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Table S1 Quality of included studies

References	Quality Score	Selection (☆☆☆☆)				Comparability (☆☆)		Outcome (☆☆☆)		
Aggarwal S (2020)	7	☆	☆	☆	/	☆	☆	☆	/	☆
Barrasa H (2020)	6	☆	-	☆	☆	/	/	☆	☆	☆
Benussi A (2020)	5	☆	☆	☆	/	/	☆	☆	/	/
Bhatraju P (2020)	5	☆	/	☆	/	/	/	☆	☆	☆
Bianchetti A (2020)	4	☆	☆	☆	/	/	/	☆	/	/
Borghesi A (2020)	5	☆	☆	☆	/	/	/	☆	/	/
Buckner F (2020)	6	☆	☆	☆	/	/	/	☆	☆	☆
Cai Q (2020)	6	☆	☆	☆	/	/	/	☆	☆	☆
Cecconi M (2020)	5	☆	/	☆	/	/	/	☆	☆	☆
Chen R (2020)	6	☆	☆	☆	/	/	/	☆	☆	☆
Andrea C (2020)	6	☆	☆	☆	/	/	/	☆	☆	☆
Cummings M (2020)	6	☆	/	☆	☆	/	/	☆	☆	☆
Deng Y (2020)	4	☆	☆	☆	/	/	/	☆	/	/
Dong X (2020)	5	☆	☆	☆	/	/	/	☆	/	☆
Du R (2020)	7	☆	☆	☆	☆	/	/	☆	☆	☆
Gao L (2020)	7	☆	☆	☆	/	/	☆	☆	☆	☆
Giacomelli A (2020)	7	☆	☆	☆	☆	/	/	☆	☆	☆
Guo T (2020)	4	☆	☆	☆	/	/	/	☆	/	/
Hong K (2020)	7	☆	☆	☆	/	/	☆	☆	☆	☆
Hou W (2020)	5	☆	☆	☆	/	/	☆	☆	/	/
Hu H (2020)	4	☆	☆	☆	/	/	/	☆	/	/
Hu L (2020)	7	☆	☆	☆	/	☆	/	☆	☆	☆
Huang J (2020)	4	☆	☆	☆	/	/	/	☆	/	/
Inciardi R (2020)	7	☆	☆	☆	/	☆	/	☆	☆	☆
Israelsen S (2020)	8	☆	☆	☆	/	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆
Itelman E (2020)	4	☆	☆	☆	/	/	/	☆	/	/
Javanian M (2020)	6	☆	☆	☆	/	/	/	☆	☆	☆
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Klang E cohort1 (2020)	4	☆	☆	☆	/	/	/	☆	/	/
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Li R (2020)	5	☆	/	☆	/	/	/	☆	☆	☆
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Ling L (2020)	5	☆	/	☆	/	/	/	☆	☆	☆
Liu J (2020)	5	☆	/	☆	/	/	/	☆	☆	☆
Liu K (2020)	6	☆	☆	☆	/	☆	☆	☆	/	/
Liu K (2020)	3	☆	/	☆	/	/	/	☆	/	/
Long L (2020)	7	☆	☆	☆	☆	/	/	☆	☆	☆
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Mehta V (2020)	6	☆	☆	☆	/	/	/	☆	☆	☆
Nikpouraghdam M (2020)	3	☆	/	☆	/	/	/	☆	/	/
Nowak B (2020)	6	☆	☆	☆	/	/	/	☆	☆	☆
Qi X (2020)	8	☆	☆	☆	/	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆
Renieris G (2020)	7	☆	☆	☆	/	/	☆	☆	☆	☆
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Sun H (2020)	7	☆	☆	☆	☆	/	/	☆	☆	☆
Tan N (2020)	8	☆	☆	☆	/	☆	☆	☆	☆	☆
Tang N (2020)	7	☆	☆	☆	/	/	☆	☆	☆	☆
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Wan S (2020)	7	☆	☆	☆	☆	/	/	☆	☆	☆
Wang D (2020)	6	☆	☆	☆	/	/	/	☆	☆	☆
Wang K (2020)	6	☆	☆	☆	/	/	/	☆	☆	☆
Wang Z (2020)	6	☆	☆	☆	/	/	/	☆	☆	☆
Wei J (2020)	5	☆	☆	☆	☆	/	/	☆	/	/
Wu J (2020)	6	☆	☆	☆	/	/	/	☆	☆	☆
Xie J (2020)	6	☆	☆	☆	/	/	/	☆	☆	☆
Xu B (2020)	4	☆	☆	☆	/	/	/	☆	/	/
Yang Q (2020)	4	☆	☆	☆	/	/	/	☆	/	/
Yu Y (2020)	6	☆	/	☆	☆	/	/	☆	☆	☆
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Zhang L (2020)	4	☆	☆	☆	/	/	/	☆	/	/
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Zhao X (2020)	6	☆	☆	☆	/	/	/	☆	☆	☆
Zhou F (2020)	6	☆	☆	☆	/	/	/	☆	☆	☆
Zhou X (2020)	4	☆	☆	☆	/	/	/	☆	/	/
An W (2020)	5	☆	☆	☆	/	/	☆	☆	/	/
Chang Z (2020)	7	☆	☆	/	☆	☆	/	☆	☆	☆
Foy B (2020)	6	☆	☆	☆	/	/	/	☆	☆	☆
Guo F (2020)	7	☆	☆	☆	/	☆	☆	☆	/	☆
Li J (2020)	6	☆	☆	☆	/	/	/	☆	☆	☆
Luo M (2020)	7	☆	☆	☆	/	☆	/	☆	☆	☆
Fang X (2020)	6	☆	☆	☆	/	/	/	☆	☆	☆
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Zhang G (2020)	7	☆	☆	☆	/	☆	/	☆	☆	☆
Zhang J (2020)	6	☆	☆	☆	/	☆	☆	☆	/	/

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Table S2 Results of meta-regression analyses

Covariates	P value
Sample size (≥ 100 versus < 100)	0.456
Region (Asia versus Europe versus North America)	0.0001
Source of cases (single-center versus multiple-center)	0.756
NOS (> 6 versus ≤ 6)	0.956
Study design (retrospective versus prospective)	0.403
Longest follow-up (> 30 versus ≤ 30 days)	0.624
Proportion of patients with severe disease ($> 50\%$ versus $\leq 50\%$)	< 0.001

NOS, Newcastle-Ottawa Scale.

Table S3 Risk of factors in COVID-19 patients

First author (year)	Risk factors of death in the univariate analysis	Risk factors of death in the multivariate analysis
Benussi A (2020)	Older age, hypertension, qSOFA score, thrombocytopenia, elevated C-reactive protein, and lactate dehydrogenase	qSOFA score, thrombocytopenia, elevated lactate dehydrogenase
Borghesi A (2020)	Older age, male, Brixia score, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, oncologic history within the past 5 years, immunosuppressive conditions	Older age, Brixia score, immunosuppressive conditions
Chen R (2020)	Age ≥75, Male, CHD, CVD, COPD, diabetes, hypertension, malignancy, chronic renal diseases, abnormal chest X-ray, Dyspnea, PCT >0.5 ng/mL, LDH ≥250 U/L, AST >40 U/L, ALT >40 U/L, TBIL ≥17.1, creatinine kinase ≥200, creatinine ≥133, D-dimer ≥0.5	Age ≥75, CHD, CVD, dyspnea, PCT >0.5 ng/mL, AST >40 U/L
Andrea C (2020)	Older age, hypertension, heart failure, diabetes, COPD, cancer, CKD, ACEI/ARBs and B-blocker	Older age, heart failure and CKD
Cummings M (2020)	Older age, hypertension, chronic cardiac disease, chronic pulmonary disease, diabetes, higher concentrations of IL-6 and D-dimer	Older age, chronic cardiac disease, chronic pulmonary disease, higher concentrations of IL-6 and D-dimer
Du R (2020)	Age ≥65 years, hypertension, cardiovascular or cerebrovascular diseases, dyspnea, fatigue, sputum production, headache, WBC >10×10 ⁹ /L, neutrophil counts >6.3×10 ⁹ /L, CD3 ⁺ CD8 ⁺ T cells ≤75 cell/mL, cardiac troponin I ≥0.05 ng/mL, myoglobin>100 ng/mL, creatinine ≥133 μmol/L, D-dimer ≥0.5 mg/L, PaO ₂ ≥80 or <60 mmHg	Age ≥65 years, cardiovascular or cerebrovascular diseases, CD3 ⁺ CD8 ⁺ T cells ≤75 cell/μL, cardiac troponin I ≥0.05 ng/mL
Gao L (2020)	Older age, male, hypertension, leukocytosis, lymphopenia, elevated NT-proBNP, Myoglobin, creatine kinase-MB, hs-TnI, urea, creatinine, CRP and procalcitonin	Elevated NT-proBNP and procalcitonin, leukocytosis, lymphopenia
Giacomelli A (2020)	Older age, comorbidity, obesity, treated with at least one anti-hypertensive, severe disease, critical disease, anemia, lymphopenia, elevated D-dimer, CRP, creatinine, and creatine kinase	Older age, obesity, critical disease, elevated CRP, creatine kinase
Huang J (2020)	Older age, any comorbidity, lymphopenia, hypoalbuminemia	Any comorbidity, lymphopenia, hypoalbuminemia
Klang E cohort 1 (2020)	BMI ≥40 kg/m ²	Age, BMI ≥40 kg/m ² , congestive heart failure, chronic kidney disease, intubation and mechanical ventilation
Klang E cohort 2 (2020)	Coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure, hypertension, diabetes mellitus, hyperlipidemia, chronic kidney disease	Older age, male sex, BMI ≥40 kg/m ² , coronary artery disease, diabetes mellitus, chronic kidney disease, intubation and mechanical ventilation
Mehta V (2020)	Age >65 years, ICU admission, hypertension, chronic lung disease, CAD, CHF, reduced baseline hemoglobin and nadir hemoglobin, leukocytosis, lymphopenia, elevated D-dimer, lactate and LDH	Age >65 years, higher composite comorbidity score, ICU admission, elevated D-dimer, lactate and LDH
Renieris G (2020)	Age ≥64 years, Charlson's comorbidity index ≥3, APACHE II score ≥10, pneumonia severity index ≥11, SOFA ≥4, serum H ₂ S on day 1 ≥150.44 μM, severe respiratory failure	Serum H ₂ S on day 1 ≥150.44 μM, severe respiratory failure
Sun H (2020)	Older age, Male, SpO ₂ , increased heart rate and respiratory rate, consciousness disorders, hypertension, previous respiratory diseases, leukocytosis, lymphopenia, elevated NT-proBNP, PCT, hs-TnI, D-dimer, AST, ALT, creatinine, eGFR, and hs-CRP	Older age, leukocytosis, lymphopenia
Tang N (2020)	Older age, male, higher PT, lower platelet count, higher D-dimer, more sepsis-induced coagulopathy	Older age, higher PT, lower platelet count, higher D-dimer
Wang D (2020)	Older age, male, hypertension, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, leukocytosis, thrombocytopenia, elevated neutrophil counts, CK-MB, lactate dehydrogenase, ALT, AST, and creatinine	Older age, male
Wang K (2020)	Older age, hypertension, CHD, elevated neutrophil, hs-CRP, D-dimer, AST, and GFR, decreased SpO ₂ , lymphopenia	Older age, decreased SpO ₂ , elevated neutrophil, hs-CRP, and GFR
Xie J (2020)	Age ≥60 years, male, hypertension, dyspnea, SpO ₂ ≤90%, leukocytosis, thrombocytopenia, elevated CRP, D-dimer, and neutrophil count	Dyspnea, SpO ₂ ≤90%, leukocytosis, elevated neutrophil count, and CRP
Xu B (2020)	Lower T lymphocyte subsets levels (lower T lymphocyte subsets lymphocyte <500/μL, CD3 ⁺ T-cell <200/μL, CD4 ⁺ T cell <100/μL, CD8 ⁺ T cell <100/μL, NK-cell <50/μL, and B-cell <50/μL counts)	Lower T lymphocyte subsets levels (lower T lymphocyte subsets lymphocyte <500/μL, CD3 ⁺ T cell <200/μL, CD4 ⁺ T cell <100/μL, CD8 ⁺ T cell <100/μL, NK-cell <50/μL, and B-cell <50/μL counts)
Zhou F (2020)	Older age, coronary heart disease, diabetes, hypertension, respiratory rate >24/min, lymphopenia, leukocytosis, and elevated ALT, lactate dehydrogenase, hs-TnI, creatine kinase, D-dimer, serum ferritin, IL-6, prothrombin time, creatinine, and procalcitonin, SOFA score, qSOFA score	Age, SOFA score, D-dimer >1
Foy B (2020)	Older age, elevated RDW, lymphopenia, D-dimer	Elevated RDW (>14.5%)
Luo M (2020)	Male, age ≥70 years, use traditional Chinese medicine, clinical classification (severe/critical), hypertension, coronary heart disease, diabetes, tumors, uremia, nucleic acid test (+)	Use traditional Chinese medicine, clinical classification (severe/critical), hypertension, coronary heart disease, diabetes, tumors, uremia
Yang H (2020)	Older age, SpO ₂ , lymphocyte, myocardial injury, IL-2R >710 U/mL, IL-6 >35 ng/L, IL-10 >9.1 ng/L	Older age, SpO ₂ , IL-10 >9.1 ng/L
Yang J (2020)	Male, fasting blood glucose ≥7 mmol/L, Elevated lactate dehydrogenase, creatinine, and hydroxybutyrate dehydrogenase	Fasting blood glucose ≥7 mmol/L.
Zhang F (2020)	Decreased SpO ₂ , elevated creatinine, D-dimer, and hs-TnI	Decreased SpO ₂ , elevated D-dimer and hs-TnI

qSOFA, quick Sequential Organ Failure Assessment; CHD, coronary heart disease; CVD, cerebrovascular disease; COPD, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; CAD, coronary artery disease; CHF, chronic heart failure; ICU, intensive care unit; ACEI, angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors; ARBs, angiotensin receptor blockers; CKD, chronic kidney disease; RDW, red blood cell distribution width; IL-6, interleukin-6; NT-proBNP, N-terminal pro-brain natriuretic peptide; CK-MB, creatine kinase-MB; HsTnI, high-sensitivity troponin-I; WBC, white blood cell; CRP, C-reactive protein; PCT, procalcitonin; LDH, lactate dehydrogenase; BUN, blood urea nitrogen; AST, aspartate aminotransferase; TBIL, total bilirubin; Brixia score, chest X-ray scoring system; APACHE, acute physiology and chronic health evaluation; SOFA, sequential organ failure; SpO₂, peripheral capillary oxygen saturation.

