Data Article

Title: A Nonparametric Approach to Early Warning Signs Using COVID-19 Data from South Africa

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Abstract
Rapid and often unexpected, punctuated shifts have characterised the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. Identifying and predicting outbreaks during epidemics and pandemic events is crucial to developing and implementing effective mitigation measures by the public health sector. This study examines early-warning signals based on the metric and model-based approaches. The data were collected from https://www.ourworldindata/coronavirus-source-data . The data are stored in an Excel file.

Specifications Table

Subject area	*Biostatistics*
More specific subject area	*Infectious disease modelling*
Type of data	*Excel file*
How data was acquired	*Provided and from the internet* https://www.ourworldindata/coronavirus-source-data
Data format	*Filtered and analysed.*
Experimental factors	*N/A*
Experimental features	*N/A*
Data source location	https://www.ourworldindata/coronavirus-source-data.
Data accessibility	*Data is hosted on GitHub https://github.com/csigauke*
Related research article	*The relevant research article is A Nonparametric Approach to Early Warning Signs Using COVID-19 Data from South Africa.*

Value of the Data

- The ability to identify and predict outbreaks is crucial for effective public health mitigation during pandemics like COVID-19.
- This study explores early-warning signals using both metric-based and model-based approaches to detect outbreaks.

Data

The data comprises the confirmed daily cases of COVID-19 for the period 6 March 2020 to 27 November 2022. The data are stored in an Excel file. The data were collected from https://www.ourworldindata/coronavirus-source-data

Experimental Design, Materials, and Methods

Data used in the study is from
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