### COVID-19 Confirmed Cases and Cumulative Mortality Predictions as of May 5, 2020

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#### Summary of the situation:

- Europe reached 1.54 million confirmed cases today with a 1.5% growth rate, compared with 1.6% yesterday. The decay of the after-peak trajectory continues slowly, as shown from the small estimated parameter "a" (=0.18) in the generalized Richards model. It is also important to understand that confirmed infections undershoot actual infections by a very large margin (see Supplements to COVID-19 Confirmed Cases Prediction: April 15, 2020<sup>1</sup>). Figure 1 allows us to suggest that the distributions of final confirmed cases/deaths in West European countries have converged, while Southern hemisphere and developing Northern countries have not.

- The US reached 1.18 million total confirmed cases today, with a 2% growth rate, compared with 2.2% yesterday. Both the confirmed cases and mortality curve in the USA seem to have reached the inflection point<sup>2</sup>. Similar to Europe, the decay of after-peak trajectory is expected to be slow, likely linked to the patients on ventilators that continue to die for several weeks. See [1] for further analysis on US test numbers and confirmed case numbers.

- Austria, Switzerland, Spain, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Ireland, Portugal, Turkey, Netherlands, Belgium and Japan (green in Table 1) are the countries with most mature outbreaks with strong signs that inflection points have been passed. They all have an outbreak progress larger than 80% in medium scenario, and also converged distribution of final confirmed cases and deaths, except for Japan, which is mainly due to a jump on April 23 due to change of reporting standard.

- The UK, the US and Sweden are less matured with outbreak progress in the range 60-80% in medium scenario. They may continue to follow the generalized exponential model, resulting in high uncertainties. However, the UK and the US have their distributions of final confirmed cases and deaths converged. The UK also changed the reporting standard of death statistics to include some deaths from care homes on 29 April. There are grounds to believe that both care home and community deaths are currently under reported in the UK.

- Belarus, Saudi Arabia and Canada have developed signs of reaching their inflections points with the outbreak progress around 50%, while the remaining countries (Russia, Brazil, Chile, India, Mexico, Peru and Pakistan) are still far from the inflection point. All of them have uncertain future projections, as shown by their non-converged or highly dispersed ensemble distributions of final confirmed cases (Figure 1). However, in terms of per capita deaths, India, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Pakistan, Chile, Russia, Brazil, Belarus and Japan do not yet have significant epidemics compared to West European countries. For Southern Hemisphere countries, this may due to their early stage of the outbreak.

- Our predictions for confirmed cases yesterday are correct in all matured countries, while mostly underestimates in immature countries including Brazil, Russia, Peru, India, Saudi Arabia, Mexico, Pakistan, Chile, and Belarus. (see figure 2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>https://ethz.ch/content/dam/ethz/special-interest/mtec/chair-of-entrepreneurial-risks-dam/documents/Covid-19 /Covid\_Supplements\_15April2020.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>On a logistic curve, the inflection point indicates where the curvature changes its sign. As we model the total number of confirmed cases, it is equal to the peak of the daily increase curve, after which the daily number of cases is decreasing. If the inflection point has been passed, the worst of the outbreak is over.

### Method:

This report updates predictions for the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases and deaths at four time horizons (1-day, 5-day, 10-day and end of the outbreak) and for various countries/regions, based on a phenomenological approach detailed in [1]. We employ 4 versions of the generalized logistic growth equation to model the total number of confirmed cases and deaths, resulting in a positive, medium and negative scenario for the final expected number of cases/deaths as explained in the last page. Note that, for countries/regions at early growth stages, the predictions for long-term horizon (10-day and end of the outbreak) are highly uncertain and will vary a lot as the situation changes. The predicted ranges overlap and, as time passes, we anticipate our methodology to zero in on more reliable numbers. The data is neither normalized by population nor time-shifted for the calibrations.

**Data source**: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) [2] updated every day at 1pm CET, reflecting data collected up to 6:00 and 10:00 CET. Thus the daily data in some countries is one day delayed compared to other online live sources.

### Key Figures & Tables:

-In Table 1, we report the latest confirmed cases per million population and the estimated outbreak progress in the positive and medium scenario (today's confirmed cases divided by the estimated total final confirmed case in positive and medium scenarios).

-In Table 2 and Table 3, we report the prediction results of confirmed cases (Table 2) and deaths (Table 3) in each selected country/region at four time horizons (1-day, 5-day, 10-day and end of the outbreak) in three scenarios. The detailed fitting results for each country/region are plotted in the figures at the end of this report.

-In Figure 1, we present a distribution of the estimated final total confirmed cases and deaths per million population based on the positive and medium scenario.

-In Figure 2, we show the 1-day prediction error of yesterday's report.

- At the end of this report, we present two figures for each country, where the total number of confirmed cases/deaths are in the upper panel (log scale), the daily confirmed cases / deaths in the middle panel, and the daily growth rate of confirmed cases / deaths in the lower panel (log scale), respectively. The empirical data is marked by the empty circles. The blue, red, purple and green lines in the upper, middle and lower left panels show the fits with the Logistic Growth Model, Generalized Richards Model (GRM), Generalized Growth Model (GGM) and Generalized Logistic Model (GLM) respectively.

**Comment:** We need to emphasize that reported confirmed cases are a leading indicator that is subject to a large number of extraneous variables such as sampling rate<sup>3</sup>, sample targeting and reliability of testing. See note at end of this report. The real number of cases in the population is likely to be many multiples higher than those computed from confirmed tests.

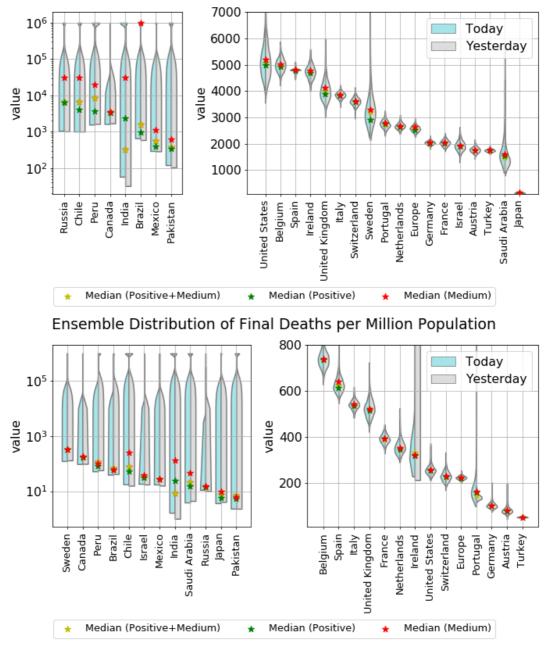
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For instance, The UK is experiencing issues with raising the testing rate linked to a global shortage of certain key reagents and swabs. From April 1<sup>st</sup>, all testing is to be targeted at health sector staff and this will obviously bias future data compared with past data.

**Table 1.** Current confirmed cases per million population and estimated outbreak progress in positive and medium scenarios (today's confirmed cases divided by the estimated total final confirmed cases in positive and medium scenario). The ranking is in terms of outbreak progress in medium scenario. Numbers in brackets are 80% confidence intervals. As positive scenarios predict a smaller final number of total infected cases, the outbreak progress is thus larger in the positive scenario. Note that the estimated final confirmed numbers tend to underestimate the final results, thus the estimated outbreak progress serves both as a lower bound for future developments and as a guide of the dynamics of the evolution of the epidemics. The estimated final case fatality rate in medium scenario is reported in the 5<sup>th</sup> column<sup>4</sup>. The number of tests per million population and confirmed cases per test are presented in the last two columns based on the information from Wikipedia [3].

	Confirmed per Million Population (May-04)	Outbreak Progress in Positive Scenario	Outbreak Progress in Medium Scenario	Estimated Final Case Fatality Rate in Medium Scenario	Tests per Million Population (update date in brackets)	Confirmed Cases per Test (update date in brackets)
Austria	1766	99.9% (94.5%, 100.0%)	99.8% (93.3%, 100.0%)	4.6%	NA	NA
Spain	4666	97.5% (94.9%, 100.0%)	97.1% (96.8%, 97.4%)	13.3%	41351 (Apr 30)	11.0% (Apr 30)
Switzerland	3511	97.7% (92.4%, 100.0%)	96.9% (92.4%, 100.0%)	6.4%	32697 (May 03)	10.6% (May 03)
Germany	1976	97.2% (92.9%, 100.0%)	96.5% (93.1%, 100.0%)	5.1%	30632 (Apr 27)	6.1% (Apr 27)
France	1968	96.8% (89.8%, 100.0%)	96.5% (90.3%, 100.0%)	19.4%	10811 (Apr 26)	17.1% (Apr 26)
Israel	1829	95.8% (85.7%, 100.0%)	94.8% (82.4%, 100.0%)	2.0%	NA	NA
Ireland	4476	95.1% (89.6%, 100.0%)	93.8% (87.9%, 100.0%)	6.8%	43637 (May 04)	10.0% (May 04)
Italy	3507	91.6% (88.1%, 96.0%)	90.6% (87.7%, 93.7%)	14.1%	35682 (May 03)	9.7% (May 03)
Portugal	2482	90.1% (83.7%, 96.6%)	89.2% (83.8%, 95.2%)	5.9%	41535 (May 02)	5.9% (May 02)
Turkey	1551	88.8% (85.5%, 91.8%)	88.6% (86.1%, 91.6%)	3.0%	14484 (May 05)	10.6% (May 05)
Netherlands	2366	89.6% (85.2%, 94.0%)	88.5% (84.2%, 93.0%)	13.3%	12964 (May 02)	17.6% (May 02)
Belgium	4401	89.3% (84.2%, 94.4%)	87.9% (82.9%, 93.7%)	14.8%	23520 (May 03)	18.3% (May 03)
Japan	120	93.1% (88.1%, 98.1%)	80.9% (75.5%, 85.9%)	Not reliable	1439 (May 02)	8.0% (May 02)
Europe	2060	81.4% (77.6%, 85.5%)	78.1% (74.7%, 81.6%)	8.6%	NA	NA

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Note that Case fatality rate (CFR) is different from infected fatality rate (IFR). There are two serious problems with the estimation that one should keep in mind for further interpretation. First, tests are not representative of the whole population and, depending on countries, are targeted to those who exhibit symptoms, which then makes the number of confirmed cases smaller than it is in reality, which thus makes the CFR larger. The second problem is that there are multiple pieces of evidence that the real number of infections is many times larger than reported, perhaps by a factor of 10 or more, which would then make the IFR much lower than the CFR by the corresponding factor.

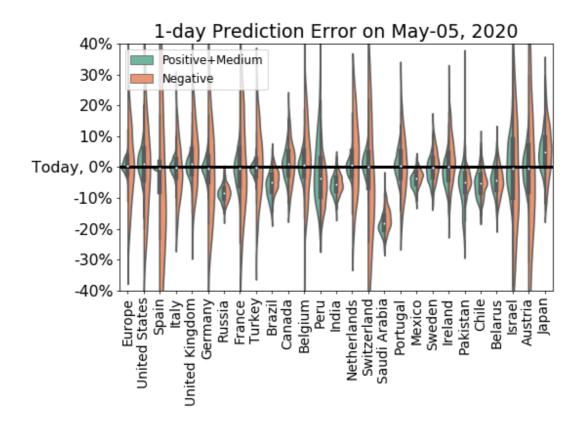
United States	3609	72.2% (60.5%, 81.9%)	69.6% (58.8%, 80.3%)	5.0%	22984 (May 05)	15.6% (May 05)
United Kingdom	2866	73.9% (66.3%, 80.1%)	69.5% (62.9%, 77.5%)	12.7%	20487 (May 05)	13.8% (May 05)
Sweden	2231	76.5% (59.2%, 91.1%)	67.4% (57.1%, 76.5%)	10.2%	14379 (May 05)	15.3% (May 05)
Belarus	1844	57.4% (30.8%, 83.0%)	53.2% (35.9%, 64.8%)	Not reliable	22269 (May 05)	8.3% (May 05)
Saudi Arabia	850	54.6% (33.5%, 79.6%)	52.6% (39.9%, 64.5%)	Not reliable	NA	NA
Canada	1640	49.7% (30.0%, 64.4%)	47.3% (26.1%, 81.5%)	5.1%	24840 (May 05)	6.5% (May 05)
Mexico	197	49.6% (38.5%, 57.1%)	Not reliable	Not reliable	696 (May 05)	27.8% (May 05)
Pakistan	101	Not reliable	Not reliable	Not reliable	1027 (May 04)	9.1% (May 04)
Peru	1481	Not reliable	Not reliable	Not reliable	12387 (May 05)	11.7% (May 05)
Chile	1102	26.8% (9.1%, 90.0%)	Not reliable	Not reliable	10456 (May 02)	8.5% (May 02)
Russia	1005	15.9% (12.4%, 80.5%)	Not reliable	Not reliable	31577 (May 05)	3.1% (May 05)
India	34	Not reliable	Not reliable	Not reliable	NA	NA
Brazil	515	52.4% (37.0%, 64.9%)	Not reliable	Not reliable	630 (Apr 20)	29.2% (Apr 20)
Iran	1206	Not reliable	Not reliable	7.1%	6246 (May 05)	19.0% (May 05)



Ensemble Distribution of Final Confirmed Cases per Million Population

**Figure 1.** Violin plot of the distributions of the final total number of confirmed cases (upper panel) and deaths (lower panel) per million derived by combining the distributions of the positive and medium scenarios <sup>5</sup>. The left side of each violin in cyan is today's distribution, while the right side of each violin in grey is yesterday's distribution. The model setup in the negative scenario does not incorporate a maximum saturation number and thus cannot be used. The yellow star indicates the median prediction for the combined distribution, while the green and red stars indicate the median of the positive and of the medium scenarios respectively. Note that, where we have >1 million infections or deaths per 1 million of population, the results are deemed to be unreliable (Table 2 & 3).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Different countries have different standards and processes for reporting deaths, some reporting all deaths and some reporting a fraction. Thus, the ranking shown here is likely quite misleading. For instance, we have information that we need to roughly double UK numbers, which would put it a bad place, for instance compared with Sweden with no lock down.



**Figure 2.** One-day prediction error of the forecast performed yesterday (May 4) for the total number of confirmed cases for the 13 countries/regions. The horizontal line corresponds to today's empirical data. We show the full distribution of errors for each of the two scenarios.

**Table 2.** Predictions for the number of confirmed cases at four time horizons (1-day, 5-day, 10-day and end of the outbreak) and for various countries/regions. The values in parentheses are 80% prediction intervals based on 500 simulations using a negative binomial error structure. In Today's validation column, today's empirical data is presented below yesterday's 1-day predictive interval. "Not reliable" is declared if more than 10% of the simulations produce extreme numbers (larger than total population). All numbers are in thousands.

Country	Scenario*	Today's validation	6-May	10-May	15-May	Final Total Confirmed
	Positive	(1490, 1600)	1570	1640	1700	1890
	Positive	1540	(1520, 1630)	(1580, 1690)	(1640, 1760)	(1800, 1980)
Europa	Medium	(1510, 1580)	1560	1640	1710	1970
Europe	Medium	1540	(1530, 1610)	(1600, 1680)	(1670, 1760)	(1880, 2060)
	Nogativo	(1290, 1800)	1570	1730	1930	Not Reliable
	Negative	1540	(1330, 1810)	(1460, 1990)	(1630, 2260)	NOT Reliable
	Positive	(1110, 1290)	1220	1300	1380	1640
	POSITIVE	1180	(1140, 1310)	(1210, 1400)	(1280, 1500)	(1440, 1950)
United	Medium	(1130, 1250)	1220	1300	1380	1700
States		1180	(1160, 1270)	(1230, 1360)	(1300, 1460)	(1470, 2010)
	Negative	(935 <i>,</i> 1460)	1210	1370	1570	Not Reliable
		1180	(930, 1480)	(1050, 1670)	(1220, 1960)	NOT Reliable
	Positive	(212, 225)	219	221	222	223
	POSitive	218	(213, 225)	(215, 227)	(216, 228)	(217, 230)
Spain	Medium	(216, 217)	218	220	222	225
Spain	Medium	218	(217, 219)	(220, 221)	(221, 223)	(224, 225)
	Nogativo	(133, 297)	210	236	266	Not Reliable
	Negative	218	(134, 297)	(157 <i>,</i> 334)	(175, 394)	NUL REIIADIE
	Positive	(205, 220)	214	218	222	231
Italy	FOSILIVE	212	(206, 222)	(209, 226)	(213, 230)	(221, 240)
	Medium	(206, 218)	213	217	221	234

		212	(207, 218)	(211, 223)	(215, 228)	(226, 242)
	Negative	(184, 236)	209	226	249	Not Reliable
	Hegative	212	(186, 239)	(201, 258)	(220, 283)	
	Positive	(183, 202) 191	196 (187, 205)	209	222 (211, 235)	258
United		(185, 199)	(187, 205) 195	(199, 220) 209	224	(238, 287) 274
Kingdom	Medium	191	(188, 202)	(202, 217)	(215, 233)	(246, 303)
		(170, 228)	201	226	260	
	Negative	191	(173, 233)	(196, 263)	(226, 308)	Not Reliable
	Positive	(156, 172)	164	166	167	169
		164	(157, 172)	(159, 173)	(160, 175)	(161, 176)
Germany	Medium	(157, 169)	164	166	167	170
		164 (125, 200)	(158, 170) 162	(160, 172) 177	(161, 173) 197	(164, 176)
	Negative	164	(131, 198)	(143, 217)	(159, 242)	Not Reliable
		(137, 146)	153	197	263	914
	Positive	145	(147, 159)	(175, 206)	(180, 284)	(180, 1170)
Russia	Medium	(137, 147)	153	199	269	Not Polioble
Russia	weulum	145	(147, 159)	(189, 207)	(244, 285)	Not Reliable
	Negative	(137, 148)	153	201	274	Not Reliable
		145	(148, 160)	(193, 208)	(262, 287)	
	Positive	(122, 141) 132	131	133	134	136 (126, 147)
		(123, 140)	(122, 141) 132	(124, 143) 134	(125, 144) 135	137
France	Medium	132	(123, 141)	(124, 143)	(125, 144)	(127, 146)
	•• ••	(105, 163)	132	144	160	
	Negative	132	(102, 164)	(111, 180)	(123, 201)	Not Reliable
	Positive	(123, 130)	128	133	137	144
	FUSILIVE	128	(125, 132)	(130, 137)	(134, 141)	(139, 149)
Turkey	Medium	(123, 130)	129	133	137	144
,		128	(125, 132)	(130, 137)	(134, 141)	(139, 148)
	Negative	(111, 150) 128	130 (112, 150)	146 (127, 169)	166 (144, 194)	Not Reliable
		(93, 104)	104	128	153	206
	Positive	108	(99.2, 110)	(120, 137)	(139, 172)	(166, 291)
Drasil	Madium	(97.8, 108)	109	139	182	
Brazil	Medium	108	(104, 114)	(131, 145)	(168, 194)	Not Reliable
	Negative	(98.7, 109)	110	140	185	Not Reliable
	Hebutite	108	(105, 116)	(133, 147)	(175, 196)	
	Positive	(57.6 <i>,</i> 65.5) 60.8	62.8	69.4 (64.8, 73.5)	76.8 (71.4, 82.6)	122 (94.3, 203)
		(58.2, 64.8)	(59, 66.4) 62.5	68.6	75.8	128
Canada	Medium	60.8	(59.3, 66)	(64.8, 72.8)	(69.7, 81.5)	(74.6, 232)
		(56, 67.9)	62.7	71.1	82.3	
	Negative	60.8	(57.4 <i>,</i> 68.9)	(65.1, 78.2)	(75.2, 90.9)	Not Reliable
	Positive	(48, 53.4)	51	52.5	53.8	56.3
		50.3	(48.4, 53.6)	(49.8, 55.1)	(51.1, 56.6)	(53.2, 59.7)
Belgium	Medium	(48, 52.9)	50.7	52.3	53.9	57.2
_		50.3	(48.1, 53.1) 52.2	(49.7, 54.8) 57.3	(51.2, 56.4) 64.2	(53.7, 60.6)
	Negative	(43.3 <i>,</i> 60.3) 50.3	(44.2, 61.7)	(48.7, 68)	(54.1 <i>,</i> 76.9)	Not Reliable
		(43.3, 52.8)	54	65	78.4	
	Positive	47.4	(47, 62.3)	(55.4, 75.7)	(63, 99.1)	Not Reliable
Doru	Medium	(47.1, 61.1)	49.3	61.1	76.3	Not Polioble
Peru	wealum	47.4	(44.5, 55.6)	(53.7, 68.5)	(62 <i>,</i> 89.7)	Not Reliable
	Negative	(43.1, 52.9)	49.9	62.1	79.9	Not Reliable
		47.4	(44.7, 55.1)	(55.7, 69.3)	(70.5, 91.6)	
	Positive	(41.7, 45.5)	51.1	64.7	86.2	Not Reliable
India		46.4 (41.8, 45.7)	(47.8, 54.2) 47.1	(60, 68.7) 59.2	(75.9, 94) 77.2	
inuid	Medium	(41.8, 45.7) 46.4	47.1 (45, 49.3)	59.2 (56, 62.3)	(69.9, 83)	Not Reliable
	Negative	(42.1, 45.9)	47.3	60	78.9	Not Reliable
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		46.4	(45.2, 49.5)	(57, 62.9)	(74.4, 84.2)	
	Positive	(39.8, 42.9)	41.5	42.6	43.5	45.5
	1 05/11/0	40.8	(39.7, 43.2)	(40.8, 44.4)	(41.7, 45.5)	(43.4, 47.8)
Netherlands	Medium	(39.6, 42.7)	41.3	42.6	43.6	46
		40.8 (36.2, 50.9)	(39.8, 42.9) 42.6	(40.9, 44.1) 46.5	(42, 45.4) 51.4	(43.8, 48.4)
	Negative	(36.2, 50.9) 40.8	42.6 (35.7, 50.5)	46.5 (38.5, 55)	(42.2, 62)	Not Reliable
		(28.7, 31.9)	30.3	30.4	30.5	30.6
	Positive	29.9	(28.6, 32)	(28.7, 32.2)	(28.7, 32.2)	(28.8, 32.4)
Switzerland	Medium	(29, 31.9)	30.4	30.6	30.7	30.9
Switzenanu	Medium	29.9	(29.1, 31.8)	(29.2, 32)	(29.4, 32.1)	(29.5, 32.4)
	Negative	(20.8, 38.4)	28.8	31.2	34.2	Not Reliable
	-	29.9	(21.4, 37.8) 29.1	(23.1, 41.1) 34.3	(25.4, 45.8) 39.8	52.4
	Positive	(26.1, 28.3) 28.7	(27.9, 30.3)	34.3 (32, 36.1)	39.8 (34.6, 43.9)	(36, 85.6)
		(26.1, 28.5)	29.2	34.7	40.6	54.4
Saudi Arabia	Medium	28.7	(27.9, 30.4)	(32.8, 36.4)	(37.4, 43.7)	(44.4, 71.8)
	Negative	(27.1, 30.4)	30.4	38.2	49.9	Not Reliable
	Negative	28.7	(28.7, 32.2)	(36, 40.4)	(46.9 <i>,</i> 53.4)	
	Positive	(24.2, 27.2)	25.9	26.6	27.2	28.3
		25.5 (24.3, 27.3)	(24.4, 27.7) 25.9	(25, 28.4) 26.6	(25.5, 29.1) 27.2	(26.4, 30.5) 28.6
Portugal	Medium	(24.3, 27.3) 25.5	25.9 (24.5, 27.3)	(25.2, 28)	(25.8, 28.7)	28.6 (26.8, 30.4)
		(22.3, 29.1)	25.8	28.3	31.5	
	Negative	25.5	(22.6, 29.3)	(24.7, 32.1)	(27.4, 35.8)	Not Reliable
	Positive	(22.7, 24.3)	25	30.4	36.5	50.2
	1 05/11/0	24.9	(24, 25.7)	(29.2, 31.8)	(34.3, 39.6)	(43.6, 64.7)
Mexico	Medium	(23.3, 24.8)	25.4	31.9	41.3	Not Reliable
		24.9 (23.4, 25)	(24.6, 26.2) 25.7	(30.7, 33.2) 32.8	(38.3, 44.4) 43.6	
	Negative	24.9	(24.9, 26.5)	(31.7, 33.9)	(41.9, 45.3)	Not Reliable
	Desitive	(21.3, 23.5)	22.8	24.3	25.9	29.7
	Positive	22.7	(21.6, 24)	(23, 25.6)	(24.1, 27.5)	(24.9, 38.4)
Sweden	Medium	(21.2, 23.5)	22.7	24.5	26.4	33.7
		22.7	(21.7, 23.9)	(23.2, 25.8)	(24.9, 27.9)	(29.7, 39.8)
	Negative	(21.5, 24.6) 22.7	23.4 (21.8, 25)	26.1 (24.4, 27.9)	29.7 (27.7, 31.9)	Not Reliable
		(19.8, 22.5)	21.2	21.8	22.3	22.8
	Positive	21.7	(20, 22.3)	(20.5, 23)	(20.9, 23.6)	(21.3, 24.2)
Ireland	Medium	(20.3, 22.8)	21.8	22.3	22.8	23.2
ireland	Wealdin	21.7	(20.5, 23.1)	(21, 23.6)	(21.3, 24.1)	(21.7, 24.7)
	Negative	(20.2, 25)	22.5	25.1	28.4	Not Reliable
	-	21.7 (18.2, 23.6)	(20.2, 25.1) 22.2	(22.4, 28) 27.6	(25.4, 31.7) 34.7	
	Positive	21.5	(20, 25.7)	(24.1, 31.6)	(28.4, 41.4)	Not Reliable
		(20.8, 22.8)	23.1	28.6	36.1	
Pakistan	Medium	21.5	(22, 24.2)	(26.8, 30)	(32.7, 40.2)	Not Reliable
	Negative	(20.7, 22.8)	23.1	28.8	37.4	Not Reliable
		21.5	(22, 24.2)	(27.2, 30.4)	(34.5, 40.6)	
	Positive	(18.4, 20.7) 20.6	20.4 (19.2, 21.6)	23.9 (21.8, 25.7)	28.4 (22.8, 31.8)	77 (22.9, 226)
		(18.3, 20.6)	20.4	24.3	29.7	
Chile	Medium	20.6	(19.3, 21.6)	(22.9, 25.7)	(27.5, 31.9)	Not Reliable
	Negative	(18.4, 20.8)	20.6	24.7	30.5	Not Reliable
	Negative	20.6	(19.4, 21.8)	(23.3, 26.2)	(28.5, 32.4)	
	Positive	(17.4, 19.6)	19.2	22	24.7	30.4
		17.5 (17.5, 19.6)	(18.1, 20.4) 19.3	(20.1, 23.6) 22.3	(20.9, 27.9) 25.4	(21.1, 56.8) 32.9
Belarus	Medium	(17.5, 19.6) 17.5	(18.2, 20.4)	22.3 (20.9, 23.8)	25.4 (23.4, 28)	32.9 (27, 48.7)
			19.5	23.8	29.9	(27, 10.7)
		(17.5, 19.9)	19.5	23.0	25.5	AL 1 D 11 1 1
	Negative	(17.5, 19.9) 17.5	(18.2, 20.8)	(22.1, 25.5)	(27.5, 32.2)	Not Reliable

		16.2	(14.6, 18.3)	(14.7, 18.5)	(14.9, 18.7)	(15.1, 19)
	Medium	(14.5, 18.4)	16.6	16.8	16.9	17.1
	meanann	16.2	(14.5, 19)	(14.7, 19.1)	(14.8, 19.3)	(14.9, 19.7)
	Negative	(11.7, 21.1)	16.2	17.7	19.7	Not Reliable
	Negative	16.2	(12, 21.6)	(13.1, 23.8)	(14.4, 26.8)	Not Kellable
	Positive	(14.2, 17.2)	15.6	15.6	15.6	15.6
	POSITIVE	15.6	(14.7, 16.5)	(14.7, 16.5)	(14.7, 16.5)	(14.7, 16.5)
Austria	Medium	(14.5, 16.8)	15.6	15.6	15.6	15.6
Austria	wiedlum	15.6	(14.5, 16.7)	(14.5, 16.7)	(14.5, 16.7)	(14.5, 16.7)
	Negative	(10.6, 21.2)	15.1	16.4	17.9	Nat Daliable
	Negative	15.6	(10.7, 21.2)	(11.6, 23.2)	(12.7, 25.6)	Not Reliable
	Positive	(14.7, 16.3)	15.7	16	16.2	16.4
	Positive	15.2	(14.9, 16.5)	(15.2, 16.8)	(15.4, 17.1)	(15.5, 17.3)
lanan	Medium	(15.3, 17.4)	16.5	17.2	17.8	18.8
Japan		15.2	(15.5, 17.6)	(16.2, 18.3)	(16.8, 19)	(17.7, 20.2)
	Negativo	(14.3, 17.8)	16.4	18.3	20.8	Not Reliable
	Negative	15.2	(14.6, 18.2)	(16.4, 20.3)	(18.7, 23.2)	NOT Reliable
	Positive	(92.3, 99.8)	97.1	98.9	100	104
	Positive	98.6	(93.2, 101)	(95.1, 103)	(96.5, 105)	(99.4, 109)
Iron	Madium	(91.5, 99.1)	96.5	98.4	100	104
Iran	Medium	98.6	(92.5, 101)	(94.4, 103)	(96, 105)	(99.5, 109)
	Negative	(84, 118)	102	110	120	Net Delieble
	Negative	98.6	(85.6 <i>,</i> 119)	(92.1, 128)	(101, 141)	Not Reliable

**Table 3.** Predictions for the number of total deaths at four time horizons (1-day, 5-day, 10-day and end of the outbreak) and for various countries/regions, based on the Generalised Richards model [1]. The values in parentheses are 80% prediction intervals based on 500 simulations using a negative binomial error structure. "Not reliable" is declared if more than 10% of the simulations produce extreme numbers (larger than total population). All numbers are in thousands. Note that it is emerging that there can be a large variation in reporting standard between countries. In the UK, it is made clear that reported deaths are for hospital deaths only and do not include deaths in the community. Similarly, data for Belgium is allegedly being revised to account for community deaths.

Country	Scenario*	Today's validation	6-May	10-May	15-May	Final Total Confirmed
	Positive	(142, 151)	148	153	158	166
	FOSILIVE	146	(143, 153)	(148, 158)	(152, 163)	(159, 172)
Europe	Medium	(141, 150)	147	152	157	169
Luiope	Wealum	146	(143, 151)	(148, 157)	(153, 162)	(163, 176)
	Negativo	(120, 185)	147	164	186	Not Reliable
	Negative	146	(119, 183)	(132, 204)	(149, 232)	NOT Reliable
	Positive	(65.2, 73.5)	70.3	74.2	77.7	83.2
	POSITIVE	68.9	(66.5, 74.6)	(70.1, 79.1)	(72.9, 82.8)	(76.7 <i>,</i> 90)
United	Medium	(65.3, 72.5)	69.9	74	77.8	84.3
States	Medium	68.9	(66.3 <i>,</i> 73.8)	(70.2, 78.4)	(73.2, 82.9)	(77.4, 93.8)
	Negative	(62.3, 82.4)	72.3	83.1	97.6	Not Reliable
		68.9	(62.2, 84.7)	(71.2, 97.1)	(82.3, 115)	
	Positive	(25, 26.9)	26.3	26.8	27.4	28.7
	FOSILIVE	25.4	(25.3, 27.2)	(25.9, 27.9)	(26.4, 28.5)	(27.4, 30.1)
Spain	Medium	(26.7, 30.3)	28.7	29.1	29.4	30
Span	Wealum	25.4	(26.9, 30.7)	(27.3, 31.3)	(27.5, 31.7)	(27.9, 32.4)
	Negative	(22.8, 27.9)	25.9	28.5	31.8	Not Reliable
	Negative	25.4	(23.3, 28.4)	(25.7, 31.4)	(28.6, 35.3)	NOT Reliable
	Positive	(28.1, 30.4)	29.5	30.2	30.8	32.4
	FOSILIVE	29.1	(28.3 <i>,</i> 30.6)	(29, 31.3)	(29.6, 32)	(31, 33.9)
Italy	Medium	(28.4, 30.1)	29.4	30.1	30.8	32.9
Italy	wealum	29.1	(28.6, 30.2)	(29.3, 31)	(30, 31.8)	(31.7, 34.2)
	Negativo	(25.5 <i>,</i> 33.6)	29.6	32	35	Not Reliable
	Negative	29.1	(25.9, 33.8)	(27.9, 36.6)	(30.5, 40)	NOT KEIIADIE

	Positive	(27.3, 30.8)	29.3	30.7	31.9	34.3
United Kingdom	1 OSILIVE	28.7	(27.5, 31.1)	(28.8, 32.5)	(29.9, 33.9)	(31.5, 37.1)
	Medium	(27.5, 30.5)	29.4	30.8	32.2	34.9
		28.7 (25.9, 33.4)	(27.5, 30.8) 29.7	(28.8, 32.4) 33.4	(30, 33.9) 38.4	(31.9, 38.1)
	Negative	(25.9, 33.4) 28.7	29.7 (25.4, 34.2)	33.4 (28.8, 38.3)	38.4 (32.8, 44)	Not Reliable
		(6.47, 7.43)	7.1	7.47	7.85	8.59
	Positive	6.83	(6.59, 7.63)	(6.95, 8.06)	(7.25, 8.48)	(7.72, 9.7)
		(6.45, 7.48)	7.09	7.48	7.83	8.64
Germany	Medium	6.83	(6.61, 7.62)	(6.91, 8.06)	(7.21, 8.5)	(7.59, 10.4)
	AL	(6.14, 8.14)	7.22	8.12	9.27	
	Negative	6.83	(6.29, 8.28)	(7.02, 9.27)	(7.95, 10.7)	Not Reliable
	Positive	(1.25, 1.39)	1.41	1.66	1.88	2.14
	TOSILIVE	1.36	(1.33, 1.51)	(1.54, 1.8)	(1.69, 2.1)	(1.84, 2.67)
Russia	Medium	(1.25, 1.44)	1.39	1.64	1.86	2.14
		1.36	(1.32, 1.47)	(1.55, 1.77)	(1.72, 2.1)	(1.9, 2.92)
	Negative	(1.26, 1.42)	1.42	1.8	2.36	Not Reliable
	•	1.36	(1.34, 1.51)	(1.69, 1.93)	(2.17, 2.58)	26.4
	Positive	(23.5, 26.9) 25.2	25.4 (23.8, 27.2)	25.8 (24.2, 27.5)	26.1 (24.4, 27.8)	26.4 (24.6, 28.2)
		(23.6, 26.8)	(23.8, 27.2) 25.4	(24.2, 27.5) 25.8	(24.4, 27.8) 26.1	(24.6, 28.2) 26.5
France	Medium	(23.6, 26.8) 25.2	(24, 27)	25.8 (24.3, 27.5)	26.1 (24.6, 27.8)	(25, 28.2)
		(19.1, 32.7)	25.4	28.4	32.1	
	Negative	25.2	(18.7, 33)	(21, 36.8)	(23.6, 41.8)	Not Reliable
	<b>.</b>	(3.51, 3.76)	3.7	3.9	4.06	4.3
	Positive	3.46	(3.57, 3.83)	(3.76 <i>,</i> 4.04)	(3.91, 4.21)	(4.11, 4.49)
Turkov	Medium	(3.36, 3.52)	3.51	3.73	3.94	4.36
Turkey	wealum	3.46	(3.43, 3.58)	(3.65, 3.81)	(3.84, 4.04)	(4.21, 4.54)
	Negative	(3.25, 3.73)	3.55	4	4.59	Not Reliable
	Negative	3.46	(3.32, 3.8)	(3.75, 4.3)	(4.26, 4.94)	
	Positive	(6.8, 7.81)	7.26	8.62	9.96	12.5
		7.32	(6.76, 7.75)	(7.97, 9.36)	(8.94, 11.4)	(10.1, 21.6)
Brazil	Medium	(6.58, 7.61) 7.32	7.49 (7.04, 8.03)	8.91 (8.19, 9.73)	10.3 (9.16, 11.8)	12.8 (10.5, 18.2)
		(6.83, 7.8)	7.63	9.55	12.3	
	Negative	7.32	(7.13, 8.21)	(8.89, 10.3)	(11.4, 13.6)	Not Reliable
		(3.54, 4.07)	3.97	4.47	4.98	6.34
	Positive	3.85	(3.7, 4.25)	(4.08, 4.87)	(4.27, 5.66)	(4.33, 11.5)
Canada	Madium	(3.54, 4.11)	3.99	4.55	5.16	6.55
Canada	Medium	3.85	(3.71, 4.28)	(4.18, 4.91)	(4.58, 5.71)	(5.15, 9.94)
	Negative	(3.42, 4.42)	4.06	4.92	6.15	Not Reliable
	inceative	3.85	(3.58, 4.58)	(4.33, 5.51)	(5.31, 6.96)	
	Positive	(7.49, 8.29)	7.89	8.08	8.24	8.42
		7.92	(7.52, 8.32)	(7.72, 8.55)	(7.85, 8.71)	(8, 8.95)
Belgium	Medium	(7.43, 8.26)	8.1	8.26	8.36	8.44
		7.92 (6.92, 9.19)	(7.63, 8.62) 8.09	(7.76, 8.78) 9.05	(7.85, 8.89) 10.3	(7.93, 8.98)
	Negative	(6.92, 9.19) 7.92	8.09 (6.92, 9.25)	9.05 (7.74, 10.3)	(8.75, 11.8)	Not Reliable
	_	(1.29, 1.49)	1.42	1.72	2.05	2.73
	Positive	1.34	(1.32, 1.51)	(1.59, 1.89)	(1.82, 2.41)	(2.13, 4.23)
Dem	Marilia	(1.26, 1.43)	1.38	1.7	2.07	3.14
Peru	Medium	1.34	(1.29, 1.47)	(1.57, 1.85)	(1.8, 2.43)	(2.11, 16)
	Negative	(1.26, 1.43)	1.42	1.81	2.41	Not Reliable
	Regative	1.34	(1.34, 1.52)	(1.7, 1.95)	(2.22, 2.6)	Not Nellable
	Positive	(1.32, 1.49)	1.53	2.02	2.77	Not Reliable
		1.57	(1.44, 1.64)	(1.84, 2.2)	(2.3, 3.18)	
India	Medium	(1.33, 1.51)	1.63	2.17	3.06	Not Reliable
		1.57	(1.51, 1.76)	(1.97, 2.36)	(2.52, 3.49)	
	Negative	(1.33, 1.52) 1.57	1.55	2.08	2.92	Not Reliable
		(4.85, 5.45)	(1.44, 1.66) 5.17	(1.92, 2.22) 5.36	(2.66, 3.23) 5.55	6
Netherlands	Positive	(4.85, 5.45) 5.08	(4.84, 5.49)	5.36 (5.03, 5.71)	5.55 (5.18, 5.93)	6 (5.52, 6.56)
		5.06	(4.04, 5.49)	(3.05, 5.71)	(3.10, 3.93)	(0.52, 0.50)

	Medium	(4.87, 5.42) 5.08	5.18 (4.86, 5.47)	5.39 (5.06, 5.7)	5.59 (5.21, 5.92)	6.11 (5.54, 6.76)
	Negative	(4.59 <i>,</i> 5.75) 5.08	5.22 (4.59, 5.91)	5.74 (5.06, 6.5)	6.39 (5.63, 7.28)	Not Reliable
	Positive	(1.64, 1.97) 1.79	1.83 (1.65, 2)	1.87 (1.69, 2.04)	1.89 (1.71, 2.08)	1.96 (1.75, 2.17)
Switzerland	Medium	(1.68, 2.11) 1.79	1.89 (1.69, 2.17)	1.91 (1.7, 2.2)	1.94 (1.72, 2.22)	1.97 (1.74, 2.25)
	Negative	(1.42, 2.18) 1.79	1.79 (1.42, 2.19)	1.96 (1.56, 2.39)	2.17 (1.73, 2.67)	Not Reliable
	Positive	(0.176, 0.206) 0.191	0.199 (0.183, 0.214)	0.223 (0.204, 0.243)	0.25 (0.223, 0.279)	Not Reliable
Saudi Arabia	Medium	(0.175, 6.02) 0.191	0.342 (0.182, 6.02)	0.373 (0.2, 6.03)	0.41 (0.217, 6.05)	Not Reliable
	Negative	(0.177, 0.208) 0.191	0.199 (0.185, 0.214)	0.227 (0.209, 0.245)	0.261 (0.237, 0.287)	Not Reliable
	Positive	(1.01, 1.1) 1.06	1.11 (1.05, 1.16)	1.18 (1.11, 1.25)	1.27 (1.17, 1.35)	1.65 (1.26, 2.52)
Portugal	Medium	(1.17, 1.32) 1.06	1.1 (1.04, 1.16)	1.19 (1.12, 1.26)	1.27 (1.2, 1.36)	1.7 (1.45, 2.25)
	Negative	(1, 1.12) 1.06	1.11 (1.04, 1.19)	1.23 (1.16, 1.32) 2.7	1.39 (1.3, 1.49)	Not Reliable
	Positive	(2, 2.45) 2.27	2.36 (2.13, 2.62)	2.7 (2.41, 3.05)	3.03 (2.61, 3.57)	3.47 (2.81, 4.97)
Mexico	Medium	(2, 2.4) 2.27	2.31 (2.12, 2.56)	2.68 (2.43, 3)	3.01 (2.65, 3.6)	3.49 (2.85, 6.17)
	Negative	(2.03, 2.45) 2.27	2.35 (2.16, 2.57)	2.93 (2.65 <i>,</i> 3.21)	3.74 (3.32, 4.18)	Not Reliable
	Positive	(2.07, 3.8) 2.77	2.76 (2.12, 3.54)	2.94 (2.22, 3.75)	3.08 (2.31, 4.15)	3.39 (2.46, 8.5)
Sweden	Medium	(2.03, 3.46) 2.77	2.93 (2.16, 3.94)	3.11 (2.23, 4.25)	3.23 (2.28, 4.62)	3.42 (2.32, 6.2)
	Negative	(1.96, 3.5) 2.77	2.84 (2.07, 3.65)	3.23 (2.38, 4.22)	3.72 (2.69, 4.92)	Not Reliable
	Positive	(1.2, 1.53) 1.32	1.3 (1.16, 1.45)	1.4 (1.24, 1.57)	1.47 (1.28, 1.68)	1.54 (1.32, 1.91)
Ireland	Medium	(1.16, 1.47) 1.32	1.35 (1.19, 1.52)	1.44 (1.26, 1.64)	1.51 (1.31, 1.74)	1.57 (1.34, 1.9)
	Negative	(1.26, 1.6) 1.32	1.43 (1.24, 1.61)	1.68 (1.44, 1.89)	2 (1.71, 2.28)	Not Reliable
	Positive	(0.449, 0.728) 0.486	0.547 (0.473, 0.713)	0.662 (0.553, 0.837)	0.783 (0.618, 1.03)	Not Reliable
Pakistan	Medium	(0.467, 0.532) 0.486	0.523 (0.491, 0.555)	0.63 (0.583, 0.682)	0.761 (0.671, 0.876)	Not Reliable
	Negative	(0.467, 0.53) 0.486	0.522 (0.488, 0.552)	0.641 (0.598, 0.687)	0.813 (0.74, 0.895)	Not Reliable
	Positive	(0.293, 0.504) 0.27	0.373 (0.3, 0.491)	0.417 (0.333, 0.536)	0.476 (0.369, 0.608)	Not Reliable
Chile	Medium	(0.245, 0.292) 0.27	0.279 (0.255, 0.303)	0.319 (0.292, 0.349)	0.37 (0.329, 0.411)	Not Reliable
	Negative	(0.243, 0.29) 0.27	0.277 (0.252, 0.3)	0.321 (0.289, 0.345)	0.378 (0.338, 0.41)	Not Reliable
	Positive	(0.211, 0.269) 0.235	0.244 (0.218, 0.273)	0.254 (0.225, 0.285)	0.263 (0.23, 0.296)	0.28 (0.239, 0.372)
Israel	Medium	(0.217, 1.52) 0.235	0.318 (0.223, 1.54)	0.328 (0.228, 1.55)	0.337 (0.231, 1.56)	0.349 (0.236, 1.6)
	Negative	(0.217, 0.28) 0.235	0.25 (0.219, 0.285)	0.279 (0.243, 0.319)	0.315 (0.271, 0.367)	Not Reliable
Austria	Positive	(0.537, 0.686) 0.6	0.612 (0.542, 0.699)	0.631 (0.557, 0.723)	0.646 (0.574, 0.748)	0.699 (0.604, 0.843)
	Medium	(0.579, 0.81) 0.6	0.676 (0.579, 0.811)	0.691 (0.589, 0.83)	0.702 (0.597, 0.848)	0.718 (0.603, 0.887)

	Negative	(0.506, 0.729) 0.6	0.614 (0.513, 0.712)	0.674 (0.567, 0.778)	0.746 (0.63, 0.866)	Not Reliable
-	Positive	(0.462, 0.633)	0.56	0.622	0.677	0.748
	POSILIVE	0.521	(0.482, 0.653)	(0.54, 0.734)	(0.582, 0.816)	(0.635, 0.997)
lanan	Medium	(0.5 <i>,</i> 0.697)	0.612	0.703	0.815	Not Reliable
Japan	Wedlum	0.521	(0.527, 0.714)	(0.61, 0.836)	(0.686, 1.01)	NOT Reliable
	Nogativo	(0.484, 0.666)	0.581	0.707	0.893	Not Reliable
	Negative	0.521	(0.496, 0.692)	(0.601, 0.829)	(0.746, 1.09)	NOT KEIIADIE
	Positive	(6.21, 6.69)	6.53	6.7	6.85	7.29
		6.28	(6.24, 6.78)	(6.4, 6.95)	(6.55, 7.12)	(6.95, 7.64)
	Medium	(6.23, 6.67)	6.5	6.68	6.86	7.4
Iran	Medium	6.28	(6.31 <i>,</i> 6.75)	(6.47 <i>,</i> 6.92)	(6.62, 7.11)	(7.09, 7.78)
		(5.75, 7.1)	6.42	6.89	7.48	Not
	Negative	6.28	(5.71, 7.13)	(6.13, 7.65)	(6.68, 8.32)	+A1:G82Relia
		0.20	(3.71, 7.13)	(0.13, 7.03)	(0.00, 0.52)	ble

#### \* Note:

-The scenarios are based on the final total confirmed numbers. On April 11, 2020, we introduced the Generalized Richards Model in addition to our existing three models: Generalized Logistic Model, Logistic Model and Generalized Growth model (see [1] for their presentation). We remove the lowest mean predicted final total confirmed number K among the four models (which is classical statistical method ensuring robustness). Then, the model with the second lowest mean predicted final total confirmed number K is classified as the positive scenario, and the third lowest one is classified as the medium scenario. The negative scenario is based on the Generalized Growth model, which should only describe the early stage of the epidemic outbreak and is therefore least reliable for countries in the more mature stage.

-Trajectories from Iran have largely deviated from a typical logistic type growth (S curve), and can't be properly described by our models. Although we still report its calibration results in Table 1, they should not be taken as reliable in all scenarios and time horizons. This is probably a result of unreliable reported data from Iran.

#### Limitations of using the statistics of reported confirmed number

It is important to understand what our prediction models show. The predictions are based on cases identified on the basis of testing and they therefore predict the numbers of future positive tests. Relating positive test results to real levels of infection is subject to a large number of biases. It is a fact that the real number of infections is far higher than those recorded in positive tests since only a tiny fraction of any population has been tested. It is also the case that, in most countries, testing is biased towards those who think they are infected. The first bias, therefore, will underestimate the real number of infections while the second bias will tend to overestimate since it is biased towards those who think they are ill.

There are further complications. Depending on the testing protocols used, in some instances false positive results have been obtained. In other words, someone without the disease tested positive, probably because they were infected with some other coronavirus. And in other cases, false negative results were obtained, as was the case with the early testing deployed in the USA.

One final complication is the fact that tests are conducted sequentially over time. They do not represent a snapshot of a day in time. Many of those tested early, giving a negative result, may today get a positive result. And many, who tested positive early on, may today be cured.

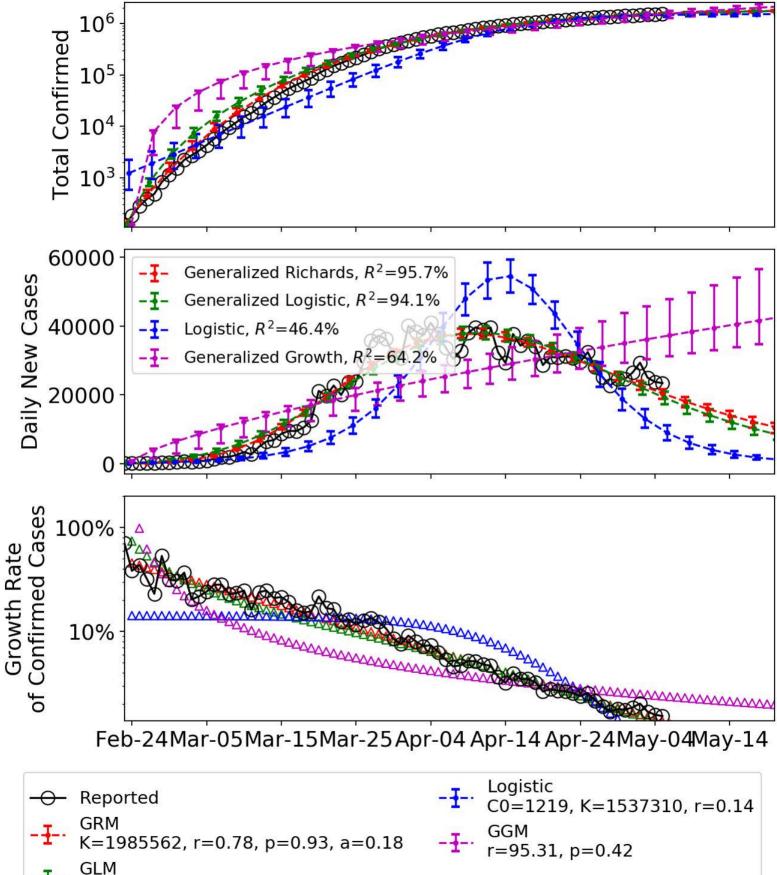
We anticipate that, over time, our methodology will improve and will provide a more accurate picture of the true levels of infection and where they are headed.

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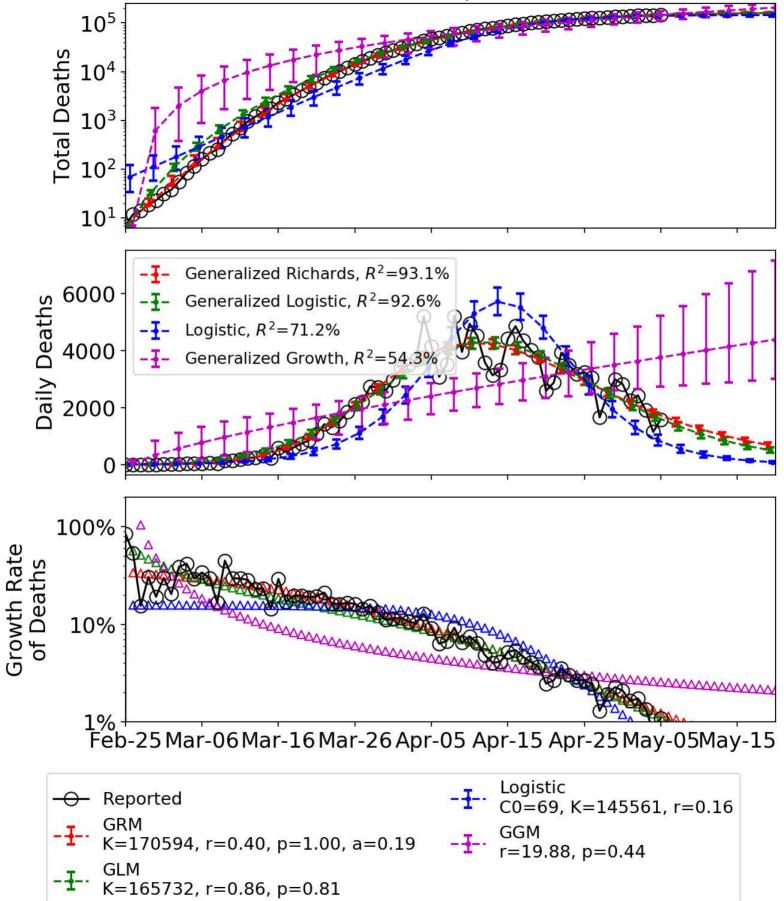
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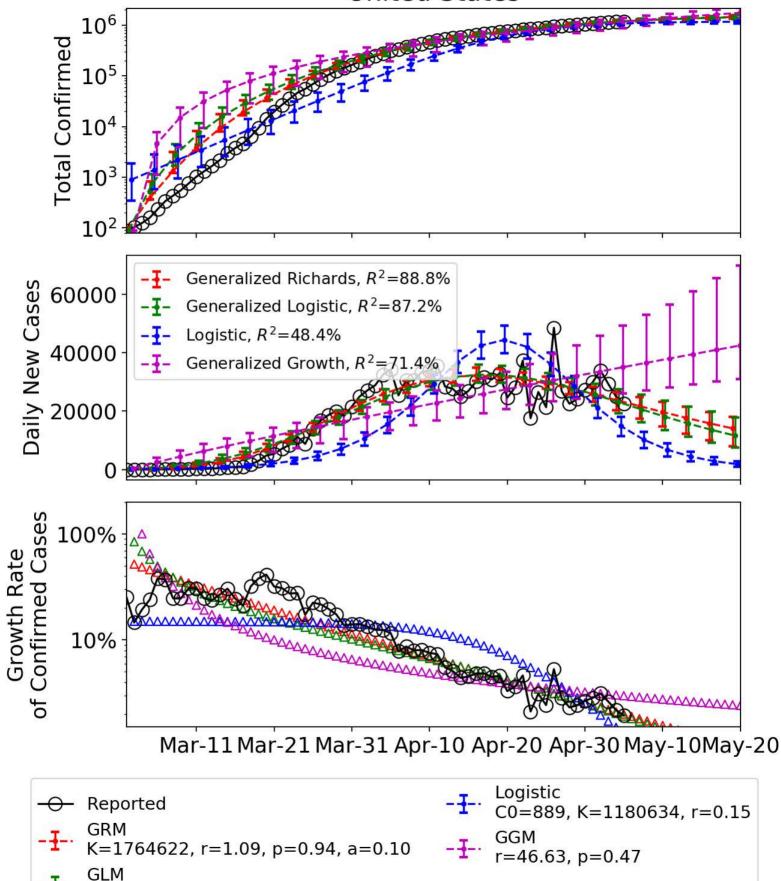


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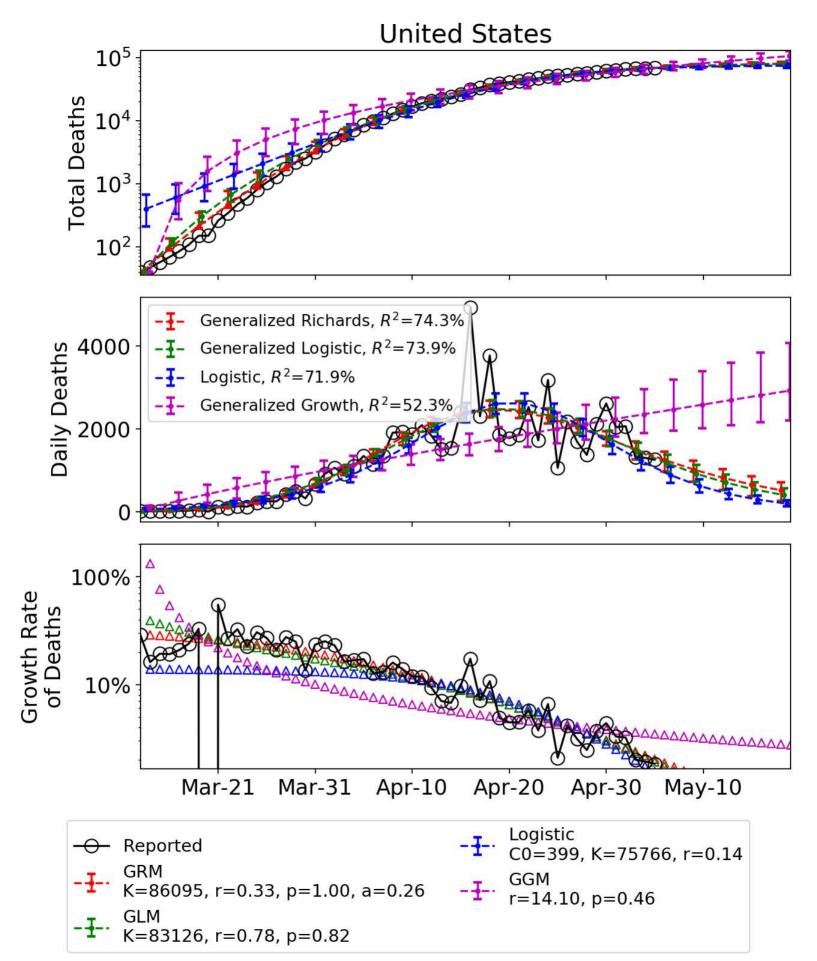
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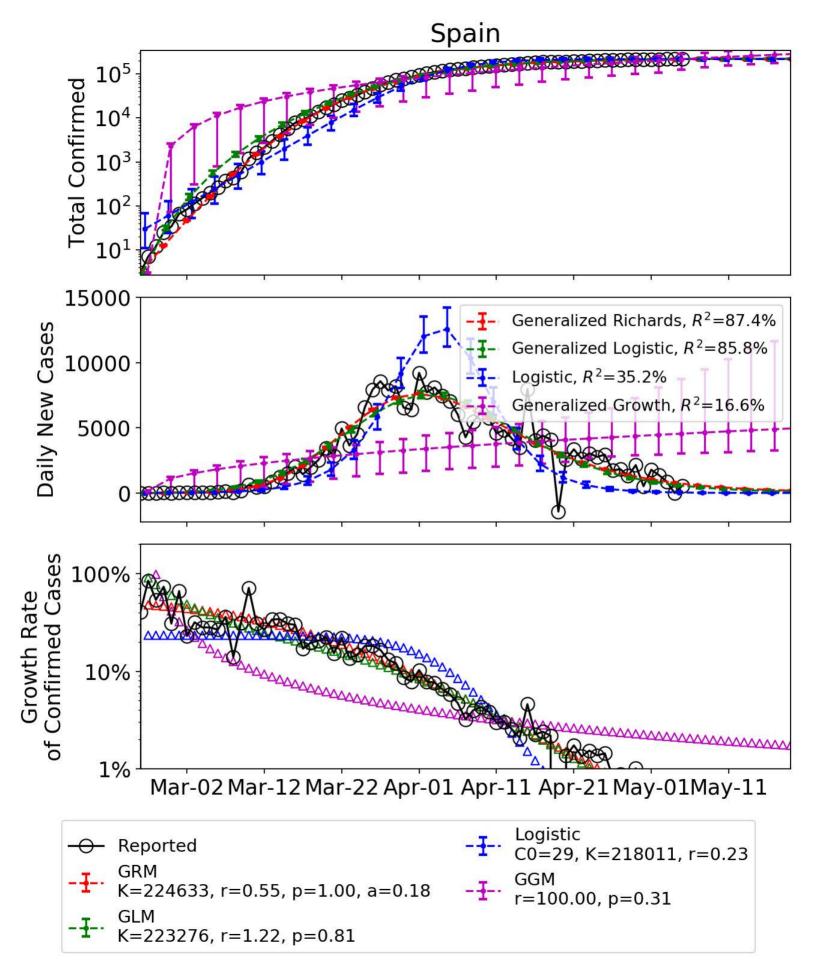


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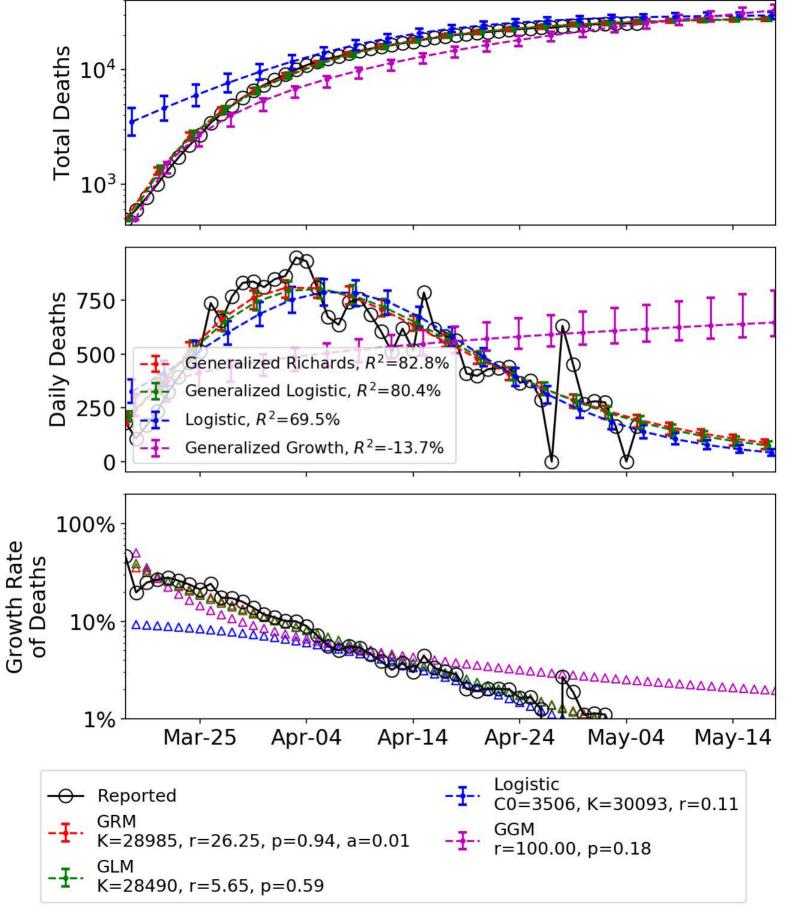


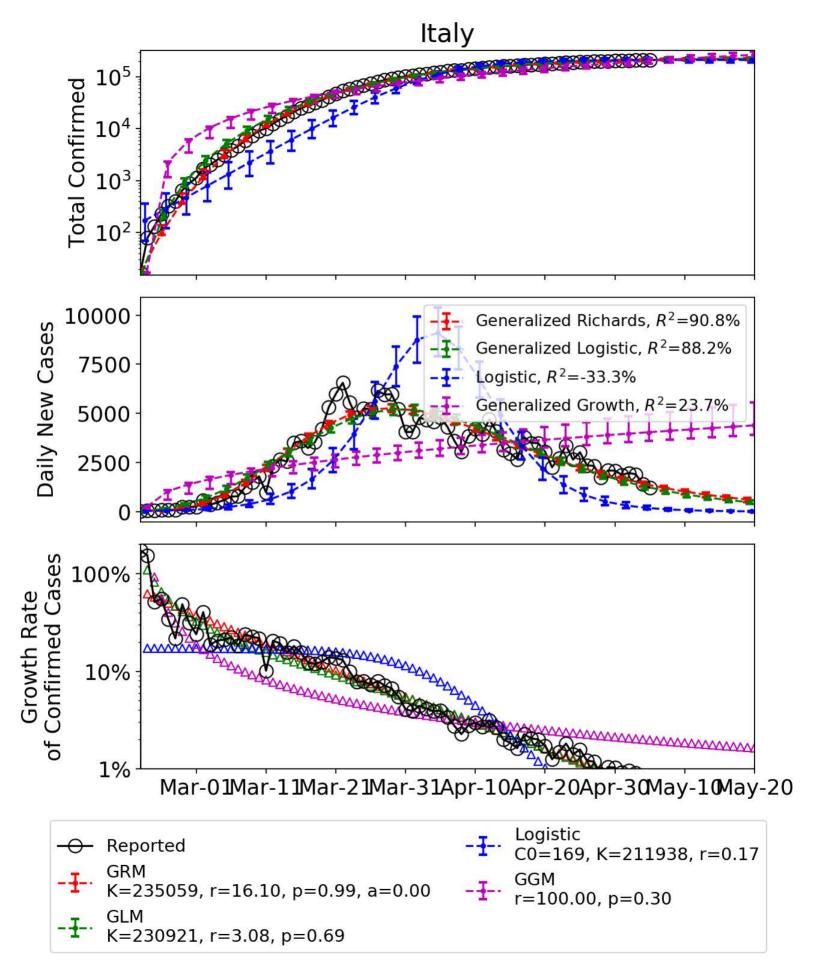
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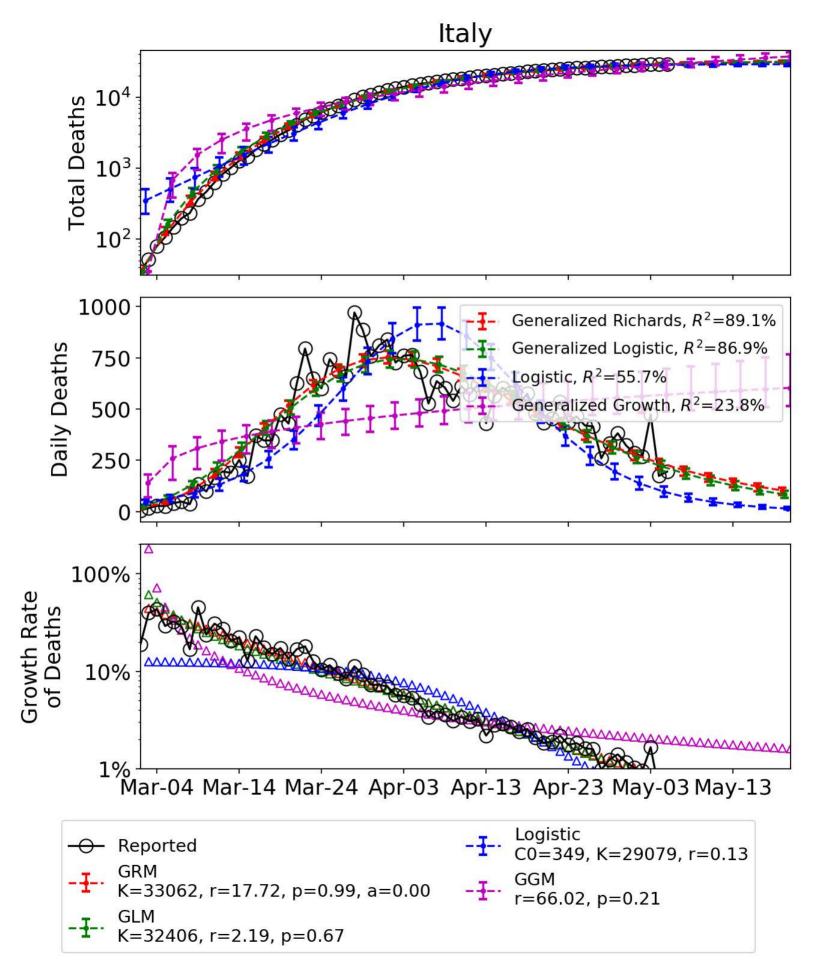




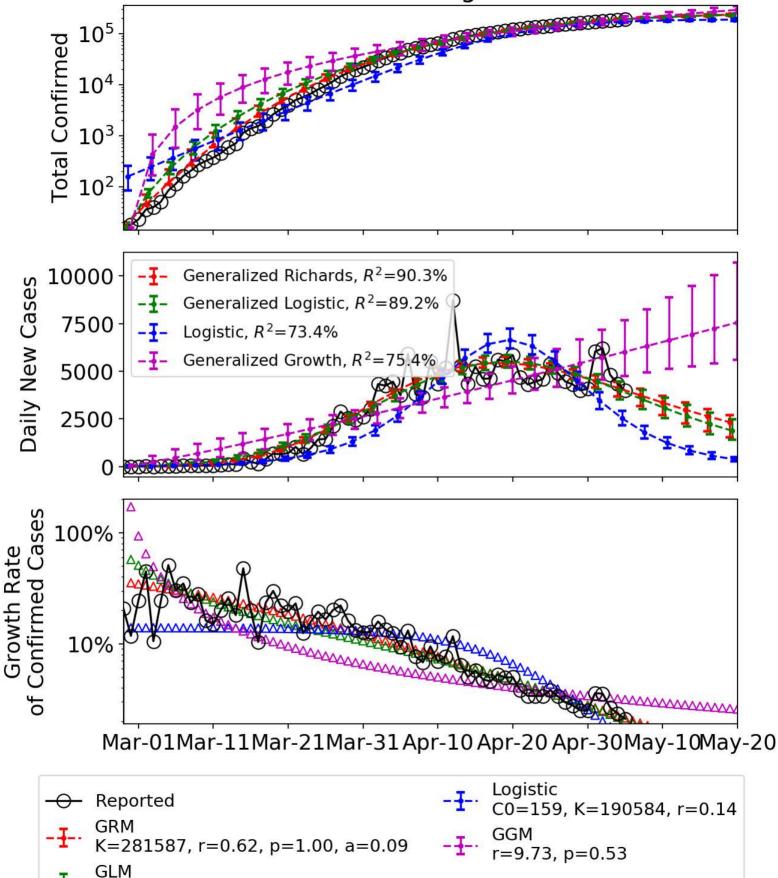






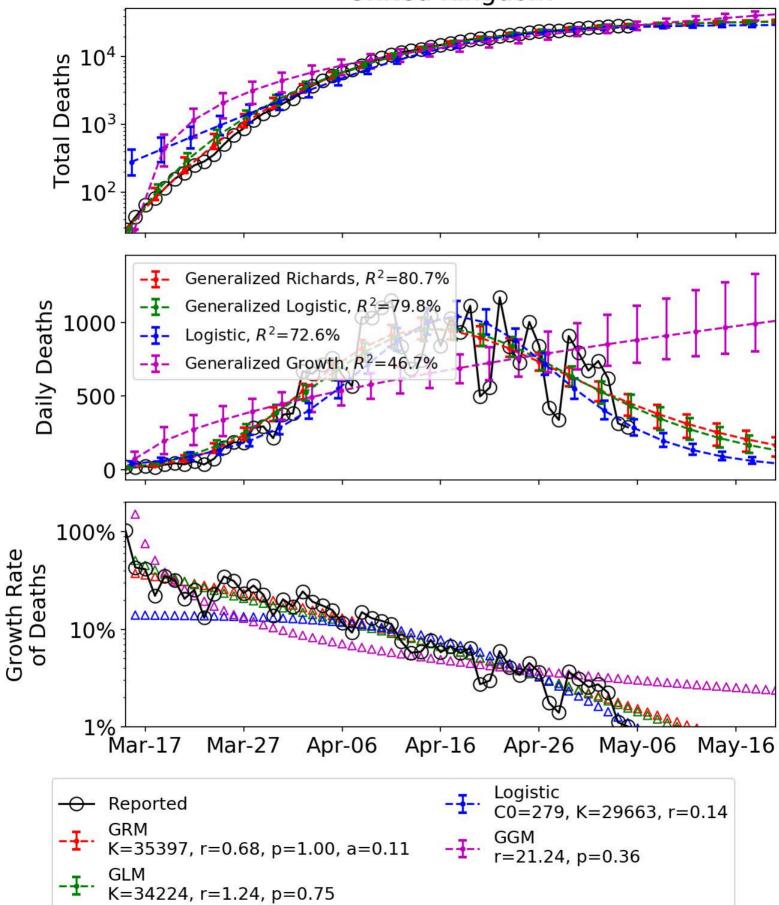


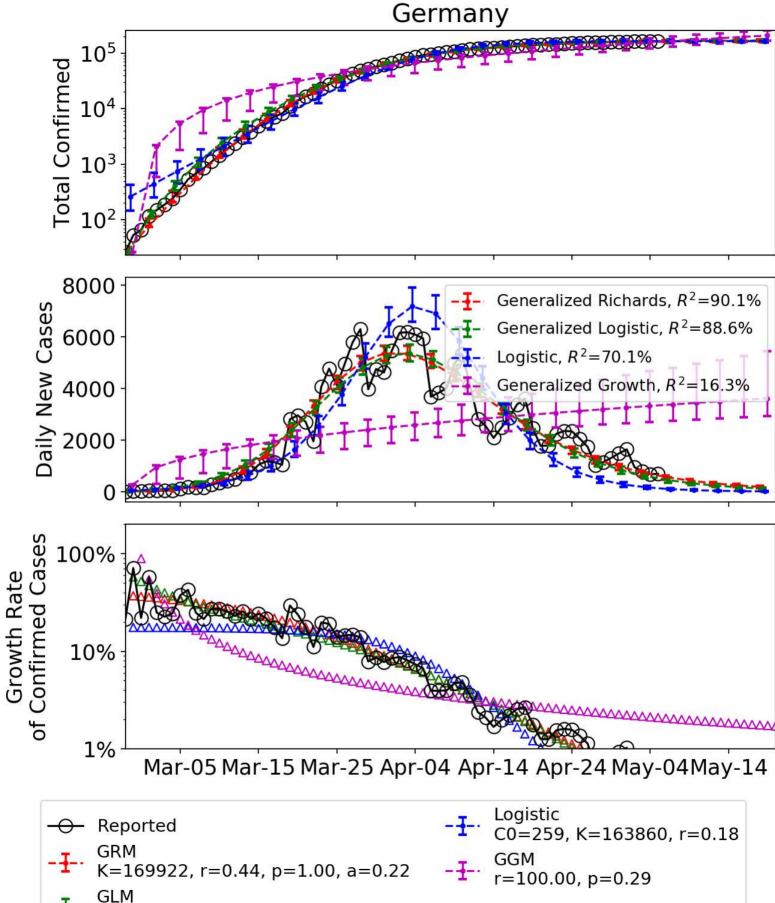
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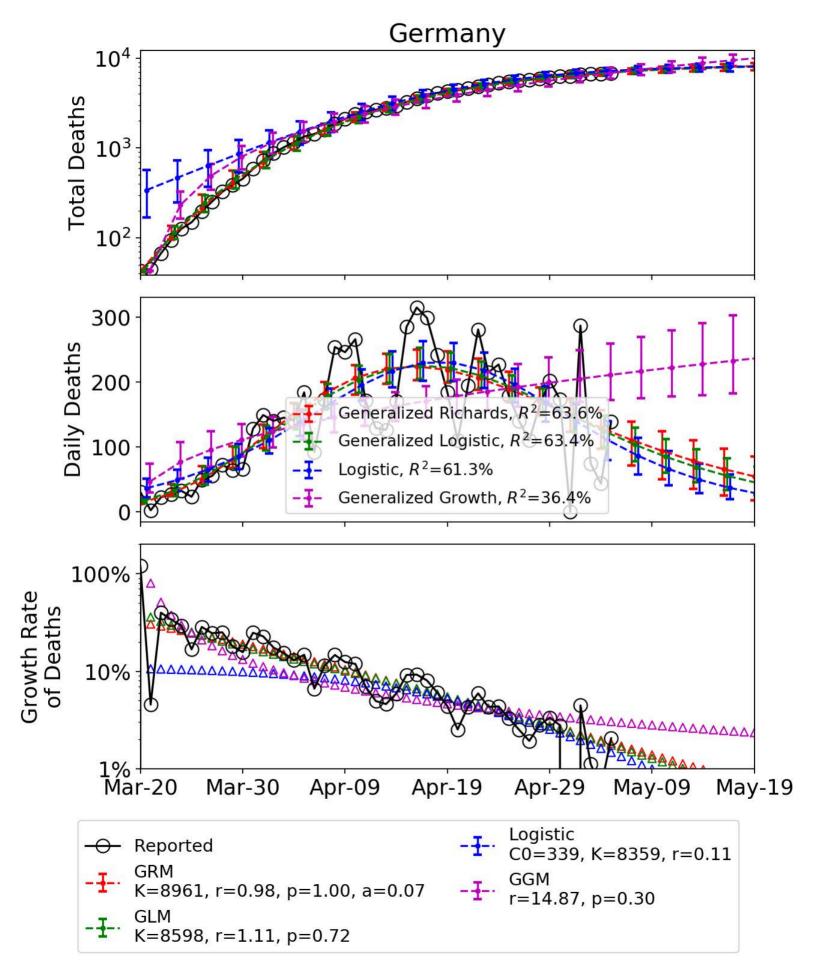
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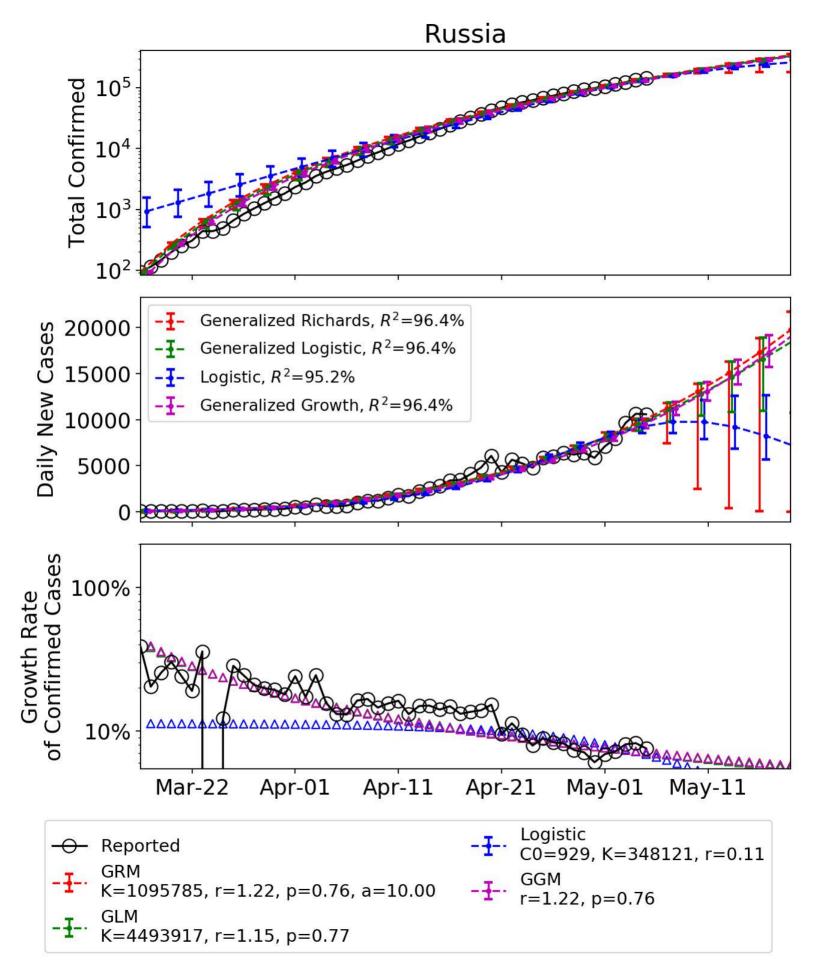


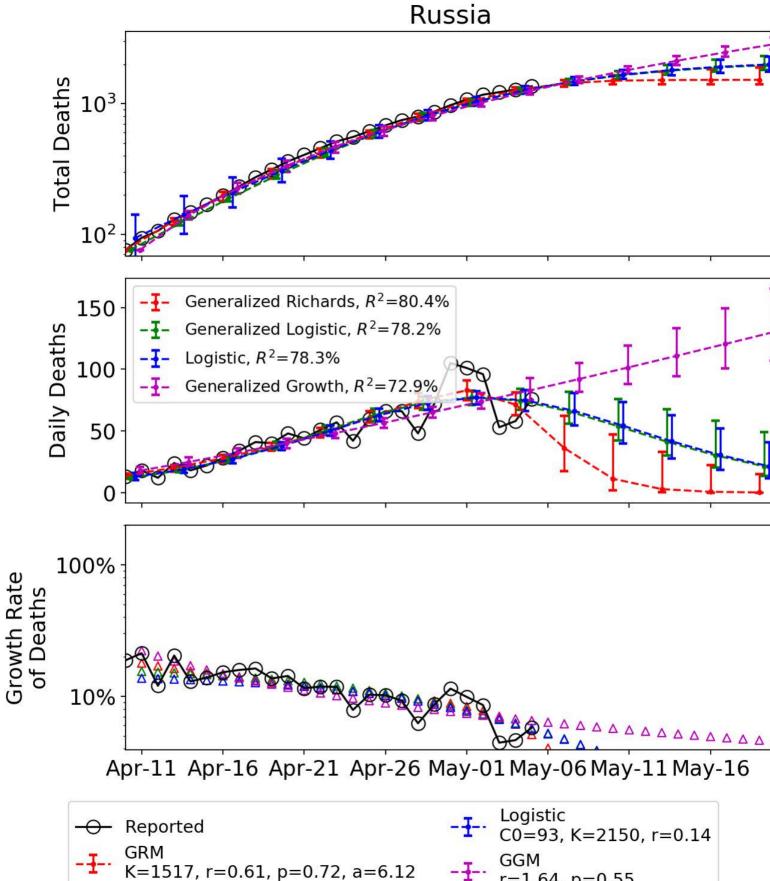


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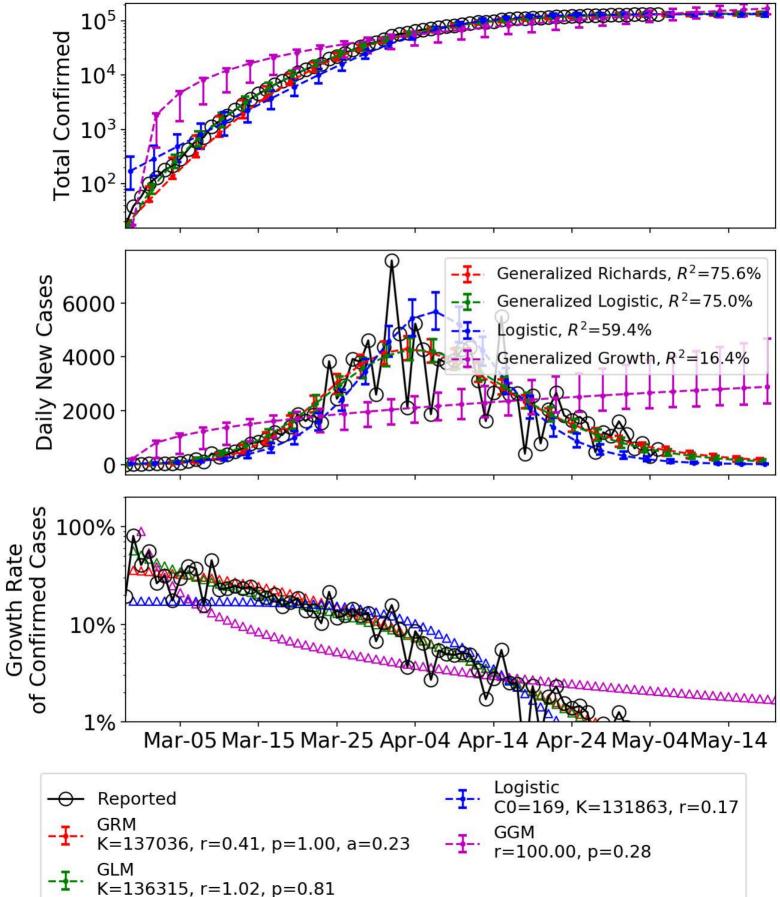


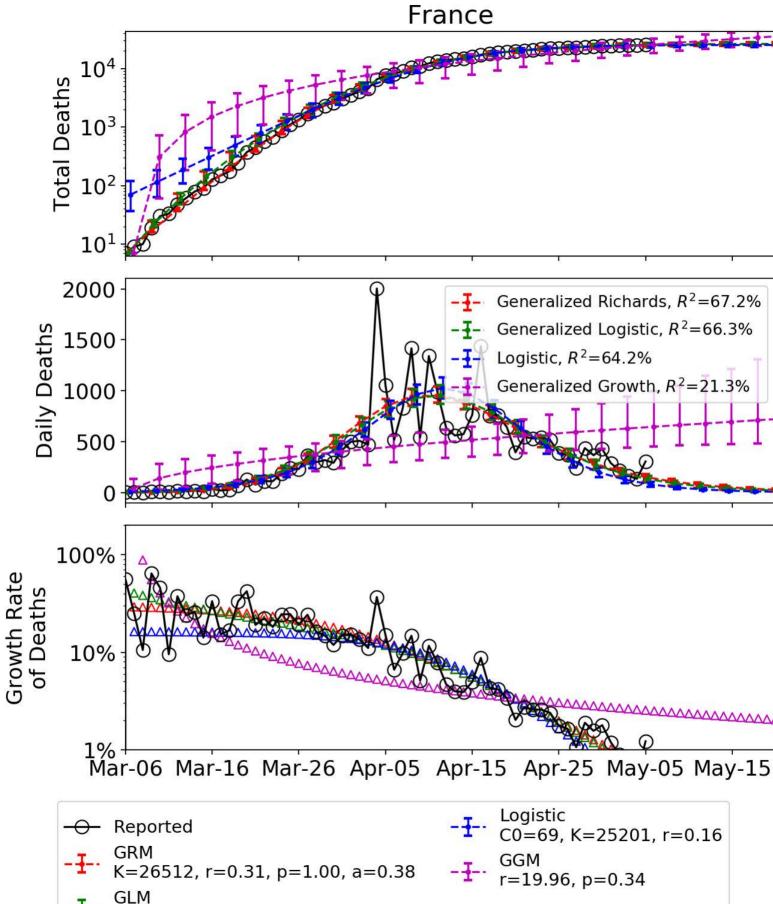




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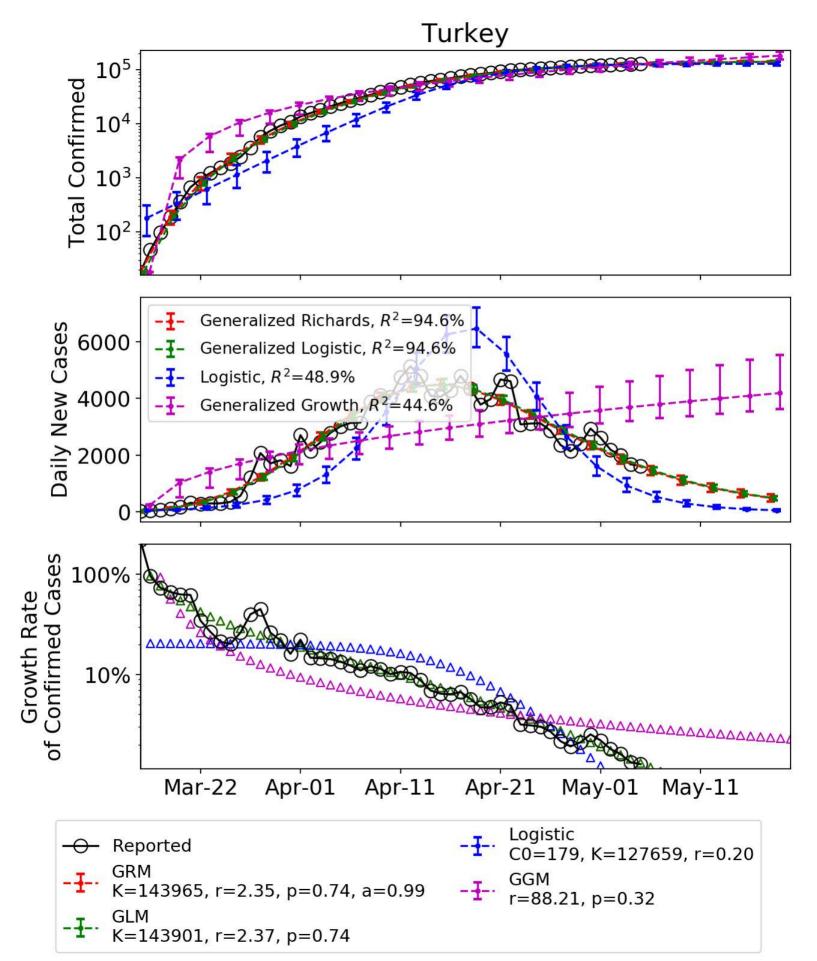
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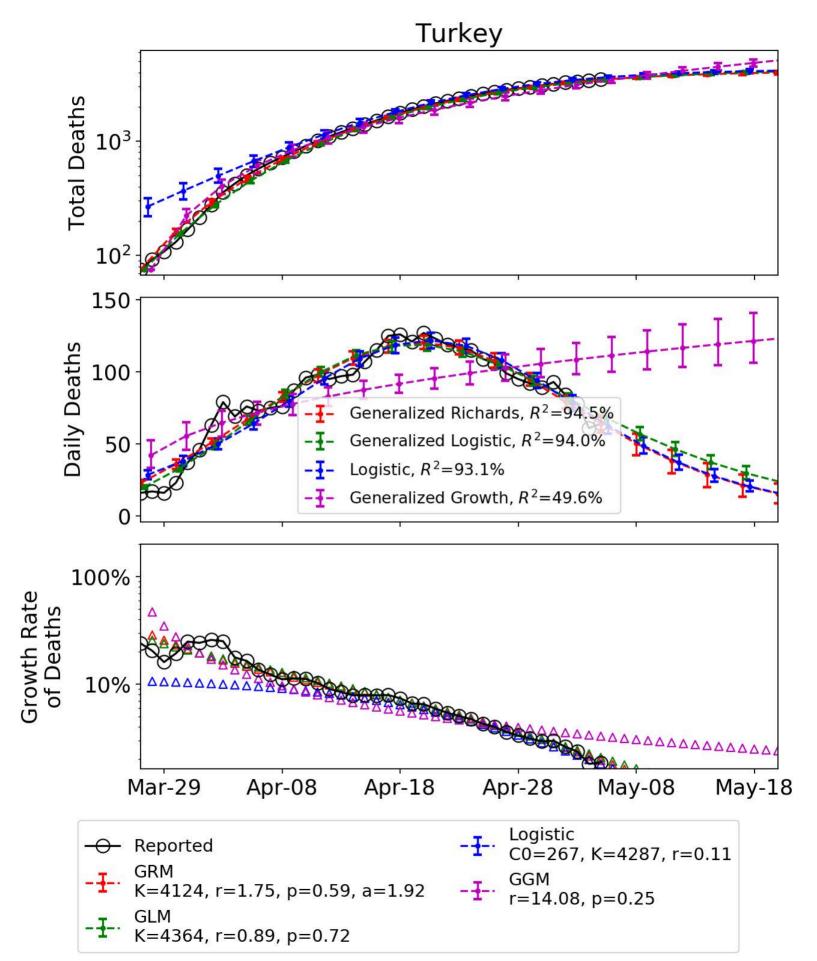


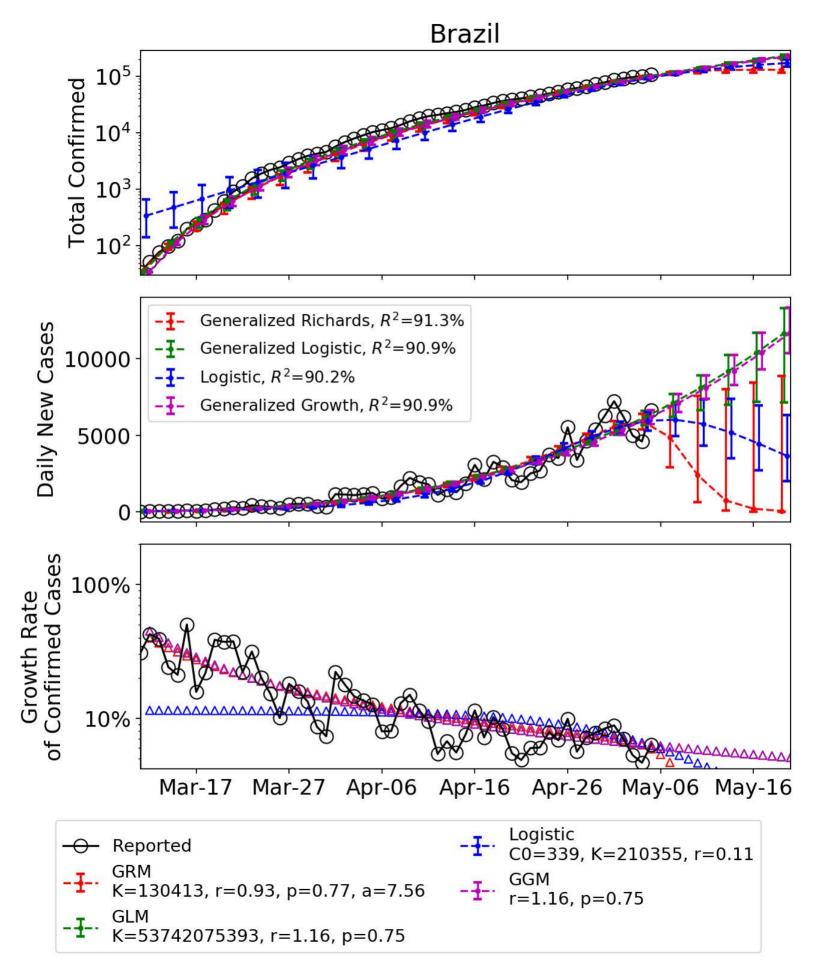


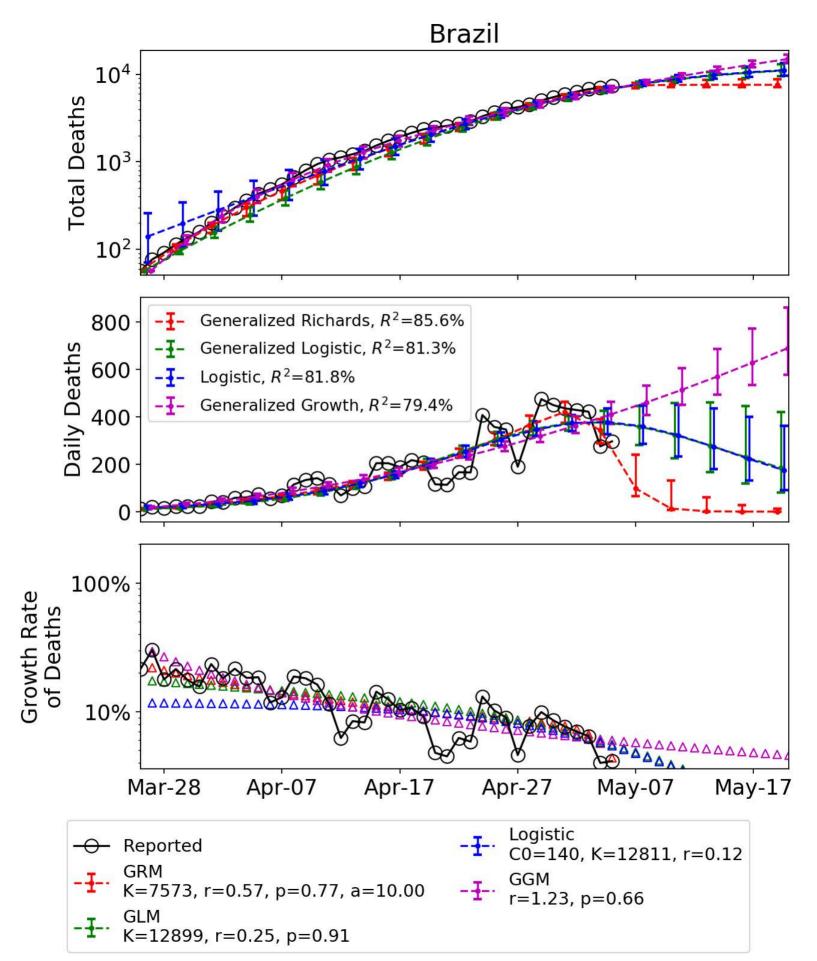
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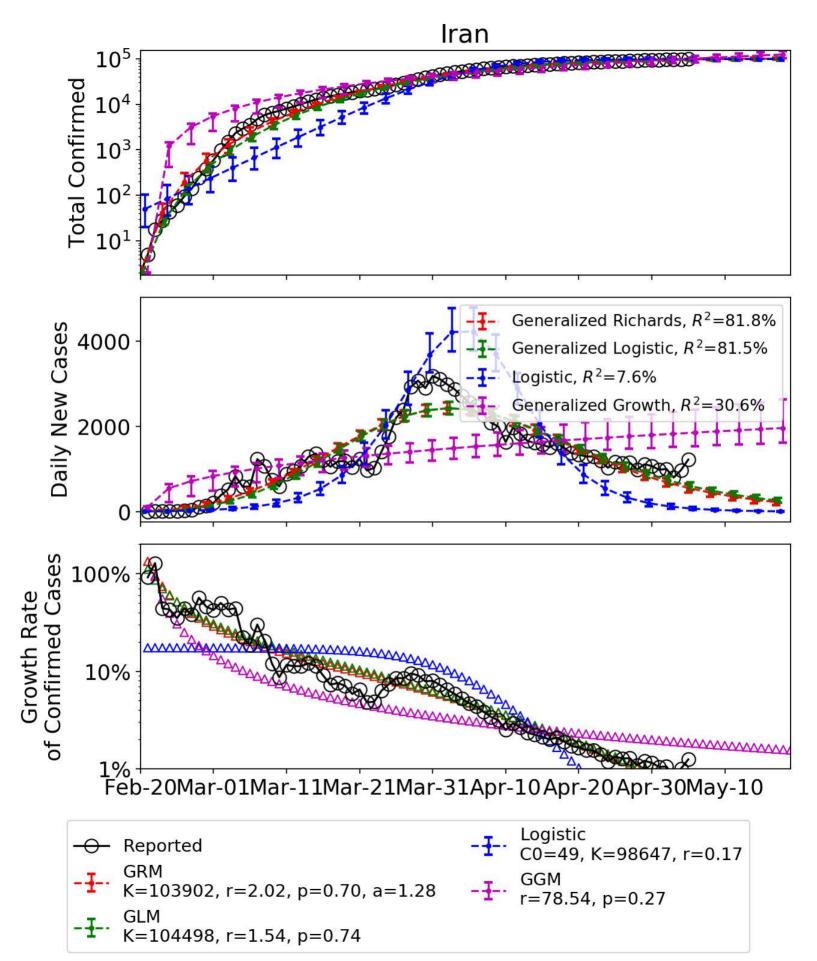
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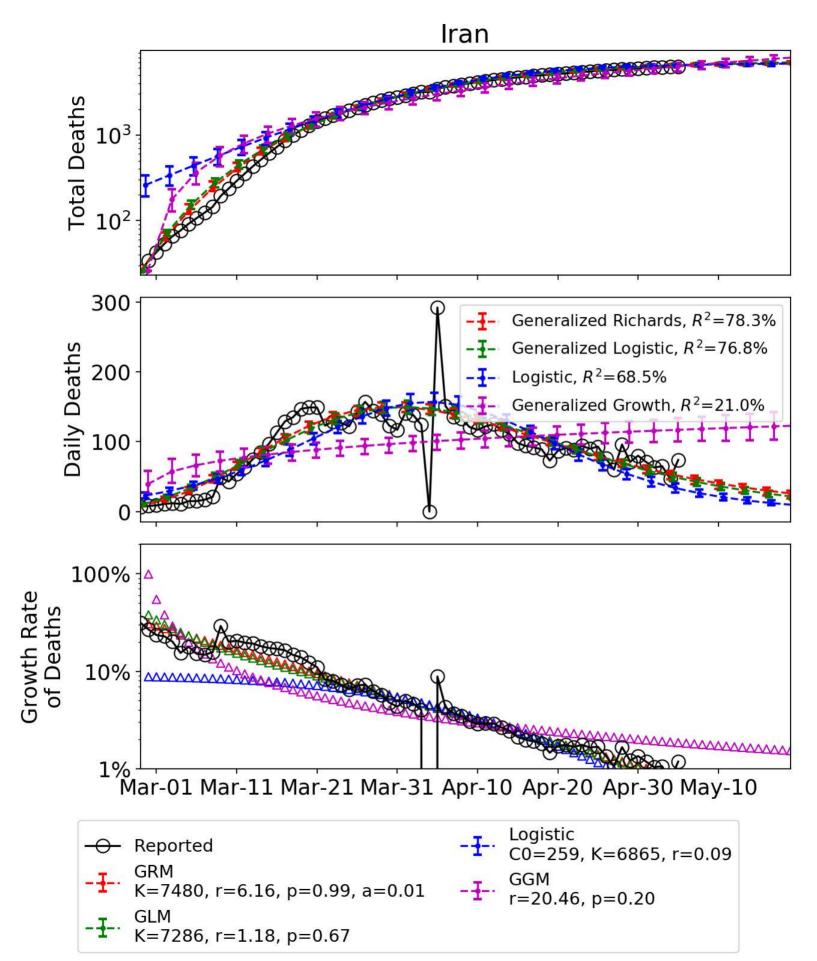


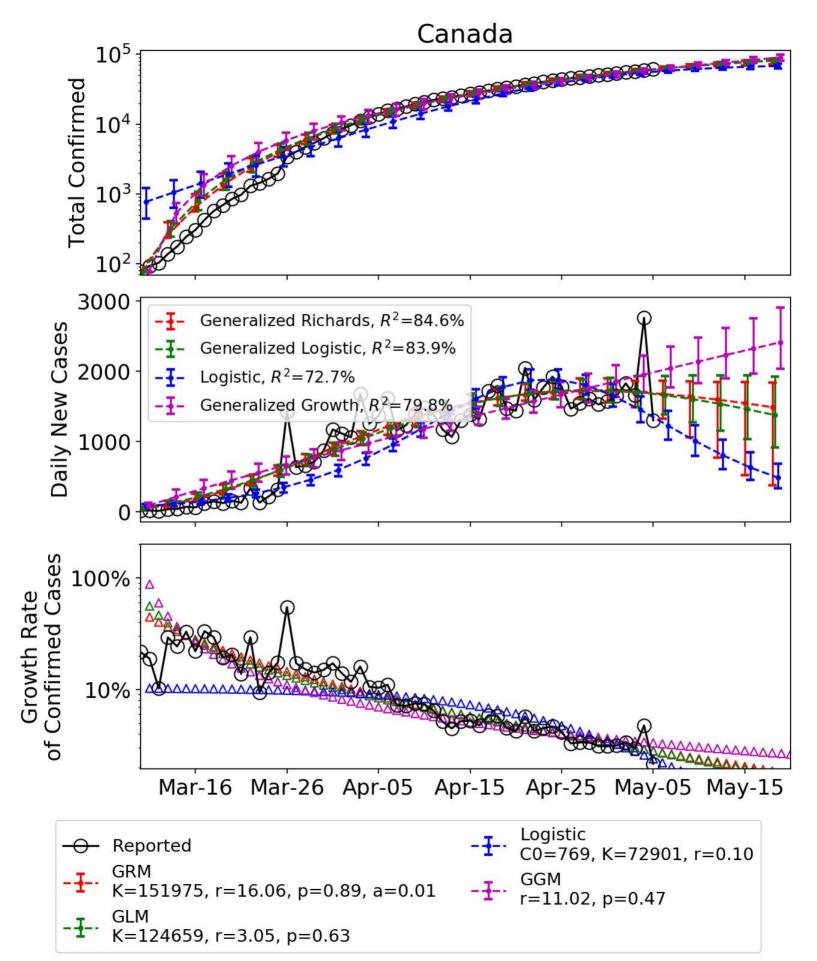


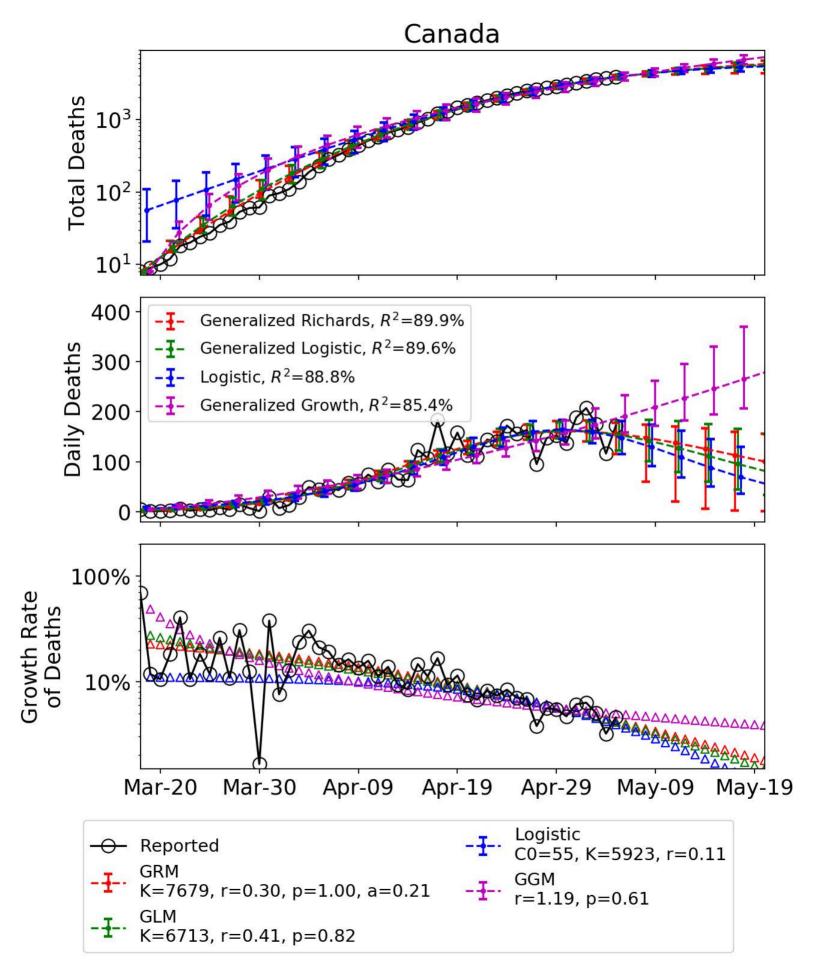




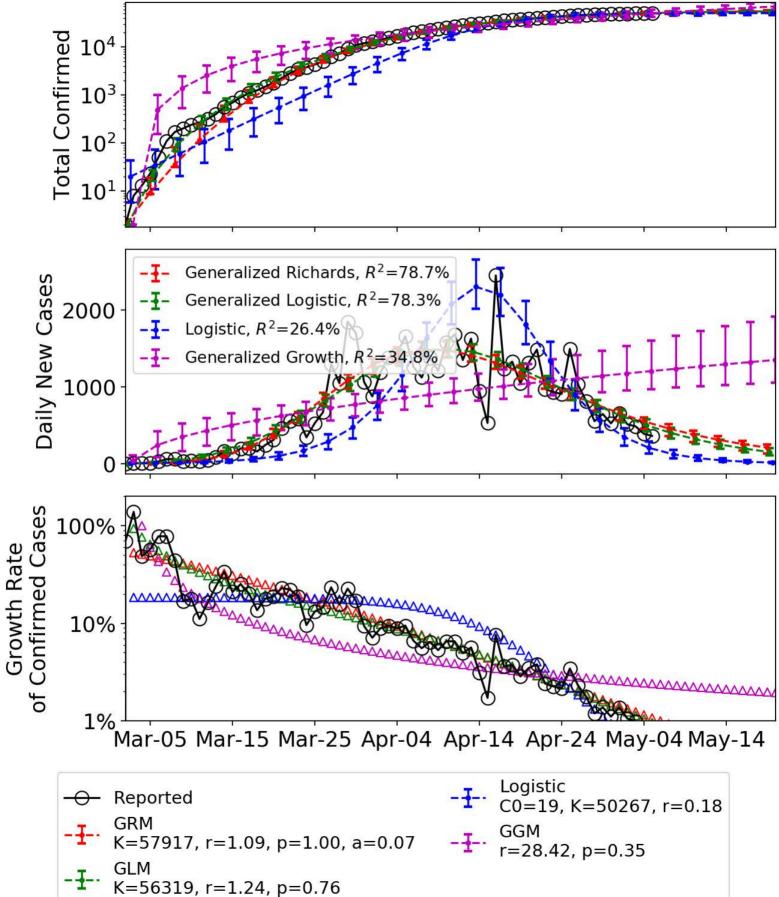


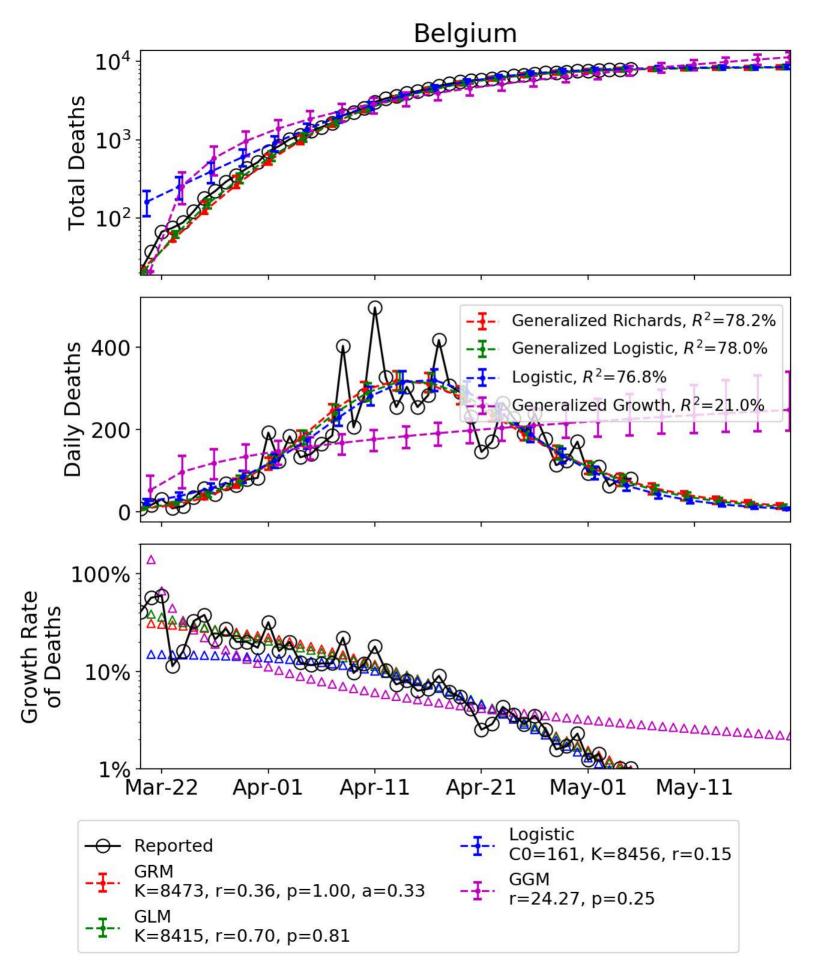


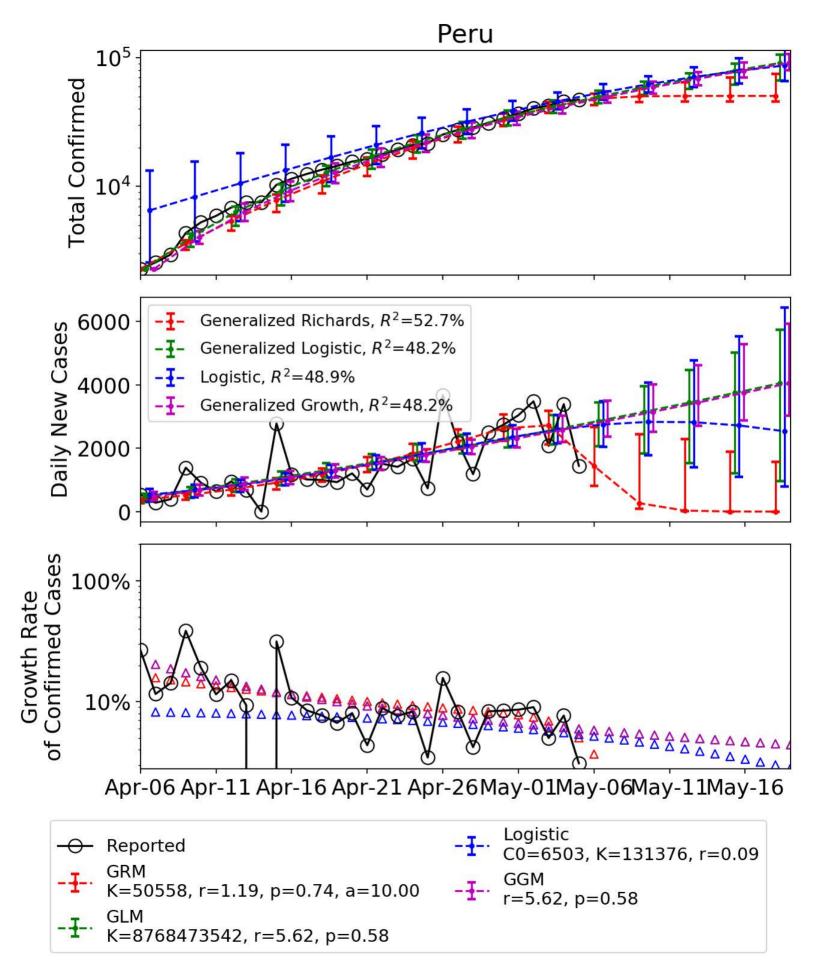


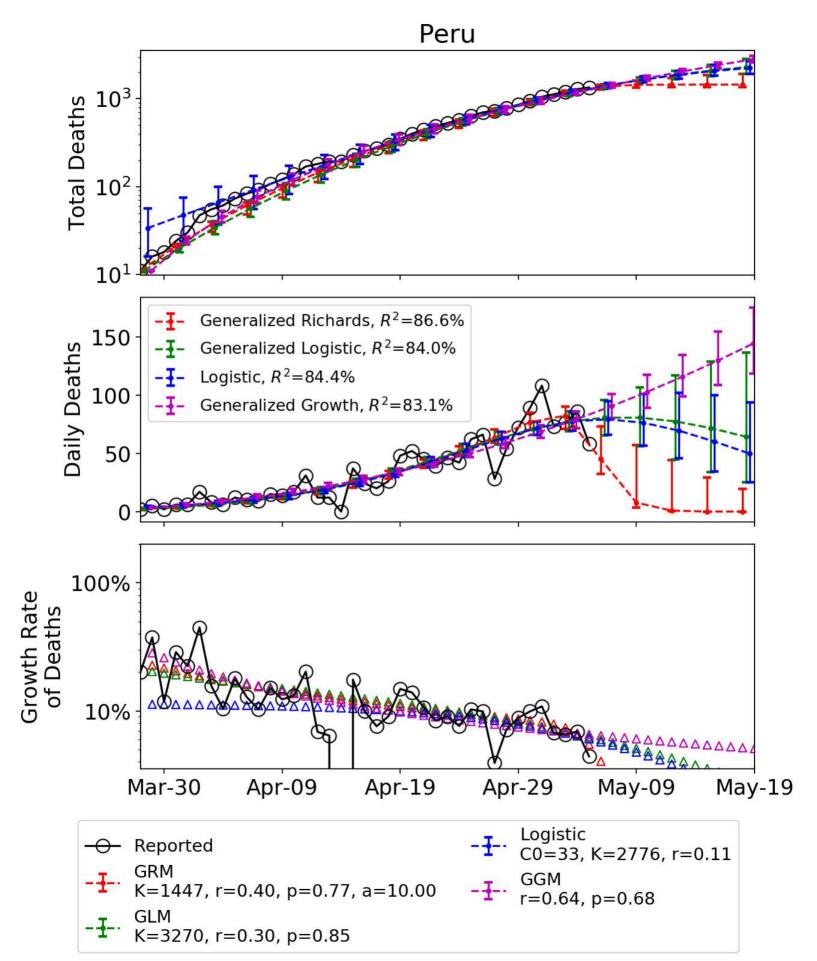


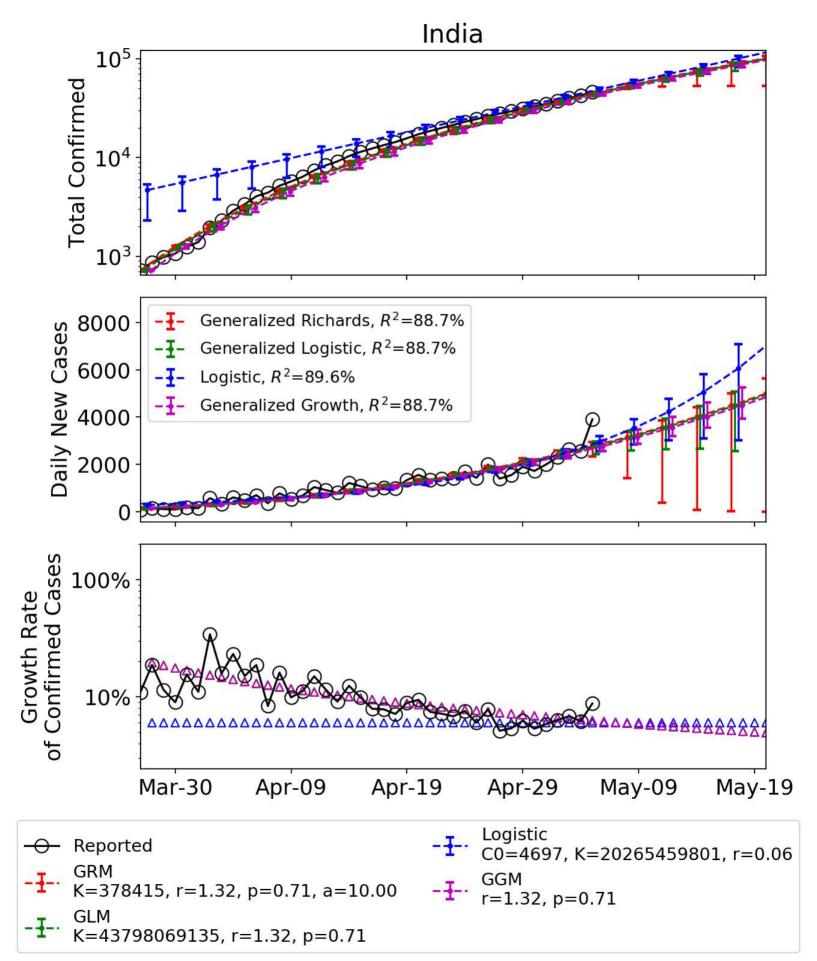
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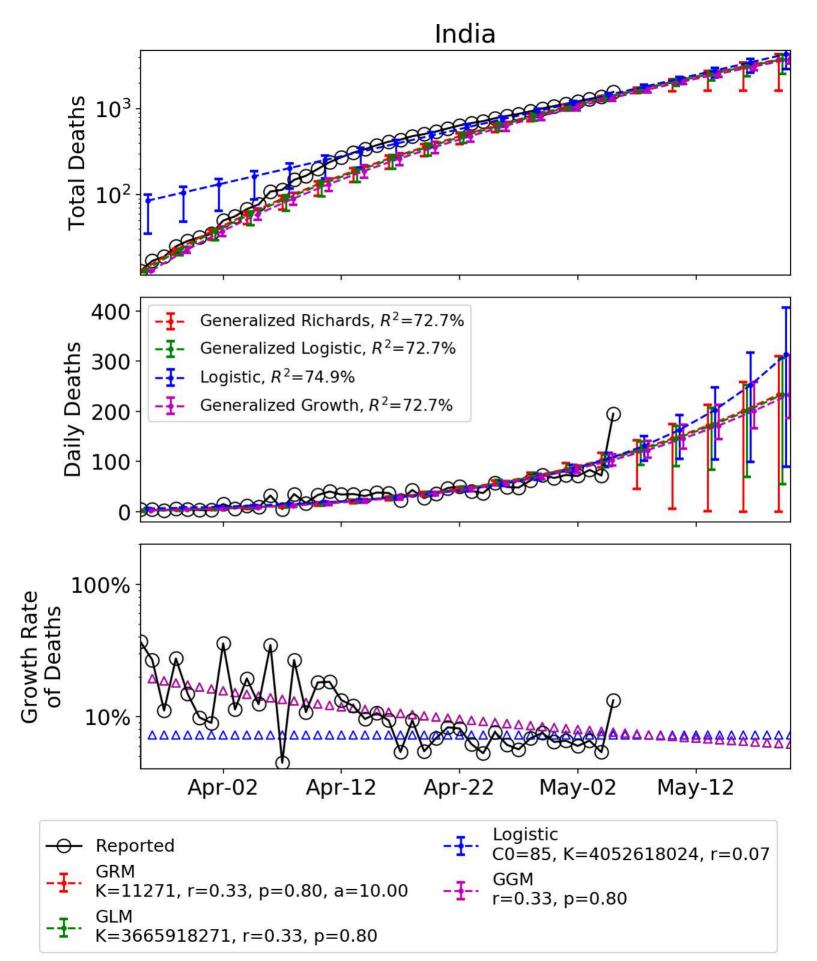




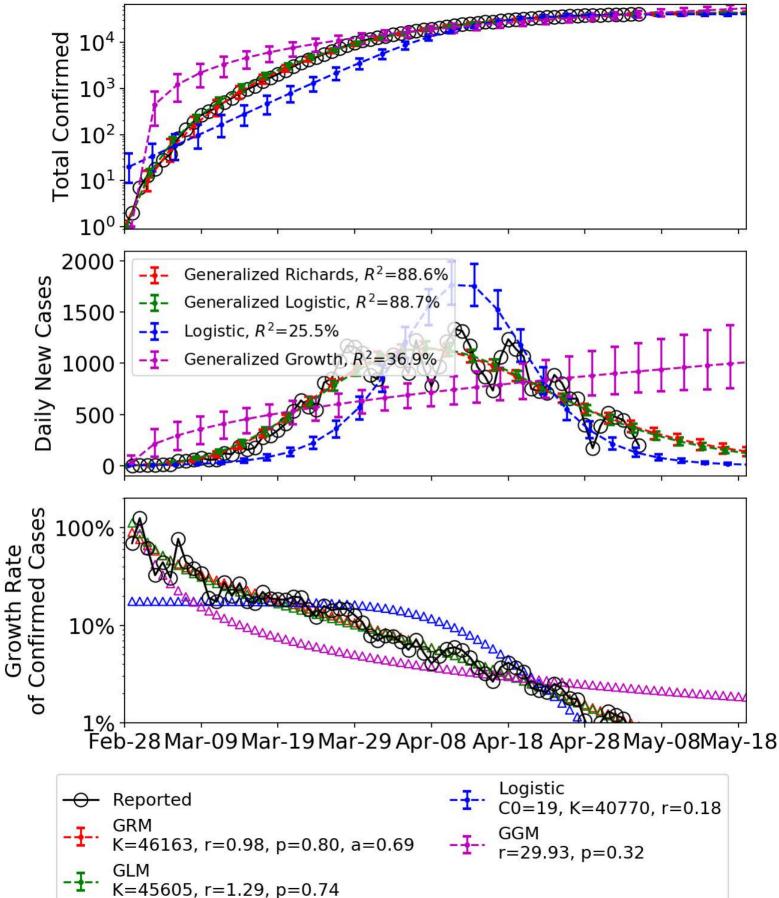




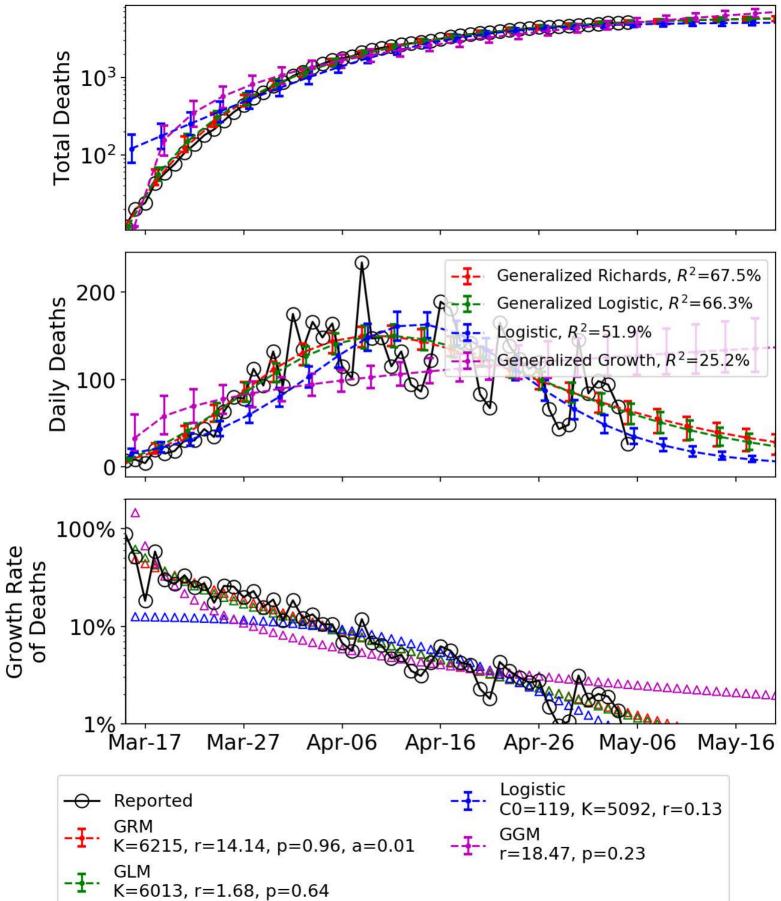


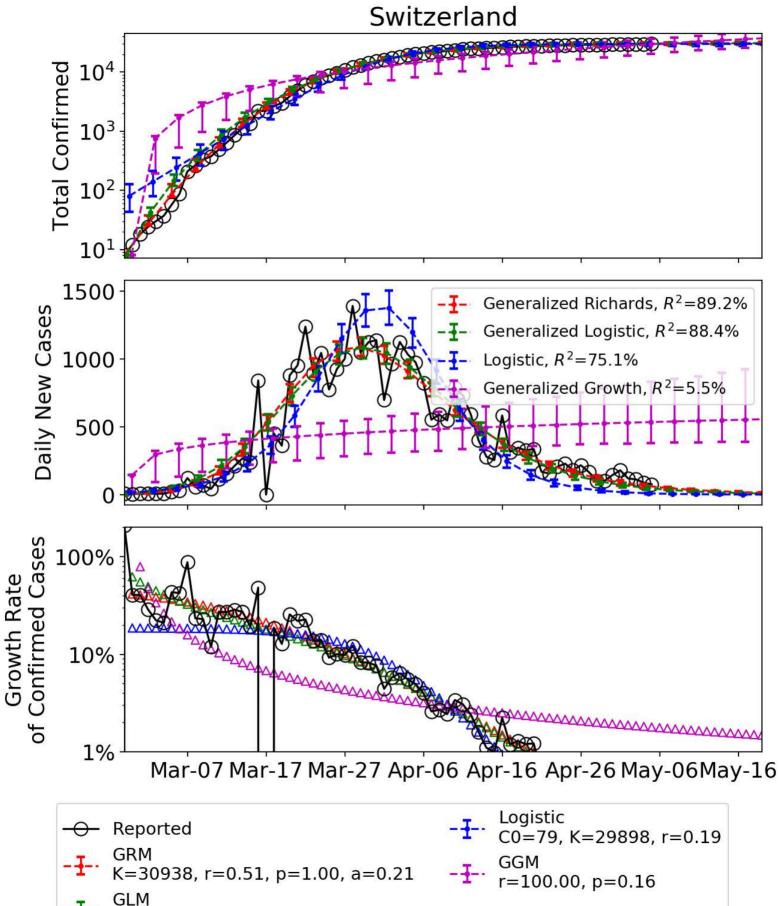


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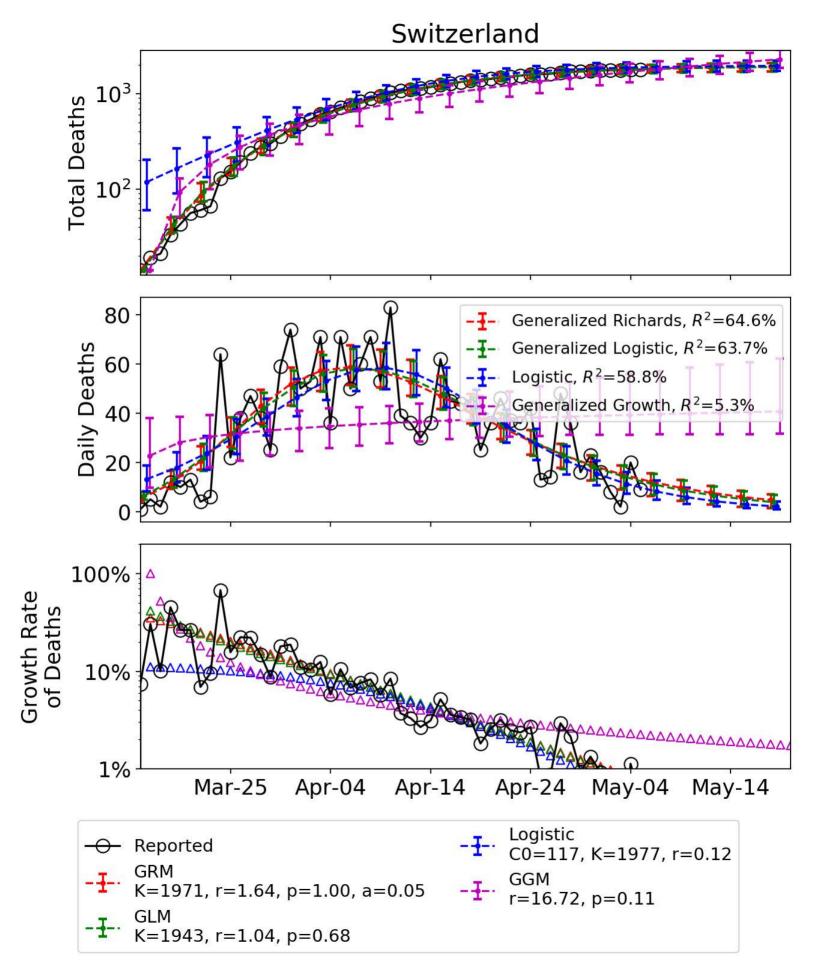


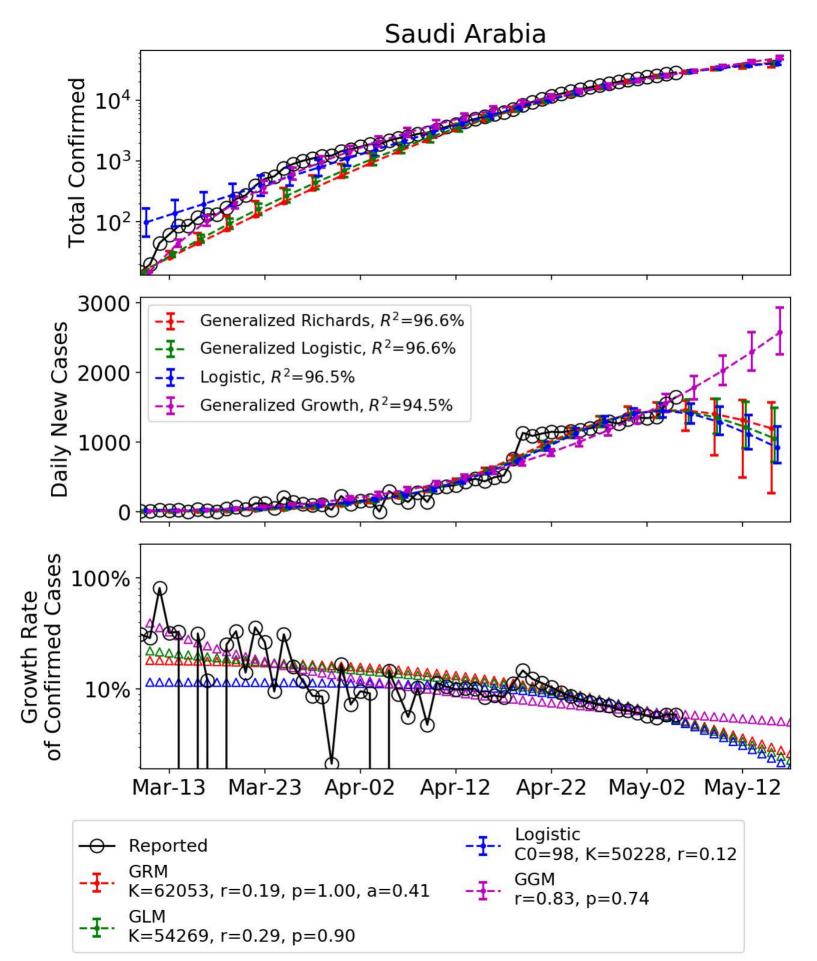


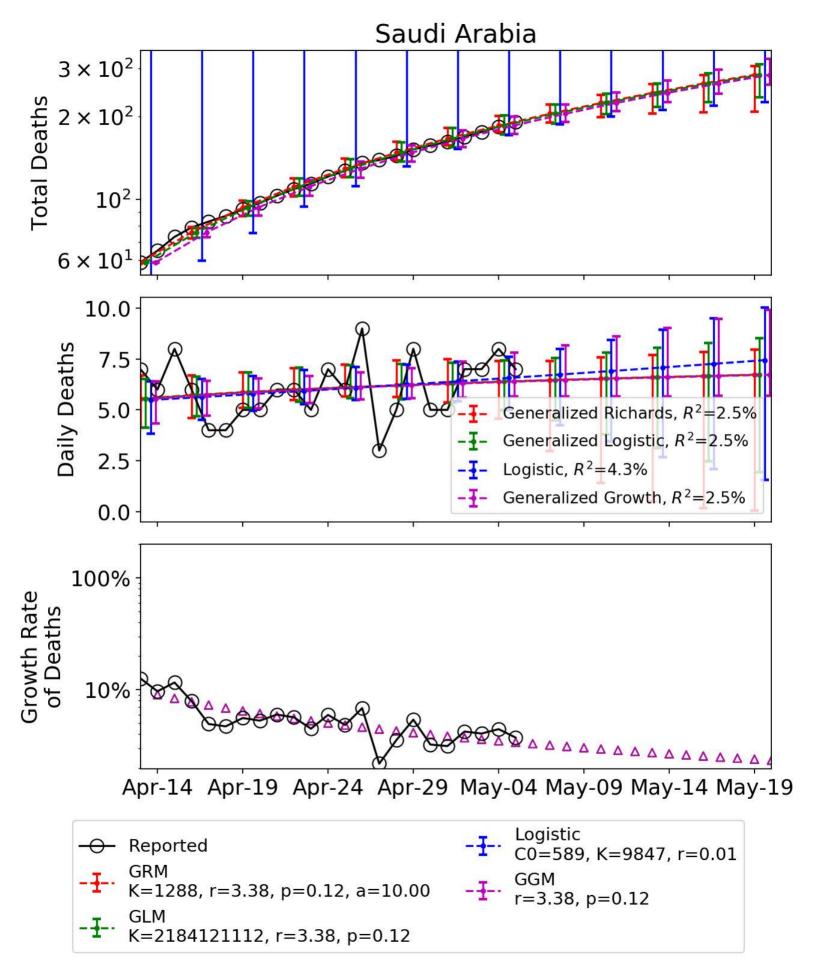




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## Portugal

