) to be the number of the reported current cumulative recovered symptomatic infected individuals, and Icra(tl) be the number of the reported current cumulative asymptomatic individuals dis- charged from medical observations. Using the minimization error square criterion [2,3].

$$\begin{split} \delta &= \min_{\beta_{g}(t), \theta_{i}(t), \kappa_{z}(t), \kappa_{z}(t), \kappa_{z}(t) \in [0,1]} ((I(t_{l}) - I_{c}(t_{l}))^{2} + (I_{a}(t_{l}) \\ &- I_{c \text{ a}}(t_{l}))^{2} + (I_{r}(t_{l}) - I_{cr}(t_{l}))^{2} + (I_{ra}(t_{l}) - I_{cra}(t_{l}))^{2})^{1/2} \end{split}$$

Determines the  $\beta$ 11(l)'s,  $\beta$ 22(l)'s,  $\kappa$ (l)'s and  $\kappa$ a(l)'s. The calculated parameters are shown in Table 3. The corresponding simulation

results of equation (2) are shown in Figures 3 and 4. Observe that the simulation results of equation (2) were in good agreement with the data of the foreign input COVID-19 epidemics (see Table 4 and the solid blue lines and the red lines in Figures 3 and 4. On the end points of the 37 investigated time-interval [tl-1, tl]'s, the simulated numbers and the actual reported numbers were approximate the same-errors were less than one person, respectively.

### Discussion

It seems that the foreign input COVID-19 infected individuals have been obtained good managements and therapies. On the end points of the 37 investigated time-interval [tl-1, tl]'s, that is on day 0, day 10, day 16, day 20, day 30, day 41, day 49, day 53, day 64, day 73, day 76, day 82, day 90, day 99, day 106, day 115, day 120, day 129, day 137, day 150, day 159, day 177, day 184, day 195, day 210, day 233, day 242, day 246, day 251, day 267,day 271, day 287, day 297, day 306, day 314, day 320, day 331 and day 340, we obtain the following results in Figures 3 and 4.

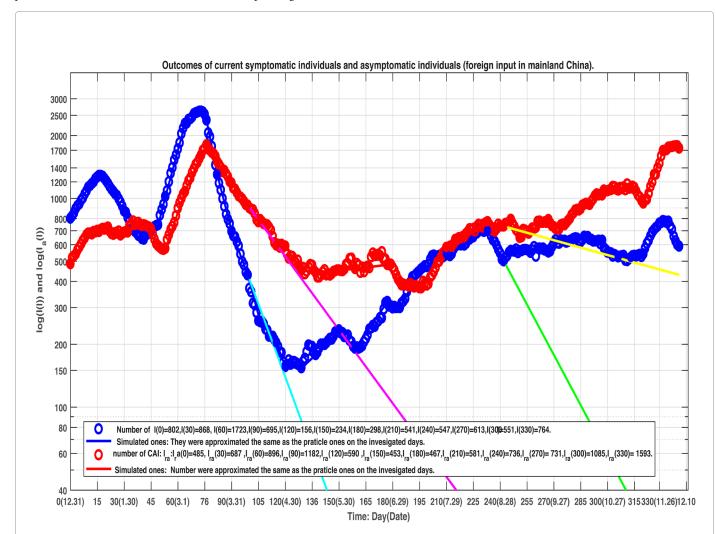


Figure 3: Outcomes of current symptomatic individuals and asymptomatic individuals (foreign input in mainland China). Note: (\_O\_) Blue circles: outcome of the number of the Current Symptomatic Individuals (CSI) I(0)=802, I(30)=868, I(60)=1723, I(90)=695, I(120)=156, I(150)=234, I(180)=298, I(210)=541, I(240)=547, I(270)=613, I(30)0=551, I(330)=764; Blue line: outcome of the corresponding simulations of equation (2). (\_O\_) Red circles: outcome of the numbers of the Current Asymptomatic Individuals (CAI) charged in medical observations Ira: Ira(0)=485, Ira(30)=687; Ira(60)=896, Ira(90)=1182, Ira(120)=590, Ira(150)=453, Ira(180)=467, Ira(210)=581, Ira(240)=736, Ira(270)=731, Ira(300)=1085, Ira(330)=1593; Red line: outcome of the corresponding simulations of equation (2). III: The lines colored by cyan and magenta correspond to the virtual simulation results of equation (2). See Section Foreign Input Epidemic Virtual Simulations for details.

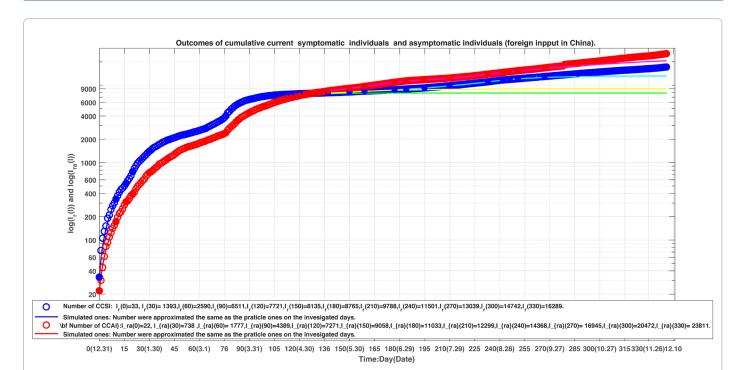


Figure 4: Outcomes of cumulative current symptomatic individuals and asymptomatic individuals (foreign input in China). (\_\_\_\_\_) Blue circles: outcome of the number of the Current Cumulative Recovered Symptomatic Individuals (CCSI): Ir(0)=33, Ir(30)=1393, Ir(60)=2590, Ir(90)=6511, Ir(120)=7721, Ir(150)=8135, Ir(180)=8765, Ir(210)=9788, Ir(240)=11501, Ir(270)=13039, Ir(300)=14742, Ir(330)=16289; Blue line: outcome of the corresponding simulations of equation (2); (\_\_\_\_\_) Red circles: outcome of the numbers of the Current Cumulative Asymptomatic Individuals (CCAI) discharged in medical observations I\_ra(0)=22, I\_{ra}(30)=738, I\_{ra}(60)=1777,I\_{ra}(30)=928, I\_{ra}(120)=7271, I\_{ra}(150)=9058, I\_{ra}(180)=11033, I\_{ra}(210)=12299, I\_{ra}(240)=14368, I\_{ra}(270)=16945, I\_{ra}(300)=20472, I\_{ra}(330)=23811; Red line: outcome of the corresponding simulations of equation (2). III: The lines colored by cyan and magenta correspond to the virtual simulation results of equation (2). See Section Foreign Input Epidemic Virtual Simulations for details

- On the end points of the 37 investigated time-interval [tl-1, tl]'s, the numbers of the reported and the simulated current symptomatic individuals, the reported and the simulated current asymptomatic individuals charged in medical observations, the reported and the simulated current cumulative recovered symptomatic individuals, and the reported and the simulated current cumulative asymptomatic individuals discharged from medical observations were approximate the same.
- The foreign input transmission rates of the symptomatic infection individuals and the asymptomatic infection individuals waved. During the first 170 days, the maximal transmission rates of the symptomatic infection and asymptomatic infection reached to 0.1081 and 0.149139, respectively. The minimal transmission rates of the symptomatic infection and asymptomatic infection reached to 0.028319 and 0.03329, respectively. The average transmission rates were about 0.065417 and 0.082219, respectively. During the last 170 days, the maximal foreign input transmission rates of the symptomatic infection and asymptomatic infection reached to 0.11682 and 0.1749, respectively. The minimal input transmission rates of the symptomatic infection and asymptomatic infection reached to 0.0667 and 0.07925, respectively. The average transmission rates were about 0.095419 and 0.115515, respectively.
- The recovery rates  $\kappa(l)$ 's and  $\kappa a(l)$ 's of the foreign in- put symptomatic infection individuals and the asymptomatic infection individuals waved. During the first 170 days, the maximal recovery rates of the symptomatic infection and asymptomatic infection reached to 0.138124 and 0.1467, respectively. The minimal recovery rates of the symptomatic infection and asymptomatic infection reached to

0.024133, and 0.025982, respectively. The average recovery rates of were about 0.075290, and 0.083056, respectively.

- During the last 170 days, the maximal recovery rates of the symptomatic infection and asymptomatic infection reached to 0.1188 and 0.13365, respectively. The minimal recovery rates of the symptomatic infection and asymptomatic infection reached to 0.033995 and 0.024878, respectively. The average recovery rates were about 0.090246 and 0.113553, respectively.
- During days 0-16, the transmission rates  $\beta11(t),\beta22(t)$  and the recovery rate  $\kappa(t)$  decreased. However which still made the numbers of the current symptomatic individuals and the asymptomatic individuals to increase from 802 and 485 to local maximal values (turning points) 1286 and 720 on day 16 and day 20, respectively (Figure 3 and Tables 3 and 4).
- During days 17-41, the transmission rates  $\beta11(t)$ ,  $\beta22(t)$  and the recovery rate  $\kappa(t)$  decreased and increased in wave ways, which made the numbers of the current symptomatic individuals and the asymptomatic individuals to decrease form 1286 and 720 to local minimal values (valley points) 636 and 575 on day 41 and day 53, respectively (Figure 3 and Tables 3 and 4).
- During days 42-73, the transmission rates  $\beta11(t)$ ,  $\beta22(t)$  and the recovery rate  $\kappa(t)$  increased and decreased in wave ways, which made the numbers of the current symptomatic individuals and the asymptomatic individuals to increase from 636 and 575 to local maximal values 2612 and 1802 on day 73 and day 76, respectively (Figure 3 and Tables 3 and 4).

I       Days       β11(I)       β22(I)       κ(I)       κa(I)         1       0-10       0.06598       0.059898       0.031686       0.025982         2       11-16       0.048874       0.036028       0.027328       0.033269         3       17-20       0.029875       0.038568       0.044693       0.028747         4       21-30       0.028319       0.0448       0.061721       0.049466         5       31-41       0.03988       0.05593       0.068146       0.04846         6       41-49       0.07161       0.03329       0.05165       0.06217         7       50-53       0.1081       0.051367       0.02996       0.058598         8       54-64       0.09732       0.092677       0.024133       0.035659
2       11-16       0.048874       0.036028       0.027328       0.033269         3       17-20       0.029875       0.038568       0.044693       0.028747         4       21-30       0.028319       0.0448       0.061721       0.049466         5       31-41       0.03988       0.05593       0.068146       0.04846         6       41-49       0.07161       0.03329       0.05165       0.06217         7       50-53       0.1081       0.051367       0.02996       0.058598
3     17-20     0.029875     0.038568     0.044693     0.028747       4     21-30     0.028319     0.0448     0.061721     0.049466       5     31-41     0.03988     0.05593     0.068146     0.04846       6     41-49     0.07161     0.03329     0.05165     0.06217       7     50-53     0.1081     0.051367     0.02996     0.058598
4     21-30     0.028319     0.0448     0.061721     0.049466       5     31-41     0.03988     0.05593     0.068146     0.04846       6     41-49     0.07161     0.03329     0.05165     0.06217       7     50-53     0.1081     0.051367     0.02996     0.058598
5     31-41     0.03988     0.05593     0.068146     0.04846       6     41-49     0.07161     0.03329     0.05165     0.06217       7     50-53     0.1081     0.051367     0.02996     0.058598
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7 50-53 0.1081 0.051367 0.02996 0.058598
8     54-64     0.09732     0.092677     0.024133     0.035659
9 65-73 0.04952 0.0754 0.0344695 0.03071
10     74-76       0.03432     0.06993       0.066998     0.032389
11     77-82     0.038166     0.060467     0.138124     0.091284
12     83-90     0.0536     0.069155     0.13185     0.09877
13     91-99     0.07069     0.07171     0.1243     0.0987
14     100-106     0.06096     0.0984     0.1347     0.12125
15     107-115     0.06364     0.10523     0.08938     0.136545
16     116-120     0.05144     0.12518     0.104307     0.12722
17     121-129     0.08128     0.10827     0.0826     0.13768
18     130-137     0.09695     0.12695     0.079     0.13
19     138-150     0.0941     0.119     0.073     0.0117
20     151-159     0.844     0.1352     0.107     0.1334
21     160-177     0.10473     0.149139     0.07605     0.1467
22     178-184     0.0832     0.12049     0.0928     0.147448
23     185-195     0.1093     0.0954     0.0724     0.1016
24     196-210     0.0951     0.11067     0.08266     0.0809
25     211-233     0.09644     0.108814     0.0853     0.09647
26     234-242     0.07978     0.10523     0.1168     0.1107
27     243-246     0.11682     0.12355     0.0881     0.10485
28     247-251     0.082     0.08861     0.0827     0.12873
29     252-267     0.09476     0.126917     0.09566     0.11455
30     268-271     0.114     0.11     0.0805     0.137
31         272-287         0.090601         0.1749         0.08809         0.1576
32 288-297 0.0667 0.11525 0.07108 0.10499
33 298-306 0.09948 0.1157 0.11996 0.10974
34 307-314 0.0997 0.11022 0.098 0.10486
35 315-320 0.0903 0.07925 0.0869 0.11032
36     321-331     0.11485     0.13131     0.08148     0.07855
37     332-340     0.08437     0.098312     0.1157     0.09539

 Table 3: The equation parameters of the foreign input COVID-19 epidemics in mainland China during 2021.12.31-2022.12.6.

Day	Date	I(I)	la(I)	Ir(I)	Ira(I)
0	12.31	802	485	33	22
1	1.01	822	519	73	30
10	1.10	1130	681	336	172
16	1.16	1286	692	534	309
20	1.20	1212	720	757	390
30	1.30	868	687	1393	738
41	2.10	636	746	1952	1120
49	2.18	746	592	2237	1451
53	2.22	1020	575	2342	1588
64	3.05	2281	1077	2758	1902
73	3.14	2612	1610	3516	2268
76	3.17	2368	1802	4016	2434
82	3.23	1300	1498	5492	3335
90	3.31	695	1182	6511	4389
99	4.09	429	927	7128	5321
106	4.16	256	790	7444	6048
115	4.25	203	596	7628	6894
120	4.30	156	590	7721	7271
129	5.09	154	452	7836	7914
137	5.17	178	441	7941	8378
150	5.30	234	453	8135	9058
159	6.08	191	460	8339	9606
177	6.26	320	481	8681	10848
184	7.03	299	398	8882	11300
195	7.14	449	372	9176	11730
210	7.29	541	581	9788	12299
233	8.21	699	772	10998	13790
242	8.30	501	735	11623	14541
246	9.03	562	792	11810	14861
251	9.08	560	648	12042	15323
271	9.28	632	715	13084	17050
267	9.24	552	790	12893	16636
287	10.14	657	935	13991	19106
297	10.24	629	1036	14448	20140
306	11.02	523	1093	15068	21191
314	11.10	530	1141	15481	22128
320	11.16	541	947	15760	22817
331	11.27	781	1692	16346	23926
340	12.06	589	1737	17055	25398

 Table 4: The data set of the foreign input COVID-19 individuals in mainland China on the investigated point days.

- During days 74-129, the transmission rates  $\beta11(t)$ ,  $\beta22(t)$  and the recovery rate  $\kappa(t)$  decreased and increased in wave ways, which made the numbers of the current symptomatic individuals and the asymptomatic individuals to decrease form 2612 and 1802 to local minimal values 154 and 441 on day 129 and day 137, respectively (Figure 3 and Tables 3 and 4).
- During days 130-233, the transmission rates  $\beta11(t)$ ,  $\beta22(t)$  and the recovery rate  $\kappa(t)$  increased and decreased in wave ways, which made the numbers of the current symptomatic individuals and the asymptomatic individuals to increase from 154 and 441 to local maximal values 699 and 772 on day 233, respectively (Figure 3 and Tables 3 and 4).
- During days 234-242, the transmission rates  $\beta11(t)$ ,  $\beta22(t)$  and the recovery rate  $\kappa(t)$  decreased and increased, which made the numbers of the current symptomatic individuals and the asymptomatic individuals to decrease from 699 and 772 to local minimal values 501 and 535 on day 242, respectively (Figure 3 and Tables 3 and 4).
- During days 243-306, the transmission rates  $\beta11(t)$ ,  $\beta22(t)$  and the recovery rate  $\kappa(t)$  changed in wave ways, which made the number of the current symptomatic individuals and the asymptomatic individuals reach to local minimal values 523 and 1097 on days 306 and 310, respectively (Figure 3 and Tables 3 and 4).
- During days 307-320, the transmission rates  $\beta11(t)$ ,  $\beta22(t)$  and the recovery rate  $\kappa(t)$  changed in wave ways, which made the numbers of the current symptomatic individuals to reach local minimal values 525 and 947 on days 319 and 320, respectively (Figure 3 and Tables 3 and 4).
- During days 321-331, the transmission rates  $\beta$ 11(t),  $\beta$ 22(t) and the recovery rate  $\kappa$ (t) increase and decrease, respectively, which made the numbers of the current symptomatic individuals individuals to reach local maximal value 781 and maximal 1692 on day 331, respectively (Figure 3 and Tables 3 and 4).
- During days 332-340, the transmission rates  $\beta$ 11(t),  $\beta$ 22(t) and the recovery rate  $\kappa$ (t) decreased and increased, respectively, which made the numbers of the current symptomatic individuals and individuals to decrease from 781 and 1783 (on day 338) to 589 and 1737, respectively (Figure 3 and Tables 3 and 4).

## Comparing

- During the first 170 days, the average input transmission rate of the foreign input symptomatic infected individuals was about 0.065417, which was much lower than the average transmission rates 0.212249 and 0.084867 of the symptomatic infection causing by the mainland symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals  $\beta11(l)'s,\,\beta21(l)'s$  in Table 1 and  $\beta11(l)'s,\,in$  Table 3.
- During the last 170 days, the average input transmission rate of the foreign input symptomatic infected individuals was about 0.095419, which was much lower and similar to the average transmission rates 0.28727 and 0.1 of the symptomatic infection causing by the mainland symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals, respectively ( $\beta$ 11(l)'s,  $\beta$ 21(l)'s in Tables 1 and 3,  $\beta$ 11(l)'s,
- During the first 170 days, the average input transmission rate of the foreign input asymptomatic infected individuals was about 0.08219, which was much lower than the average transmission rate 0.286434 of the asymptomatic infection caused by the mainland symptomatic individuals. ( $\beta_{22}$ s in Tables 1 and 3).

- During the last 170 days, the average input transmission rate of the foreign input asymptomatic infected individuals was about 0.115515, which was much lower and slight higher than the average transmission rates 0.5 and 0.1 of the asymptomatic infection caused by the mainland symptomatic and the symptomatic individuals, respectively  $\beta 21(l)'s$  in Tables 1 and 3,  $\beta 22(l)'s$ .
- During the first 170 days, the average recovery rates of the foreign input COVID-19 symptomatic and asymptomatic infected individuals were about 0.075290 and 0.083056, respectively, which were higher the average recovery rates 0.071423 and 0.061583 of the mainland COVID-19 symptomatic and asymptomatic infected individuals, respectively  $\kappa(l)^{\prime}s, \kappa a(l)^{\prime}s$  in Tables 1 and 3.
- During the last 170 days, the average recovery rates of the foreign input COVID-19 symptomatic and asymptomatic infected individuals were about 0.090246 and 0.113552, respectively, which were much higher than the average recovery rates 0.071017 and 0.0596224 of the mainland COVID-19 symptomatic and asymptomatic infected individuals, respectively  $\kappa(l)^{\prime}s, \kappa a(l)^{\prime}s$  in Tables 1 and 3.
- During December 31, 2021 to December 6, 2022, the numbers of the symptomatic (hospitalized) infected individuals and the asymptomatic (charged in medical observations) infected individuals in mainland China increased from 2886 and 29 to 42955 and 354890, respectively. The numbers of the correspond foreign input individuals changed form 802 and 485 to 589 and 1737, respectively.

### Virtual simulations

### Mainland epidemic virtual simulations:

- Assume that after day 181 (June 30, 2022), it still keeps the transmission rates  $\beta_{ij}s$ , the blocking rates ( $\Theta1(24)$ ,  $\Theta2(24)$ ), the recovery rates ( $\kappa(24)$ ,  $\kappa a(24)$ ), and the death rate  $\alpha(24)$  until day 340 (December 6, 2022). The simulation results of equation (1) are shown in Figures 1 and 2 by cyan lines and magenta lines, respectively. Calculated results show that on day 277 (October 4, 2022), the numbers of the current symptomatic and the current asymptomatic infected individuals would decrease to about one, the numbers of the cumulative recovered symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals, and the cumulative died individuals would reach about 126086, 639536, and 590, respectively. On day 340, the numbers of current symptomatic and the asymptomatic infected individuals, the cumulative recovered symptomatic individuals, and the cumulative asymptomatic and individuals and the cumulative died individuals would reach about 0, 0, 126087, 639538, and 590, respectively.
- Assume that after day 275 (October 2, 2022), it still keeps the transmission rates  $\beta ij(31)'s$ , the blocking rates  $(\Theta1(31),\,\Theta2(31))$ , the recovery rates  $(\kappa 1(31),\,\kappa a(31))$ , and the death rate  $\alpha(31)$  until day 340. The simulation results of equation (1) are shown in Figures 1 and 2 by green lines and yellow lines, respectively. Calculated results show that on day 340, the numbers of the current symptomatic and the current asymptomatic infected individuals would reach about 344 and 952, respectively. The numbers of the cumulative recovered symptomatic individuals and the cumulative asymptomatic individuals would reach about 154062 and 721794, and the cumulative died individuals would reach about 590, respectively.
- Assume that after day 340 (December 6, 2022), it still keeps the transmission rates  $\beta ij(37)'s$ , the blocking rates  $(\Theta1(37),$   $\Theta2(37))$ , the recovery rates  $(\kappa1(37)),$   $\kappa a(37),$  and the death rate  $\alpha(37)$  until day 380 (January 15, 2023). The simulation results show that on day 380, the numbers of the current symptomatic and the

asymptomatic infected individuals would increase to 37 999 and 224 945, respectively. The numbers of cumulative recovered symptomatic individuals and cumulative asymptomatic individuals discharged in medical observations would reach about 354 787 and 2024 416 and the cumulative death individuals would reach about 616, respectively.

Assume that after day 340 (December 6, 2022), it still keeps the transmission rates  $\beta ij(37)'s$ , the recovery rates  $\kappa(1(37)), \kappa a(37),$  and reduce the the blocking rates to  $(\Theta1,\,\Theta2)){=}(34\%,\,34\%),$  select death rate  $\alpha{=}0.0006568375$  (the average death rate during days 104-150) until day 380 (January 15, 2023). The simulation results show that on day 380, the numbers of current symptomatic and the asymptomatic infected individuals would increase to about 323 559 095 and 481 270 717, respectively. The numbers of cumulative recovered symptomatic individuals and cumulative asymptomatic individuals discharged in medical observations would reach about 139 046 349 and 208 034 530, and the cumulative death individuals would reach about 1 055 607, respectively.

### Foreign input epidemic virtual simulations

- Assume that after day 99 (April 9, 2022), it still keeps the transmission rates  $\beta11(13),\ \beta22(13),$  the recovery rates  $\kappa(13),$  and  $\kappa a(13)$  until day 340 (December 6, 2022). The simulation results of equation (2) are shown in Figures 3 and 4 by cyan lines and magenta lines, respectively. Calculated results show that on day 215 (August 3), the numbers of the current symptomatic and the current asymptomatic infected individuals would reduce to about 1 and 41, respectively; On day 340 the numbers of the asymptomatic infected individuals cumulative recovered symptomatic individuals and the cumulative asymptomatic individuals discharged from medical observations would reach about 0, 1, 8123, and 8706, respectively.
  - Assume that after day 242 (August 30, 2022), it still keeps

the transmission rates  $\beta11(26)$ ,  $\beta22(26)$ , the recovery rates  $\kappa(26)$ , and  $\kappa a(26)$  until day 340. The simulation results of equation (2) are shown in Figures 3 and 4 by green lines and yellow lines, respectively. Calculated results show that on day 340, the numbers of the current symptomatic and the current asymptomatic infected individuals would reduce to about 13 and 430, respectively; the numbers of the cumulative recovered symptomatic individuals and the cumulative recovered asymptomatic individuals would reach about 13162 and 20712, respectively. However if increased the recovery rates to  $\kappa=\kappa(11)=0.138124$ , and  $\kappa a=\kappa(31)=0.1576$ , then on day 340, the numbers of the symptomatic and asymptomatic infected individuals, the cumulative recovered symptomatic individuals and the cumulative recovered asymptomatic individuals would decrease to 1, 3, 12650, and 16105, respectively.

# Recommendations on COVID-19 epidemic based on HBV infection in chimpanzees and WHO's technic guidelines

Chronic hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection is a major global health problem. HBV is the most serious type of viral hepatitis. About two billion people worldwide have been infected with the HBV. More than 350 million people have chronic (long-term) liver infection [7]. In the experiments on acute hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection in chimpanzees, Asabe et al. examined the impact of size of the viral inoculum on the outcome of HBV infection in nine healthy, native, immunocompetent adult chimpanzees by using a wide doses range (1~1010 copies). They observed that both high dose (1010 GE) and low dose (100 GE) inocula primed the CD4 T cell response, allowing infection of 100% of hepatocytes and requiring prolonged immunopathology before clearance occurred [8]. Figure 5 shows the course of acute HBV infection of the chimpanzees after experimental inoculation with 1GN/animal~1010GN/animal of HBV. Figure 6 shows the outcomes of HBV DNA and ALT in chimpanzee A006 with  $10^{\mbox{\tiny 10}}\,\mbox{GN/animal}$  and chimpanzee Ch1618 with 1GN/animal.

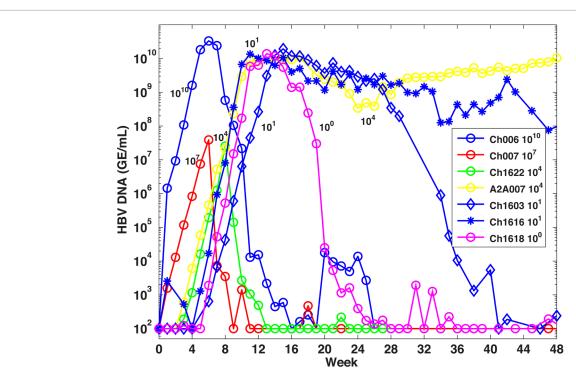


Figure 5: The outcomes of HBV DNA in chimpanzees with 1GN/animal ~10<sup>10</sup> 10<sup>10</sup>GN/animal (Thank Dr. S. F. Weiland at The Scripps Research Institute for proving the experimental data of the chimpanzees). Note: ( ) Ch006 10<sup>10</sup>; ( ) Ch007 10<sup>7</sup>; ( ) Ch1622 10<sup>4</sup>; ( ) A2007 10<sup>4</sup>; ( ) Ch1603 10<sup>1</sup>; ( ) Ch1616 10<sup>1</sup>; ( ) Ch1618 10<sup>0</sup>.

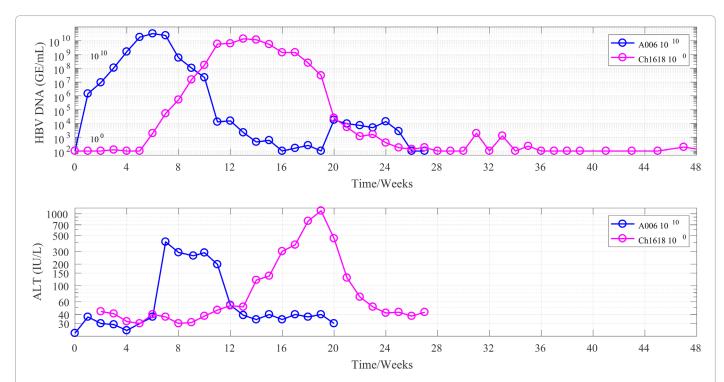


Figure 6: The outcomes of HBV DNA and ALT in chimpanzee A006 with 10<sup>10</sup> GN/anima and chimpanzee Ch1618 with 1GN/animal (Thank Dr. S. F. Weiland at the Scripps Research Institute for proving the experimental data of the chimpanzees). **Note:** (-0-) A006 10<sup>10</sup>; (-0-) Ch1618 10<sup>0</sup>.

### Observe that:

- The peaks of the HVB DNA of the seven chimpanzees were between  $3.875\times10^7$  GN/mL (Ch007) and  $3.3125\times10^{10}$  GN/mL (Ch006).
- After immune responses activated, the HVB DNA of five of the seven chimpanzees was lower than undetectable level  $10^{\rm 0}$  GE/mL ( $10^{\rm 0}$  GE/mL was the lower limit of the detection for the assays) at or before week 41.
- The HVB DNA levels of four of the five chimpanzees have relapsed shortly, and another has relapsed longer.
  - From Figure 6, it follows:
- (a) The peaks of the HVB DNA of the two chimpanzees have been higher than  $10^{\rm 10}$  GN/mL.
- (b) The peak day of the HVB DNA levels of chimpanzee Ch1618 has been later seven weeks than the peak day of the HVB DNA levels of chimpanzee Ch006.
- (c) The HVB DNA levels of the two chimpanzees have relapsed shortly and longer, respectively.
- (d) Before the ALT levels were higher than 40 IU/L, the HVB DNA levels of the two chimpanzees had been higher than  $10^8$  GN/mL for several weeks.

Theoretically, the virus infection models [9,10] show that if one infected individual's basic virus productive number  $R_0$  is >1, the individuals will be obtained symptomatic or asymptomatic continued infection even if infected with one virus strain. Otherwise if their  $R_0$ <1, the infected individuals will recover finally even if infected with a large amount of virus. The simulations to the dynamic of two acute HBV

infected chimpanzees shows that the chimpanzee Ch1603's activated immune ability had disappeared during the HBV DNA relapsed periods [10]. We guess that some irregular living habit and/or other sudden events (for example catching a cold) made the chimpanzees' immune abilities have reduced temporarily, which caused their HBV DNA to relapse shortly or longer [10]. The theoretical results suggest that before their immune responses were activated, the seven chimpanzees basic virus productive number  $R_{\rm 0}$  were large than 1, after that six chimpanzees basic virus productive number  $R_{\rm 0}$  were less than 1. The above stated experimental and theoretical results may help us to understand the phenomena appearing in COVID-19 epidemics. It can be assumed:

- Some people may never be infected by COVID-19 even infected with high dose COVID-19 virus because their basic virus productive number  $R_a$ <1.
- Some people may become infected COVID-19 even infected just one COVID-19 virus if their basic virus productive number  $\rm R_0 > 1$ .
- Some people may be infected by the COVID-19 virus coming from the asymptomatic infected individuals WHO'S SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid level were too low to be detected.

WHO has provided brief and key answers on COVID-19 and related health topics [11]. However the WHO's technic guidelines cannot be obtained complete or timely implements by some administrative authorities and/or people in some countries. Hence some countries have experienced multiple outbreaks of COVID-19 epidemics. The paper recommends some suggestions referring [11].

- (1) In regions appearing new COVID-19 variant infection. Suggest:
  - (a) People should implement more strict personal prevention

measures including using medical masks in gatherings , avoiding crowds and close contact, regularly cleaning hands, keeping rooms well ventilated if save distance (at least a 1-metre distance from other infected people) cannot be kept [11].

- (b) All administrations act quickly to discover and extinguish together, quickly cut off the transmission chain until the community transmission of COVID-19 has been initially blocked. For this purpose, the administrations should at least maintain the prevention and control measures implemented 7 days after reaching the turning point [2,3,5].
- (c) Using more accuracy SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid testing (CT value >40) discovers potential infected individuals.
- (d) Individual who do not have symptoms but have had close contact with someone who is, or may be, infected may take COVID-19 antigen detection at least one time every week.
- (2) In regions of the numbers of current symptomatic and asymptomatic infected individuals decrease significantly.
- (a) Most people's  $\rm R_0$ <1. They can prevent presenting COVID-19 virus infection and do not need to implement special preventions to the COVID-19 virus.
- (b) The administrations in the regions should implement effectively prevention and control measures to prevent and discover (same as (1) (c)) outside region input new COVID-19 variant virus infected individuals.
- (3) In regions only finding a few outside input new COVID-19 variant virus infected individuals. All ad- ministrations should implement the measures in (1) (b) and (c). The individuals should be implement the measures in (1) (d).
- (4) In regions ending old COVID-19 epidemic and not finding new COVID-19 variant virus infected individuals. The administrations should implement the measures in (2) (b). The people do not need to implement special preventions to COVID-19 epidemic.
- In summary, if you don't know who is infected by new COVID-19 variant virus, you should assume that your  $\rm R_0>1$  to the new COVID-19 variant virus. Just one COVID-19 variant virus entering your mouth or nose by breathing or touching COVID-19 variant virus polluted surfaces can get sick with COVID-19 and become seriously ill or die [4,11].

### **Conclusions**

- (1) It is the first time to summary the COVID-19 epidemic from December 31 2021 to December 6 in mainland China. It shows a clear picture to prevent and control the spread of the COVID-19 in mainland China epidemics.
- (2) It uses two models to simulate the recent mainland China epidemics. The simulation results on the end points of the investigated time intervals were in good agreement with the real word data in particular the case for foreign input infections.
- (3) The simulation results can provide possible interpretations and estimations to the prevention and control measures, and the effectiveness of the treatments. The simulation show:
- The average input transmission rate of the foreign input symptomatic infection individuals was much lower than the average transmission rate of the symptomatic infection causing by the mainland symptomatic individuals;
  - The average input transmission rate of the foreign input

asymptomatic infection individuals was was much lower than the average transmission rate of the asymptomatic infection causing by the mainland symptomatic individuals;

- The average recovery rates of the foreign input COVID-19 symptomatic and asymptomatic infected individuals were much higher than the average recovery rates of the mainland COVID-19 symptomatic and asymptomatic infected individuals, respectively.
- By December 6, 2022, the outcomes of the foreign input epidemics were controlled; the outcomes of the mainland epidemics caused a surge.

### For the mainland domestic epidemic visual simulations

- If kept the transmission rates, the recovery rates, the death rate and the blocking rates on day 181 (June 30, 2022), the numbers of the current symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals would reduce to about one on day 277 (October 4, 2022).
- If kept the transmission rates, the recovery rates, the death rate and the blocking rates on day 340 (December 6, 2022) until day 380 (January 15, 2023), the numbers of the current symptomatic and the asymptomatic infected individuals would increase to 37 999 and 224 495, respectively, the cumulative death individuals would increase from 599 to 616, respectively.
- If kept the transmission rates, the recovery rates on day 340, but decreased blocking rates to 34% and select the death rate to equal to the average death rate during days 104-150, then the simulation showed that on day 380, the numbers of current symptomatic and the asymptomatic infected individuals would increase to about 323 559 095 and 481 270 717, respectively, and the cumulative death individuals would reach about 1 055 607.

### For the foreign input epidemic visual simulations

- If kept the transmission rates, the recovery rates, and the blocking rates on day 99 (April 9, 2022) until day 340, the numbers of the current symptomatic and the asymptomatic infected individuals would decrease to about 1 and 40, respectively on day 215 (August 3), and 0 and 1 on day 340, respectively.
- If kept the transmission rates, the recovery rates, the death rate and the blocking rates on day 340 until day 380 (January 15, 2023), the numbers of the current symptomatic and the asymptomatic infected individuals would decrease and increase to 168 and 1952, respectively.
- Different combinations of the eight parameters of Equation (1) may generate similar simulation results. Therefore need further study to obtain better parameter combinations to interpret COVID-19 epidemics.

It is not wise strategy to withdraw all prevention and control measures before the number of the all social infected cases have been cleared. 100% blocking the speed at which COVID-19 infection spreads is key strategies for early clearance or reduction of epidemic spread possible.

It is necessary that administrations implement strict prevent and control strategies to prevent the spread of new COVID-19 variants. It is expected that spreads of new COVID-19 variant infection can be stopped soon if the recommends are implemented.

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