

Supplementary materials

A Cumulative incidence of monkeypox in Latinamerica and the Caribbean

Table 1: Monkeypox in Latinamerica and the Caribbean: Cumulative incidence per country

| Region | Country | Date of First Confirmed Case | Confirmed Cases ¹ | Cummulative Incidence (per million) ¹ | Income group |
|------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| <i>Caribbean</i> | Saint Martin (French part) | 2022-08-01 | 1 | 31.46 | High income |
| | Puerto Rico | 2022-06-29 | 99 | 30.44 | High income |
| | Aruba | 2022-08-22 | 1 | 9.39 | High income |
| | Curaçao | 2022-08-15 | 1 | 5.23 | High income |
| | Bahamas | 2022-06-24 | 2 | 4.88 | High income |
| | Barbados | 2022-07-16 | 1 | 3.55 | High income |
| | Jamaica | 2022-07-06 | 4 | 1.41 | Upper middle income |
| | Dominican Republic | 2022-07-06 | 9 | 0.80 | Upper middle income |
| | Cuba | 2022-08-20 | 1 | 0.09 | Upper middle income |
| | | | | | |
| <i>Central America</i> | Mexico | 2022-05-28 | 386 | 3.03 | Upper middle income |
| | Panama | 2022-07-05 | 9 | 2.04 | High income |
| | Costa Rica | 2022-07-20 | 3 | 0.58 | Upper middle income |
| | Guatemala | 2022-08-03 | 6 | 0.34 | Upper middle income |
| | Honduras | 2022-08-13 | 3 | 0.29 | Lower middle income |
| <i>South America</i> | Peru | 2022-06-26 | 1382 | 40.59 | Upper middle income |
| | Brazil | 2022-06-08 | 4472 | 20.77 | Upper middle income |
| | Chile | 2022-06-17 | 344 | 17.55 | High income |
| | Colombia | 2022-06-23 | 273 | 5.26 | Upper middle income |
| | Bolivia | 2022-08-01 | 53 | 4.34 | Lower middle income |
| | Argentina | 2022-05-27 | 133 | 2.92 | Upper middle income |
| | Ecuador | 2022-07-06 | 51 | 2.83 | Upper middle income |
| | Guyana | 2022-08-22 | 1 | 1.24 | Upper middle income |
| | Uruguay | 2022-07-29 | 4 | 1.17 | High income |
| | Paraguay | 2022-08-25 | 1 | 0.15 | Upper middle income |
| | Venezuela | 2022-06-12 | 3 | 0.11 | **2 |

Note:

Data sources: Global.health Monkeypox (accessed on 2022-09-01), UN 2022 Revision of World Population Prospects, World Bank Income Classification (FY 2023)

¹ As of complete epidemiological week #34

² Venezuela has been temporarily unclassified as of July 2021 by the World Bank

B Cumulative incidence for all countries with confirmed cases

In the following two tables, we show the cumulative incidence up to the most current complete epidemiological week (2022W34), separating those countries with 10 or more confirmed cases in total, from those with less than 10 cases.

Table 2: Cumulative incidence per million for countries at least 10 confirmed cases

| Country | Date of first confirmed case ¹³ | Total cases ¹³ | Population (2022) ⁴ | Incidence (per million) ³ |
|---|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <u>Africa</u> | | | | |
| <i>Ghana</i> | 2022-06-08 | 56 | 33,475,870 | 1.673 |
| <i>Democratic Republic Of The Congo</i> | 2022-05-08 | 163 | 99,010,212 | 1.646 |
| <i>Nigeria</i> | 2022-01-31 ² | 172 | 218,541,212 | 0.787 |
| <u>Asia</u> | | | | |
| <i>Israel</i> | 2022-05-21 | 215 | 9,038,309 | 23.788 |
| <i>Singapore</i> | 2022-06-20 | 16 | 5,975,689 | 2.678 |
| <i>United Arab Emirates</i> | 2022-05-24 | 16 | 9,441,129 | 1.695 |
| <i>Turkey</i> | 2022-06-30 | 11 | 85,341,241 | 0.129 |
| <i>India</i> | 2022-07-14 | 10 | 1,417,173,173 | 0.007 |
| <u>Europe</u> | | | | |
| <i>Spain</i> | 2022-05-18 | 6,459 | 47,558,630 | 135.811 |
| <i>Portugal</i> | 2022-05-17 | 846 | 10,270,865 | 82.369 |
| <i>Luxembourg</i> | 2022-06-16 | 50 | 647,599 | 77.208 |
| <i>Netherlands</i> | 2022-05-20 | 1,136 | 17,564,014 | 64.678 |
| <i>Malta</i> | 2022-05-28 | 31 | 533,286 | 58.130 |
| <i>Belgium</i> | 2022-05-19 | 671 | 11,655,930 | 57.567 |
| <i>France</i> | 2022-05-19 | 3,416 | 64,626,628 | 52.857 |
| <i>Switzerland</i> | 2022-05-21 | 436 | 8,740,472 | 49.883 |
| <i>England</i> | 2022-05-06 | 3,191 | 67,508,936 | 47.268 |
| <i>Germany</i> | 2022-05-19 | 3,387 | 83,369,843 | 40.626 |
| <i>Iceland</i> | 2022-06-15 | 12 | 372,899 | 32.180 |
| <i>Denmark</i> | 2022-05-23 | 171 | 5,882,261 | 29.070 |
| <i>Austria</i> | 2022-05-23 | 258 | 8,939,617 | 28.860 |
| <i>Ireland</i> | 2022-05-27 | 128 | 5,023,109 | 25.482 |
| <i>Slovenia</i> | 2022-05-24 | 43 | 2,119,844 | 20.285 |
| <i>Sweden</i> | 2022-05-19 | 156 | 10,549,347 | 14.788 |
| <i>Norway</i> | 2022-05-31 | 79 | 5,434,319 | 14.537 |
| <i>Italy</i> | 2022-05-19 | 740 | 59,037,474 | 12.534 |
| <i>Estonia</i> | 2022-06-28 | 10 | 1,326,062 | 7.541 |

Table 2: Cumulative incidence per million for countries at least 10 confirmed cases (*continued*)

| Country | Date of first confirmed case ¹³ | Total cases ¹³ | Population (2022) ⁴ | Incidence (per million) ³ |
|---|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <i>Hungary</i> | 2022-05-31 | 67 | 9,967,308 | 6.722 |
| <i>Croatia</i> | 2022-06-23 | 26 | 4,030,358 | 6.451 |
| <i>Greece</i> | 2022-06-08 | 54 | 10,384,971 | 5.200 |
| <i>Czech Republic</i> | 2022-05-24 | 46 | 10,493,986 | 4.383 |
| <i>Serbia</i> | 2022-06-17 | 31 | 7,221,365 | 4.293 |
| <i>Finland</i> | 2022-05-27 | 22 | 5,540,745 | 3.971 |
| <i>Poland</i> | 2022-06-10 | 128 | 39,857,145 | 3.211 |
| <i>Slovakia</i> | 2022-07-07 | 12 | 5,643,453 | 2.126 |
| <i>Romania</i> | 2022-06-13 | 36 | 19,659,267 | 1.831 |
| <i>Scotland</i> | 2022-05-23 | 78 | 67,508,936 | 1.155 |
| <i>Wales</i> | 2022-05-26 | 44 | 67,508,936 | 0.652 |
| <i>Northern Ireland</i> | 2022-05-26 | 27 | 67,508,936 | 0.400 |
| <u>Latin America and the Caribbean</u> | | | | |
| <i>Peru</i> | 2022-06-26 | 1,382 | 34,049,588 | 40.588 |
| <i>Puerto Rico</i> | 2022-06-29 | 99 | 3,252,407 | 30.439 |
| <i>Brazil</i> | 2022-06-08 | 4,472 | 215,313,498 | 20.770 |
| <i>Chile</i> | 2022-06-17 | 344 | 19,603,733 | 17.548 |
| <i>Colombia</i> | 2022-06-23 | 273 | 51,874,024 | 5.263 |
| <i>Bolivia</i> | 2022-08-01 | 53 | 12,224,110 | 4.336 |
| <i>Mexico</i> | 2022-05-28 | 386 | 127,504,125 | 3.027 |
| <i>Argentina</i> | 2022-05-27 | 133 | 45,510,318 | 2.922 |
| <i>Ecuador</i> | 2022-07-06 | 51 | 18,001,000 | 2.833 |
| <u>Northern America</u> | | | | |
| <i>United States</i> | 2022-05-18 | 17,336 | 338,289,857 | 51.246 |
| <i>Canada</i> | 2022-05-19 | 1,228 | 38,454,327 | 31.934 |
| <u>Oceania</u> | | | | |
| <i>Australia</i> | 2022-05-20 | 106 | 26,177,413 | 4.049 |

¹ Source: Global.health Monkeypox data repository

² Reports earlier than May 2022 are from endemic areas

³ As of complete epidemiological week #34 of 2022.

⁴ Source: UN 2022 Revision of World Population Prospects

Table 3: Cumulative incidence per million for countries with less than 10 confirmed cases

| Country | Date of first confirmed case ¹³ | Total cases ¹³ | Population (2022) ⁴ | Incidence (per million) ³ |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <u>Africa</u> | | | | |
| <i>Central African Republic</i> | 2022-03-04 ² | 8 | 5,579,144 | 1.434 |
| <i>Republic of Congo</i> | 2022-04-12 ² | 3 | 5,970,424 | 0.502 |
| <i>Liberia</i> | 2022-07-23 | 2 | 5,302,681 | 0.377 |
| <i>Cameroon</i> | 2022-02-17 ² | 7 | 27,914,536 | 0.251 |
| <i>Benin</i> | 2022-06-14 | 3 | 13,352,864 | 0.225 |
| <i>South Africa</i> | 2022-06-22 | 5 | 59,893,885 | 0.083 |
| <i>Morocco</i> | 2022-06-02 | 3 | 37,457,971 | 0.080 |
| <i>Sudan</i> | 2022-07-31 | 2 | 46,874,204 | 0.043 |
| <u>Asia</u> | | | | |
| <i>Cyprus</i> | 2022-08-02 | 4 | 1,251,488 | 3.196 |
| <i>Qatar</i> | 2022-07-20 | 3 | 2,695,122 | 1.113 |
| <i>Lebanon</i> | 2022-06-20 | 6 | 5,489,739 | 1.093 |
| <i>Georgia</i> | 2022-06-15 | 2 | 3,744,385 | 0.534 |
| <i>Saudi Arabia</i> | 2022-07-14 | 7 | 36,408,820 | 0.192 |
| <i>Taiwan</i> | 2022-06-24 | 3 | 23,893,394 | 0.126 |
| <i>Thailand</i> | 2022-07-21 | 7 | 71,697,030 | 0.098 |
| <i>Philippines</i> | 2022-07-28 | 4 | 115,559,009 | 0.035 |
| <i>Japan</i> | 2022-07-25 | 4 | 123,951,692 | 0.032 |
| <i>South Korea</i> | 2022-06-22 | 1 | 51,815,810 | 0.019 |
| <i>Iran</i> | 2022-08-16 | 1 | 88,550,570 | 0.011 |
| <i>Indonesia</i> | 2022-08-19 | 1 | 275,501,339 | 0.004 |
| <u>Europe</u> | | | | |
| <i>Gibraltar</i> | 2022-06-01 | 6 | 32,649 | 183.773 |
| <i>Monaco</i> | 2022-07-21 | 3 | 36,469 | 82.262 |
| <i>Andorra</i> | 2022-07-25 | 4 | 79,824 | 50.110 |
| <i>Montenegro</i> | 2022-08-01 | 2 | 627,082 | 3.189 |
| <i>Latvia</i> | 2022-06-03 | 4 | 1,850,651 | 2.161 |
| <i>Lithuania</i> | 2022-08-03 | 5 | 2,750,055 | 1.818 |
| <i>Bosnia And Herzegovina</i> | 2022-07-13 | 3 | 3,233,526 | 0.928 |
| <i>Moldova</i> | 2022-08-08 | 2 | 3,272,996 | 0.611 |
| <i>Bulgaria</i> | 2022-06-23 | 4 | 6,781,953 | 0.590 |
| <i>Martinique</i> | 2022-07-15 | 2 | 64,626,628 | 0.031 |
| <i>Guadeloupe</i> | 2022-07-25 | 1 | 64,626,628 | 0.015 |
| <i>Russia</i> | 2022-07-12 | 1 | 144,713,314 | 0.007 |

Table 3: Cumulative incidence per million for countries with less than 10 confirmed cases
(continued)

| Country | Date of first confirmed case ¹³ | Total cases ¹³ | Population (2022) ⁴ | Incidence (per million) ³ |
|---|--|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <u>Latin America and the Caribbean</u> | | | | |
| <i>Saint Martin (French part)</i> | 2022-08-01 | 1 | 31,791 | 31.455 |
| <i>Aruba</i> | 2022-08-22 | 1 | 106,445 | 9.395 |
| <i>Curaçao</i> | 2022-08-15 | 1 | 191,163 | 5.231 |
| <i>Bahamas</i> | 2022-06-24 | 2 | 409,984 | 4.878 |
| <i>Barbados</i> | 2022-07-16 | 1 | 281,635 | 3.551 |
| <i>Panama</i> | 2022-07-05 | 9 | 4,408,581 | 2.041 |
| <i>Jamaica</i> | 2022-07-06 | 4 | 2,827,377 | 1.415 |
| <i>Guyana</i> | 2022-08-22 | 1 | 808,726 | 1.237 |
| <i>Uruguay</i> | 2022-07-29 | 4 | 3,422,794 | 1.169 |
| <i>Dominican Republic</i> | 2022-07-06 | 9 | 11,228,821 | 0.802 |
| <i>Costa Rica</i> | 2022-07-20 | 3 | 5,180,829 | 0.579 |
| <i>Guatemala</i> | 2022-08-03 | 6 | 17,843,908 | 0.336 |
| <i>Honduras</i> | 2022-08-13 | 3 | 10,432,860 | 0.288 |
| <i>Paraguay</i> | 2022-08-25 | 1 | 6,780,744 | 0.147 |
| <i>Venezuela</i> | 2022-06-12 | 3 | 28,301,696 | 0.106 |
| <i>Cuba</i> | 2022-08-20 | 1 | 11,212,191 | 0.089 |
| <u>Northern America</u> | | | | |
| <i>Greenland</i> | 2022-08-09 | 2 | 56,466 | 35.420 |
| <i>Bermuda</i> | 2022-07-21 | 1 | 64,184 | 15.580 |
| <u>Oceania</u> | | | | |
| <i>New Caledonia</i> | 2022-07-12 | 1 | 289,950 | 3.449 |
| <i>New Zealand</i> | 2022-07-09 | 4 | 5,185,288 | 0.771 |

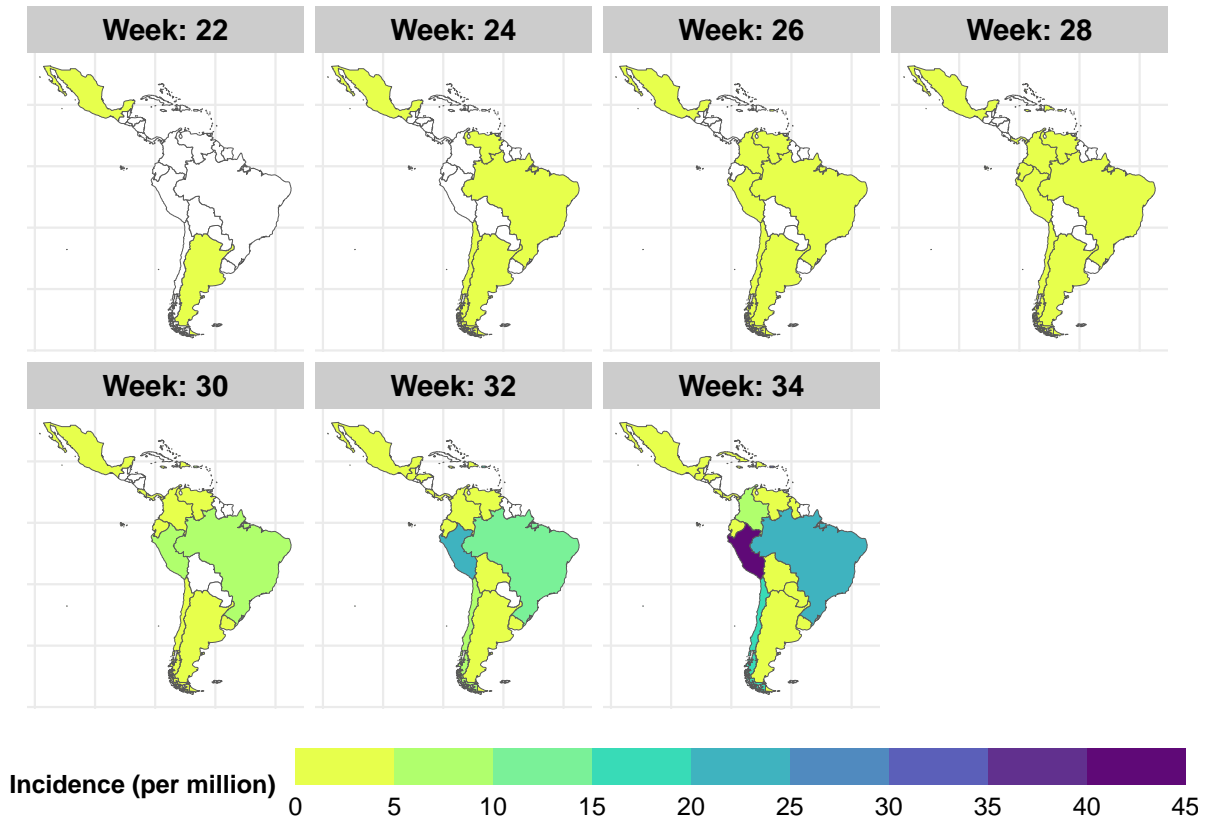
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³ As of complete epidemiological week #34 of 2022.

⁴ Source: UN 2022 Revision of World Population Prospects

C Evolution of monkeypox in Latinamerica and the Caribbean



D Details of the statistical analysis

We performed a descriptive analysis summarizing the monkeypox cases' demographics and clinical history with absolute and relative frequencies if categorical and their median and interquartile range if continuous. Then, we performed a graphical analysis by plotting the timeline of the 2022 monkeypox outbreak based on the first cases and deaths reported by each WHO region along with the epidemic milestones.

In addition, we graphically compared the regional cumulative Incidence worldwide using the WHO regions and the weekly cumulative Incidence across LAC countries.

For the data processing, analysis, and creation of the tables and figures, we used the R 4.2.1 (R Foundation for Statistical Computing, Vienna, Austria) and R Studio 2022.07.1+554 (Free Software Foundation, Inc., Boston, MA), and the R packages: tidyverse (version 1.3.2), lubridate (version 1.8.0), rnatrualearth (version 0.1.0), sf (version 1.0.8), and gt (version 0.6.0.9000).

Finally, we estimated the effective reproductive number (R_t) and the duplication time (T_d) for each country with at least 200 monkeypox confirmed cases worldwide. For the T_d estimates, we fit a regression of the logarithm of the cumulative confirmed cases vs. the count of days since the initial date for each country.

For the R_t estimates, we use the approach described by Bonifazi et al. (2021) and the generation time reported by Guzzetta et al. (2022). The data selection, model equations, and calculation details are explained in this supplementary material

E Regression models of exponential growth

E.1 General equations

During the first part of the development of an epidemic, we can assume an exponential growth according to Equation 1

$$y = \alpha\beta^{\gamma x} = \alpha e^{(\gamma \log \beta)x} \quad (1)$$

where: y = is the cumulative case count, x = number of days since the start of the series

This equation can be linearized using logarithms, shown in Equation 2, and its equivalent Equation 3

$$\log y = \log \alpha + (\gamma \log \beta)x \quad (2)$$

$$\log y = A + Bx \quad (3)$$

where: $A = \log \alpha$, $B = \gamma \log \beta$

E.2 Model data selection

The MPX data obtained from the Global Health Data Science Initiative, was filtered using the following procedure:

1. Only cases with a confirmed status were kept
2. Data for which the confirmation date ranged from the epidemiological weeks 20 to 33 of 2022 were used. This allowed us to consider only cases in non-endemic countries
3. Data was combined by confirmation date at the country level, and, after ordering each country timeseries, a cumulative number of cases was calculated
4. Data from countries with 200 or more cumulative cases, up to the most recent reported date, were considered for modeling
5. From the selected countries, we used only dates for which the number of cumulative cases was equal or greater than 10.
6. For each country timeseries, we created a days count series which reflected the difference between the earliest date in the series and the current one.

At the end of this selection procedure, we obtained the list in the following table:

Table 4: Countries selected for modeling

| Country | Confirmation dates | | N° Obs. ¹ |
|-------------------------|--------------------|------------|----------------------|
| | Earliest | Latest | |
| <i>Austria</i> | 2022-06-17 | 2022-08-26 | 20 |
| <i>Belgium</i> | 2022-06-01 | 2022-08-22 | 15 |
| <i>Brazil</i> | 2022-06-22 | 2022-08-26 | 57 |
| <i>Canada</i> | 2022-05-23 | 2022-08-26 | 54 |
| <i>Chile</i> | 2022-07-04 | 2022-08-25 | 19 |
| <i>Colombia</i> | 2022-07-19 | 2022-08-22 | 11 |
| <i>England</i> | 2022-05-20 | 2022-08-22 | 33 |
| <i>France</i> | 2022-05-28 | 2022-08-23 | 28 |
| <i>Germany</i> | 2022-05-24 | 2022-08-25 | 73 |
| <i>Israel</i> | 2022-06-21 | 2022-08-23 | 33 |
| <i>Italy</i> | 2022-05-26 | 2022-08-26 | 33 |
| <i>Mexico</i> | 2022-06-28 | 2022-08-22 | 11 |
| <i>Netherlands</i> | 2022-05-25 | 2022-08-25 | 25 |
| <i>Northern Ireland</i> | 2022-07-04 | 2022-08-15 | 9 |
| <i>Peru</i> | 2022-07-04 | 2022-08-27 | 42 |
| <i>Portugal</i> | 2022-05-18 | 2022-08-24 | 38 |
| <i>Scotland</i> | 2022-06-06 | 2022-08-22 | 22 |
| <i>Spain</i> | 2022-05-20 | 2022-08-26 | 40 |
| <i>Switzerland</i> | 2022-06-07 | 2022-08-25 | 52 |
| <i>United States</i> | 2022-05-26 | 2022-08-26 | 79 |
| <i>Wales</i> | 2022-06-30 | 2022-08-22 | 13 |

¹ Number of days with reports of confirmed cases in the date range

E.3 Regression results

Using Equation 3, we performed a regression of the logarithm (base 10) of the cumulative number of cases versus the days counts (*vide supra*)

The results of the regressions can be seen in the following table

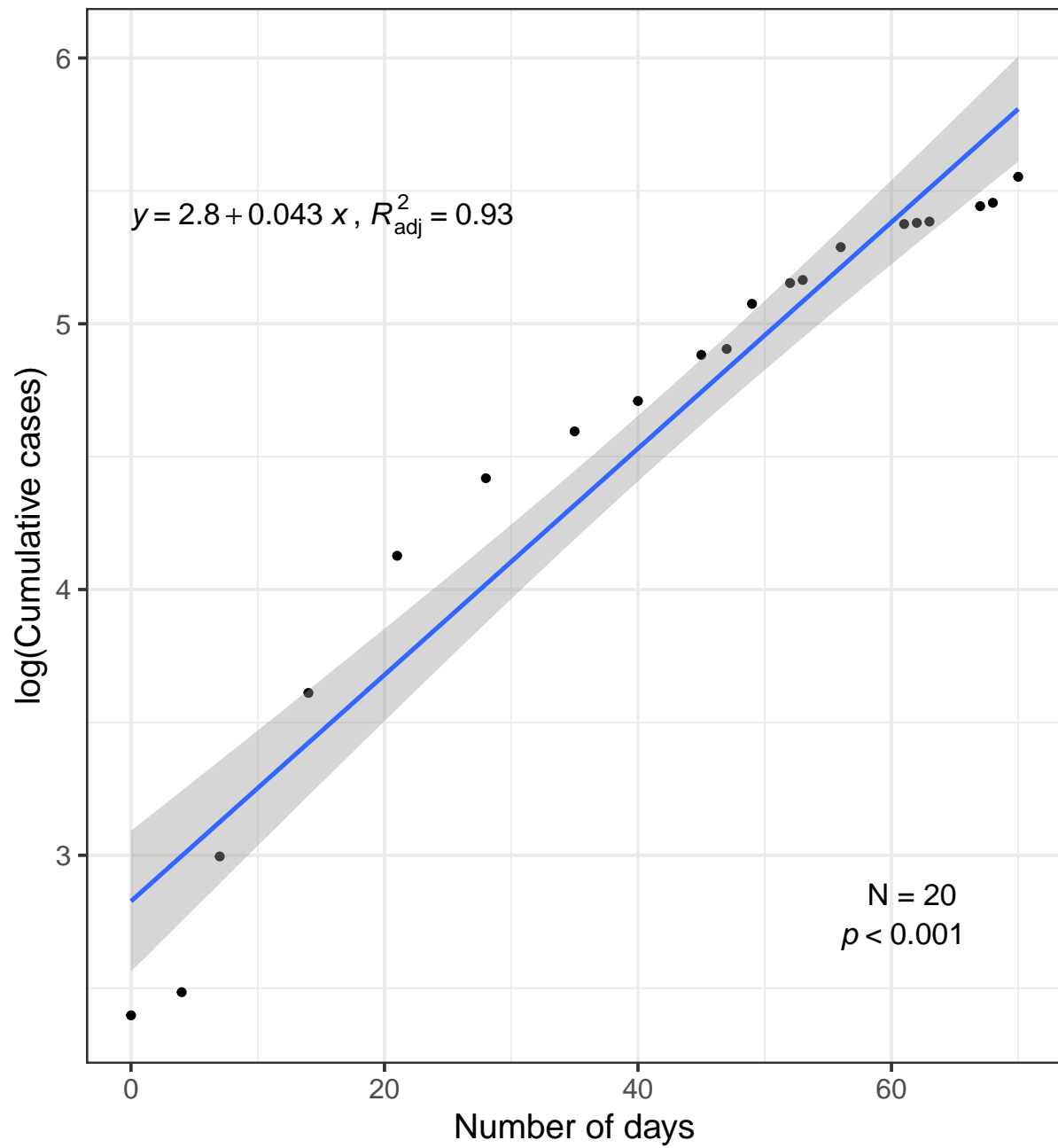
Table 5: Regression results for the selected countries

| Country | Parameters | | | | Statistics | | |
|-------------------------|------------|------------------------|--------|-----------------------|-------------|---------|----------------------|
| | Intercept | S.E. _{inter.} | Slope | S.E. _{slope} | R^2_{adj} | p-value | N° Obs. ¹ |
| <i>Austria</i> | 2.8272 | 0.1260 | 0.0426 | 0.0027 | 0.9311 | < 0.001 | 20 |
| <i>Belgium</i> | 3.1663 | 0.1525 | 0.0475 | 0.0034 | 0.9331 | < 0.001 | 15 |
| <i>Brazil</i> | 3.4136 | 0.1173 | 0.0879 | 0.0030 | 0.9381 | < 0.001 | 57 |
| <i>Canada</i> | 3.9815 | 0.0956 | 0.0378 | 0.0016 | 0.9091 | < 0.001 | 54 |
| <i>Chile</i> | 2.4002 | 0.0301 | 0.0662 | 0.0011 | 0.9954 | < 0.001 | 19 |
| <i>Colombia</i> | 1.7509 | 0.1598 | 0.1075 | 0.0083 | 0.9435 | < 0.001 | 11 |
| <i>England</i> | 4.6062 | 0.1568 | 0.0471 | 0.0034 | 0.8550 | < 0.001 | 33 |
| <i>France</i> | 3.7530 | 0.1608 | 0.0591 | 0.0034 | 0.9188 | < 0.001 | 28 |
| <i>Germany</i> | 4.0995 | 0.1530 | 0.0546 | 0.0029 | 0.8317 | < 0.001 | 73 |
| <i>Israel</i> | 3.2286 | 0.0974 | 0.0400 | 0.0028 | 0.8670 | < 0.001 | 33 |
| <i>Italy</i> | 2.9901 | 0.1171 | 0.0468 | 0.0024 | 0.9237 | < 0.001 | 33 |
| <i>Mexico</i> | 2.5790 | 0.1108 | 0.0590 | 0.0035 | 0.9662 | < 0.001 | 11 |
| <i>Netherlands</i> | 3.5040 | 0.1701 | 0.0479 | 0.0033 | 0.9000 | < 0.001 | 25 |
| <i>Northern Ireland</i> | 2.3369 | 0.0621 | 0.0253 | 0.0026 | 0.9201 | < 0.001 | 9 |
| <i>Peru</i> | 3.3460 | 0.0866 | 0.0791 | 0.0025 | 0.9599 | < 0.001 | 42 |
| <i>Portugal</i> | 4.1275 | 0.1345 | 0.0357 | 0.0032 | 0.7712 | < 0.001 | 38 |
| <i>Scotland</i> | 2.5953 | 0.0810 | 0.0280 | 0.0020 | 0.9036 | < 0.001 | 22 |
| <i>Spain</i> | 4.2677 | 0.1164 | 0.0553 | 0.0023 | 0.9363 | < 0.001 | 40 |
| <i>Switzerland</i> | 3.1928 | 0.0948 | 0.0437 | 0.0021 | 0.8907 | < 0.001 | 52 |
| <i>United States</i> | 2.9365 | 0.0641 | 0.0828 | 0.0013 | 0.9821 | < 0.001 | 79 |
| <i>Wales</i> | 2.6107 | 0.0644 | 0.0260 | 0.0023 | 0.9157 | < 0.001 | 13 |

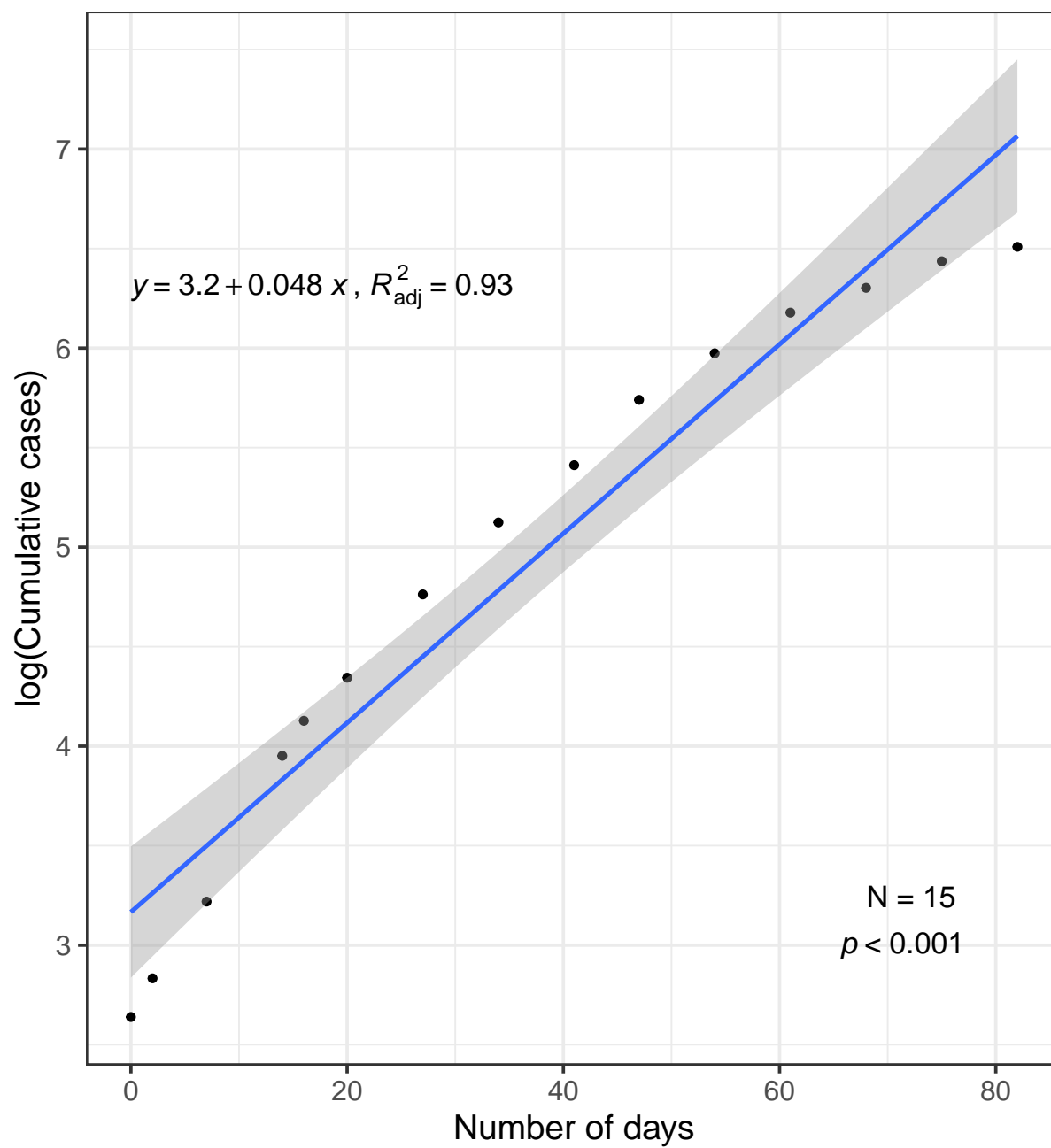
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E.4 Plots of the regression results per country

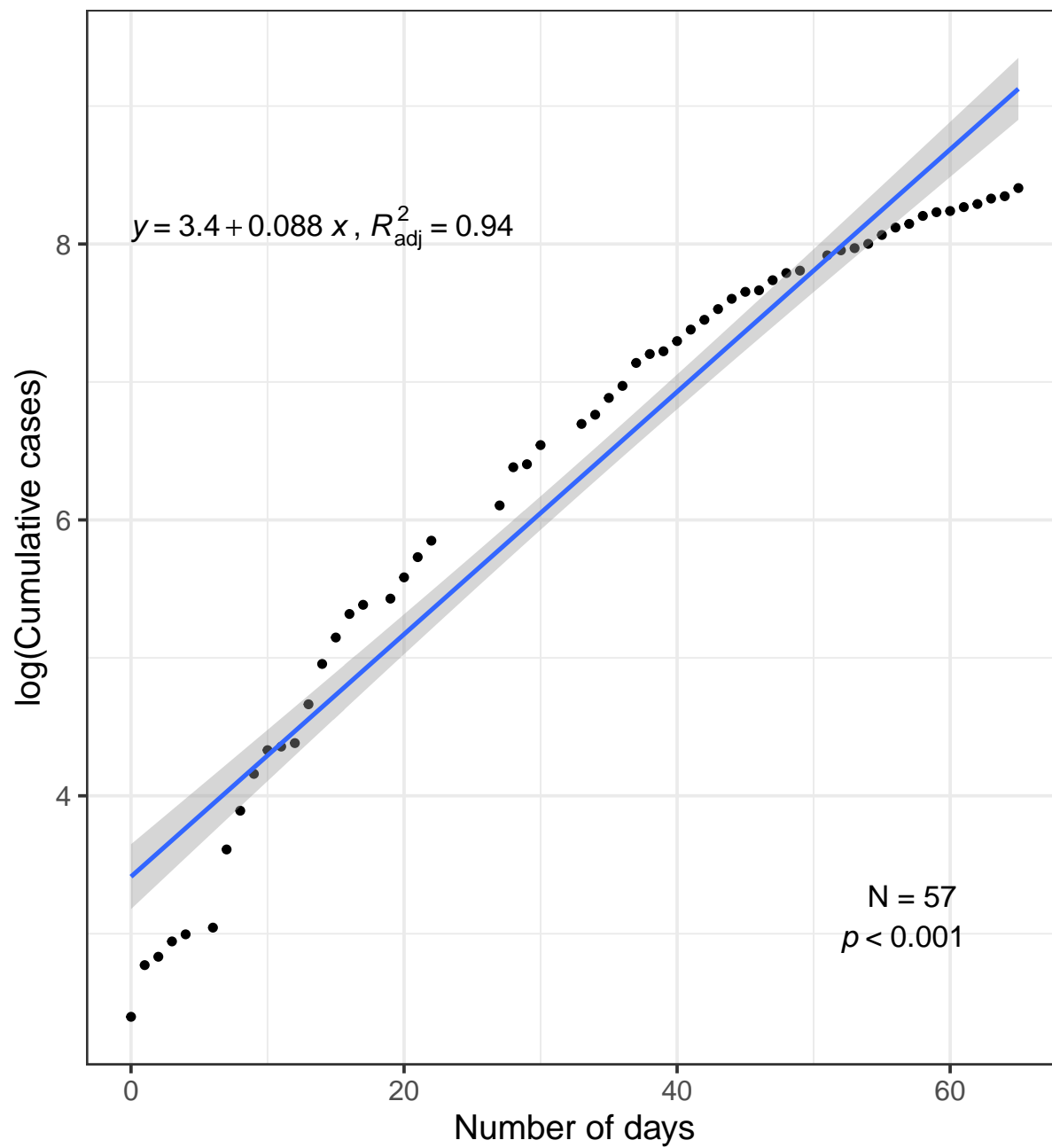
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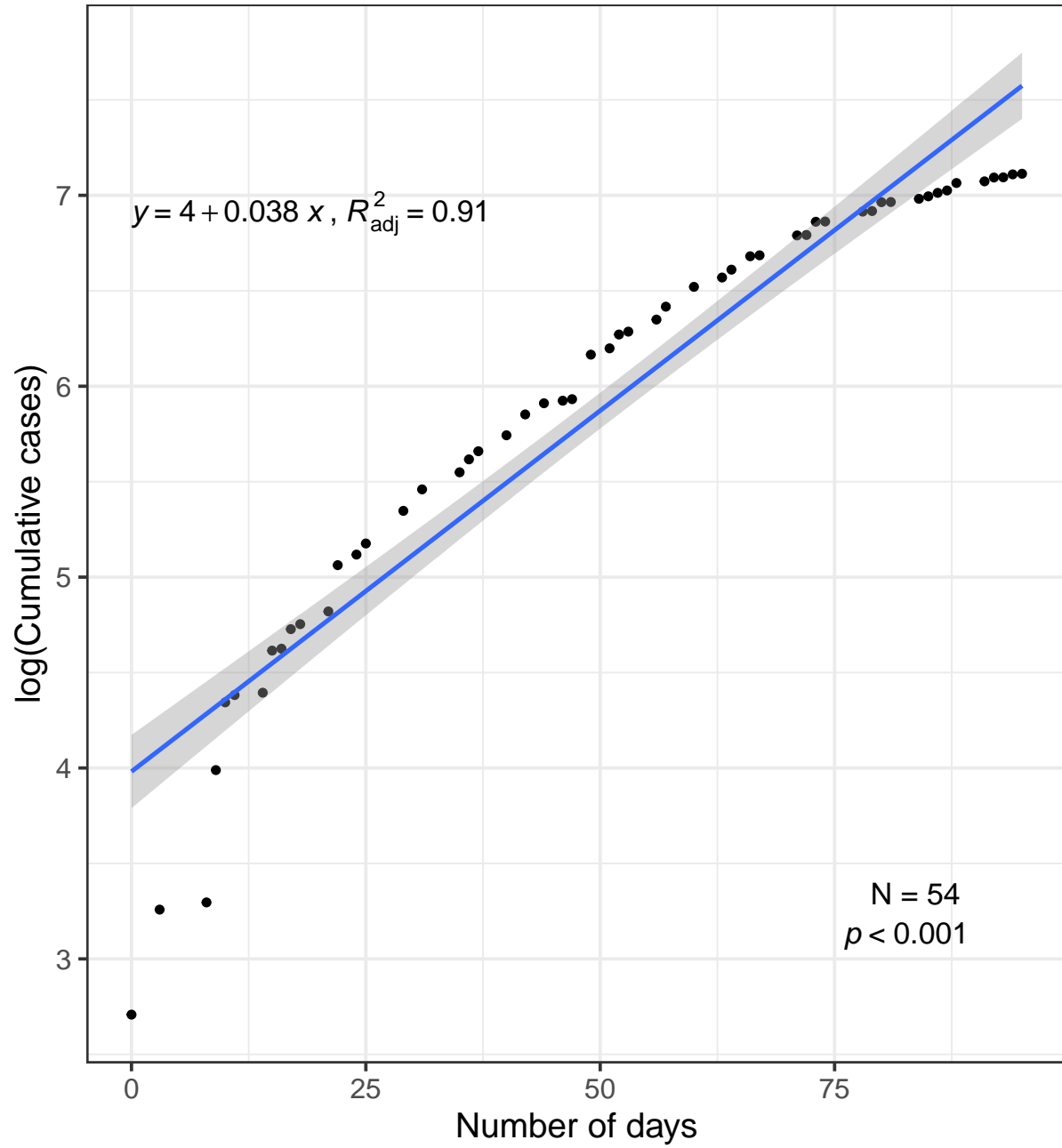
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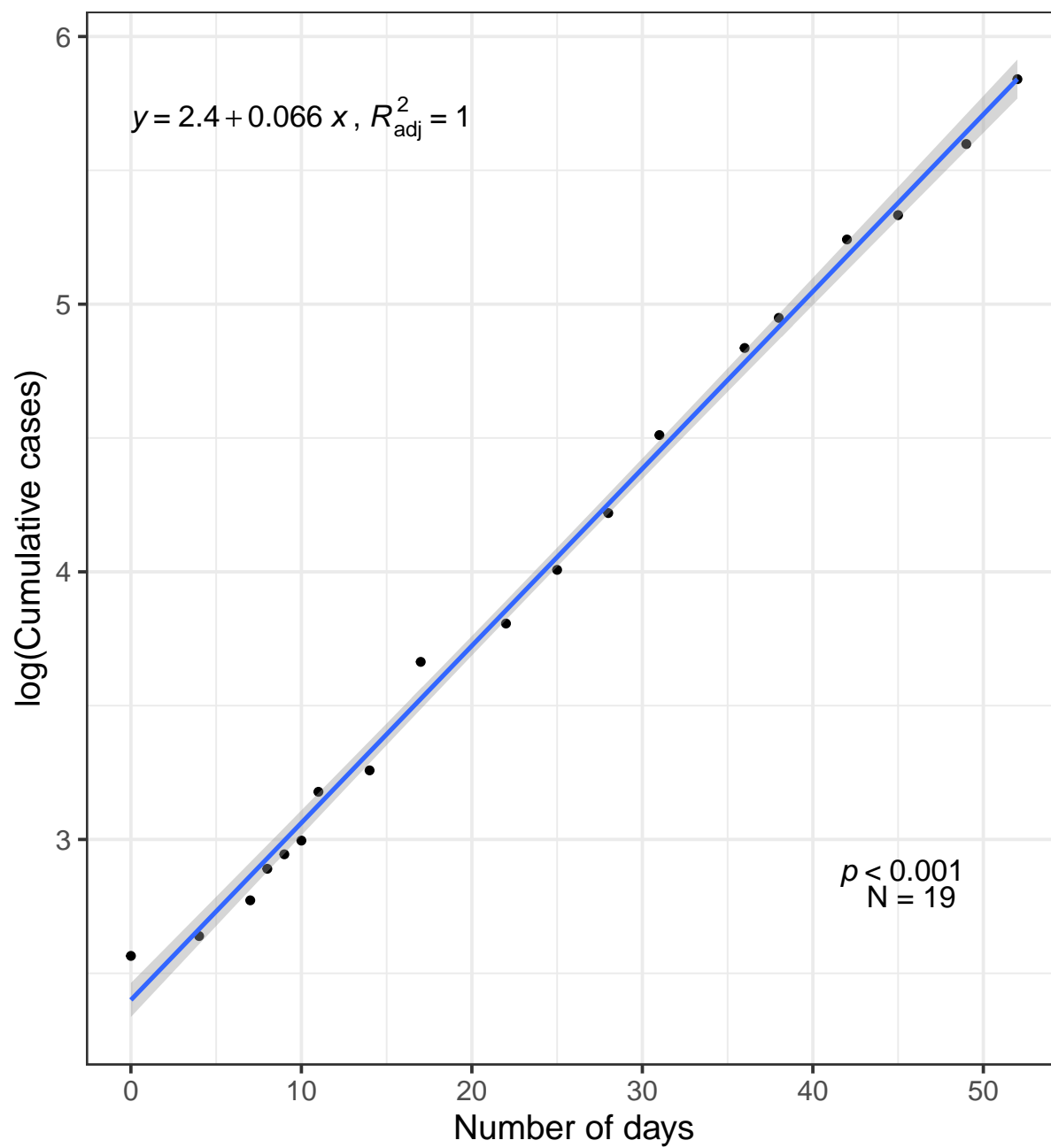
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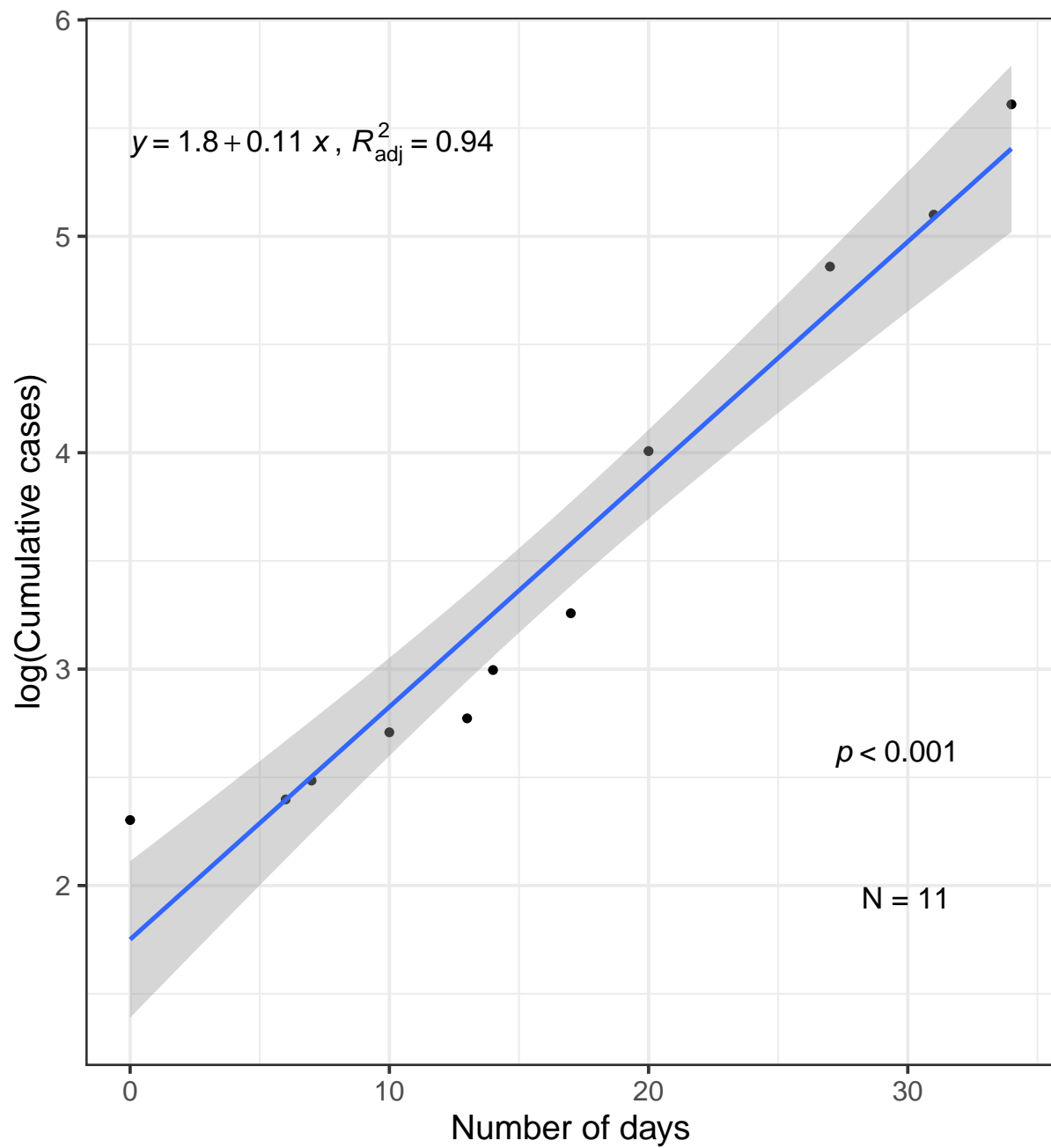
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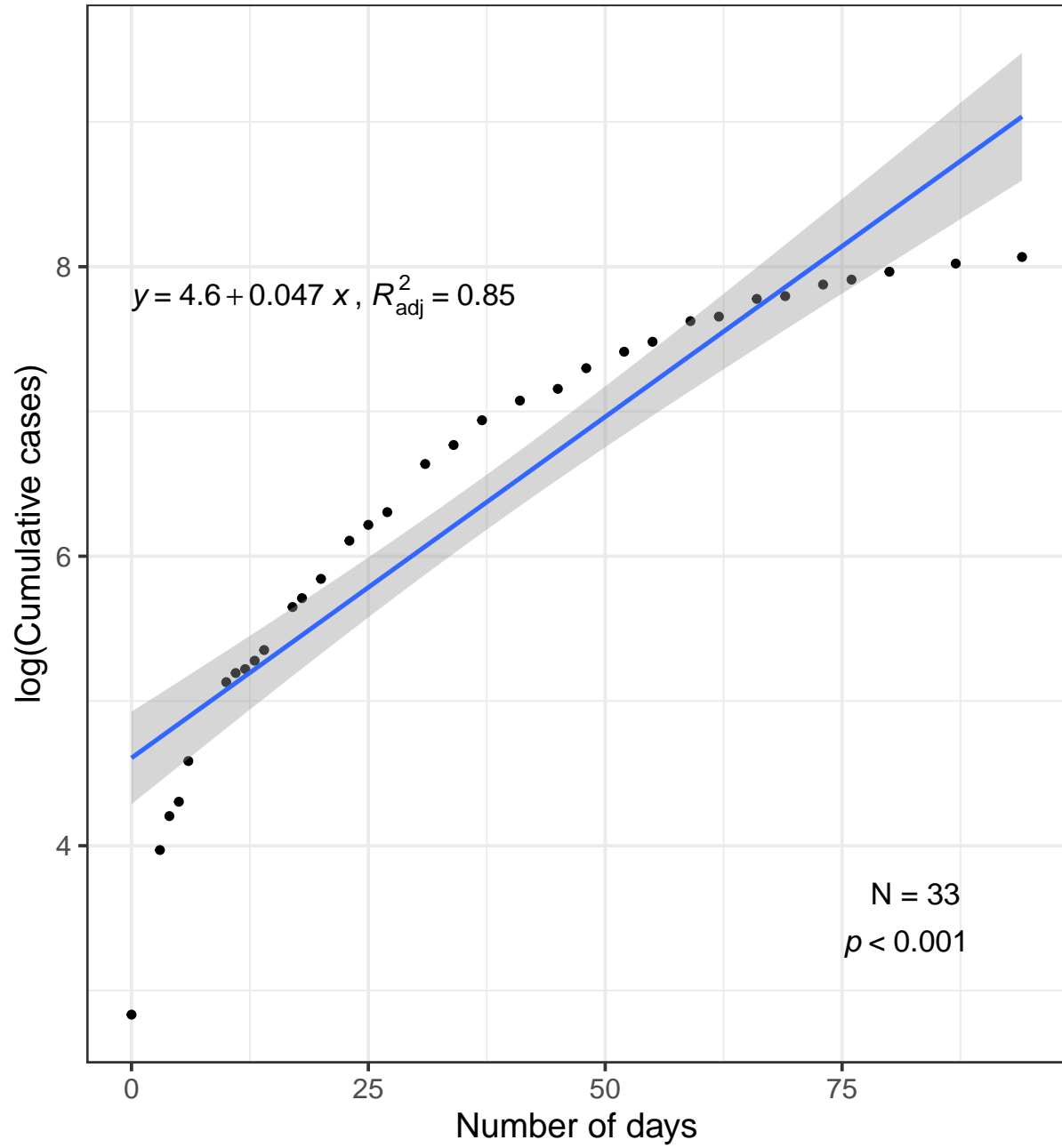
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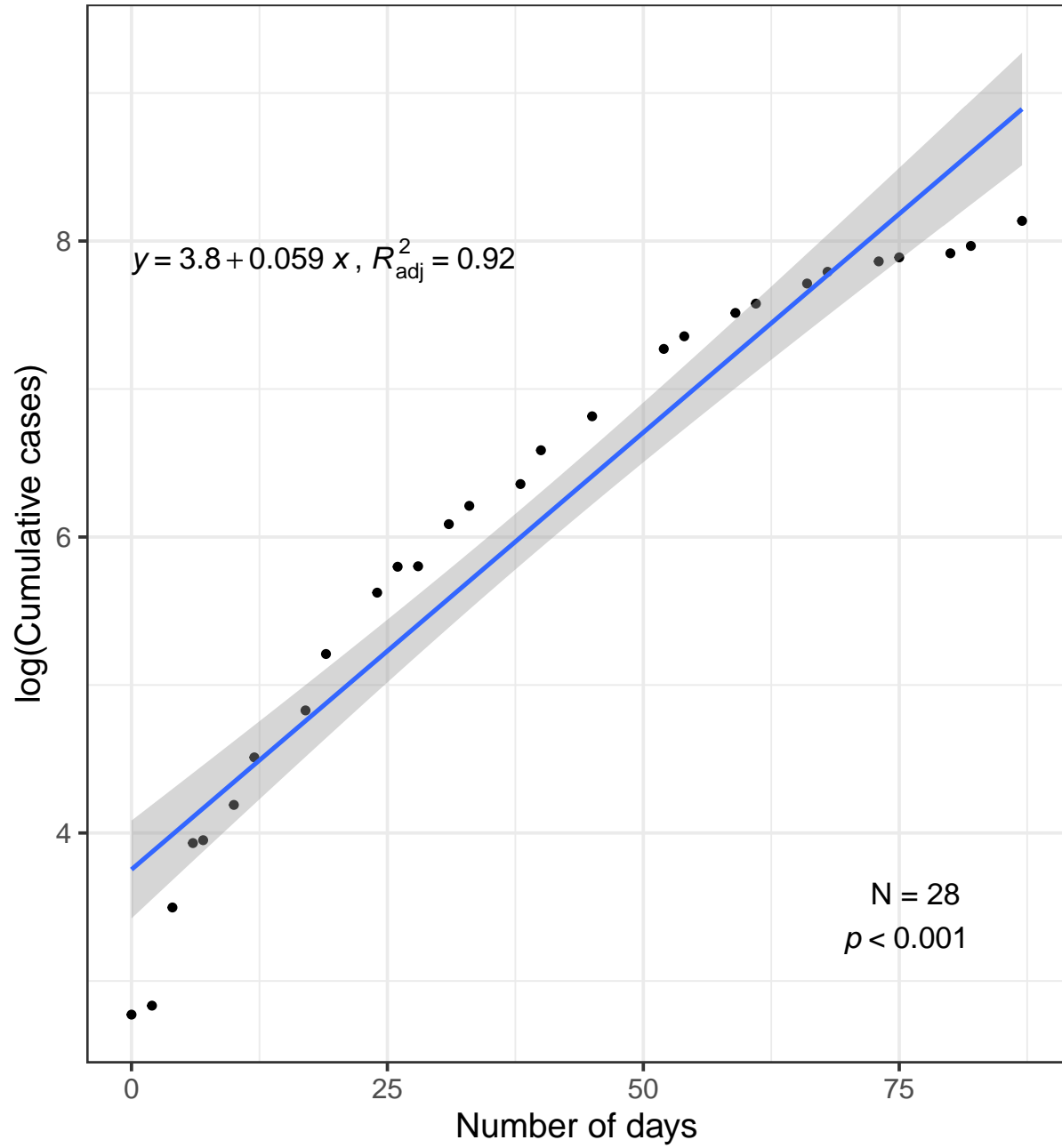
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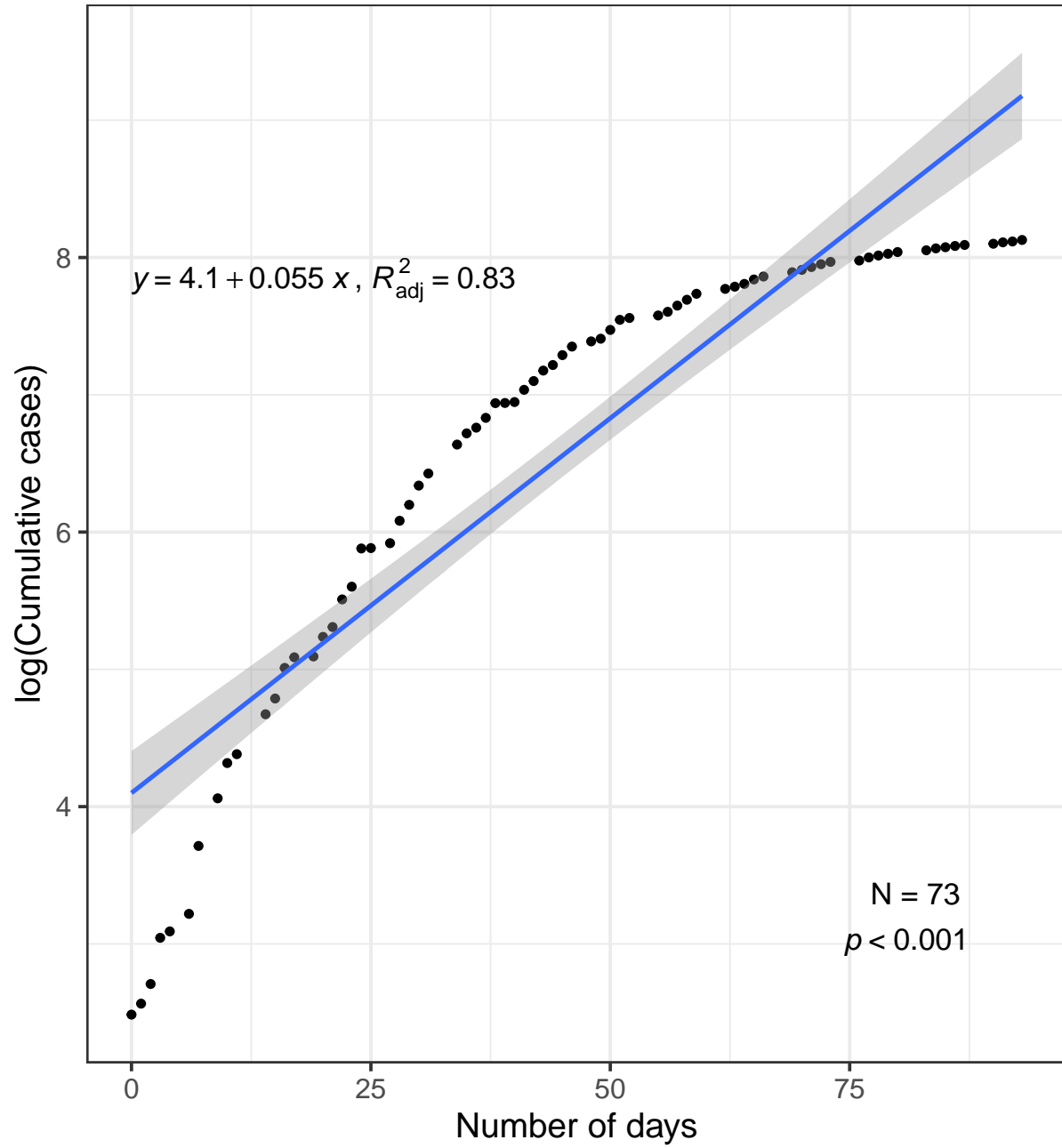
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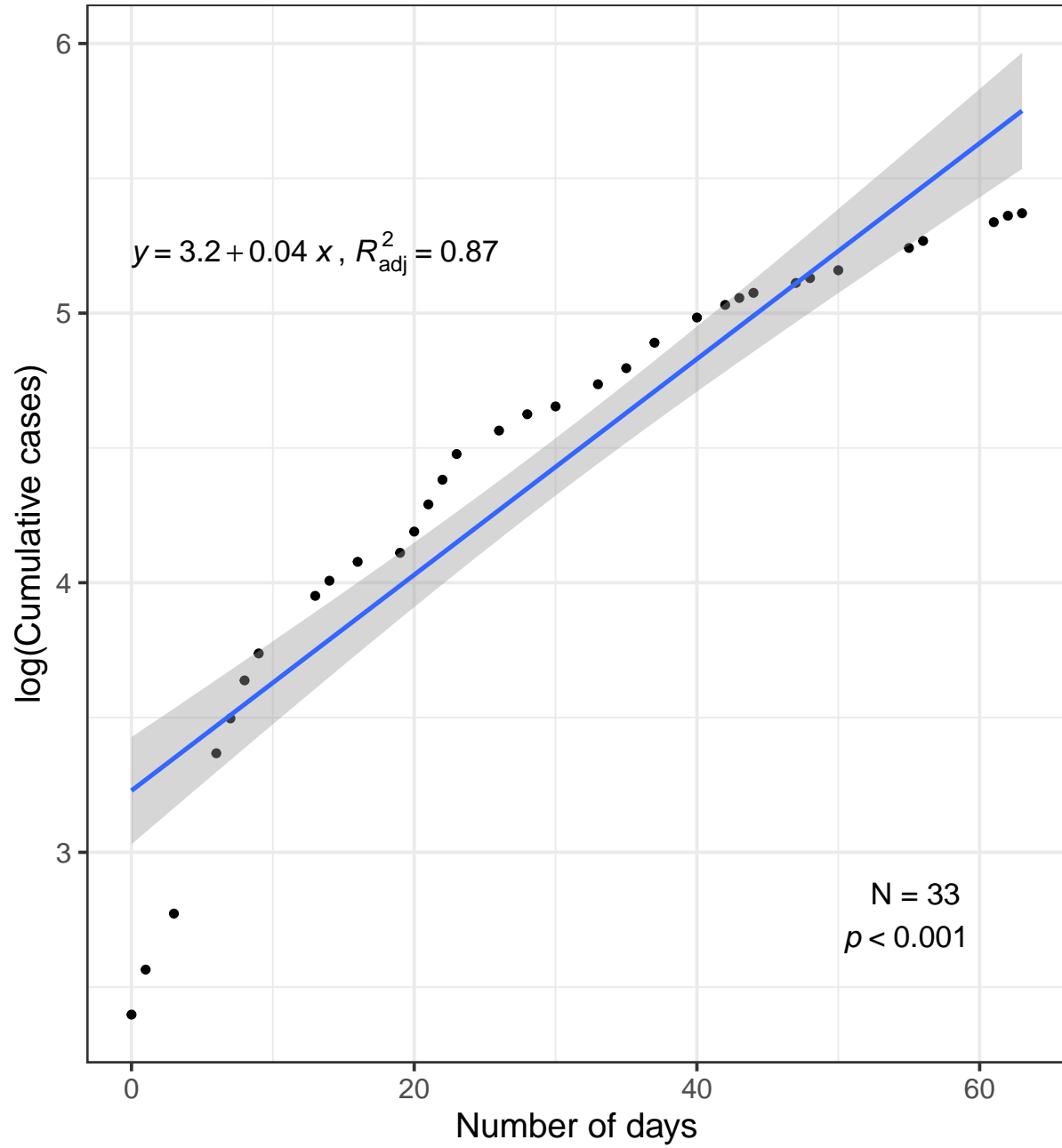
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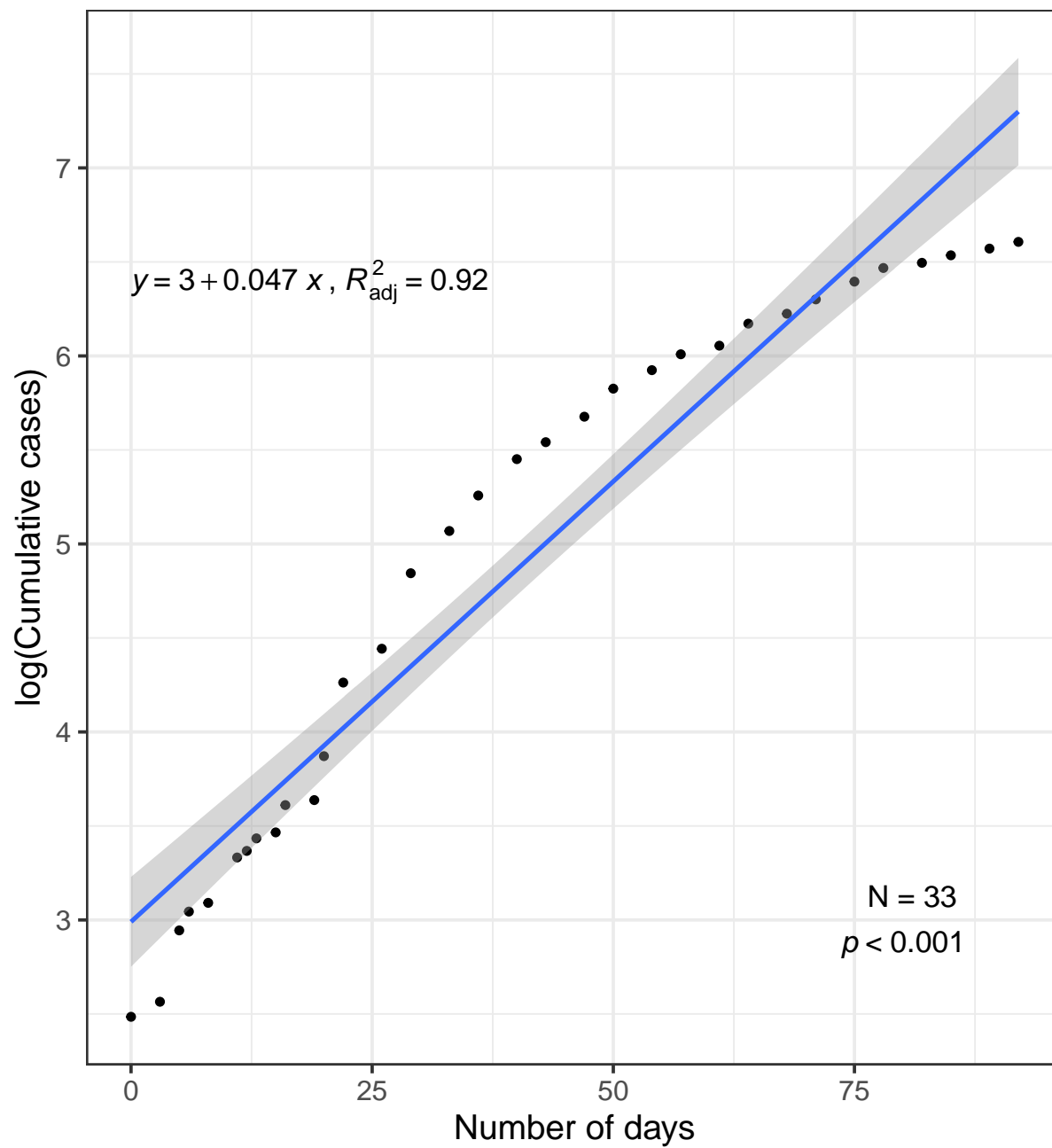
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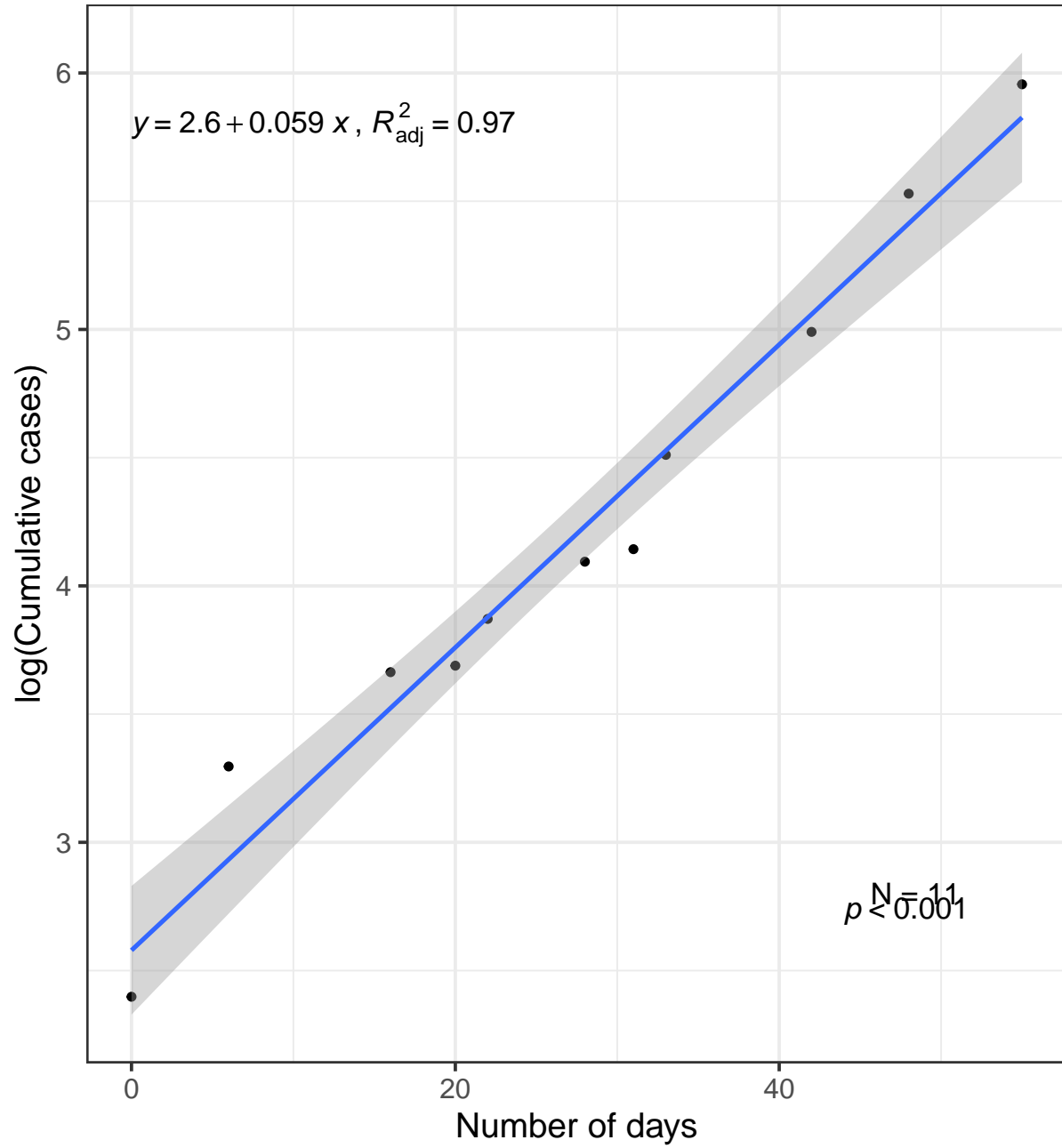
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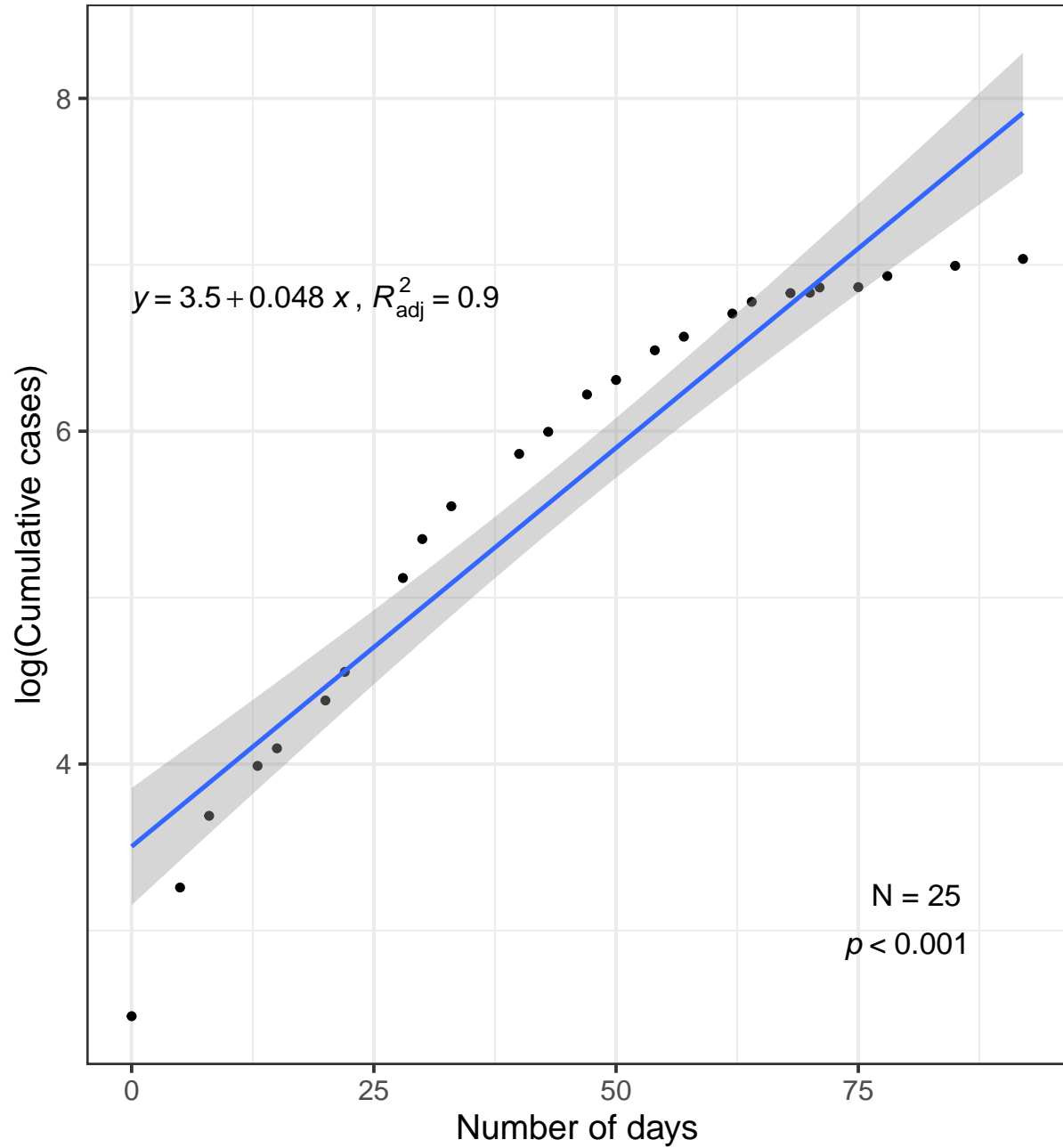
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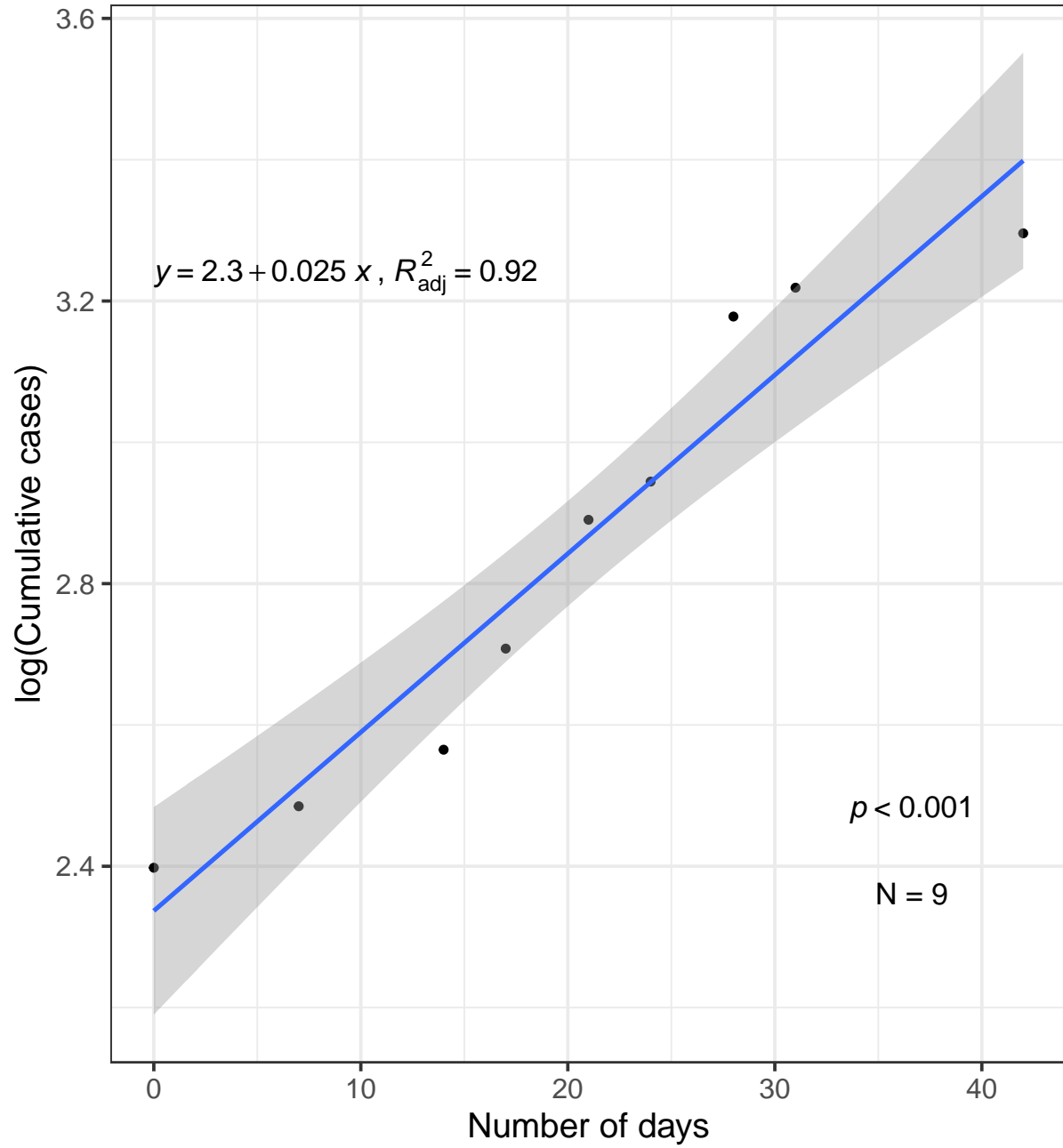
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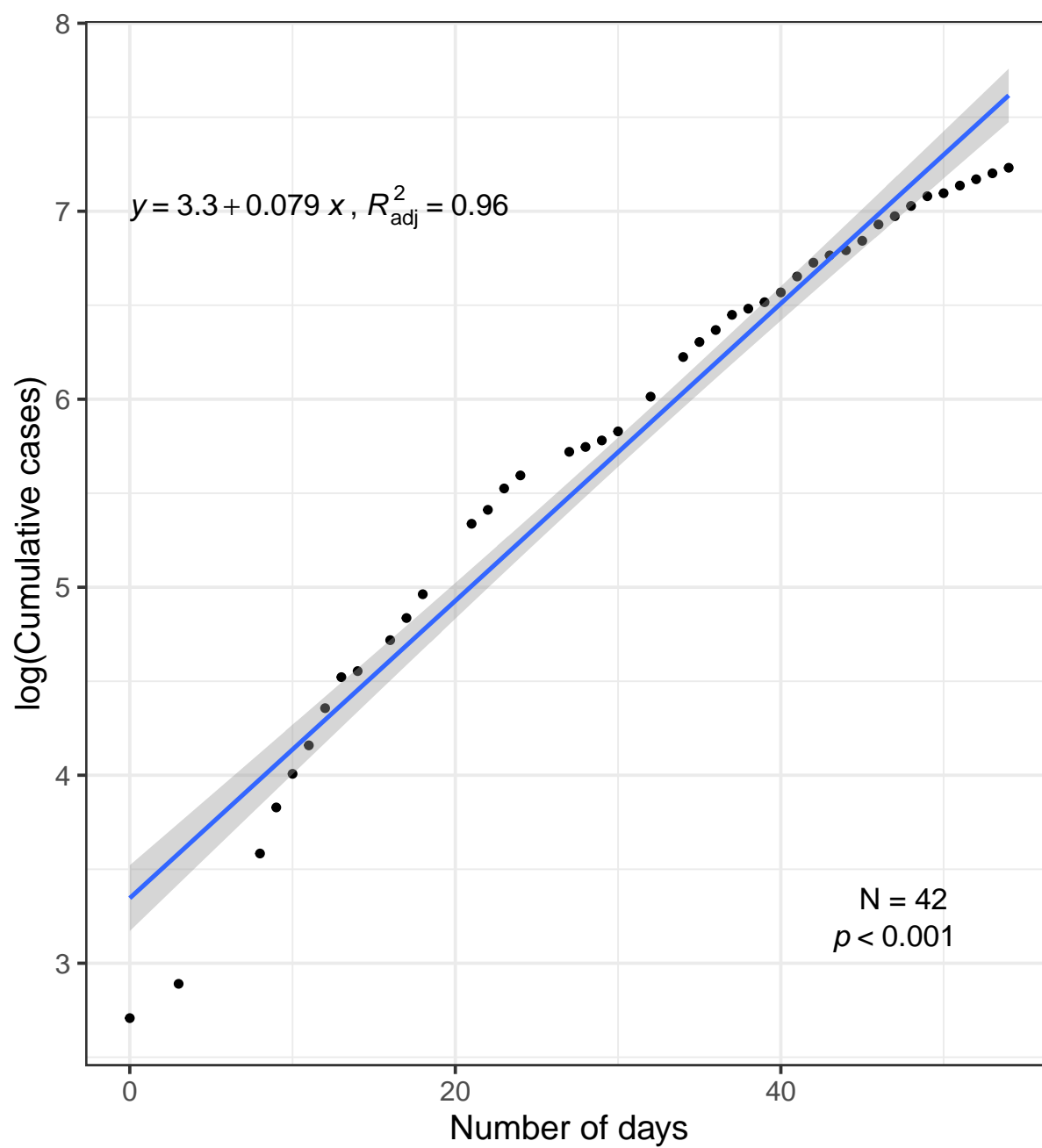
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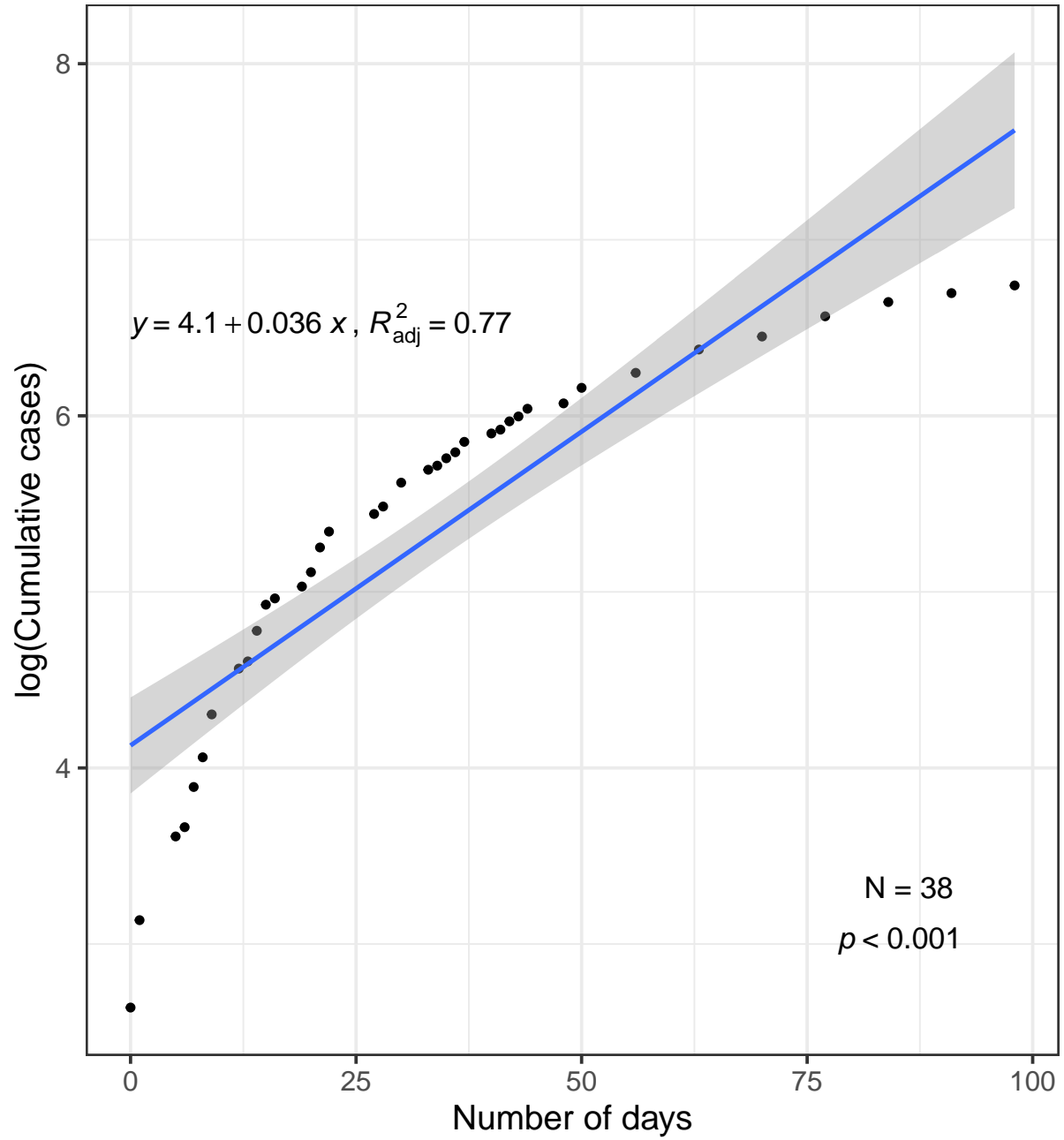
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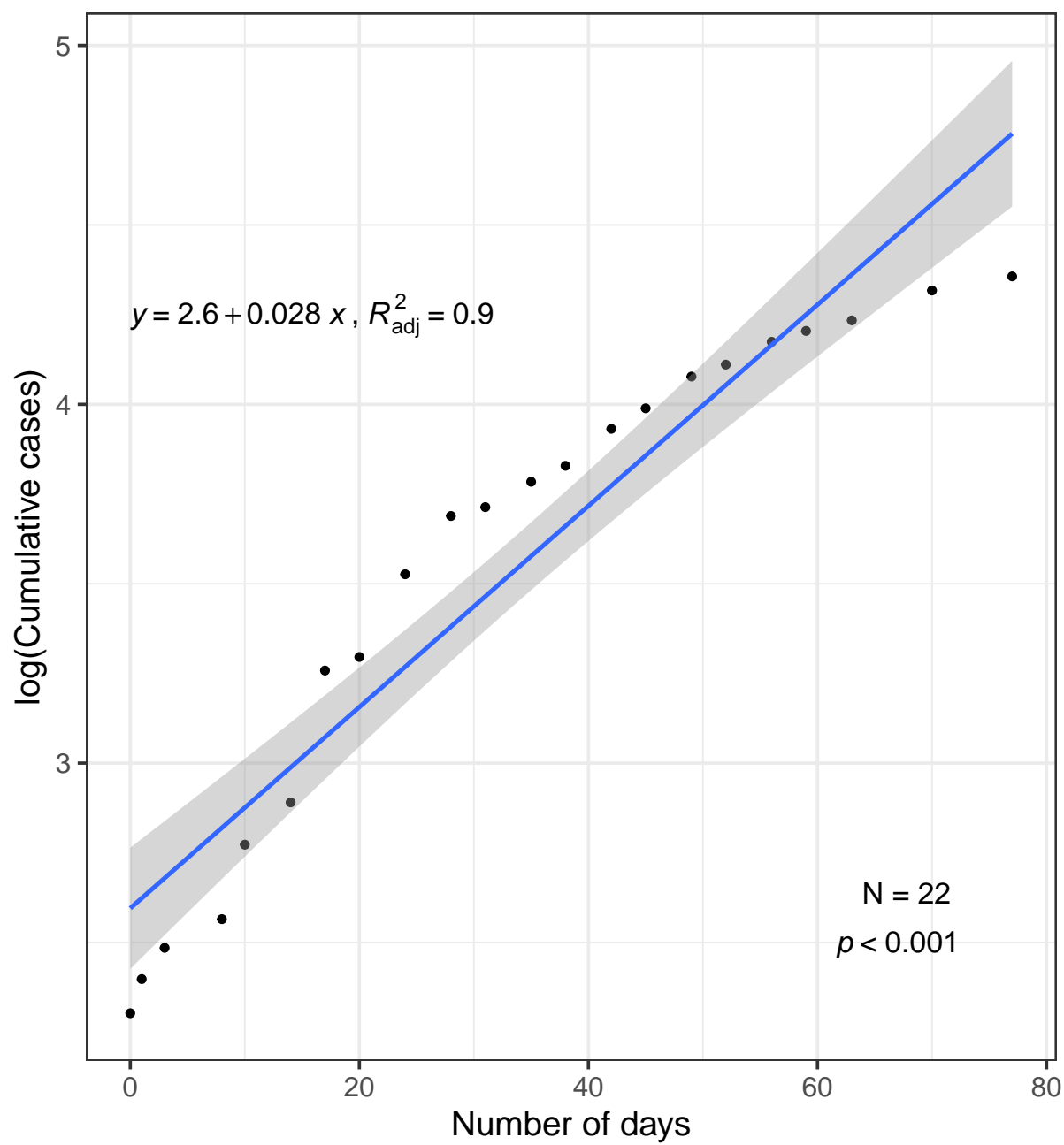
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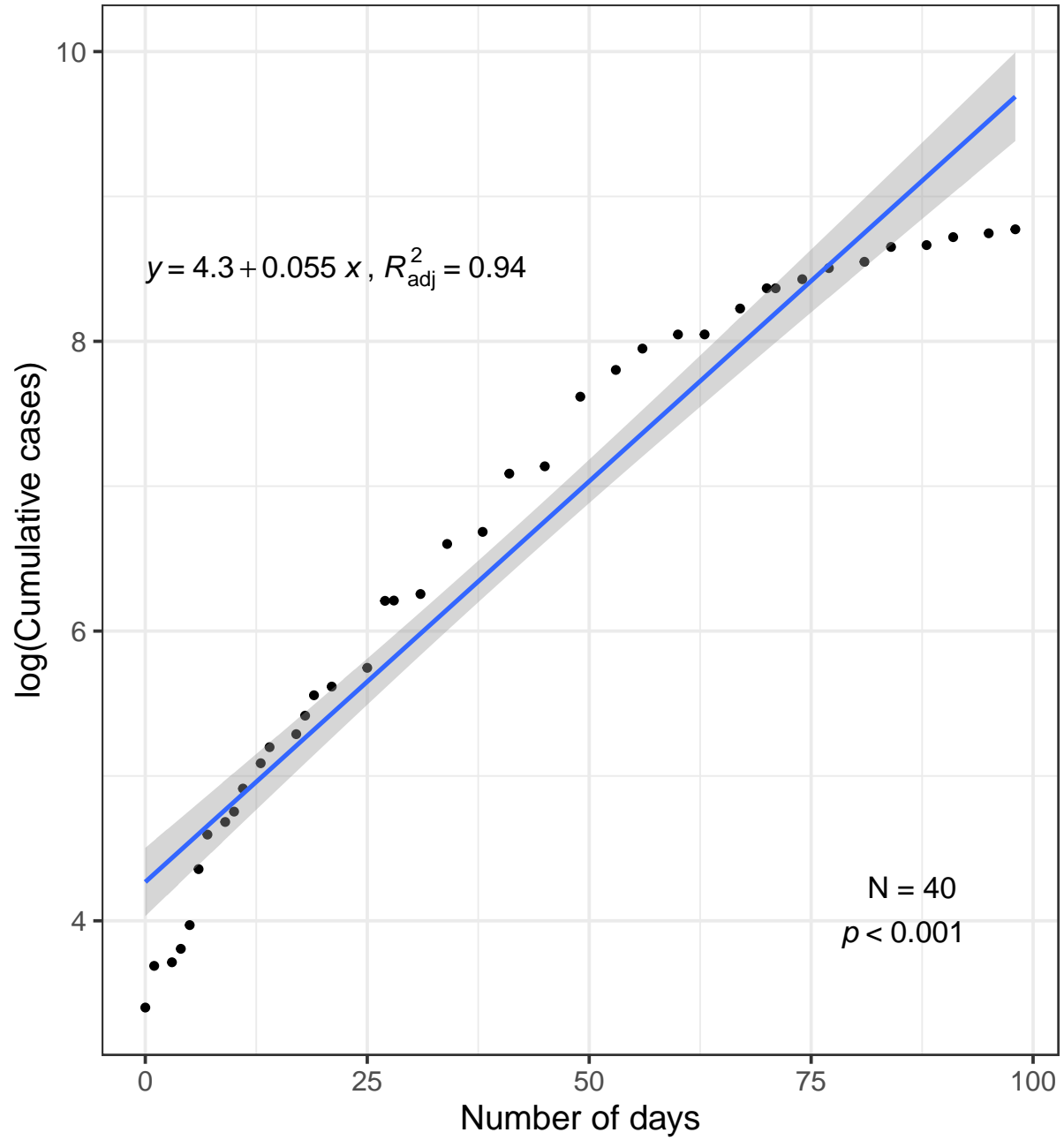
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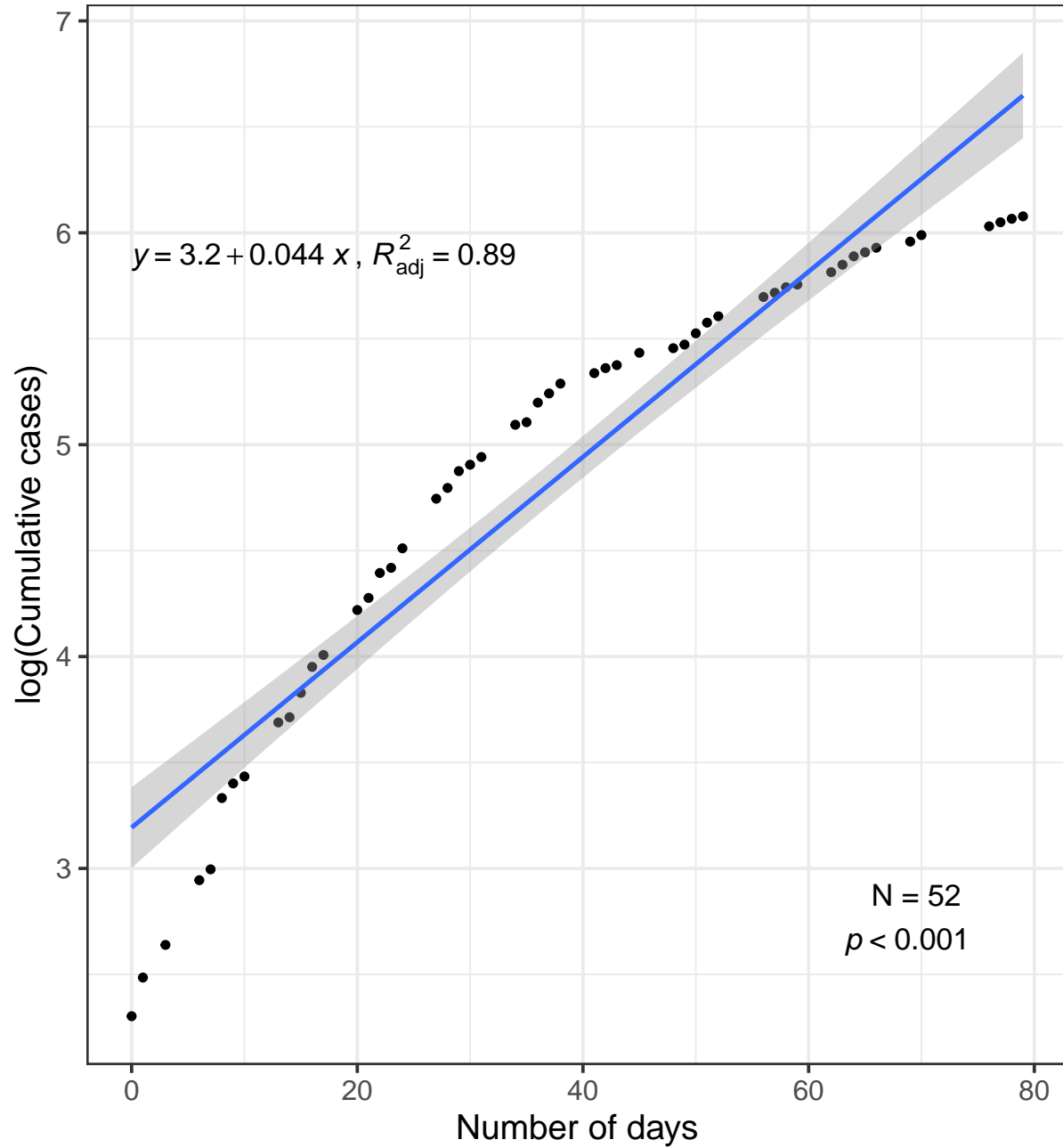
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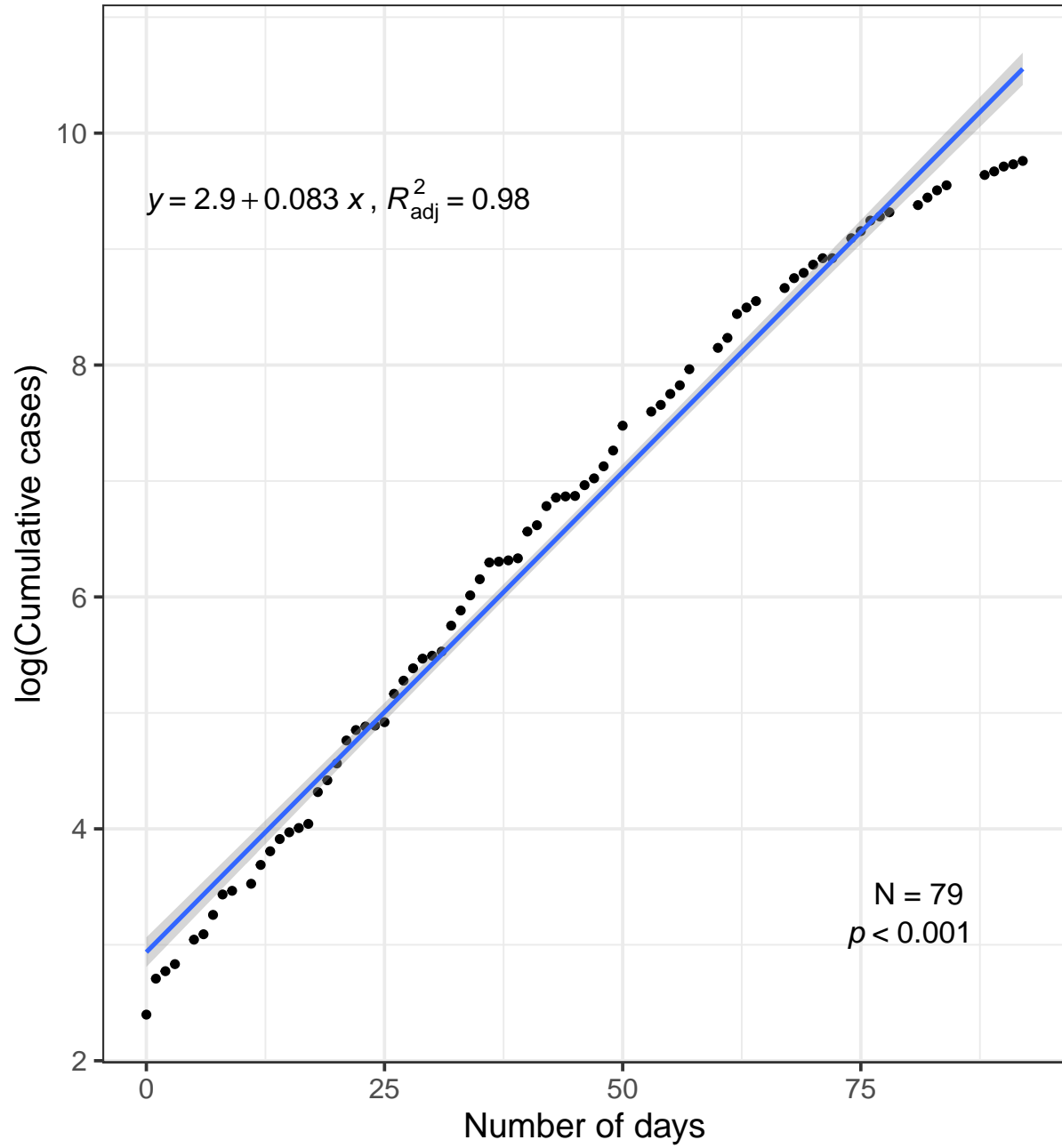
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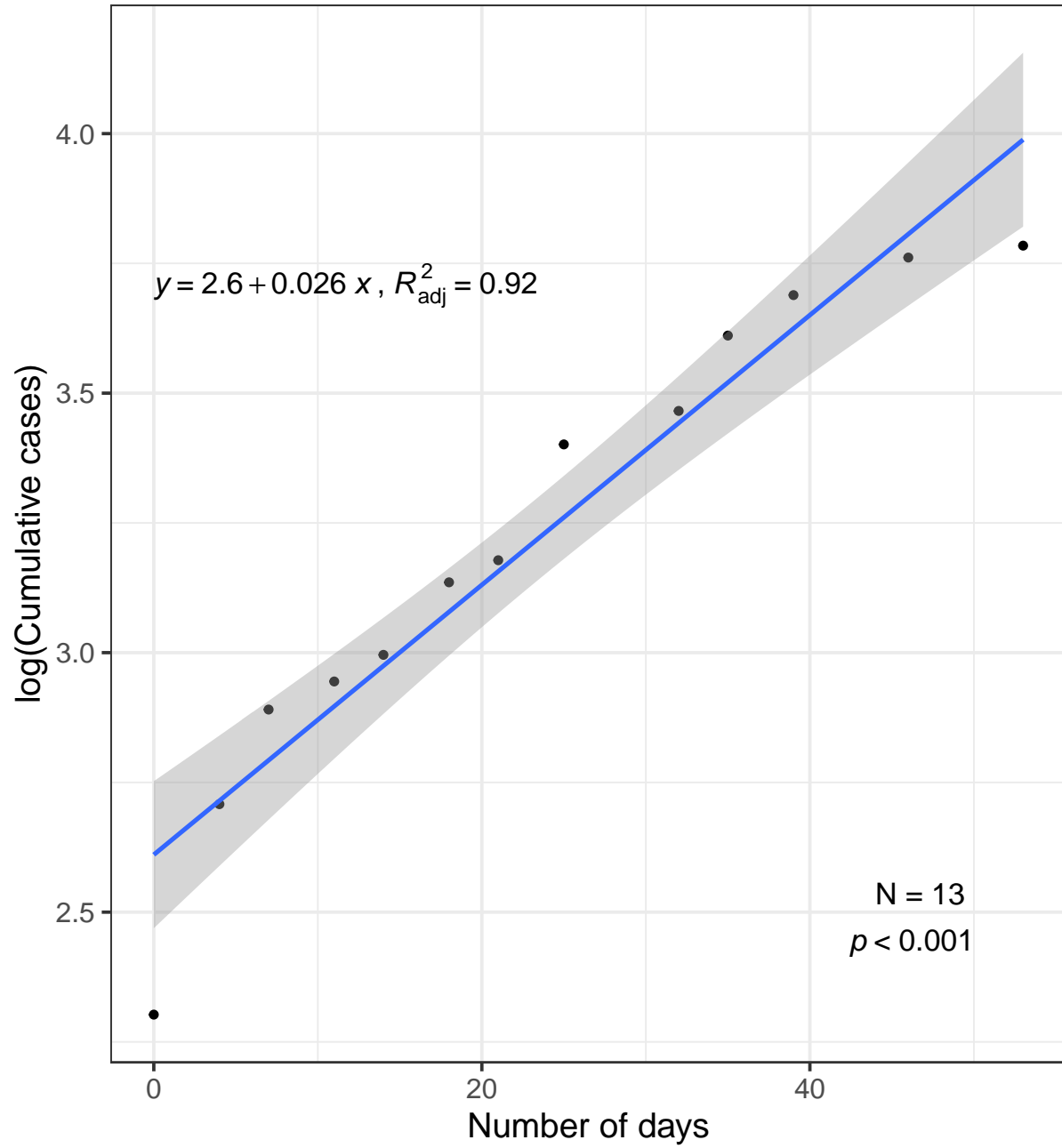
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Wales



F Estimation of the duplication time

Given two cumulative counts: C_1 , C_2 , obtained at two different times: t_1 , t_2 , their ratio Q is defined as follows:

$$Q = \frac{C_2}{C_1} = \frac{\alpha e^{(\gamma \log \beta) t_2}}{\alpha e^{(\gamma \log \beta) t_1}} = \alpha e^{(\gamma \log \beta)(t_2 - t_1)} \quad (4)$$

When $Q = 2$, then the difference $(t_2 - t_1)$ is defined as the duplication time T_d : the time it takes for the count to double in size with respect to an initial value.

Using that definition, and employing Equation 3:

$$\log Q = \log \frac{C_2}{C_1} \quad (5)$$

$$= \log C_2 - \log C_1 \quad (6)$$

$$= (A + Bt_2) - (A + Bt_1) \quad (7)$$

$$= B(t_2 - t_1) \quad (8)$$

$$= B(T_d) \quad (9)$$

Finally we can define T_d in terms of the slope (B), if $Q = 2$, then:

$$T_d = \frac{\log 2}{B} \quad (10)$$

Using the regression results of the slope and its standard error, we can calculate T_d and its C.I., obtaining:

Table 6: Duplication time estimates for selected countries

| Country | N° Obs. ¹ | Slope | S.E. _{slope} | 95% CI _{slope} | \hat{T}_d | 95% CI _{\hat{T}_d} |
|-------------------------|----------------------|--------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--|
| <i>Colombia</i> | 11 | 0.1075 | 0.0083 | [0.0912 - 0.1237] | 6.4498 | [5.6023 - 7.5993] |
| <i>Brazil</i> | 57 | 0.0879 | 0.0030 | [0.0820 - 0.0938] | 7.8886 | [7.3917 - 8.4571] |
| <i>United States</i> | 79 | 0.0828 | 0.0013 | [0.0803 - 0.0853] | 8.3710 | [8.1276 - 8.6293] |
| <i>Peru</i> | 42 | 0.0791 | 0.0025 | [0.0741 - 0.0840] | 8.7651 | [8.2493 - 9.3498] |
| <i>Chile</i> | 19 | 0.0662 | 0.0011 | [0.0641 - 0.0682] | 10.4747 | [10.1563 - 10.8138] |
| <i>France</i> | 28 | 0.0591 | 0.0034 | [0.0525 - 0.0657] | 11.7345 | [10.5529 - 13.2139] |
| <i>Mexico</i> | 11 | 0.0590 | 0.0035 | [0.0522 - 0.0659] | 11.7391 | [10.5207 - 13.2767] |
| <i>Spain</i> | 40 | 0.0553 | 0.0023 | [0.0508 - 0.0598] | 12.5303 | [11.5825 - 13.6469] |
| <i>Germany</i> | 73 | 0.0546 | 0.0029 | [0.0489 - 0.0603] | 12.6951 | [11.5015 - 14.1651] |
| <i>Netherlands</i> | 25 | 0.0479 | 0.0033 | [0.0415 - 0.0543] | 14.4647 | [12.7663 - 16.6843] |
| <i>Belgium</i> | 15 | 0.0475 | 0.0034 | [0.0409 - 0.0542] | 14.5785 | [12.7890 - 16.9503] |
| <i>England</i> | 33 | 0.0471 | 0.0034 | [0.0404 - 0.0538] | 14.7056 | [12.8734 - 17.1457] |
| <i>Italy</i> | 33 | 0.0468 | 0.0024 | [0.0422 - 0.0515] | 14.7974 | [13.4588 - 16.4317] |
| <i>Switzerland</i> | 52 | 0.0437 | 0.0021 | [0.0395 - 0.0479] | 15.8500 | [14.4612 - 17.5339] |
| <i>Austria</i> | 20 | 0.0426 | 0.0027 | [0.0374 - 0.0478] | 16.2767 | [14.5060 - 18.5398] |
| <i>Israel</i> | 33 | 0.0400 | 0.0028 | [0.0346 - 0.0454] | 17.3160 | [15.2513 - 20.0271] |
| <i>Canada</i> | 54 | 0.0378 | 0.0016 | [0.0346 - 0.0410] | 18.3300 | [16.8930 - 20.0343] |
| <i>Portugal</i> | 38 | 0.0357 | 0.0032 | [0.0294 - 0.0419] | 19.4396 | [16.5470 - 23.5577] |
| <i>Scotland</i> | 22 | 0.0280 | 0.0020 | [0.0241 - 0.0320] | 24.7173 | [21.6947 - 28.7185] |
| <i>Wales</i> | 13 | 0.0260 | 0.0023 | [0.0215 - 0.0304] | 26.6662 | [22.7720 - 32.1671] |
| <i>Northern Ireland</i> | 9 | 0.0253 | 0.0026 | [0.0201 - 0.0304] | 27.4195 | [22.7908 - 34.4076] |

¹ Number of days with reports of confirmed cases in the date range

G Estimation of the effective reproduction number

According to (Bonifazi et al. 2021) there is a functional relation between the effective reproduction number (R_t), and the duplication time, of the form:

$$\widehat{R}_t = e^{(g \log 2)/\widehat{T}_d} \quad (11)$$

where: g is the generation time, and \widehat{T}_d is the estimate of the duplication time.

Combining Equation 10 and Equation 11, we can derive

$$\widehat{R}_t = e^{(g \log 2)/(\log 2/B)} = e^{gB} \quad (12)$$

A recent article (Guzzetta et al. 2022), gives an early estimate for the generation time of the current MPXV outbreak of 12.5 days (95% CI: [7.5 - 17.3]). Using Equation 12, along with our estimate for the slope (B) and the published estimate for g with its 95% CI, we can compute a possible value of R_t :

Table 7: Estimates of R_t for selected countries

| Country | Slope | $R_t(\text{mean})^1$ | $R_t(\text{lower})^2$ | $R_t(\text{upper})^3$ |
|-------------------------|-------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <i>Colombia</i> | 0.107 | 3.832 | 2.239 | 6.419 |
| <i>Brazil</i> | 0.088 | 2.999 | 1.933 | 4.573 |
| <i>United States</i> | 0.083 | 2.815 | 1.861 | 4.189 |
| <i>Peru</i> | 0.079 | 2.687 | 1.810 | 3.928 |
| <i>Chile</i> | 0.066 | 2.287 | 1.643 | 3.142 |
| <i>France</i> | 0.059 | 2.093 | 1.557 | 2.778 |
| <i>Mexico</i> | 0.059 | 2.092 | 1.557 | 2.777 |
| <i>Spain</i> | 0.055 | 1.997 | 1.514 | 2.604 |
| <i>Germany</i> | 0.055 | 1.979 | 1.506 | 2.572 |
| <i>Netherlands</i> | 0.048 | 1.820 | 1.432 | 2.291 |
| <i>Belgium</i> | 0.048 | 1.812 | 1.428 | 2.276 |
| <i>England</i> | 0.047 | 1.803 | 1.424 | 2.260 |
| <i>Italy</i> | 0.047 | 1.796 | 1.421 | 2.249 |
| <i>Switzerland</i> | 0.044 | 1.727 | 1.388 | 2.131 |
| <i>Austria</i> | 0.043 | 1.703 | 1.376 | 2.089 |
| <i>Israel</i> | 0.040 | 1.649 | 1.350 | 1.999 |
| <i>Canada</i> | 0.038 | 1.604 | 1.328 | 1.924 |
| <i>Portugal</i> | 0.036 | 1.562 | 1.307 | 1.853 |
| <i>Scotland</i> | 0.028 | 1.420 | 1.234 | 1.624 |
| <i>Wales</i> | 0.026 | 1.384 | 1.215 | 1.568 |
| <i>Northern Ireland</i> | 0.025 | 1.372 | 1.209 | 1.549 |

¹ Using the mean estimate of 12.5 days² Using the lower estimate of 7.5 days³ Using the higher estimate of 17.3 days

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