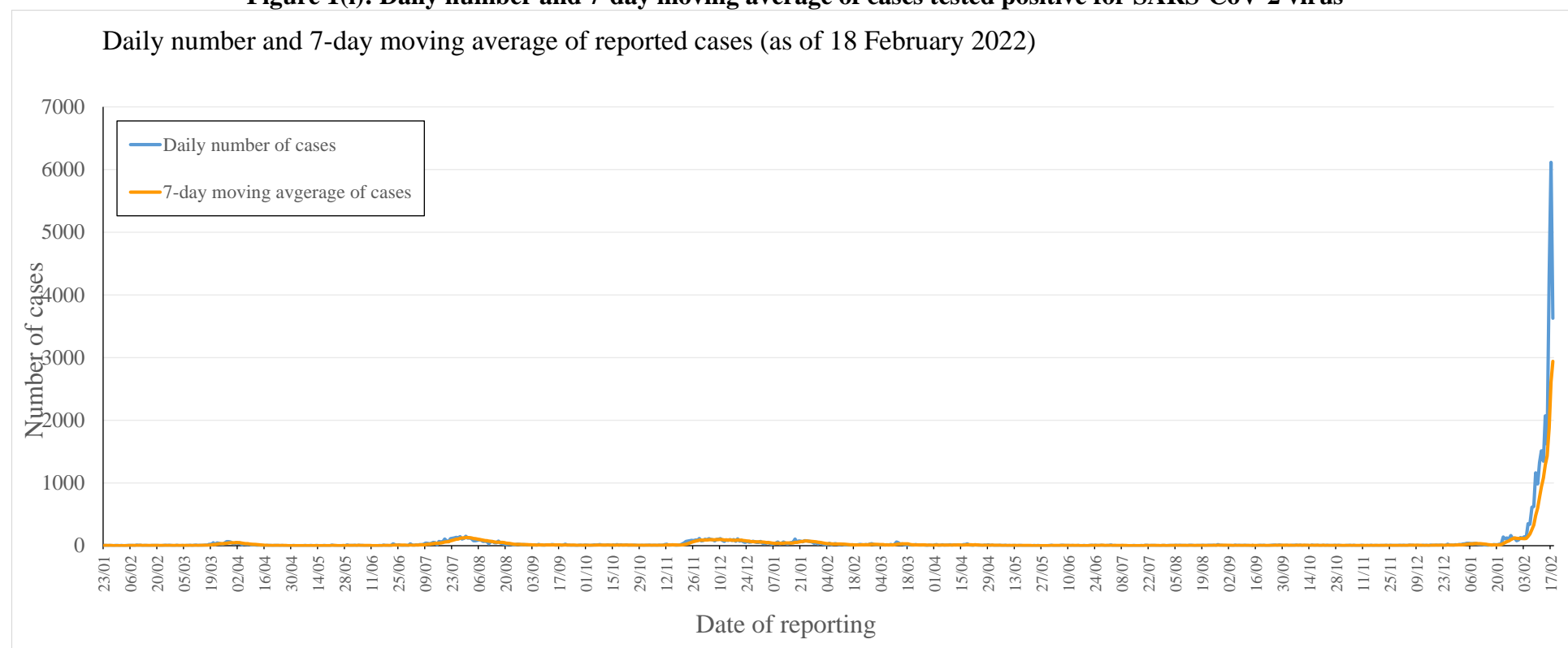


Latest situation of COVID-19 (as of 18 February 2022)

3629 cases tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus were reported in Hong Kong on 18 February 2022.

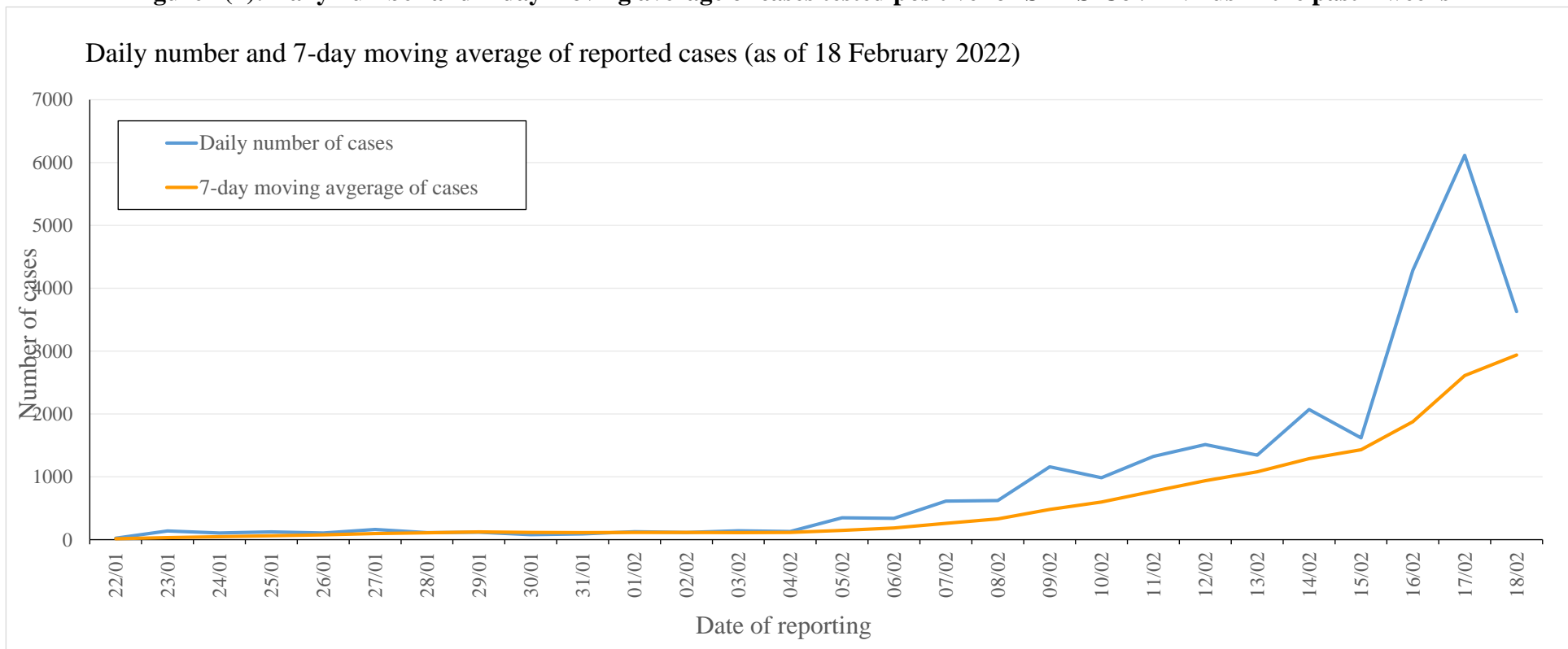
In the recent 7-day period from 12 to 18 February 2022, an average of 2940.1 cases were reported per day, as compared with 771.9 cases per day reported in the previous 7-day period from 5 to 11 February 2022 (Figure 1).

Figure 1(i): Daily number and 7-day moving average of cases tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus



Note: Re-positive cases are excluded in Figure 1(i).

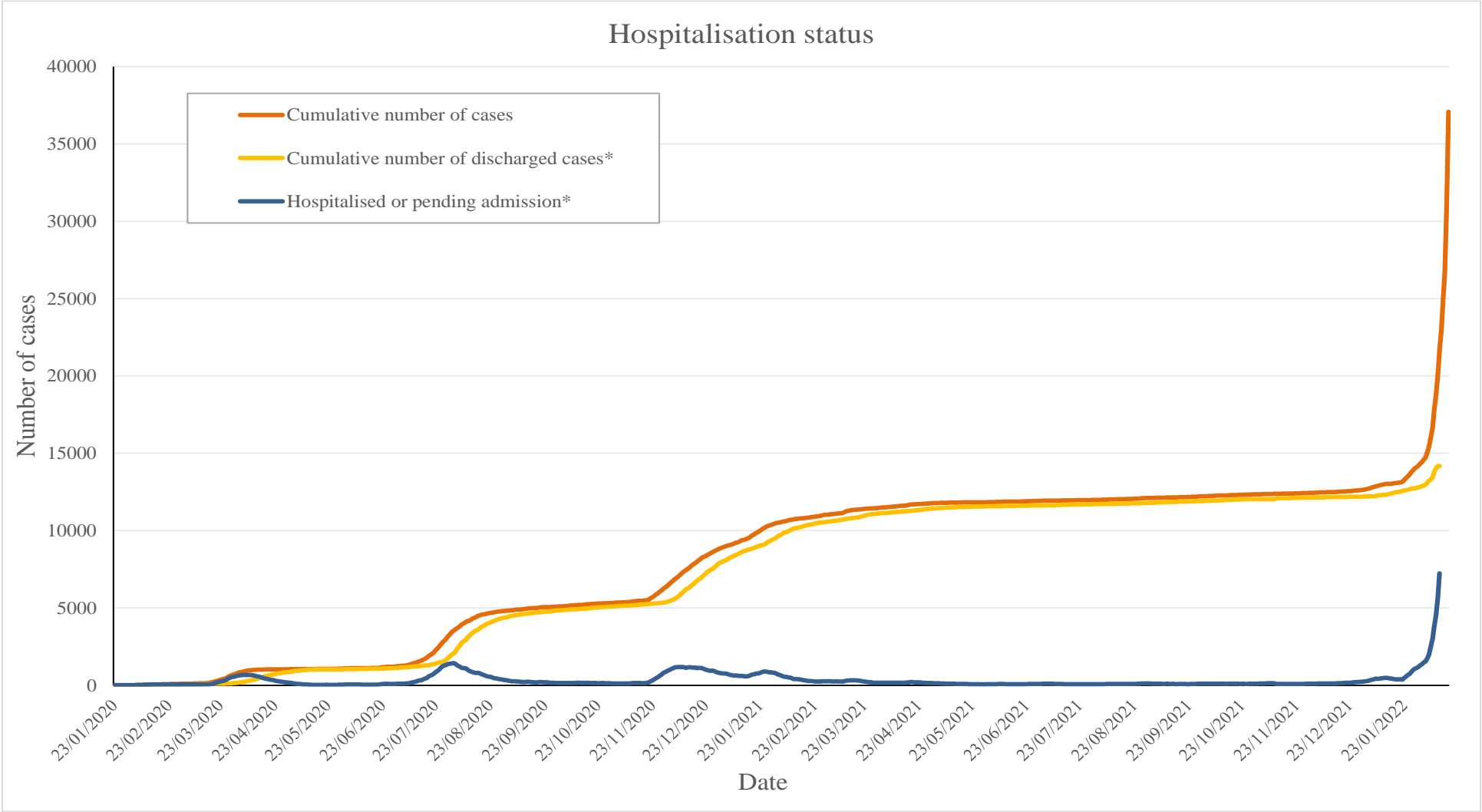
Figure 1(ii): Daily number and 7-day moving average of cases tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus in the past 4 weeks



Note: Re-positive cases are excluded in Figure 1(ii).

Since 31 December 2019, the Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health has recorded a total of 40700 cases tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus. Among these cases, 259 were fatal cases (Figure 2).

Figure 2: Hospitalisation status of cases tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus



Note: 259 cases were fatal cases. *The Hospital Authority is still preparing information of the hospitalisation status of reported cases.

Further analysis of these cases could be referred to the tables and figures below. Details of cases reported on or before 6 February 2022 are available at the COVID-19 thematic website (https://www.chp.gov.hk/files/xls/previous_cases_covid19_en.xlsx). Five cases were deleted on 3 September 2021 (<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202109/03/P2021090300392.htm>). One case was deleted on 29 January 2022 (<https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202201/29/P2022012900846.htm>).

Table 1 shows the classification of cases reported since 31 December 2021.

Table 1: Number of cases tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus by classification

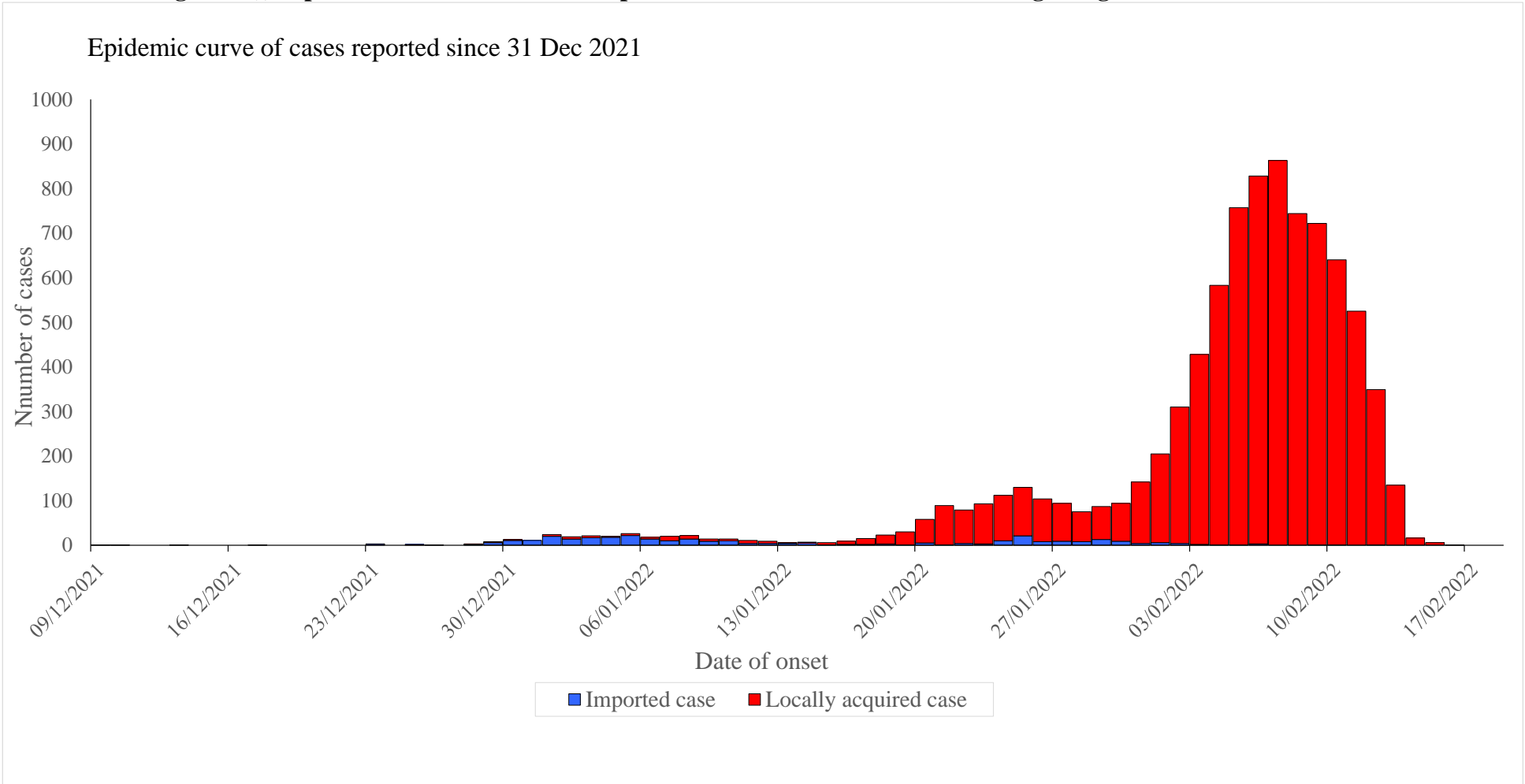
Reporting period	Imported case	Locally acquired case	Period total
Since 31/12/2021	692 (2.5%)	27377 (97.5%)	28069 (100.0%)
22/1/2022 - 28/1/2022	116 (14.8%)	668 (85.2%)	784 (100.0%)
29/1/2022 - 4/2/2022	114 (14.1%)	697 (85.9%)	811 (100.0%)
5/2/2022 - 11/2/2022	34 (0.6%)	5370 (99.4%)	5404 (100.0%)
12/2/2022 - 18/2/2022	58 (0.3%)	20523 (99.7%)	20581 (100.0%)

Among 27377 locally acquired cases since 31 December 2021, 59.1% were known to have been fully vaccinated#.

(# refer to people who have completed the full course of vaccination according to the relevant vaccine developers or pharmaceutical companies)

Figure 3 (i) shows the epidemic curve of cases tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus reported since 31 December 2021.

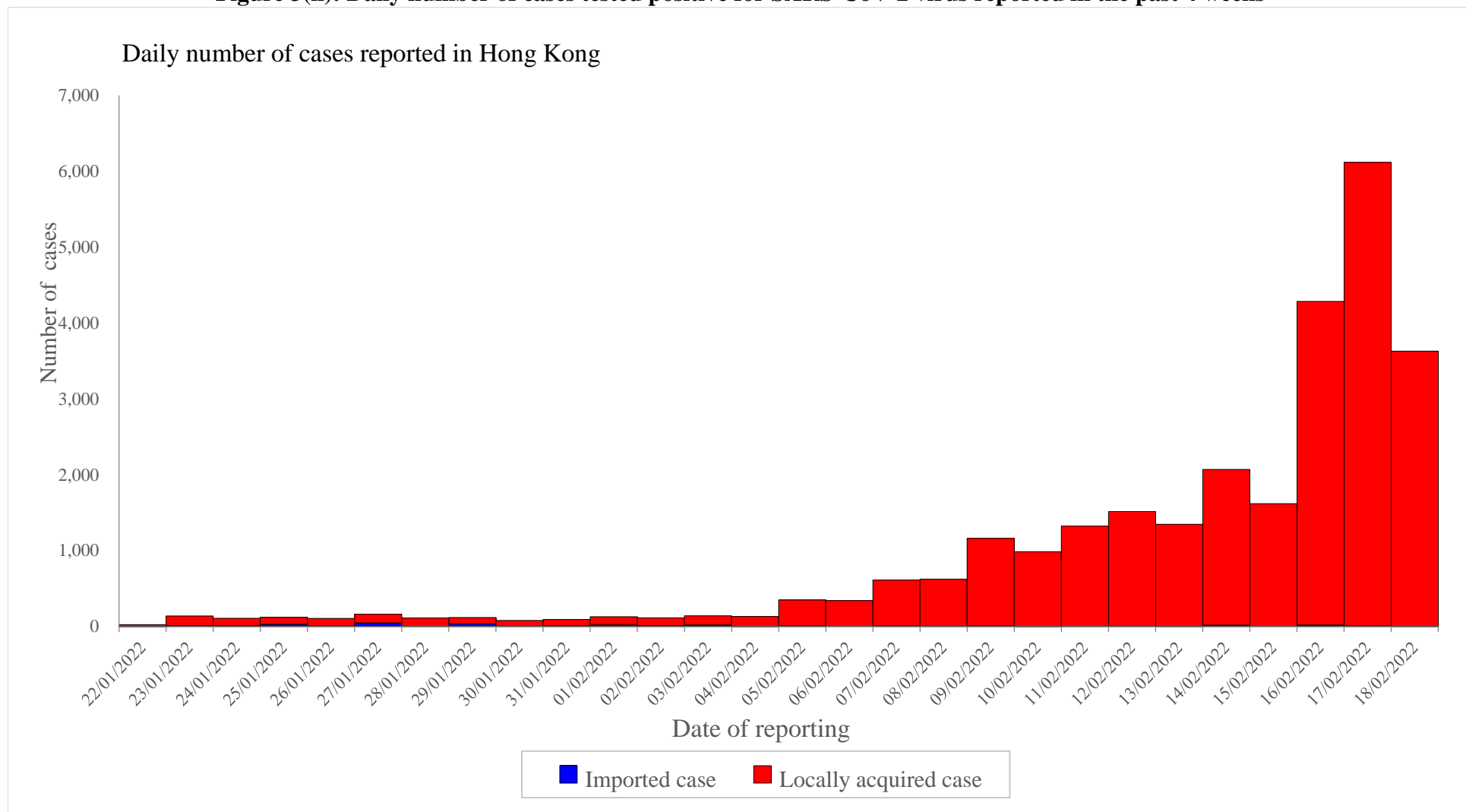
Figure 3 (i): Epidemic curve of cases tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus in Hong Kong since 31 December 2021



Note:

1. The classification and case status may be subject to changes when there is new information available.
2. Asymptomatic and re-positive cases as well as cases pending investigation are excluded in Figure 3(i).

Figure 3(ii): Daily number of cases tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus reported in the past 4 weeks



Note: Re-positive cases are excluded in Figure 3(ii).

In the past four weeks, the following large clusters with new cases were reported in Hong Kong (Table 2).

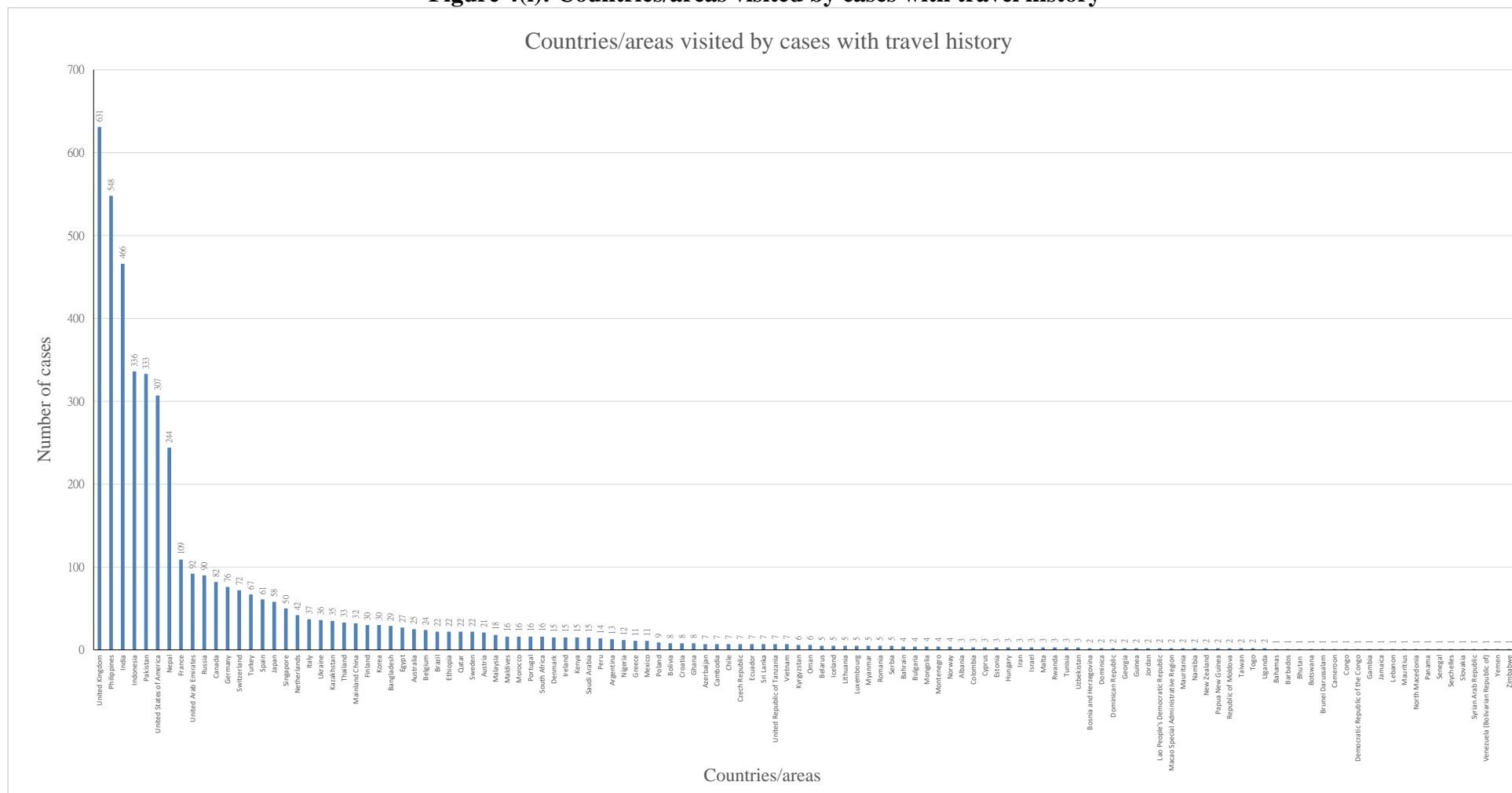
Table 2: Large clusters (10 or more)* with newly tested positive cases reported in the past 4 weeks

Cluster	No. of new cases	Total no. of cases
Air crew (case 12676) related cluster	0	52
Silka Seaview Hotel Hong Kong (12th floor)/ Tung Moon House/ Yat Kwai House related cluster	1	838
Hamster-related cluster	0	87
Work related cluster at Yuen Long Plaza	1	49
Sham Shui Po church-related cluster	0	35

*Including cases with epidemiological linkage

Figure 4(i) shows the countries/areas visited by the cases with travel history outside Hong Kong during the incubation period.

Figure 4(i): Countries/areas visited by cases with travel history

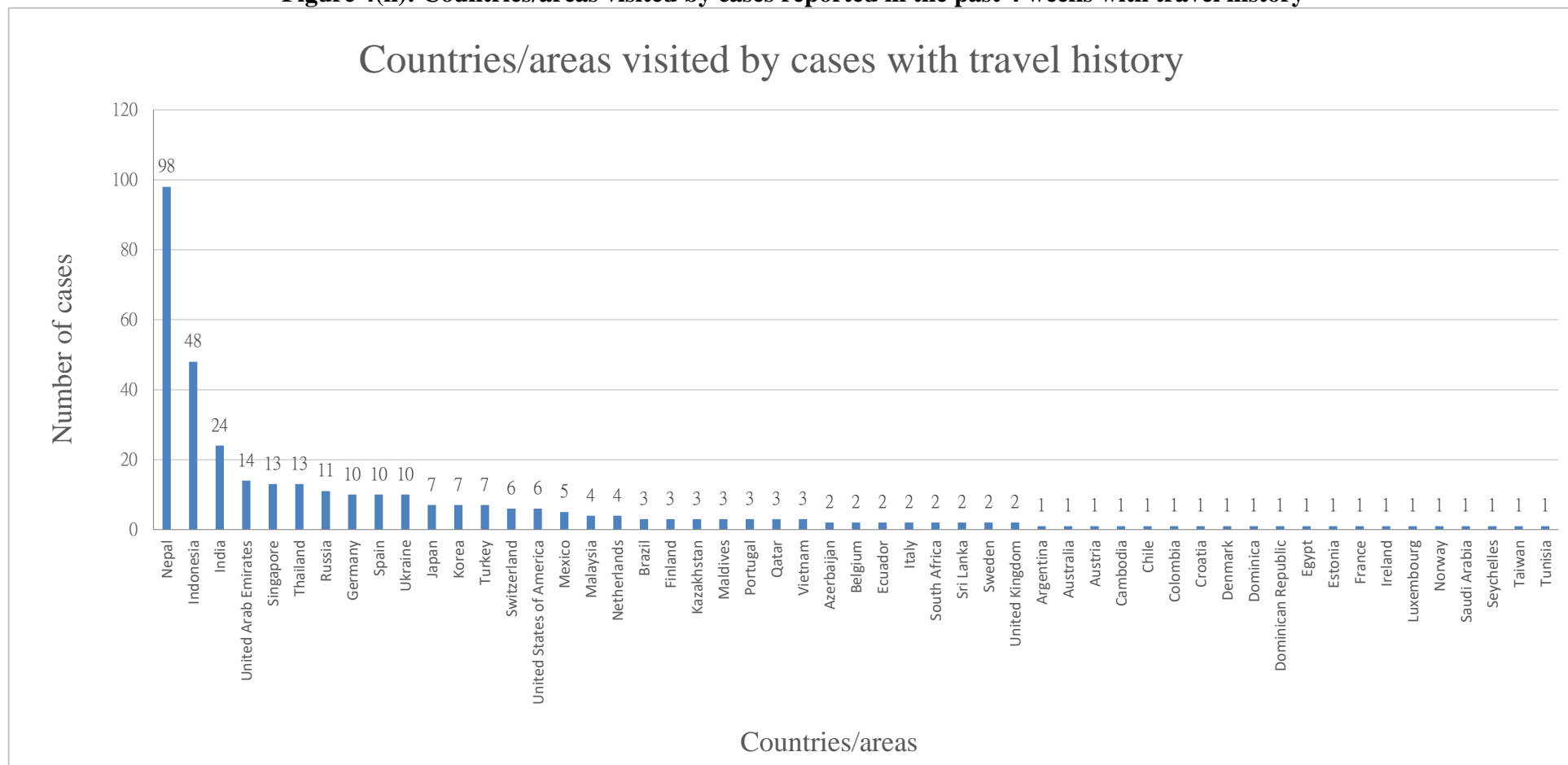


Note:

1. Some cases had visited more than one country/area.
2. Re-positive cases are excluded in Figure 4(i).

Figure 4(ii) shows the countries/areas visited by the cases reported in the past 4 weeks with travel history outside Hong Kong during the incubation period.

Figure 4(ii): Countries/areas visited by cases reported in the past 4 weeks with travel history



Note:

1. Some cases had visited more than one country/area.
2. Re-positive cases are excluded in Figure 4(ii).

Table 3 shows the mode of detection of cases tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus in Hong Kong.

Table 3: Mode of detection of cases tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus in Hong Kong

Category	Number of cases (percentage) since 23 January 2020	Number of cases (percentage) in the past 4 weeks
(1) Cases fulfilling the reporting criteria of COVID-19	336 (0.8%)	0 (0.0%)
(2) Enhanced laboratory surveillance in public hospitals	845 (2.1%)	126 (0.5%)
(3) Enhanced surveillance at Accident and Emergency Departments / General Outpatient Clinics	4884 (12.0%)	2289 (8.3%)
(4) Diagnosis / Enhanced surveillance in private hospitals and clinics	1660 (4.1%)	313 (1.1%)
(5) Medical surveillance / contact tracing by Centre for Health Protection	5744 (14.1%)	1190 (4.3%)
(6) Enhanced surveillance for asymptomatic inbound travelers	2104 (5.2%)	170 (0.6%)
(7) Enhanced surveillance for persons with higher risk of exposure	33 (0.1%)	6 (0.0%)
(8) Private testing for the targeted groups*	127 (0.3%)	29 (0.1%)
(9) Universal Community Testing Programme	32 (0.1%)	0 (0.0%)
(10) Community testing centre^	4061 (10.0%)	2599 (9.4%)
(11) Others	11 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
(12) Pending	20853 (51.2%)	20853 (75.6%)
Total	40690 (100.0%)	27575 (100.0%)

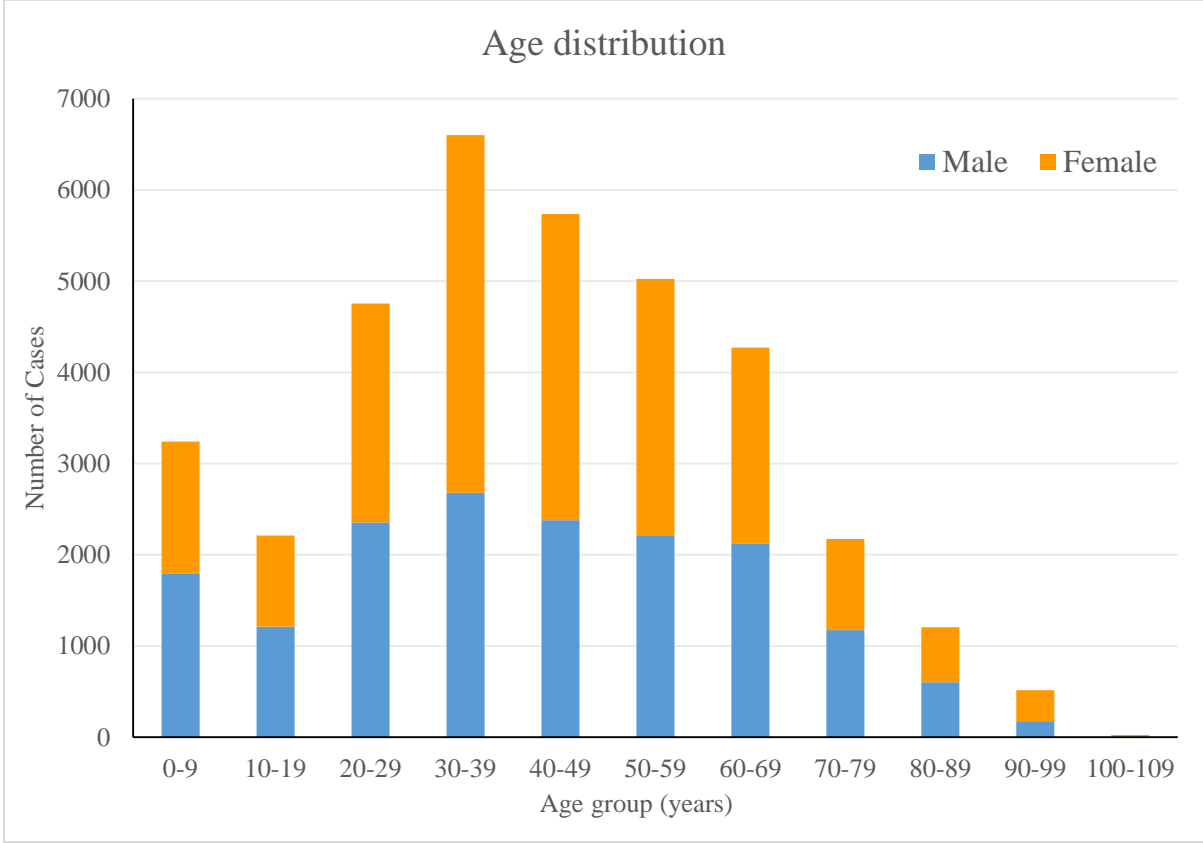
Note: Re-positive cases are excluded in Table 3.

* <https://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/202009/19/P2020091900029.htm>

^ Including 1 case detected by temporary testing centre

Figure 5 shows the age and gender distribution of the cases. The ages ranged from 12 days to 107 years (median: 41 years). Male to Female ratio 0.9:1.

Figure 5: Age distribution of cases tested positive for SARS-CoV-2 virus in Hong Kong



Note: Re-positive cases and cases pending investigation are excluded in Figure 5.