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5. ცხრილები საჭიროა წარმოადგინოთ ნაბეჭდი სახით. ყველა ციფრული, შემაჯამებელი და პროცენტული მონაცემები უნდა შეესაბამებოდეს ტექსტში მოყვანილს.

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9. სტატიას თან უნდა ახლდეს: ა) დაწესებულების ან სამეცნიერო ხელმძღვანელის წარდგინება, დამოწმებული ხელმოწერითა და ბეჭდით; ბ) დარგის სპეციალისტის დამოწმებული რეცენზია, რომელშიც მითითებული იქნება საკითხის აქტუალობა, მასალის საკმაობა, მეთოდის სანდოობა, შედეგების სამეცნიერო-პრაქტიკული მნიშვნელობა.

10. სტატიის ბოლოს საჭიროა ყველა ავტორის ხელმოწერა, რომელთა რაოდენობა არ უნდა აღემატებოდეს 5-ს.

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## MORTALITY RISK ASSESSMENT AMONG PATIENTS, HOSPITALIZED FOR COVID-19

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### Abstract.

In Georgia, the number of confirmed cases of Coronavirus were 1,85,5289. Among them, 17 132 patients died. Information on risk factors for mortality is insufficient.

The purpose of our research is to evaluate clinical features of heavy patients with severe COVID and determine prognostic factors of outcome. Factors associated with critical COVID-19 included older age and certain chronic medical conditions.

**Methods:** The clinical material of 250 chronically ill COVID-19 patients admitted to the intensive care unit was retrospectively studied. We divided the patients into two groups. The dead and the survivors.

Demographic data, comorbidities, chronic diseases, results of ultrasound, cardiography, computed tomography and laboratory characteristics were studied.

**Results:** In patients with chronic diseases, in the intensive care unit during COVID-19, the relative chance of survival decreases: CRP3 - OR=0.98(95% CI:0.97-0.99)Hydrothorax- OR=0.24(95% CI:0.06-0.95); Sepsis/Septic shock - OR=0.07(95% CI:0.01-0.39); WBC - OR=0.86(95% CI:0.74-0.99); Mechanical lung ventilation - OR=0.01(95% CI:0.00-0.05); increase survival relative chance- $pO_2$  - OR=1.03(95% CI:1.0-1.06).

**Conclusions:** Predictors of mortality in patients with chronic diseases: coagulation characteristics, inflammatory markers, sepsis, and artificial lung ventilation. Risk factors for covid-19 mortality need to be studied to increase pandemic preparedness.

**Key words.** Covid-19, mortality, risk factors.

### Introduction.

The Covid-19 pandemic was caused by the severe acute respiratory syndrome, coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) which lasted from March 2020 to May 2023 [1]. More than 689 million people were infected, and it caused 6.9 million deaths worldwide, according to the WHO data. In Georgia, the number of confirmed cases of Coronavirus were 1 855 289. Among them, 17 132 patients died [2].

Although there is a certain number of prognostic features, the contradiction concerning predictors of mortality persists. The investigation of risk factors of the outcome may increase readiness to the pandemic [3].

The purpose of our research is to evaluate clinical features of heavy patients with severe COVID and determine prognostic factors of outcome. Factors, associated with critical COVID-19 included older age and certain chronic medical conditions.

### Materials and Methods.

The clinical material of 270 chronically ill COVID-19 patients admitted to the intensive care unit was retrospectively studied. We divided the patients into two groups. The dead (107) and the survivors (163).

We used a structured questionnaire form developed by us, which contained information about patients: demographic

data, comorbidities, chronic diseases, results of ultrasound, cardiography, computed tomography and laboratory characteristics were studied.

### Statistical analysis.

- During the quantitative data assessment, we will calculate the average, mean square deviation. However, for qualitative data, we calculated frequency and percentage.

- The credibility of differences between groups in case of quantitative data will be detected using the student's t criterion. While comparing, the equality of dispersions was assessed according to the Levene's Test method. For qualitative data, the assessment of differences (discrepancies) will be performed using F (Fisher's) criterion.

- The relative chance was detected according to the multiple binary logistic regression analysis.

The clinical material was processed using the program package SPSS 23.

### Results.

The table 1 shows patients' distribution, based on demographic features and harmful habits.

Table 1. Patients' distribution according to the demographic features and harmful habits.

As we see from this table 1, no gender difference was revealed. In the lethality group, the rate of patients, older than 65 is credibly high.

The difference, according to the concomitant diseases is significant (Table 2).

In both groups, the rate of patients, in whose anamnesis, cardiologic diseases were reported is high. Among them, in the lethal outcome group, rates of following conditions are credibly high: heart failure, suffered myocardial infarction, pulmonary hypertension, arterial hypertension, heart defects. Angina pectoris rate is incredibly higher. In the lethality group, the mean of the ejection fraction is credibly lower than this of survivors. Hence:  $EF\% = 50.85 + 8.57, - 48.28 + 9.45$  ( $t = 2.31$ ;  $p = 0.0216$ ).

Concerning pulmonary diseases, COPD and hydrothorax prevailed in anamnesis. Besides, the rate of hydrothorax was high in the group of lethality.

Concerning endocrine pathologies, in both groups, the equally high frequency (more than 30 percent) of diabetes was pronounced. Of kidney diseases, the renal failure is incredibly more.

No credible discrepancies were found concerning oncologic, neurologic, gastroenterologic, psychiatric or hepatologic diseases. Performed operations and manipulations are given in the table 3.

The surgical procedures performed by the two groups do not appear to differ significantly.

At the next level of investigation, we studied treatment complications in both groups.

The initial rate of the degree of lung injury was high in both groups - in the lethality group  $13.42 + 7.10$ , in the survivor group  $12.81 + 6.8$  ( $p = 0.480$ ).



**Table 1.** Assessment of mortality based on sex, age, harmful habits.

Factors		Mortality		Survival		F	p
		n	%	N	%		
Gender	Female	59	55.14	92	56.44	0.04	0.8339
Age	Above 65 years	86	80.37	90	55.21	19.16	<0.0001
Bad habits	Nicotine	28	26.17	49	30.06	0.48	0.4901
	Alcohol	5	4.67	3	1.84	1.80	0.1807
	Drug addiction	0	0.00	1	0.61	0.66	0.4188

**Table 2.** Mortality assessment, based on concomitant diseases.

		Mortality		Survival		F	p
		n	%	N	%		
<b>Cardiological diseases</b>	Heart failure	58	54.21	54	33.13	12.27	0.0005
	Post myocardial infarction	31	28.97	26	15.95	6.69	0.0102
	Pulmonary hypertension	35	32.71	17	10.43	22.16	<0.0001
	Arterial hypertension	102	95.33	137	84.05	8.27	0.0043
	Angina pectoris	19	17.76	17	10.43	3.01	0.0838
	Heart defect	44	41.12	48	29.45	3.95	0.0480
	Arrhythmia	31	28.97	37	22.70	1.35	0.2471
	Cardiomyopathy	11	10.28	11	6.75	1.07	0.3012
	Pericardial effusion	10	9.35	12	7.36	0.34	0.5617
<b>Neurological diseases</b>	Post stroke	13	12.15	18	11.04	0.08	0.7812
	Other neurological pathologies (neuropathy)	2	1.87	2	1.23	0.18	0.6706
	Transient ischemic attack	4	3.74	6	3.68	0.00	0.9806
	Severe head trauma	1	0.93	2	1.23	0.05	0.8234
	Epilepsy	3	2.80	4	2.45	0.03	0.8602
	Dementia	19	17.76	24	14.72	0.44	0.5071
	Alzheimer's disease	0	0.00	0	0.00		
<b>Pulmonology/ Physiatric diseases</b>	Post pneumonia	1	16.82	45	27.61	4.23	0.0406
	Post TBC	1	0.93	5	3.07	1.35	0.2465
	COPD	13	12.15	23	14.11	0.21	0.6444
	Post PE	0	0.00	4	2.45	2.67	0.1033
	Hydrothorax	37	34.58	26	15.95	13.04	0.0004
	Bronchial asthma	1	0.93	1	0.61	0.09	0.7645
	Lung abscess	0	0.00	0	0.00		
	Pleuritis	1	0.93	0	0.00	1.53	0.2177
<b>Endocrine diseases</b>	Diabetes	34	31.78	50	30.67	0.04	0.8491
	Obesity	7	6.54	21	12.88	2.80	0.0953
	Hypothyroidism or gout	5	4.67	17	10.43	2.87	0.0914
<b>Gastroenterological diseases</b>	Stomach or duodenal ulcer pathology	9	8.41	7	4.29	1.96	0.1623
	Varicose veins of the esophagus	0	0.00	0	0.00	-	-
	Gastritis / erosion	10	9.35	13	7.98	0.15	0.6945
	Gallstone disease	1	0.93	5	3.07	1.35	0.2465
	Pancreatitis	0	0.00	0	0.00	-	-
<b>Psychiatric diseases</b>	Schizophrenia	0	0.00	1	0.61	0.66	0.4188
	Anxiety Disorders	0	0.00	0	0.00	-	-
<b>Hepatological diseases</b>	Hepatitis C	1	0.93	10	6.13	4.51	0.0346
	Hepatitis B	1	0.93	3	1.84	0.36	0.5485
	Chronic liver failure	1	0.93	0	0.00	1.53	0.2177
	Liver cirrhosis	2	1.87	3	1.84	0.00	0.9864
<b>Angiological diseases</b>	Varicose veins of the blood vessels of the limbs	13	12.15	15	9.20	0.60	0.4391
	Carotid artery occlusion or stenosis	1	0.93	5	3.07	1.35	0.2465
	Aneurysm of the thoracic aorta	0	0.00	0	0.00	-	-
	Abdominal aortic aneurysm	1	0.93	2	1.23	0.05	0.8234

<b>Nephrological diseases</b>	Kidney failure	13	12.15	9	5.52	3.82	0.0518
	Bladder disease	1	0.93	3	1.84	0.36	0.5485
	Amyloidosis of the gums	0	0.00	0	0.00	-	-
<b>Oncological pathologies</b>	Gastrointestinal tract (stomach, esophagus, intestine)	1	0.93	3	1.84	0.36	0.5485
	Brain	1	0.93	0	0.00	1.53	0.2177
	Lung/median	1	0.93	4	2.45	0.82	0.3669
	Liver	0	0.00	1	0.61	0.66	0.4188
	Pancreas	0	0.00	2	1.23	1.32	0.2517
	Mammary gland	3	2.80	9	5.52	1.12	0.2909
	Thyroid gland	1	0.93	1	0.61	0.09	0.7645
	Uterus	2	1.87	7	4.29	1.18	0.2792
	Prostate gland	2	1.87	6	3.68	0.73	0.3923
	kidney	0	0.00	0	0.00	-	-
	Skin and soft tissues	0	0.00	0	0.00	-	-
	Oncohematology	0	0.00	2	1.23	1.32	0.2517
<b>Therapy</b>	Conducted chemotherapy or radiation therapy	2	1.87	8	4.91	1.67	0.1973
<b>Hematological diseases</b>	Anemia	17	15.89	22	13.50	0.30	0.5863
	Coagulopathy	1	0.93	5	3.07	1.35	0.2465

*Table 3. Transferred operations and manipulations.*

<b>Factors</b>		<b>Mortality</b>		<b>Survival</b>		<b>F</b>	<b>p</b>
		<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>n</b>	<b>%</b>		
<b>Conducted surgery</b>	Aortocoronary shunting	11	10.28	8	4.91	2.86	0.0920
<b>Cardiology</b>	Coronary angioplasty	18	16.82	19	11.66	1.45	0.2288
	Valve prosthesis	1	0.93	1	0.61	0.09	0.7645
<b>Pulmonology</b>	Lobectomy	0	0.00	3	1.84	1.99	0.1594
<b>Neurosurgery</b>	Trepanation of the skull-valve	1	0.93	3	1.84	0.36	0.5485
<b>Endocrinology</b>	Strumectomy	1	0.93	3	1.84	0.36	0.5485
	Thyroid resection	0	0.00	3	1.84	1.99	0.1594
<b>Surgery</b>	Gastric resection	3	2.80	5	3.07	0.02	0.9010
	Bowel resection	3	2.80	2	1.23	0.88	0.3491
	Cholecystectomy	6	5.61	9	5.52	0.00	0.9760
	Appendectomy	4	3.74	7	4.29	0.05	0.8219
	Hernia surgery/plasty	5	4.67	2	1.23	3.05	0.0819
	Mastectomy performed	1	0.93	5	3.07	1.35	0.2465
	Hysterectomy	7	6.54	8	4.91	0.33	0.5681
	Bariatric surgery	0	0.00	1	0.61	0.66	0.4188
	Nephrectomy	0	0.00	1	0.61	0.66	0.4188
	Splenectomy	0	0.00	2	1.23	1.32	0.2517
	Operative interventions on blood vessels	4	3.74	4	2.45	0.37	0.5444
	Traumatological surgery	8	7.48	6	3.68	1.89	0.1701
<b>Vaccinations performed</b>	<b>Vaccinations performed</b>	2	1.87	4	2.45	0.10	0.7509

Pulmonary artery pressure - in the mortality group was 51.51+13.28, in the survivor group it was 44.66+12.84. There was no significant difference between the survival and lethality groups according to the mean value of lung damage.

The absolute majority of patients had acute respiratory failure (98% and more), respiratory distress (66% and more), cytokine storm (28% and more).

The comparison between lethal outcomes and recovered patients showed that there are credible discrepancies between patients in terms of following complications:

Unspecified shock, embolism of the lower or upper limb artery, myocardial infarction, sudden cardiac arrest, acute renal failure, gastroduodenal bleeding, hyperglycemia,

pulmonary hypertension, anemia, coagulopathy, spontaneous pneumothorax, hydrothorax.

Manipulations and surgical operations, performed during the treatment are given in table 5.

High-flow oxygenation HF and non-invasive CPAP were required for the majority of patients in both groups. Rates of the artificial lung ventilation and pleural drainage as well as coronography, performed coronary angioplasty (stenting), performed hemotransfusion, tracheostomy, bronchoscopy, esophagoduodenoscopy – ligation/application were credibly high in the lethality group.

The study of laboratory data showed that at the hospital level, inflammatory markers, and indicators (signs) of anemia are significant (Table 6).

**Table 4.** Complications during the treatment period.

Factors	Mortality		Survival		F	P
	n	%	N	%		
COPD	13	12.15	12	7.36	1.76	0.1857
Acute respiratory failure	106	99.07	161	98.77	0.05	0.8234
Shock unspecified	29	27.10	4	2.45	42.00	<0.0001
Artery embolism of the lower or upper extremities	4	3.74	0	0.00	6.28	0.0128
Mesenteric artery thrombosis	0	0.00	0	0.00	-	-
Myocardial infarction	10	9.35	3	1.84	8.12	0.0047
Pericardial effusion	5	4.67	8	4.91	0.01	0.9300
Ventricular fibrillation	0	0.00	0	0.00	-	-
atrial fibrillation	0	0.00	1	0.61	0.66	0.4188
Ischemic stroke	2	1.87	6	3.68	0.73	0.3923
Spontaneous hemorrhagic stroke	4	3.74	1	0.61	3.49	0.0629
Liver failure	3	2.80	3	1.84	0.27	0.6010
Kidney failure	29	27.10	3	1.84	45.87	<0.0001
Bacterial pneumonia	96	89.72	146	89.57	0.00	0.9688
Sepsis Septic shock	59	55.14	7	4.29	134.94	<0.0001
Gastroduodenal bleeding	8	7.48	1	0.61	9.71	0.0020
Hyperglycemia	6	5.61	2	1.23	4.35	0.0380
Cytokine storm	38	35.51	47	28.83	1.33	0.2493
Urinary tract infection	29	27.10	46	28.22	0.04	0.8417
Pulmonary hypertension	7	6.54	2	1.23	5.74	0.0173
ARDS	72	67.29	108	66.26	0.03	0.8610
Anemia	30	28.04	18	11.04	13.30	0.0003
Coagulopathy	10	9.35	3	1.84	8.12	0.0047
Spontaneous pneumothorax	4	3.74	0	0.00	6.28	0.0128
Hydrothorax	47	43.93	39	23.93	12.36	0.0005
Emphysema (subcutaneous)	3	2.80	1	0.61	2.12	0.1462
Pneumomediastinitis	3	2.80	1	0.61	2.12	0.1462
Encephalopathy (unspecified)	8	7.48	10	6.13	0.19	0.6669
Bedsore	1	0.93	2	1.23	0.05	0.8234
Laryngitis-tracheitis	0	0.00	1	0.61	0.66	0.4188
Anticoagulant-associated subcutaneous hematomas	2	1.87	4	2.45	0.10	0.7509

ARDS (acute respiratory distress syndrome), COPD (Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease).

**Table 5.** Manipulations and operations performed during the treatment period.

Factors	Mortality		Survival		F	p
	n	%	n	%		
Pleural drainage	12	11.21	5	3.07	7.41	0.0069
Mechanical ventilation	98	91.59	16	9.82	510.58	<0.0001
High-flow oxygenation HF	95	88.79	154	94.48	2.93	0.0881
non-invasive CPAP ventilation	96	89.72	151	92.64	0.70	0.4027
Coronarography	8	7.48	4	2.45	3.86	0.0504
Performed coronary angioplasty (stenting)	5	4.67	0	0.00	7.93	0.0052
Evacuation of intracerebral hematoma	1	0.93	0	0.00	1.53	0.2177
Decompression trepanation	0	0.00	0	0.00	-	-
Hemodialysis	2	1.87	0	0.00	3.08	0.0803
Median drainage	0	0.00	0	0.00	-	-
Laparotomy	1	0.93	1	0.61	0.09	0.7645
Limb amputation	0	0.00	0	0.00	-	-
Conducted hemotransfusion	25	23.36	11	6.75	16.25	0.0001
Cholecystectomy	0	0.00	1	0.61	0.66	0.4188
Bowel resection	1	0.93	0	0.00	1.53	0.2177
Tracheostomy	10	9.35	3	1.84	8.12	0.0047
Bronchoscopy	43	40.19	10	6.13	57.18	<0.0001
Esophagogastroduodenoscopy - ligation/application	6	5.61	2	1.23	4.35	0.0380
Hernia surgery/plasty	1	0.93	0	0.00	1.53	0.2177

Laboratory characteristics	Mortality (0), Survival (1)	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	t	p
HB(g/l) (120.0 - 155.0)	0	107	106.67	24.03	-5.26	<0.0001
	1	162	120.34	18.43		
RBC (10 <sup>12</sup> /L) (3.80- 5.40)	0	107	3.59	0.85	-4.48	<0.0001
	1	162	4.00	0.63		
HCT (%) (36.0 - 45.0)	0	107	31.66	7.37	-4.06	0.0001
	1	162	34.95	5.86		
PLT (10 <sup>3</sup> µl) (150 – 380)	0	107	174.03	89.00	-6.40	<0.0001
	1	162	258.84	116.37		
WBC (10 <sup>9</sup> /L) (4.0-11.00)	0	107	13.83	9.01	6.20	<0.0001
	1	162	8.88	3.81		
Myelocytes (%)0	0	107	0.75	1.49	2.17	0.0306
	1	162	0.41	1.11		
Metamyelocyte (%)0	0	107	0.46	1.15	3.21	0.0015
	1	159	0.11	0.58		
Bands NEU (%) (0.10 - 4.00)	0	100	14.03	9.31	7.47	<0.0001
	1	115	6.82	4.21		
NEU (%) (50.00 - 70.00)	0	100	73.91	14.53	0.61	0.5426
	1	115	72.83	10.89		
EOS (%) (1.00 - 5.00)	0	32	1.32	1.06	0.56	0.5788
	1	75	1.20	0.88		
BASO (%) (≤ 1.00)	0	9	0.85	1.61	1.63	0.1106
	1	30	0.36	0.28		
LYMPH (%) (20.0 - 45.0)	0	93	5.76	6.60	-6.57	<0.0001
	1	133	13.81	10.45		
MONO (%) (2.0 - 12.0)	0	93	3.63	2.60	-3.67	0.0003
	1	132	5.04	3.12		
E.S.R. (mm/h) (≤ 27)	0	104	55.71	34.29	4.30	<0.0001
	1	159	37.87	30.70		
PT (9.2 - 15.0)	0	107	16.44	5.35	7.14	<0.0001
	1	162	13.18	1.87		
PI (%) 70.00 - 120.00	0	107	75.90	16.40	-7.41	<0.0001
	1	162	88.46	11.41		
APTT (mn) (24.0 - 40.0)	0	105	34.38	16.53	3.92	0.0001
	1	158	27.98	9.96		
FIB (g/l) 2.0 - 4.0	0	105	305.36	82.53	3.56	0.0005
	1	162	265.48	99.35		
INR (0.8 – 1.2)	0	107	1.42	0.49	5.53	<0.0001
	1	162	1.16	0.26		
TT (mn) (11.00 - 21.00)	0	103	35.71	16.97	2.19	0.0294
	1	158	31.02	16.82		
Urea(mmol/l) (2.80-7.20)	0	105	13.34	10.21	8.09	<0.0001
	1	162	6.44	3.01		
Creatinin (µmol/L) (45.00 - 84.00)	0	107	162.84	137.97	7.60	<0.0001
	1	162	74.40	44.12		
Glicemia (4.0-6.4) (mmol/l)	0	107	160.55	53.83	3.16	0.0018
	1	162	143.39	35.42		
Total bilirubin (umol/l) (2.90- 19.00)	0	107	14.01	12.03	1.61	0.1086
	1	161	12.09	7.50		
Direct bilirubin (umol/l) (≤ 5.13)	0	107	6.29	8.38	2.12	0.0351
	1	161	4.80	2.60		
Indirect bilirubin (umol/l) (≤4.7)	0	106	9.50	17.62	1.73	0.0856
	1	161	6.94	5.41		

ALT (U/L) ( $\leq 34.00$ )	0	107	34.60	25.65	-2.89	0.0043
	1	161	43.61	24.04		
AST (U/L) ( $\leq 31.0$ )	0	107	48.53	42.10	1.14	0.2553
	1	161	44.19	19.36		
GGT (U/L) (9 – 39)	0	107	78.21	65.25	0.27	0.7878
	1	160	76.15	54.99		
ALP (U/L) (30 – 120)	0	107	97.42	45.31	0.85	0.3957
	1	161	93.05	38.25		
CRP (mg/L) ( $< 5.0$ )	0	102	123.46	78.13	13.60	$<0.0001$
	1	129	22.68	27.98		
PCT (ng/ml) ( $< 0.50$ ).16 – 0.5)	0	85	5.99	15.05	3.92	0.0001
	1	109	0.35	0.40		
D-dimer (mg/L) (0.100 - 0.500)	0	103	3694.58	5554.32	6.08	$<0.0001$
	1	162	941.24	1245.92		
LDH (U/L) $\leq 248$	0	106	1044.99	682.72	8.88	$<0.0001$
	1	162	520.33	255.62		
Ferritin (ng/mL) (20-200)	0	101	676.67	692.77	5.34	$<0.0001$
	1	161	353.73	261.74		
Tropinin ( $<0.023$ ) (ng/ml)	0	36	0.17	0.71	1.70	0.0918
	1	62	0.02	0.03		
Na (mmol/l) (136-145)	0	107	146.39	8.23	2.77	0.0060
	1	162	140.79	23.63		
K (mmol/l)(3.4-4.5)	0	107	4.11	0.95	3.97	0.0001
	1	161	3.77	0.42		
Ca (mmol/l) (1.15-1.27)	0	107	0.88	0.20	-1.08	0.2801
	1	162	0.91	0.16		
CL (mmol/l) (98-107)	0	107	106.93	10.49	4.33	$<0.0001$
	1	162	100.83	12.50		
Lac(mmol/l) (1-1.3)	0	107	3.54	3.96	6.47	$<0.0001$
	1	162	1.45	0.87		
pH (7.35-7.45)	0	106	7.35	0.14	-4.41	$<0.0001$
	1	162	7.41	0.06		
pCO <sub>2</sub> (mmHg) (35-48)	0	107	41.52	14.74	3.95	0.0001
	1	162	36.26	6.81		
pO <sub>2</sub> (mmHg) (83-108)	0	107	73.24	32.02	-3.34	0.0010
	1	162	86.08	28.92		
HCO <sub>3</sub> (mmol/l)	0	106	26.84	26.44	0.56	0.5730
	1	162	25.63	5.32		
BEecf (mmol/l) (-2-3)	0	105	0.99	12.12	-1.66	0.0986
	1	159	2.82	5.52		
SO <sub>2</sub> (%)	0	107	86.30	15.34	-4.65	$<0.0001$
	1	162	93.72	10.82		

WBC (White blood cell count), RBC (erythrocytes), Hb (haemoglobin), PLT (platelet count), *HCT* (hematocrit,) LYM% (lymphocyte percentage), NEU% (neutrophil percentage), PT (prothrombin time), PI (prothrombin index), *CRP* (C-reactive protein) PCT (procalcitonin), TT (Thrombin Time), APTT(activated partial thromboplastin time ) LDH (Lactate Dehydrogenase), ALT(alanine aminotransferase), AST(aspartate aminotransferase), GGT(Gamma-glutamyl transpeptidase), pH (hydrogen potential), pCO<sub>2</sub> (partial dioxide the carbon pressure), pO<sub>2</sub> (partial oxygen pressure), BEecf (base excess in the extracellular fluid), HCO<sub>3</sub> (bicarbonate), SpO<sub>2</sub> (blood oxygen saturation), Na (sodium), K (potassium), Ca ionic (calcium ionic), Cl (chlorides).

**Table 7.** Prognostic features of survival during severe acute COVID-19.

	<b>B</b>	<b>S.E.</b>	<b>Wald</b>	<b>p</b>	<b>OR</b>	<b>95% C.I. for OR</b>	
CRP	-0.02	0.01	8.43	0.0037	0.98	0.97	0.99
pO <sub>2</sub>	0.03	0.01	6.63	0.0100	1.03	1.01	1.06
Hydrothorax	-1.44	0.71	4.14	0.0418	0.24	0.06	0.95
Sepsis, Septic shock	-2.61	0.85	9.38	0.0022	0.07	0.01	0.39
WBC	-0.16	0.07	4.45	0.0348	0.86	0.74	0.99
Mechanical lung ventilation	-4.38	0.70	39.24	0.0000	0.01	0.00	0.05
Constant	3.47	1.34	6.72	0.0095	32.06		

In the lethality group, amounts of hemoglobin, thrombocytes (platelets), lymphocytes, monocytes, prothrombin index, pH, pO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> are credibly low if compared to those, who recovered. However, amounts of metamyelocytes, band (rod nuclear) neutrophils, ESR, partial thromboplastin time, fibrinogen, urea, creatinine, glycemia, CRP, PCT, D-dimer, LDH, Ferritin, Na, K, CL, Lac and pCo<sub>2</sub> are credibly high.

At the next level of the research, we performed regressive analysis. As independent predictors, we took the data, the frequency (rates) of which is credibly different in groups of lethality and favorable outcome (Table 7).

It reduces the relative chance of survival: CRP, WBC, hydrothorax, Sepsis/Septic shock, Mechanical lung ventilation, and increase pO<sub>2</sub>.

### Discussion.

Patients with diabetes and obesity have unfavorable prognosis during viral diseases. However, in coronavirus diseases, the data are controversial [4]. Excess weight, in general, was associated with the increased need for breath support. Correlation between excess weight and lethality in hospital was not statistically significant. Similar trends were found in patients with obesity. Besides associations with BMI, diabetes was independently associated with the increase in COVID-19 severity, but not with death. According to our research, in terms of diabetes, no credible difference was detected between survival and lethal groups, accordingly 34(31.78%) and 50(30.67%), p=0.8499. However, it is worth to note hyperglycemia, developed during the treatment which was credibly higher in the lethality group. Obesity incredibly prevails in the lethality group [5].

According to the literature, heart failure worsens the COVID-19 prognosis [6-8].

By our research, the rate of patients, with heart failure in anamnesis is credibly high in the lethality group.

In accordance with CARDIO COVID 19-20 registry data, among patients with heart failure, during COVID, rates of supraventricular arrhythmia, acute coronary syndrome and hospital lethality were credibly higher [9]. Our research detected incredibly high rates of suffered myocardial infarction, pulmonary hypertension, cardiac defect, and incredibly high rates of angina pectoris in the lethality group.

It is worth to note the development of thrombosis among patients, hospitalized with COVID-19, which was associated with higher mortality and hemorrhage [10,11]. According to our study, in the lethality group, coagulopathy, arterial embolism of lower or upper extremities were credibly higher. In both groups, the thromboembolism of the pulmonary artery was detected.

According to the research, performed in India, in the first year of COVID-19, in comparison with Pre-COVID-19 and Post-COVID-19 periods, patients had more hypertension, myocardial infarction (NSTEMI). Left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF) and coronary artery disease of multiple vessels.

In the second COVID-19 year, the patients had more STEMI, low LVEF, CAD of multiple vessels, primary PCI, multiple stents and more vasopressor and mechanical support [12]. According to the research, performed in New York, PCI patients with COVID-19, who had acute respiratory distress syndrome,

were at much higher risk of dying in short term than patients, who never had COVID-19 [13]. Among patients, under our monitoring, 13 myocardial infarctions occurred. Of these, 10 (9.35%) in the lethality group and 3 (1.84%) among survivors, p=0.0047. 12 Coronography investigations were performed – 8(7.48%) lethality and 4(4.25) in survivors' group. 5(4.67%) coronary angioplasty was performed in the lethality group [14].

The pneumothorax and hydrothorax in COVID-19 patients are considered as unfavorable prognostic features [10,11]. By our data, although hydrothorax was reported in both groups, in the lethality group, credibly high rate of hydrothorax was found. The regressive analysis showed that at hospital stage, hydrothorax is the prognostic factor of the lethality.

According to the literature, hospital lethality developed strongly negative associations with pO<sub>2</sub>, pCO<sub>2</sub> and pH [15]. By our research, in the lethality group, pH, pO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> are credibly less than in the survivors. Regression analysis showed that pO<sub>2</sub> is the prognostic factor of survival.

Patients with COVID-19 had a higher probability of dying if they were older or had elevated WBC, K, P, Urea, Cr, and LDH readings [16]. According to our research in the lethality group, compared to the recovered, the average value of Myelocytes, WBC, DBIL, Urea was reliably high and there are reliably fewer: hemoglobin, thrombocytes, HCT, lymphocytes, monocytes.

Those patients with reduced capacity to generate thrombin have poor prognosis [17], Prothrombin index are credibly lower than in the lethality group. The mean value of PT, APTT, TT, and the level of D-dimer and is significantly higher in the lethality group, although there had no prognostic value.

COVID-19 patients with septic shock complications had a much higher death rate than those without septic shock [18]. Patients with COVID-19, with hydrothorax may have severe inflammation and a poor prognosis [19]. According to this study, septic shock and hydrothorax are prognostic factors mortality, Therefore, inflammation markers - CRP and WBC are a prognostic factor. Artificial lung ventilation is an indicator of the severity of the disease.

### Conclusion.

- Predictors of mortality in patients with chronic diseases: coagulation characteristics, inflammatory markers, sepsis and artificial lung ventilation
- Risk factors for covid-19 mortality need to be studied to increase pandemic preparedness.

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