A close-up photograph of a pencil lying diagonally across a sheet of graph paper. The graph paper features a grid pattern and a line graph with two distinct peaks. The numbers '100' and '50' are visible on the left side of the graph. The background is slightly blurred.

Modeling of Diseases

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What is a dynamic model?

System Dynamics is a computer-based mathematical modeling approach for strategy development and better decision making in complex systems.

From Model to Action: Using a System Dynamics Model of Chronic Disease Risks to Align Community Action

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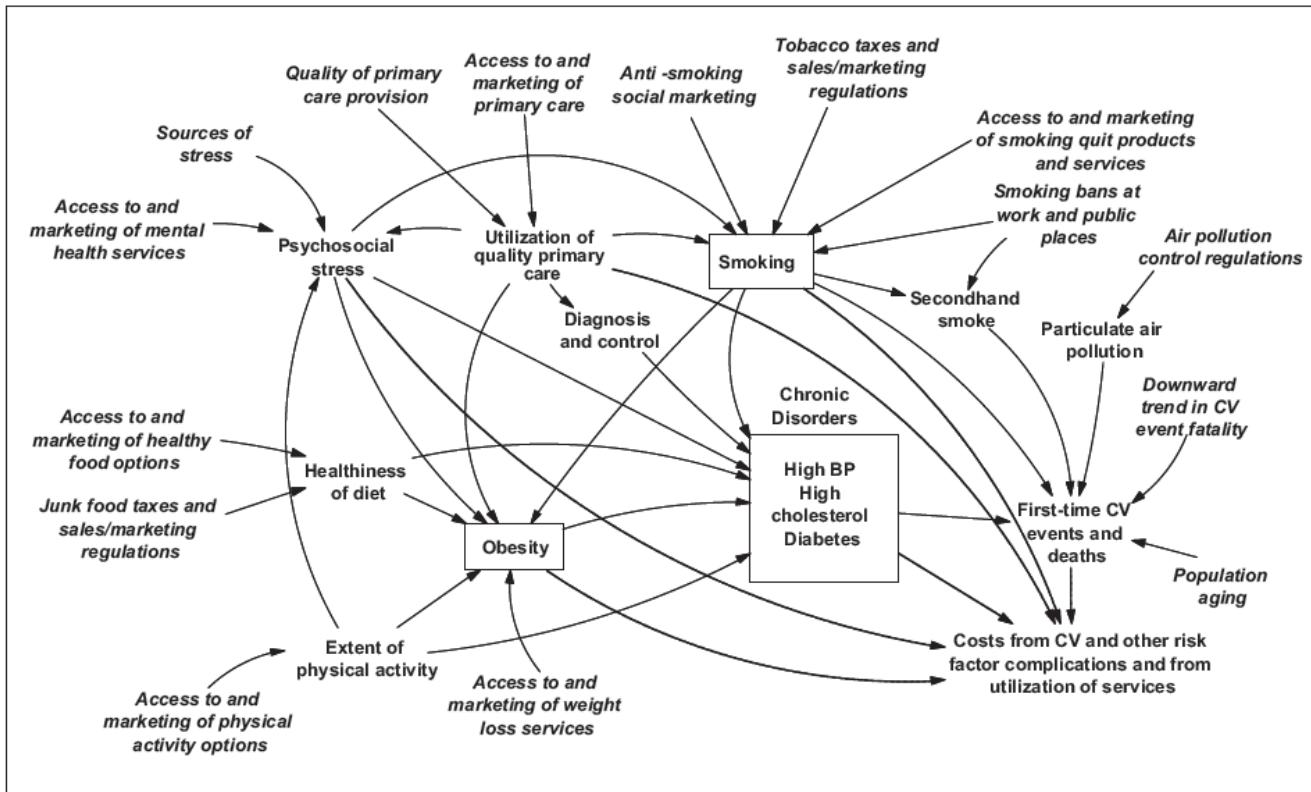
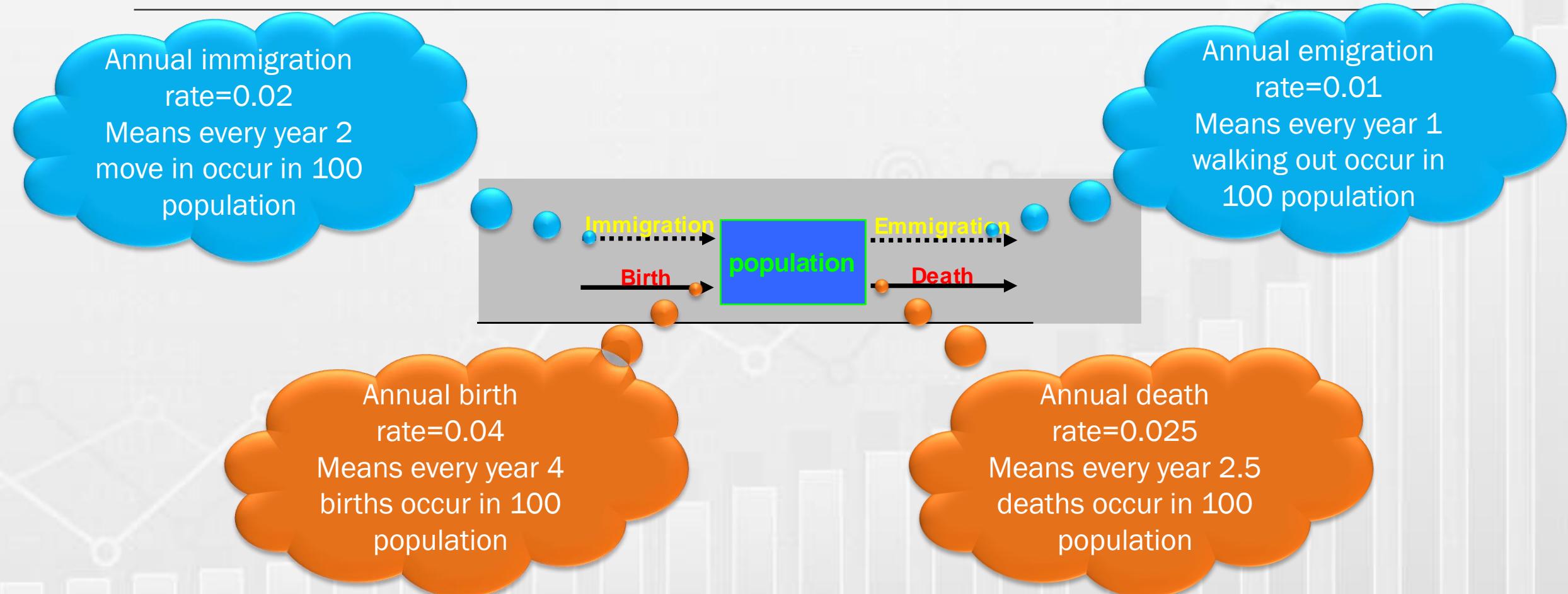


FIGURE 1 Causal Framework of the System Dynamics Model of Cardiovascular (CV) Disease Risks

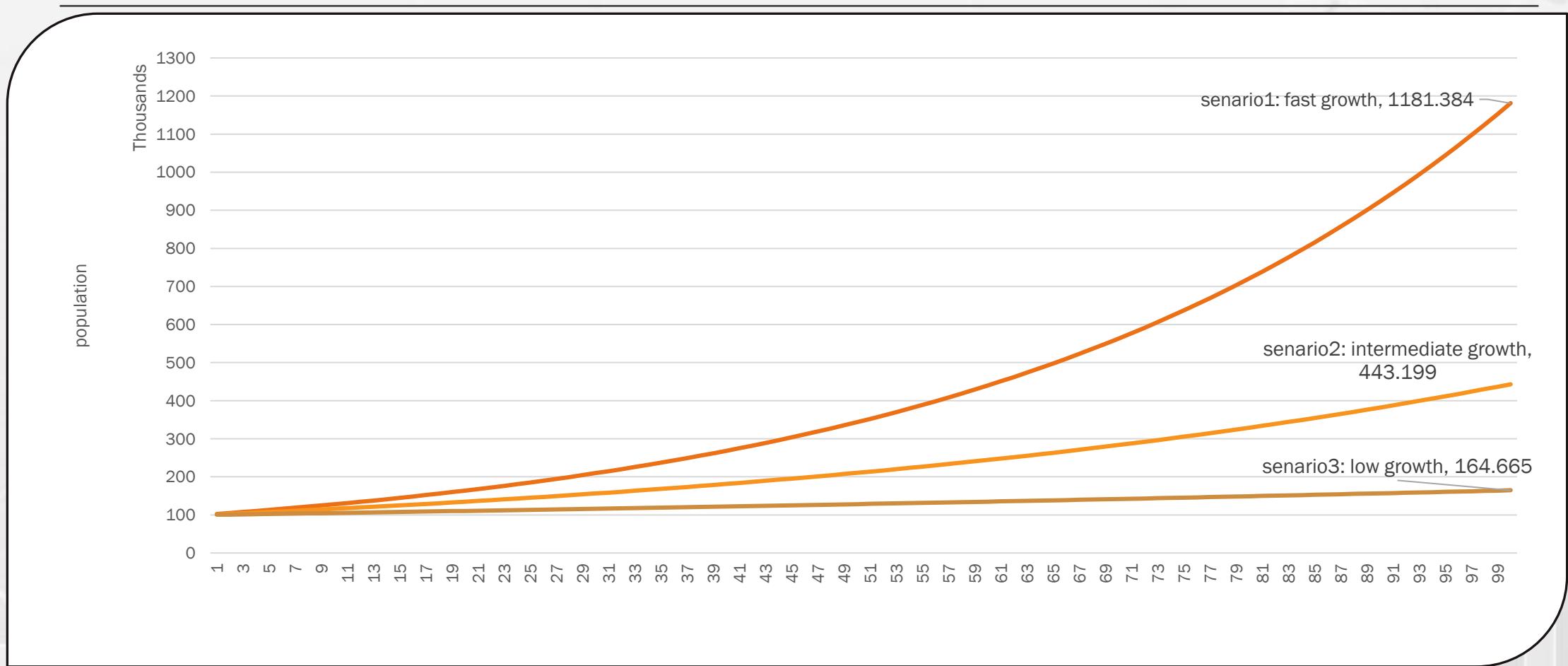
A simple population dynamic model



Coefficients in three scenarios

	Fast growth scenario1	Intermediate scenario2	Low growth scenario3
imm. rate	0.02	0.015	0.01
emmi. rate	0.01	0.01	0.01
birth rate	0.04	0.035	0.03
death rate	0.025	0.025	0.025

The trend of population in 100 years in three different scenarios



							senario1	senario2	senario3												
							imm. rate		0.02	0.015	0.01										
							emmi. rate		0.01	0.01	0.01										
							birth rate		0.04	0.035	0.03										
							death rate		0.025	0.025	0.025										
year	population at the beginning of year	scenario1: fast growth				scenario2: intermediately growth				scenario3: low growth											
		number death	number birth	number immigr.	number emmi.	population at the end of year		population at the beginning of year	number death	number birth	number immigr.	number emmi.	population at the end of year		population at the beginning	number death	number birth	number immigr.	number emmi.	population at the end of year	
1	100000	2500	4000	2000	1000	102500		100000	2500	3500	1500	1000	101500		100000	2500	3000	1000	1000	100500	
2	102500	2562.5	4100	2050	1025	105063		101500	2537.5	3552.5	1522.5	1015	103023		100500	2512.5	3015	1005	1005	101003	
3	105063	2626.6	4202.5	2101.3	1050.63	107690		103023	2575.6	3605.81	1545.35	1030.23	104568		101003	2525.1	3030.09	1010.03	1010.03	101508	
4	107690	2692.3	4307.6	2153.8	1076.9	110382		104568	2614.2	3659.88	1568.52	1045.68	106137		101508	2537.7	3045.24	1015.08	1015.08	102016	
5	110382	2759.6	4415.3	2207.6	1103.82	113142		106137	2653.4	3714.8	1592.06	1061.37	107729		102016	2550.4	3060.48	1020.16	1020.16	102526	
6	113142	2828.6	4525.7	2262.8	1131.42	115971		107729	2693.2	3770.52	1615.94	1077.29	109345		102526	2563.2	3075.78	1025.26	1025.26	103039	
7	115971	2899.3	4638.8	2319.4	1159.71	118870		109345	2733.6	3827.08	1640.18	1093.45	110985		103039	2576	3091.17	1030.39	1030.39	103554	
8	118870	2971.8	4754.8	2377.4	1188.7	121842		110985	2774.6	3884.48	1664.78	1109.85	112650		103554	2588.9	3106.62	1035.54	1035.54	104072	
9	121842	3046.1	4873.7	2436.8	1218.42	124888		112650	2816.3	3942.75	1689.75	1126.5	114340		104072	2601.8	3122.16	1040.72	1040.72	104592	
10	124888	3122.2	4995.5	2497.8	1248.88	128010		114340	2858.5	4001.9	1715.1	1143.4	116055		104592	2614.8	3137.76	1045.92	1045.92	105115	
11	128010	3200.3	5120.4	2560.2	1280.1	131210		116055	2901.4	4061.93	1740.83	1160.55	117796		105115	2627.9	3153.45	1051.15	1051.15	105641	
12	131210	3280.3	5248.4	2624.2	1312.1	134490		117796	2944.9	4122.86	1766.94	1177.96	119563		105641	2641	3169.23	1056.41	1056.41	106169	
13	134490	3362.3	5379.6	2689.8	1344.9	137852		119563	2989.1	4184.71	1793.45	1195.63	121356		106169	2654.2	3185.07	1061.69	1061.69	106700	
14	137852	3446.3	5514.1	2757	1378.52	141298		121356	3033.9	4247.46	1820.34	1213.56	123176		106700	2667.5	3201	1067	1067	107234	
15	141298	3532.5	5651.9	2826	1412.98	144830		123176	3079.4	4311.16	1847.64	1231.76	125024		107234	2680.9	3217.02	1072.34	1072.34	107770	
16	144830	3620.8	5793.2	2896.6	1448.3	148451		125024	3125.6	4375.84	1875.36	1250.24	126899		107770	2694.3	3233.1	1077.7	1077.7	108309	
17	148451	3711.3	5938	2969	1484.51	152162		126899	3172.5	4441.47	1903.49	1268.99	128802		108309	2707.7	3249.27	1083.09	1083.09	108851	
18	152162	3804.1	6086.5	3043.2	1521.62	155966		128802	3220.1	4508.07	1932.03	1288.02	130734		108851	2721.3	3265.53	1088.51	1088.51	109395	
19	155966	3899.2	6238.6	3119.3	1559.66	159865		130734	3268.4	4575.69	1961.01	1307.34	132695		109395	2734.9	3281.85	1093.95	1093.95	109942	

Formula of the model

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	
1								senario1	senario2	senario3		
2						imm. rate		0.02	0.015	0.01		
3	Immigration					emmi. rate		0.01	0.01	0.01		
4						birth rate		0.04	0.035	0.03		
5						death rate		0.025	0.025	0.025		
6												
7						scenario1: fast growth					scenario2: intermediated growth	
8	year	population at the beginning of year	number death	number birth	number immigr.	number emmi.	population at the end of year	population at the beginning of year	number death	number birth	number immigr.	number emmi.
9	1	100000	=B9*\$I\$5	=B9*\$I\$4	=B9*\$I\$2	=\\$B9*\$I\$3	=ROUND(B9+(D9+E9)-(C10)*M9	100000	=H9*\$J\$5	=H9*\$J\$4	=H9*\$J\$2	=H9*\$J\$3
10	2	=G9	=B10*\$I\$5	=B10*\$I\$4	=B10*\$I\$2	=\\$B10*\$I\$3	=ROUND(B10+(D10+E10)-M9		=H10*\$J\$5	=H10*\$J\$4	=H10*\$J\$2	=H10*\$J\$3
11	3	=G10	=B11*\$I\$5	=B11*\$I\$4	=B11*\$I\$2	=\\$B11*\$I\$3	=ROUND(B11+(D11+E11)-M10		=H11*\$J\$5	=H11*\$J\$4	=H11*\$J\$2	=H11*\$J\$3
12	4	=G11	=B12*\$I\$5	=B12*\$I\$4	=B12*\$I\$2	=\\$B12*\$I\$3	=ROUND(B12+(D12+E12)-M11		=H12*\$J\$5	=H12*\$J\$4	=H12*\$J\$2	=H12*\$J\$3
13	5	=G12	=B13*\$I\$5	=B13*\$I\$4	=B13*\$I\$2	=\\$B13*\$I\$3	=ROUND(B13+(D13+E13)-M12		=H13*\$J\$5	=H13*\$J\$4	=H13*\$J\$2	=H13*\$J\$3
14	6	=G13	=B14*\$I\$5	=B14*\$I\$4	=B14*\$I\$2	=\\$B14*\$I\$3	=ROUND(B14+(D14+E14)-M13		=H14*\$J\$5	=H14*\$J\$4	=H14*\$J\$2	=H14*\$J\$3
15	7	=G14	=B15*\$I\$5	=B15*\$I\$4	=B15*\$I\$2	=\\$B15*\$I\$3	=ROUND(B15+(D15+E15)-M14		=H15*\$J\$5	=H15*\$J\$4	=H15*\$J\$2	=H15*\$J\$3
16	8	=G15	=B16*\$I\$5	=B16*\$I\$4	=B16*\$I\$2	=\\$B16*\$I\$3	=ROUND(B16+(D16+E16)-M15		=H16*\$J\$5	=H16*\$J\$4	=H16*\$J\$2	=H16*\$J\$3



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Dynamic modeling of female neutering interventions for free-roaming dog population management in an urban setting of southeastern Iran

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Understanding dynamics of free-roaming dog (FRD) population is critical for planning and implementation of dog population management programs. FRD population size estimation as well as dynamic modeling of dog population under different female dog neutering interventions were investigated in order to determine the most appropriate animal birth control approach. We performed population size estimate of dogs using sight-resight surveys by photography in a randomly selected 25 blocks of the city and all the suburbs of greater Kerman area. Main demographic features were characterized and the dog density distribution was mapped. A dynamic model was developed to predict free-roaming dog population variations after 5 and 10 years. Different scenarios based on 10, 30, 50, 60 and 70% female dog sterilization were considered to predict the effects of animal birth control measures. Free roaming dog population was estimated at 6781 dogs (65.3% males) in Kerman and suburbs with several major population hotspots. Analysis of the dog locations within the city showed that the largest proportion of the dogs were observed in the vacant lots (46.2%). Modeling predictions indicated that, in the absence of management, the free-roaming dog population could increase from a baseline of 6781 to 13,665 dogs (2.02 fold increase) in 5 years and to 19,376 dogs in 10 years (2.86 fold increase). Using a population dynamics model, we simulated five neutering coverages to explore the impact of female neutering on free-roaming dog population size. The 5-year projections of the model have shown that 50% annual female dog sterilization significantly reduced free-roaming dog population by 0.44 comparing to the baseline population. Findings of the present study improve our knowledge on the nature and extent of dog population dynamics in Iran. Effective population control and selection of the most appropriate neutering interventions require a comprehensive knowledge of the characteristics and dynamics of FRD population.

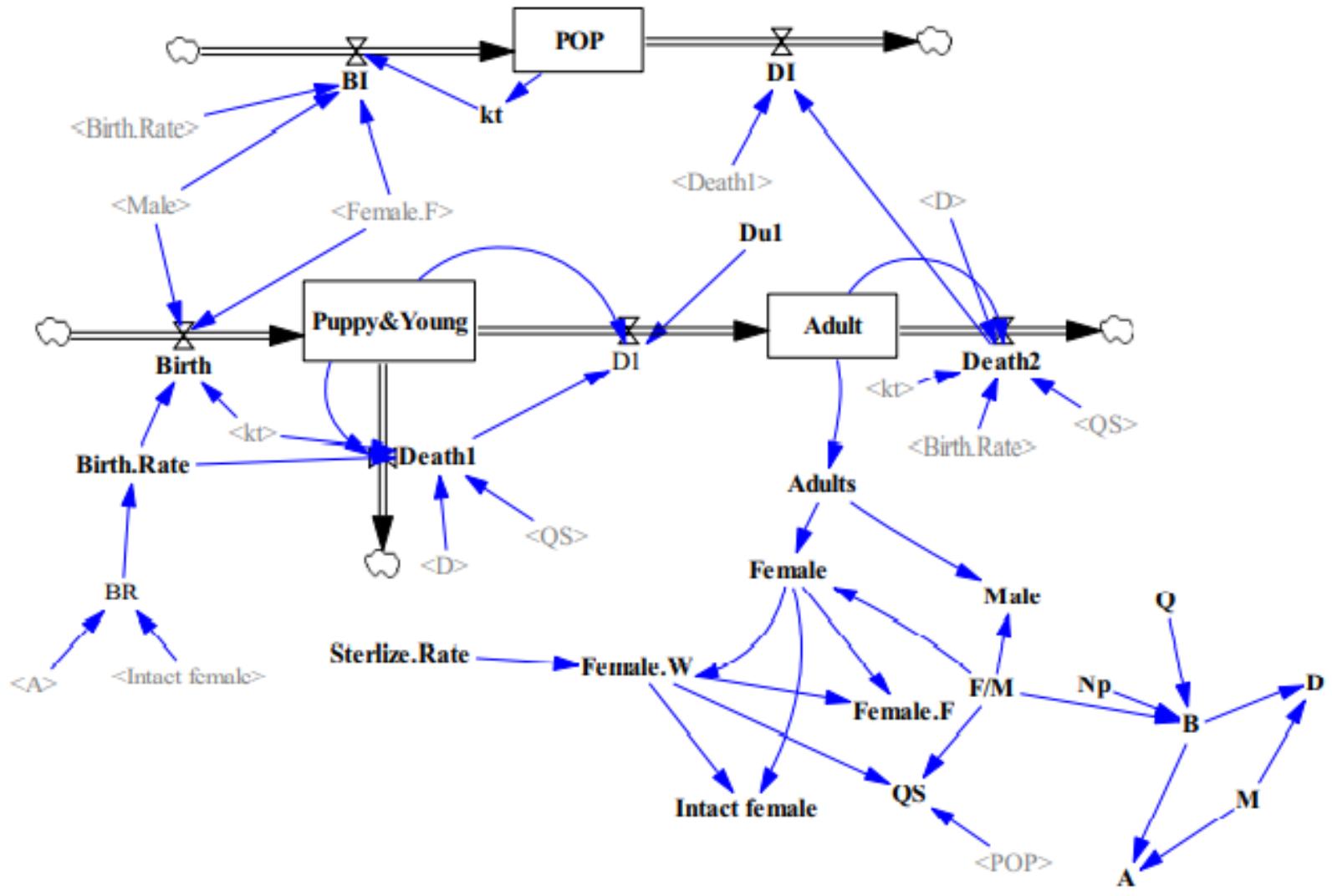
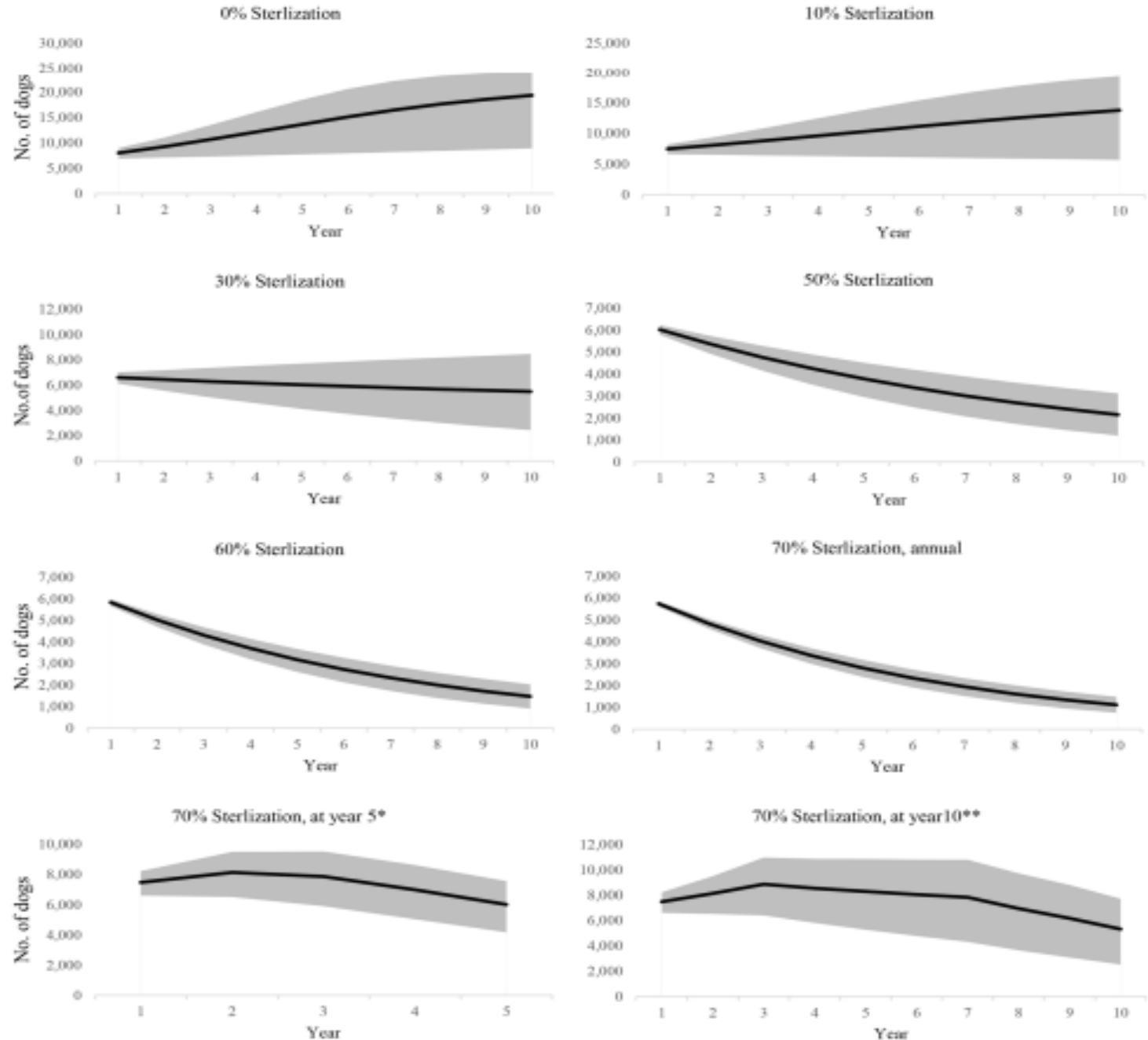


Figure 5. Model of the dynamics of dog population. Dynamic modeling of free-roaming dog population with implementation of animal birth control program.



Dog population model predictions according to five different scenarios of animal birth control in a 5- and 10-year intervention program

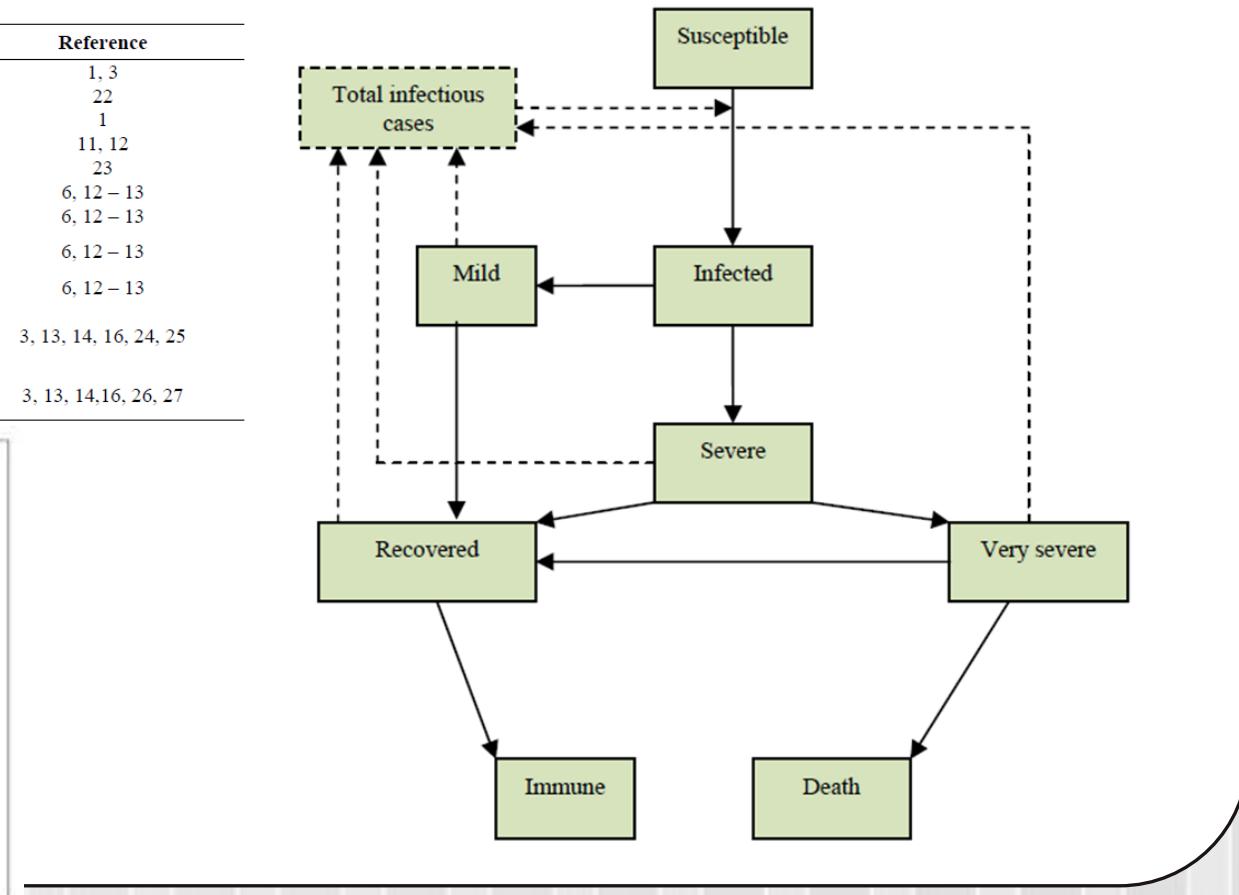
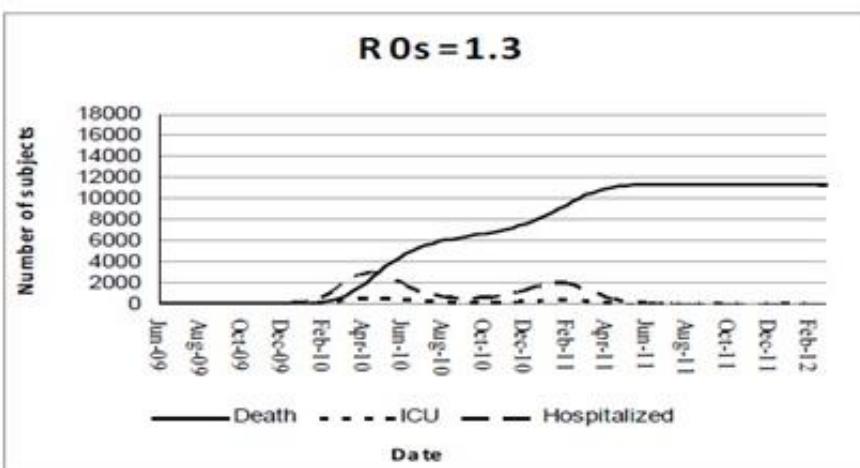
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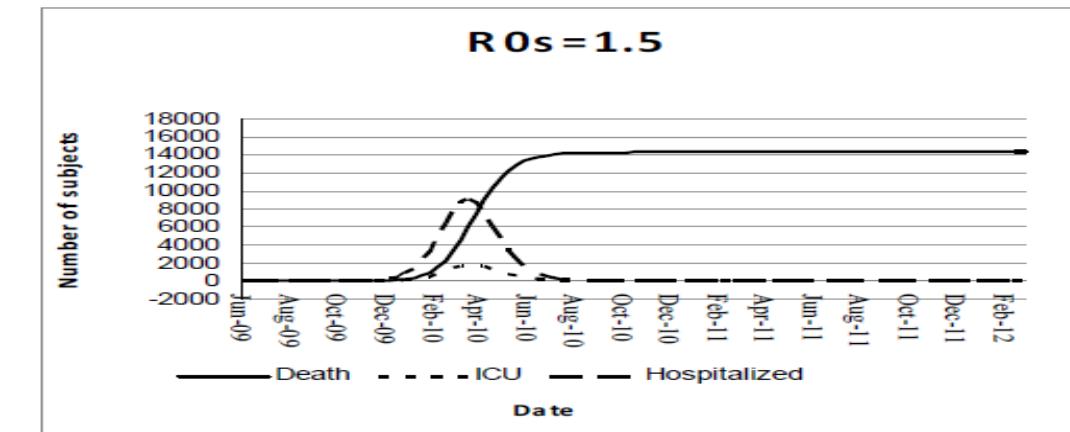
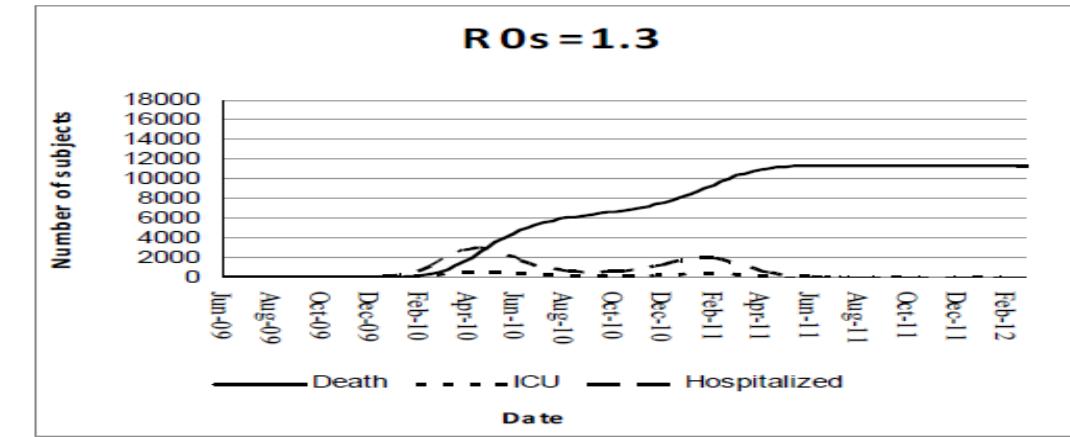
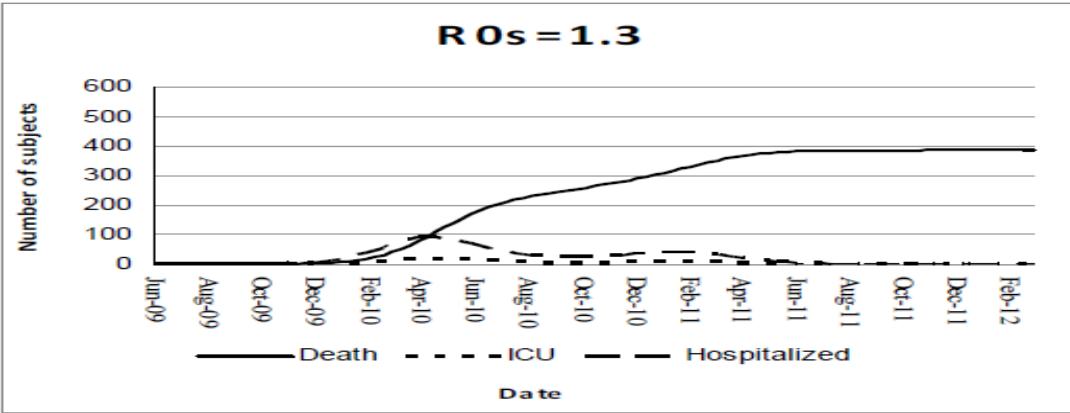
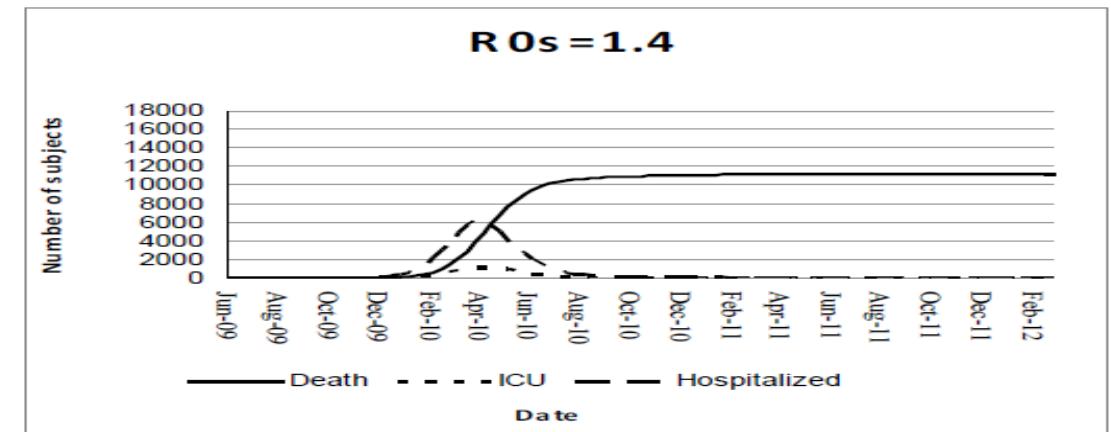
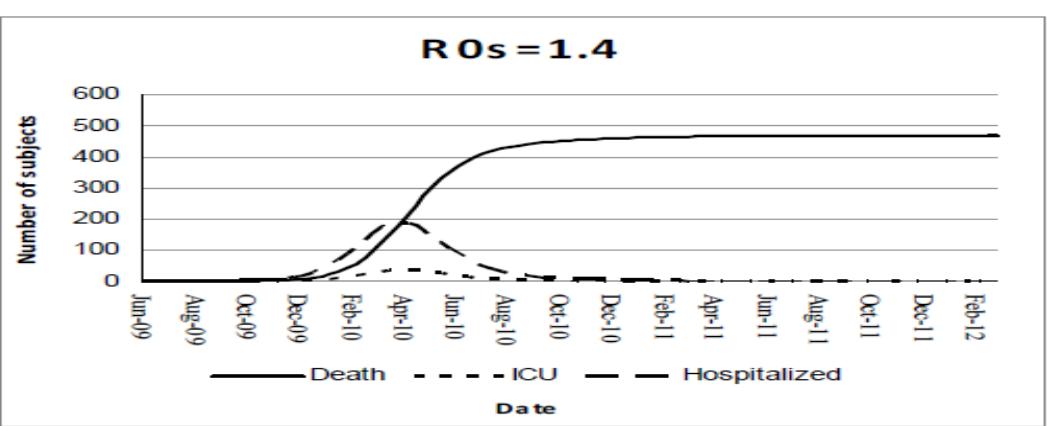
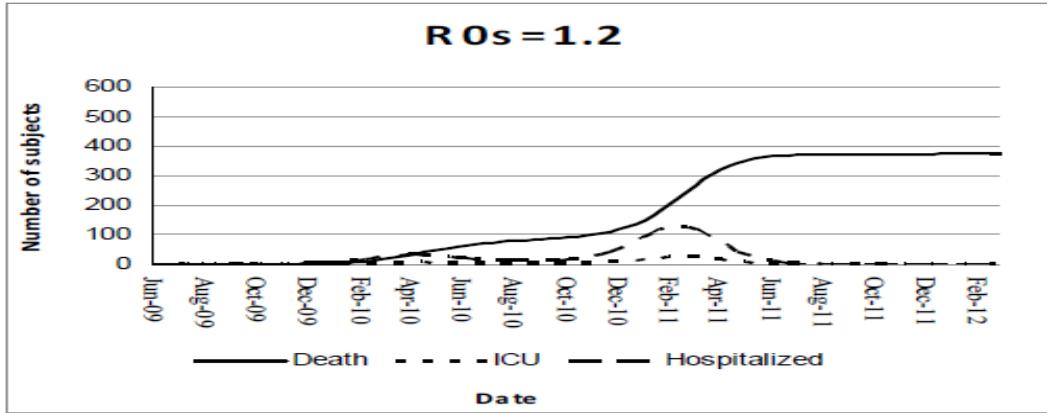
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Simple model for Influenzas in Iran

Table 1. Parameters used in the conceptual framework of influenza model

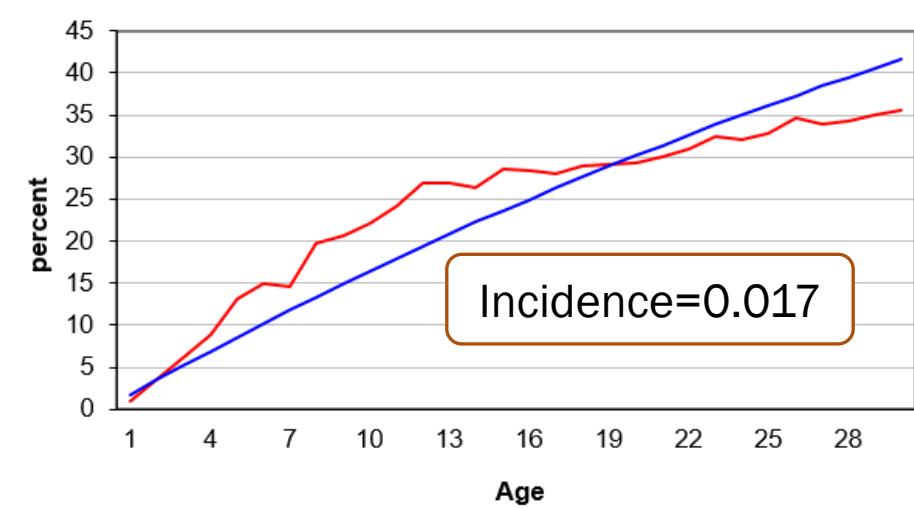
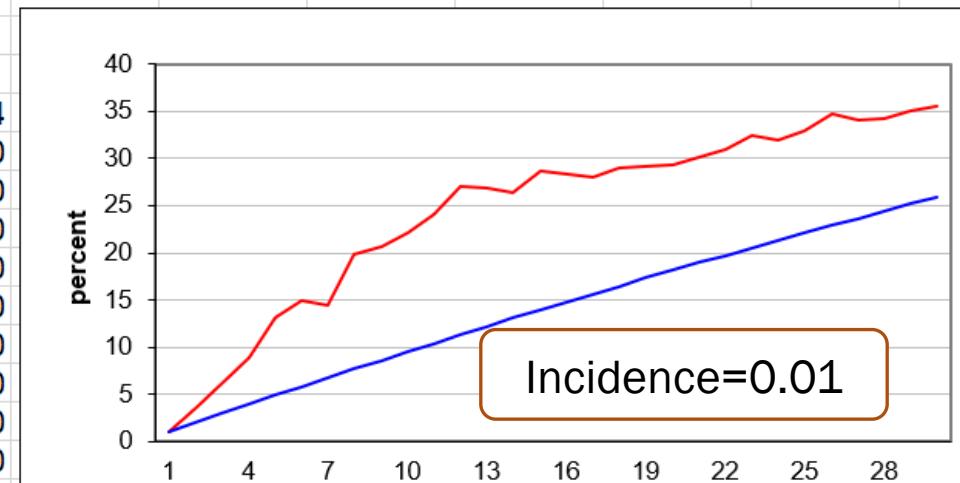
Parameter	Value used	Reference
Latent period	2 days	1, 3
Duration of infectivity	7 days	22
Duration of moderate disease	4 days	1
Duration of severe disease	7 days	11, 12
Duration of recovery	5 days	23
Percentages of asymptomatic or mild patients	97%	6, 12 – 13
Percentages of severe patients	3%	6, 12 – 13
Percentages of severe patients who needs ICU care	20%	6, 12 – 13
Percentage of death among patients in ICU	60%	6, 12 – 13
R_0 (in summer)	1.2 (R_{0sMin}) up to 1.4 (R_{0sMax}) for Kerman 1.3 (R_{0sMin}) up to 1.5 (R_{0sMax}) for Tehran	3, 13, 14, 16, 24, 25
R_0 (in winter)	1.6 for Kerman 1.8 for Tehran	3, 13, 14, 16, 26, 27



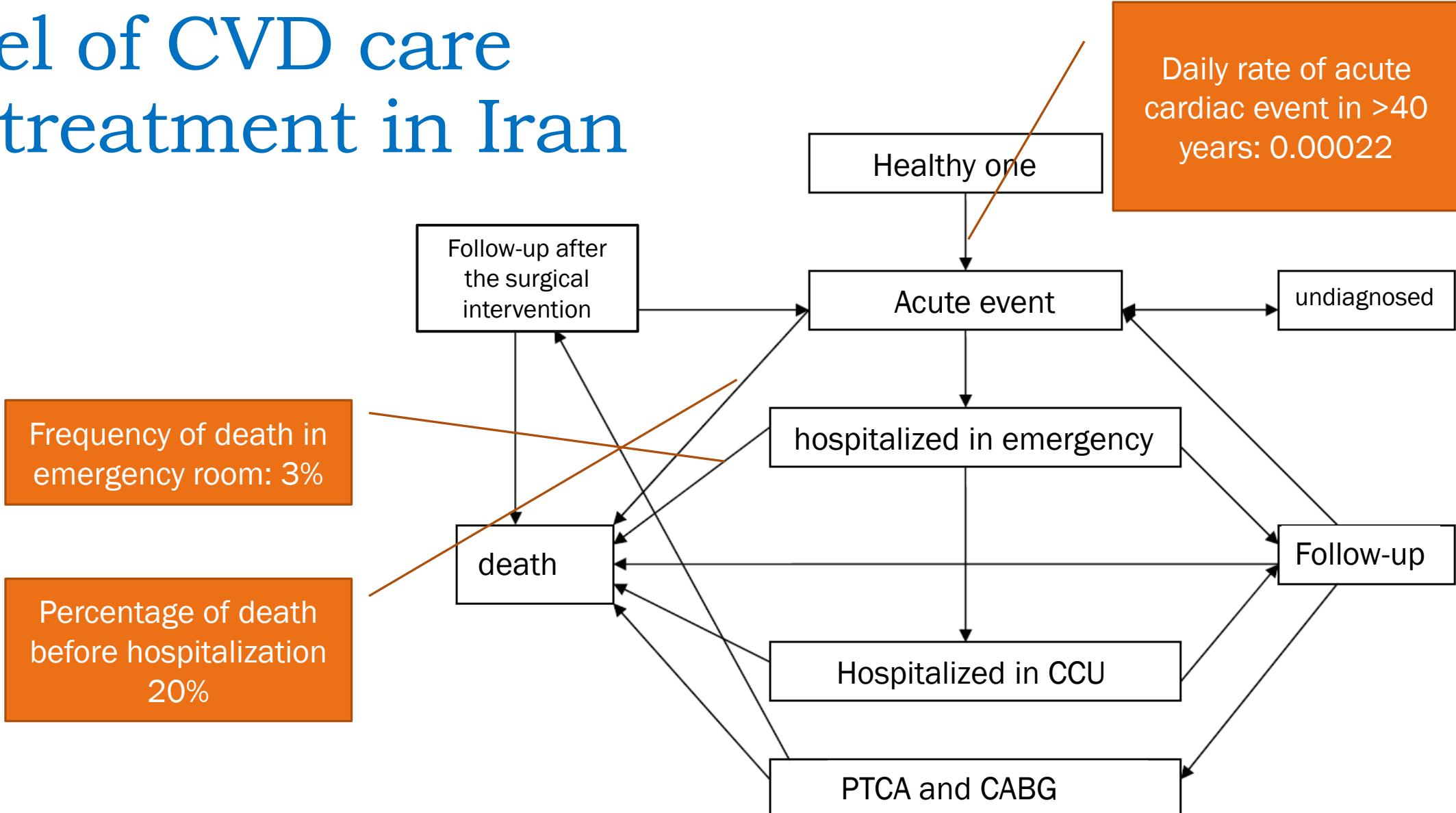


Estimation of incidence rate of hepatitis

Incidence	0.01			
age	observed HBS-Ab(+)	estimated value	Diff	Diff2
1	0.997	0.995	-0.002	0.000003933776060634
2	3.5	1.980	-1.520	2.309996702854750000
3	6.1	2.955	-3.145	9.888215801503520000
4	8.9	3.921	-4.979	24.789882511028900000
5	13.2	4.877	-8.323	69.271371027200500000
6	14.9	5.824	-9.076	82.382005567662100000
7	14.5	6.761	-7.739	59.898033596343600000
8	19.8	7.688	-12.112	146.691693620475000000
9	20.7	8.607	-12.093	146.243515711041000000
10	22.2	9.516	-12.684	160.877306140287000000
11	24.1	10.417	-13.683	187.235805823486000000
12	27	11.308	-15.692	246.240234595034000000
13	26.9	12.190	-14.710	216.370657977056000000
14	26.4	13.064	-13.336	177.844189486833000000
15	28.6	13.929	-14.671	215.232303467353000000
16	28.4	14.786	-13.614	185.351312740763000000
17	28	15.634	-12.366	152.929868638172000000
18	29	16.473	-12.527	156.926258670248000000
19	29.1	17.304	-11.796	139.143572806681000000
20	29.4	18.127	-11.273	127.082226895289000000
21	29.1	18.042	-11.158	124.510420497252000000



Model of CVD care and treatment in Iran



The results of models in Iran in 2006

Outputs of the model	numbers
Number of daily cardiac attacks in Iran	5180
Number of needed emergency beds for cardiac attacks	23520
Number of needed CCU beds	8540
Number of specialists to provide care to hospitalized cases	2240
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Common terms in dynamic models

In deterministic models, the output of the model is fully determined by the parameter values and the initial values, whereas probabilistic (or stochastic) models incorporate randomness in their approach.

**Deterministic
models**

Assumes certainty in all aspects

**Stochastic
models**

Represents a situation where uncertainty is present