

1 **Title:** Inter-rater reliability of the Infectious Disease Modeling Reproducibility Checklist  
2 (IDMRC) as applied to COVID-19 computational modeling research

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23 **Abstract**

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25 **Background:** Infectious disease computational modeling studies have been widely published  
26 during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, yet they have limited  
27 reproducibility. Developed through an iterative testing process with multiple reviewers, the  
28 Infectious Disease Modeling Reproducibility Checklist (IDMRC) enumerates the minimal  
29 elements necessary to support reproducible infectious disease computational modeling  
30 publications. The primary objective of this study was to assess the reliability of the IDMRC and  
31 to identify which reproducibility elements were unreported in a sample of COVID-19  
32 computational modeling publications. **Methods:** Four reviewers used the IDMRC to assess 46  
33 preprint and peer reviewed COVID-19 modeling studies published between March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020,  
34 and July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The inter-rater reliability was evaluated by mean percent agreement and  
35 Fleiss' kappa coefficients ( $\kappa$ ). Papers were ranked based on the average number of reported  
36 reproducibility elements, and average proportion of papers that reported each checklist item were  
37 tabulated. **Results:** Questions related to the computational environment (mean  $\kappa = 0.90$ , range =  
38  $0.90-0.90$ ), analytical software (mean  $\kappa = 0.74$ , range =  $0.68-0.82$ ), model description (mean  $\kappa =$   
39  $0.71$ , range =  $0.58-0.84$ ), model implementation (mean  $\kappa = 0.68$ , range =  $0.39-0.86$ ), and  
40 experimental protocol (mean  $\kappa = 0.63$ , range =  $0.58-0.69$ ) had moderate or greater ( $\kappa > 0.41$ )  
41 inter-rater reliability. Questions related to data had the lowest values (mean  $\kappa = 0.37$ , range =  
42  $0.23-0.59$ ). Reviewers ranked similar papers in the upper and lower quartiles based on the  
43 proportion of reproducibility elements each paper reported. While over 70% of the publications  
44 provided data used in their models, less than 30% provided the model implementation.  
45 **Conclusions:** The IDMRC is the first comprehensive, quality-assessed tool for guiding  
46 researchers in reporting reproducible infectious disease computational modeling studies. The

47 inter-rater reliability assessment found that most scores were characterized by moderate or  
48 greater agreement. These results suggests that the IDMRC might be used to provide reliable  
49 assessments of the potential for reproducibility of published infectious disease modeling  
50 publications. Results of this evaluation identified opportunities for improvement to the model  
51 implementation and data questions that can further improve the reliability of the checklist.

52 **Keywords:** Reproducibility, infectious disease, epidemiology, modeling, COVID-19,  
53 coronavirus disease 2019

## 54 **Background**

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56 Throughout the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, policy makers relied  
57 extensively on epidemiological, biostatistical, and computational infectious disease models to  
58 inform decisions regarding public health interventions (1). Although there was increased interest  
59 in transparent research prior to the pandemic (2), increasingly complex modeling methods and  
60 frequently insufficiently detailed descriptions of those methods have led to increasing  
61 reproducibility concerns. We recently proposed the Infectious Disease Modeling Reproducibility  
62 Checklist (IDMRC) a comprehensive set of guidelines that researchers can follow to publish  
63 reproducible modeling results (3). Our goal in this paper is to assess the reliability of the IDMRC  
64 to facilitate the reporting of elements impacting the reproducibility of COVID-19 research.

65 Reproducibility is a cornerstone of the scientific method, enabling the verification of  
66 discoveries and protecting against scientific misconduct (4). However, the rapid pace of COVID-  
67 19 research has raised concerns about the reproducibility of modeling results. For years  
68 governing bodies have published advice to enhance reproducibility of scientific research and  
69 proposed lists of elements that should be included in publications to ensure reproducibility have  
70 been reported (5–9). Prior to our work, these initiatives have not been synthesized into reliable

71 guidelines for infectious disease computational modeling research. We filled this critical gap in  
72 the literature by creating a framework for the implementation of reproducible computational  
73 infectious disease models. We formatted the framework into the Infectious Disease Modeling  
74 Reproducibility Checklist (IDMRC), a checklist that is applicable to varying types of infectious  
75 disease models with ranging complexities (3).

76 Previously developed guidelines, such as the Strengthening the Reporting of  
77 Observational Studies in Epidemiology (STROBE) checklist and the EPIFORGE 2020  
78 guidelines for epidemic forecasting have been instrumental in enhancing the quality of modeling  
79 research (10,11). However, they focus on general recommendations for describing elements in a  
80 publication without including specific items related to data, analytical software, operating  
81 systems (including both names and version numbers), and other key computational components  
82 used to conduct the analyses. The IDMRC overcomes these limitations through the inclusion of  
83 specific items relevant to publishing reproducible infectious disease modeling studies. Here, we  
84 assess the reliability of the IDMRC with multiple reviewers and a sample of COVID-19  
85 computational modeling studies. To our knowledge, this is the first time the reliability of a  
86 checklist used to assess the reproducibility of infectious disease modeling studies has been  
87 evaluated.

88 The Models of Infectious Disease Agent Study (MIDAS) Coordination Center  
89 ([midasnetwork.us](https://midasnetwork.us)) is an NIGMS-funded center supporting the infectious disease research  
90 community. Four researchers from the MIDAS Coordination Center evaluated the reliability of  
91 the checklist by assessing a random selection of preprint and peer-reviewed COVID-19 modeling  
92 papers published between March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The purpose of this study was  
93 to assess the inter-rater reliability of the IDMRC, characterize papers based on the reviewers'

94 qualitative rankings, and determine which reproducibility elements are frequently included or  
95 overlooked in COVID-19 computational modeling studies.

## 96 **Methods**

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98 The IDMRC was previously developed as a framework for the implementation of  
99 reproducible computational infectious disease models (Additional File 1) (3). The IDMRC  
100 consists of twenty-two questions grouped into six categories: computational environment,  
101 analytical software, model description, model implementation, data, and experimental protocol  
102 (Additional File 2). We evaluated the performance of the IDMRC in the COVID-19 modeling  
103 literature by measuring the agreement among four reviewers for the overall instrument and for  
104 individual questions. Based on the evaluations, we made suggested changes to the IDMRC  
105 (Additional File 3).

106 We searched PubMed, medRxiv, arXiv, and bioRxiv using queries for COVID-19  
107 modeling papers between March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 (Additional File 4). As preprint  
108 servers were widely used to disseminate COVID-19 models at the beginning of the pandemic  
109 (12), we included medRxiv, arXiv, and bioRxiv in our search. We did not restrict to certain types  
110 of computational modeling studies in our assessment given that our checklist should be  
111 applicable to all computational infectious disease modeling studies ranging from regression  
112 models to complex agent-based models. From the search results, we randomly selected 100  
113 papers for title and abstract review (Figure 1).

114 Four researchers (DP, AAQ, KC, MM) used the IDMRC to independently review the 46  
115 modeling papers to assess which IDMRC elements were included. All four reviewers had  
116 experience in reading modeling papers, including training of at least a Master's in Public Health

117 Degree. DP and AAQ were involved with the development of the checklist and had more  
118 experience using the IDMRC relative to KC and MM.

119 We performed an inter-rater reliability analysis to assess the concordance of the ratings of  
120 the ordinal categorical items. Reliability was assessed based on the mean percent agreement with  
121 Wald 95% confidence intervals and Fleiss' kappa ( $\kappa$ ) estimates. Fleiss' kappa is the observed  
122 agreement corrected for the agreement expected by chance and is appropriate when there are  
123 more than two raters assessing ordinal or nominal data (13). We used the Power4Cats function in  
124 the kappaSize package in R version 4.0.2, RStudio Version 1.3.107 to determine that 46  
125 publications could reliably produce a lower limit for a kappa estimate of 0.293 (1). Fleiss' kappa  
126 was computed with linear weights using the wlin.conc function in the R raters package 2.0.1  
127 (14,15). Monte Carlo simulations were used to calculate percentile bootstrap confidence  
128 intervals. Results were interpreted using previously published guidelines:  $\kappa < 0.01$  indicates no  
129 agreement;  $\kappa = 0.01-0.20$ , slight;  $\kappa = 0.21-0.40$ , fair;  $\kappa = 0.41-0.60$ , moderate;  $\kappa = 0.61-0.80$   
130 substantial; and  $\kappa = 0.81-1$  almost perfect agreement (15). A kappa score below 0.41 falls into  
131 the category of "slight" agreement and was deemed by the authors as indicative of questions that  
132 needed to be reviewed and revised.

133 For each reviewer, we qualitatively ranked the papers by the number of reported elements  
134 in each publication. Publications with the most elements included (as rated by the reviewers)  
135 were ranked the highest. We also averaged the reviewers' rankings to report the average  
136 qualitative rankings of the 46 publications. To assess if the potential impact of the peer-review on  
137 the number of reproducibility elements, DP independently reviewed the five highest-rated and 5  
138 lowest-rated publications to determine 1) if any of the publications that were published in  
139 preprint servers at the time of the review had since been published in peer-reviewed journals, and

140 2) if the papers that had been published in peer-reviewed journals had reported more  
141 reproducibility elements in those publications. Finally, we tabulated the proportion of papers that  
142 reported each checklist element as well as the proportion of checklist elements reported in all  
143 publications (both averaged across all reviewers).

## 144 **Results**

145 Four MIDAS researchers used the IDMRC to review 46 COVID-19 computational  
146 modeling papers published between March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, and July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. After title and  
147 abstract review, 48 papers were excluded based on the following exclusion criteria:  
148 observational, genomic, immunological, and molecular studies, commentaries, reviews,  
149 retractions, letters to editor, response papers, papers not related to COVID-19, and descriptions  
150 of software applications. Of the remaining 48 papers, two publications reviewing previously  
151 developed COVID-19 models were excluded after full text review (Figure 1). The final 46 paper  
152 sample consisted of 39 (85%) publications published in preprint servers (n = 34 from medRxiv; n  
153 = 5 from arXiv) and 7 (15%) from peer-reviewed journals (Additional File 5).

154 **[Figure 1. Publications included in the inter-rater reliability analysis of the Infectious Disease**  
155 **Modeling Reproducibility Checklist. Abbreviations: COVID-19, coronavirus disease 2019]**

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158 *Inter-rater reliability of the IDMRC*

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160 The inter-rater reliability evaluation indicated that the IDMRC was a reliable tool with  
161 most questions characterized by moderate or better ( $\kappa > 0.41$ ) agreement between the four  
162 reviewers. Overall, the mean percent agreement ranged from 54% (data question 5.3) to 94%  
163 (computational environment 1.1, 1.2; model implementation 4.6). Fleiss' kappa estimates ranged  
164 from 0.23 (95%CI 0.10, 0.40) for IDMRC data question 5.5 to 0.90 (95%CI 0.79, 0.98) for both

165 computational environment questions. Several Fleiss' kappa estimates in the model

166 implementation and data categories fell below moderate agreement (Table 1).

167 **[Table 1. Infectious Disease Modeling Reproducibility Checklist elements reported in COVID-**  
168 **19 modeling papers.]**

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170 *Characterization of papers based on reviewer qualitative rankings*

171 Reviewers identified similar publications as reporting the most reproducibility elements

172 (i.e., reviewers reported “yes” for more questions) or the least number of elements (i.e.,

173 reviewers reported “yes” less often). KC and MM, the two reviewers with the least experience

174 using the IDMRC, agreed upon eight publications in the top 25% (n = 13) and the eight

175 publications in the bottom 25% (n = 13) (Additional File 6). DP and AAQ, the two reviewers

176 with more experience using the checklist, agreed on nine publications in the top 25% and ten

177 publications in the bottom 25% (Additional File 6). All four reviewers agreed on six publications

178 in the top 25% and seven publications were reported in the bottom 25% (Additional File 7). The

179 publications with the most reproducibility elements based on average scores (publications 9, 15,

180 16, 19, and 27) and the least reported reproducibility elements (2, 12, 20, 23, and 37) were all

181 originally published as preprints. Four publications (2, 19, 20, and 27) have since been published

182 in peer-reviewed journals. An independent review of these four papers by DP determined that the

183 peer-reviewed versions did not have a significantly increased number of reported reproducibility

184 elements.

185 **[Figure 2. Average quantitative paper ranking (n = 46) among four reviewers. Green bars**

186 **correspond to the average number of reported elements in each publication (“yes” responses);**

187 **yellow indicates partially reported elements; red indicates not reported elements, gray indicates**

188 **not applicable responses.]**

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190 *Average proportion of papers that reported each checklist item*

191 Rates of inclusion of the 22 checklist elements varied from 2% of papers reporting the  
192 operating system version (question 1.2) to 92% providing the model description in the journal or  
193 publication as opposed to referencing a previously developed model (question 3.2, Figure 3A).  
194 Fifty percent (n = 23) of publications provided less than 40% of all checklist categories (Figure  
195 3B). Over 94% of studies did not provide either the name or the version of the operating system  
196 used in their analysis (questions 1.2, 1.3, respectively) (Figure 3A). The analytical software name  
197 (e.g., R, STATA, SAS) was provided in 62% of publications (question 2.1), but only 41% of the  
198 software tools were openly accessible without a licensing fee (question 2.2). Most studies  
199 provided the input data (70%; question 5.4); however, only 25% provided the model  
200 implementation, or code, used to generate the data (question 4.1). Averaged across the raters,  
201 over 50% of the publications provided all five data elements (questions 5.1–5.5), but less than  
202 50% of the publications provided all six model implementation elements (questions 4.1–4.6).  
203 Thirty-nine percent of publications provided the parameters used in their models (questions 6.1)  
204 while 19% provided a clear explanation for how categories 1–5 were used together to create the  
205 model results (question 6.2).

206 **[Figure 3.** Proportion of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) modeling publications (n = 46)  
207 that reported each infectious disease modeling reproducibility checklist (IDMRC) component  
208 elements. A, average percentage of papers that reported each checklist element; B, average  
209 proportion of checklist elements that were reported in all publications. Dashed line in B indicates  
210 the mean.]

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212 **Discussion**

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214 Improved reproducibility of infectious disease computational models will help

215 researchers efficiently build upon previous studies and accelerate the pace of scientific

216 advancements. We previously developed the Infectious Disease Modeling Reproducibility  
217 Checklist (IDMRC) to enumerate the elements necessary to support reproducible infectious  
218 disease computational modeling studies (3). Our evaluation indicated that the IDMRC is a  
219 reliable tool with the majority of the inter-rater reliability estimates reporting moderate or greater  
220 agreement between the four reviewers. Participating reviewers placed similar publications in the  
221 top and bottom reproducibility score quantiles based on the number of elements missing in each  
222 publication. The two experienced and the two novice checklist users had more similar rankings,  
223 suggesting that formally training researchers to use the IDMRC prior to evaluating a study may  
224 produce more consistent results. Furthermore, revisions to the checklist questions, primarily in  
225 the model implementation and data sections, may increase reliability of future evaluations.

226         Our experience with the application of the checklist suggests that the question ordering  
227 may have impacted reliability. The question regarding whether the model implementation  
228 computer language was documented (question 4.4) may have received a lower score due to its  
229 positioning after the analytical software name question (question 2.1). In most instances if a  
230 publication reported the analytical software name (e.g., R, STATA), the model implementation  
231 computer language would be evident (e.g., R uses R coding language, STATA uses STATA  
232 coding language). However, occasionally the two may differ, such as when researchers use their  
233 own developed software or utilize packages to develop scripts in languages that are not original  
234 to the analytical software (e.g., writing Python scripts in R with the use of the *reticulate*  
235 package). Additionally, if a reviewer had already selected “no” or “not applicable” for prior a  
236 model implementation question (questions 4.1–4.3), the reviewer may have automatically  
237 selected the same response for question 4.4 without independent thought to the question. Moving  
238 the question from the model implementation section to the analytical software section (after

239 question 2.1) could improve the checklist reliability. We propose a revised version of the  
240 checklist which includes question 4.4 directly after question 2.1 (Additional File 3).

241 Reliability assessments can also help highlight ambiguities in definitions commonly used  
242 in infectious disease computational modeling literature. Lower  $\kappa$  estimates in the data section  
243 may have been due to uncertainty regarding the definition of input data (question 5.1). For  
244 example, some of the publications described susceptible-infected-recovered (SIR)  
245 compartmental models which can be parametrized using input data, simulated data, or by  
246 referencing previously reported parameters. In these situations, reviewers may have not  
247 considered parameters as input data. To improve the reliability of the checklist, we defined input  
248 data as “any data, including parameters, used to generate a model or initial conditions” in the  
249 updated version of the checklist (Additional File 3). Furthermore, we originally included a “not  
250 applicable” answer choice in question 5.1; however, after the reliability assessment, we deemed  
251 that this answer choice was not warranted because a response of “yes” or “no” should capture all  
252 possible answer choices. Thus, we removed the “not applicable” answer choice from question  
253 5.1 in the newest version of the checklist (Additional File 3). Given that conditional nature of the  
254 checklist questions (i.e., subsequent checklist questions are affected by prior responses),  
255 including a definition of the input data as well as correcting the answer choices in question 5.1  
256 could improve the reliability of the following data questions.

257 The computational environment, which comprises the operating system name and  
258 version, was least reported. Failure to reproduce modeling studies, even if the data and code have  
259 been made available, can be due to incompatibilities or specific requirements in the  
260 computational environment (16). For example, SAS software is not compatible with the macOS  
261 operating system unless it is run in a virtual machine. Software developed by the authors of a

262 given paper or analyses that require high-performance computing may also require specific types  
263 of operating systems to be functional. We recommend including a short statement specifying the  
264 name and version of the operating system in future infectious disease computational modeling  
265 studies .

266 Two of the top qualitatively ranked publications (19 and 27) as well as two of the lower  
267 ranked publications (2 and 20) were initially published in medRxiv, during the time of review,  
268 but have since been published in peer reviewed journals. An independent review by DP indicated  
269 that the peer reviewed versions of these paper did not include significant improvement in the  
270 number of reported reproducibility elements. This suggests that the peer review process does not  
271 necessarily improve the reproducibility of papers in our sample. Despite an increase in the  
272 adoption of data and code sharing policies by journals, stricter application of the IDMRC or  
273 similar guidelines may be needed to further improve reproducibility during the peer review  
274 process (17). Some suggestions include the complementary submission of checklists, such as the  
275 IDMRC, or dynamic computational notebooks (17,18).

276 Over 70% of the publications provided the data used for their analysis. Our estimate was  
277 similar to the 60% (n = 29) of CDC-compiled COVID-19 modeling studies analyzed by Jalali et  
278 al. and much higher than the 24.8% (n = 332) reviewed by Ioannidis et al. that reported to share  
279 their data. However, Ioannidis et al., used a text mining algorithm which may not have picked up  
280 publications that shared their data (19,20). Many journals now require researchers to provide a  
281 data availability statement when submitting a publication but allow researchers to  
282 circumnavigate the provision by stating “the datasets and code are available from the  
283 corresponding author on reasonable request.” Some publishers require authors to make their  
284 publication data publicly available (21). As of January 25, 2023, National Institute of Health-

285 supported research requires researchers to include a plan for data sharing within their funding  
286 applications. While our review included publications published on preprint servers, which have  
287 less strict reporting guidelines, we reason that preprint COVID-19 computational models should  
288 have been just as transparent with their data as peer-reviewed publications given their  
289 widespread use by policymakers and news outlets during the start of the pandemic (12).

290         Although providing data access is becoming a common practice in infectious disease  
291 computational studies, progress in sharing model implementations is lagging. In our sample,  
292 most papers provided the model description; however, the code used to implement the model and  
293 create the results was reported in less than 25% of the studies. In the previous review of COVID-  
294 19 computational modeling studies, researchers found that a similar 21.5% of publications  
295 reported the code (n = 288) (20). With increasingly complex computational methodologies in  
296 infectious disease modeling literature, withholding the exact data manipulation and analysis steps  
297 can impede the consistent regeneration of modeling results. Researchers should aim to provide  
298 open-source access to appropriately versioned model implementations accompanied by  
299 comprehensible annotations in online repositories.

300         Sharing a reproducible model consists of more than just sharing the data or code. Each  
301 component in the checklist works together to produce the final modeling result. With each  
302 additional missing component, the time and effort that it takes for future reproduction attempts  
303 increases (22). Amid a pandemic, timely, reproducible research is critical in informing policies  
304 and life-saving interventions.

305         The present study has several limitations. First, we sampled COVID-19 computational  
306 modeling studies published early in the pandemic when authors may have reported fewer  
307 reproducibility elements compared to publications published in later periods. In future work,

308 assessing the reproducibility of publications reported during various stages of the pandemic may  
309 lead to insights regarding timing of publications and reproducibility of modeling literature.  
310 Second, given that two of the reviewers had limited experience using the IDMRC prior to the  
311 assessment, we may have underestimated the true reliability of the IDMRC. Furthermore,  
312 differences in reviewer experience may have led to an under- or over-estimation of the average  
313 number of reported reproducibility elements in our sample of publications. Finally, while the  
314 reliability assessment of the IDMRC goes a step beyond most checklists, we did not assess the  
315 reliability of the proposed changes to the IDMRC.

## 316 **Conclusions**

317 Our review focused on evaluating the performance of the IDMRC in COVID-19  
318 computational modeling publications. Additional rounds of review with more reviewers and  
319 modeling studies outside of COVID-19 might generalize reliability. Furthermore, lower inter-  
320 rater reliability scores on some of the elements may have impacted the reported frequencies of  
321 missing reproducibility elements. To address these issues, we proposed a revised version of the  
322 IDMRC. Tools such as the IDMRC can encourage the documentation and sharing of all elements  
323 necessary to reproduce a computational modeling study, thus supporting reproducible  
324 computational infectious disease studies and accelerating scientific discoveries by allowing  
325 others to validate results as well as by providing resources that might be reused in future studies.

## 326 **Declarations**

## 327 **Availability of data and materials**

328 All data generated or analyzed during this study are included in this published article and its  
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404 **Table 1.** Infectious Disease Modeling Reproducibility Checklist elements reported in COVID-19  
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Question	Mean Percent Agreement (95% CI)	Fleiss Kappa (95% CI)
<b>Computational Environment</b>		
1.1) Is the operating system documented?	0.94 (0.87, 1.00)	0.90 (0.81, 0.97)
1.2) Is the operating system version documented?	0.94 (0.87, 1.00)	0.90 (0.79, 0.98)
<b>Analytical Software</b>		
2.1) Is the name of the analytical software documented (e.g., the programming language name)?	0.88 (0.79, 0.97)	0.82 (0.71, 0.92)
2.2) Is the analytical software accessible for free?	0.82 (0.71, 0.93)	0.68 (0.54, 0.81)
2.3) Is the version of the analytical software documented?	0.79 (0.67, 0.90)	0.75 (0.64, 0.85)
2.4) Do the authors include a specific identifier (DOI, URL, citation) that points to the analytical software that was used?	0.76 (0.64, 0.89)	0.72 (0.61, 0.81)
2.5) Is the analytical software installation guide accessible online?	0.89 (0.80, 0.98)	0.75 (0.60, 0.89)
<b>Model Description</b>		
3.1) Is the complete, structured model description provided in the publication, supplement, or referenced publication?	0.53 (0.38, 0.67)	0.58 (0.51, 0.66)
3.2) Is the model specified in the publication or supplement (contrary to being referenced in other papers)?	0.91 (0.83, 0.99)	0.84 (0.70, 0.94)
<b>Model Implementation (“Code”)</b>		
4.1) Is the model implementation (e.g., code, workflow) openly accessible online?	0.86 (0.75, 0.96)	0.86 (0.77, 0.94)
4.2) Does the model implementation (e.g., code, workflow) have a version or modification date?	0.84 (0.73, 0.94)	0.69 (0.55, 0.84)
4.3) Does the model implementation (e.g., code, workflow) have an identifier?	0.79 (0.67, 0.90)	0.74 (0.62, 0.85)
4.4) Is the computer language of the model implementation (e.g., code, workflow) documented?	0.62 (0.48, 0.76)	0.39 (0.22, 0.54)
4.5) Are all model implementation (e.g., code, workflow) dependencies clearly specified in either the publication or supplemental files?	0.69 (0.56, 0.83)	0.63 (0.50, 0.75)
4.6) Are the model implementations (e.g., code, workflow) annotated with comments?	0.94 (0.87, 1.00)	0.80 (0.66, 0.92)
<b>Data</b>		
5.1) Does the model in the publication use input data?	0.75 (0.62, 0.87)	0.59 (0.47, 0.70)
5.2) Has the source and content of the input data been described in the publication or supplement?	0.59 (0.45, 0.74)	0.36 (0.20, 0.52)
5.3) Does the paper cite a specific, unique, and persistent identifier to refer to	0.54 (0.39, 0.68)	0.36 (0.20, 0.52)

each input dataset?

<b>5.4</b> Is the input data openly accessible?	0.66 (0.52, 0.80)	0.34 (0.16, 0.52)
<b>5.5</b> Is the data in a format that can be easily re-formatted (or “parsable”) to meet the input specifications of the model implementation?	0.55 (0.41, 0.69)	0.23 (0.10, 0.40)

### **Experimental Protocol**

<b>6.1</b> Are all the mentioned parameter values for the model implementation (e.g., code, workflow) documented in a single location (e.g., table or list in the publication or supplement)?	0.65 (0.51, 0.79)	0.69 (0.60, 0.77)
<b>6.2</b> Is there an explanation of how the described/mentioned categories (computational environment, analytical software, model implementation, and data) were used together to create the results (e.g., figures and/ or tables)?	0.50 (0.36, 0.64)	0.58 (0.52, 0.64)

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406 *Abbreviations:* CI, confidence intervals