

## Data-driven identification of ageing-related diseases from Electronic Health Records

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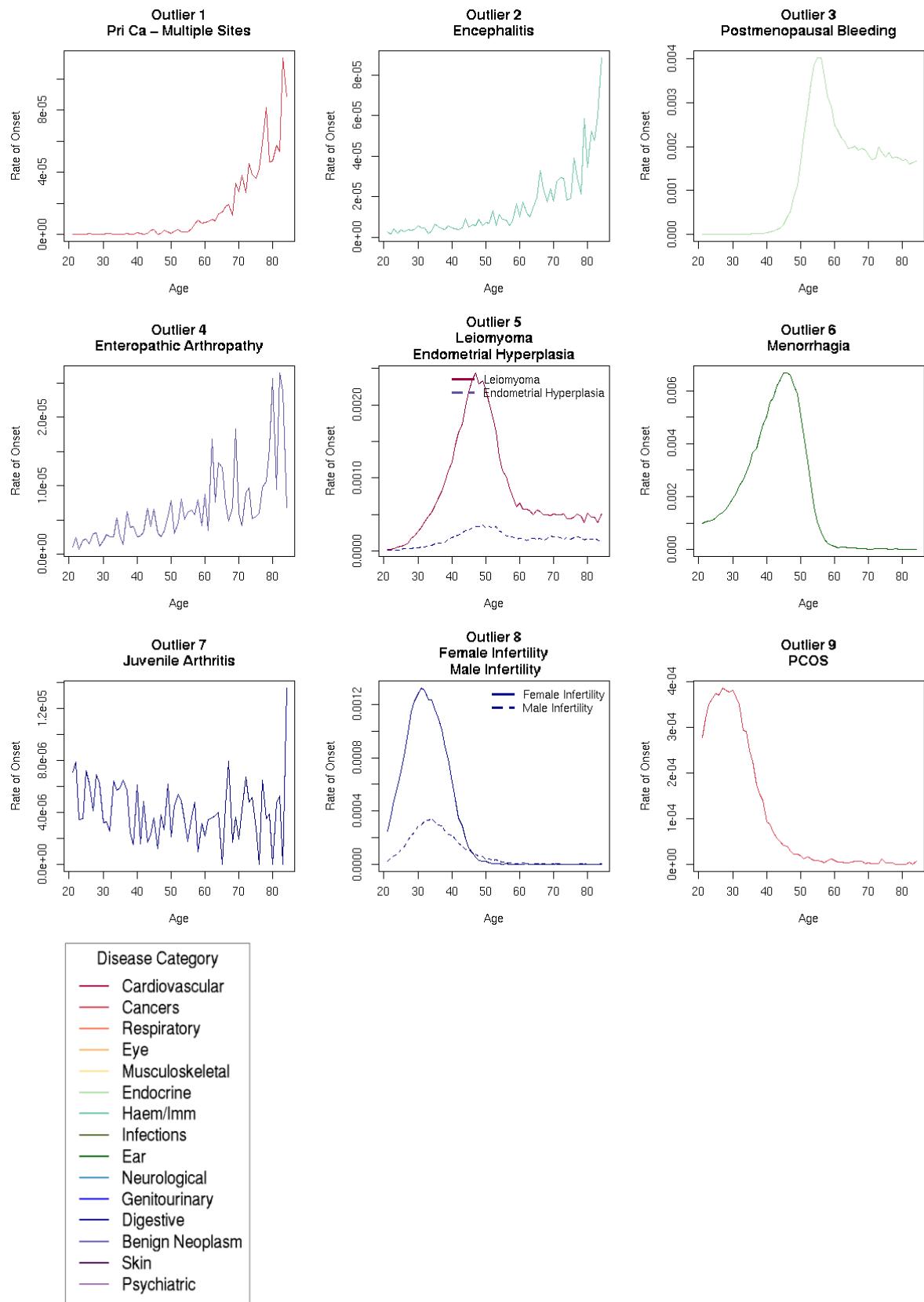
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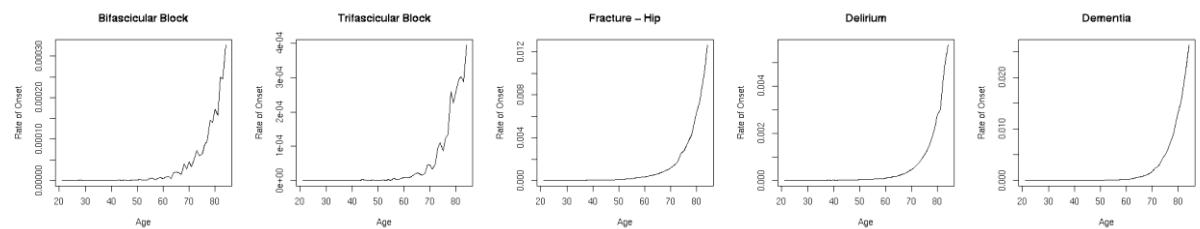
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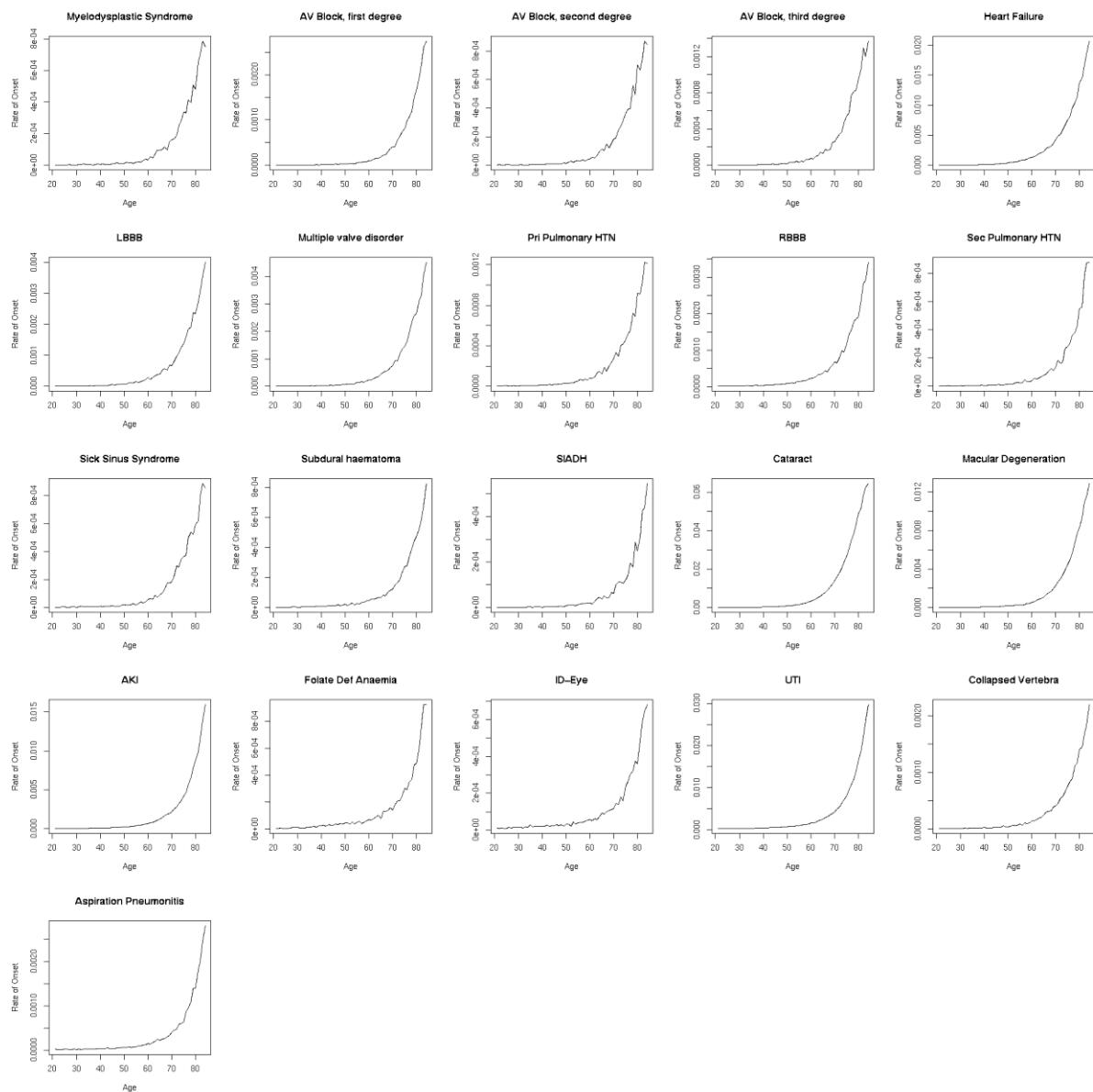
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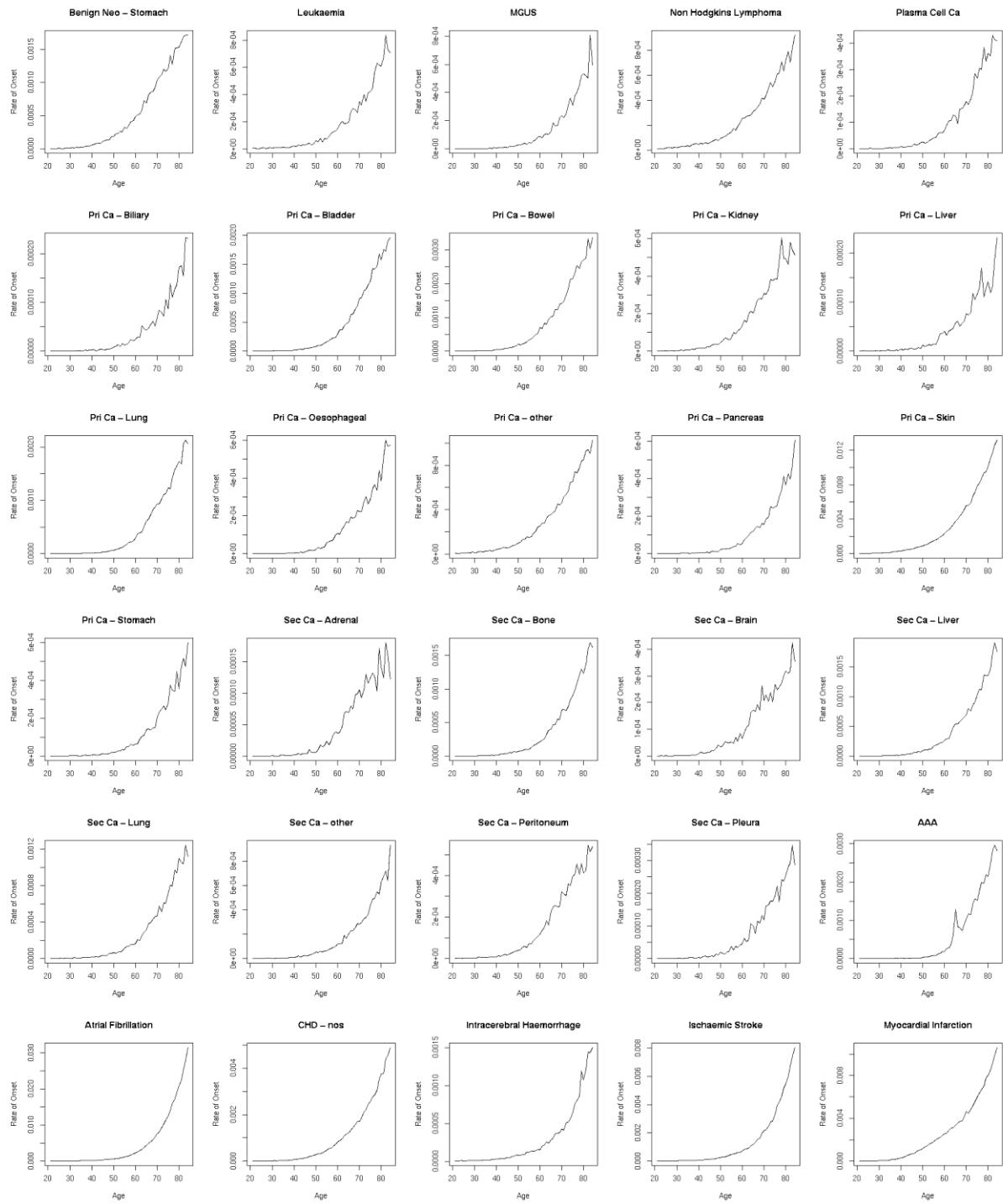
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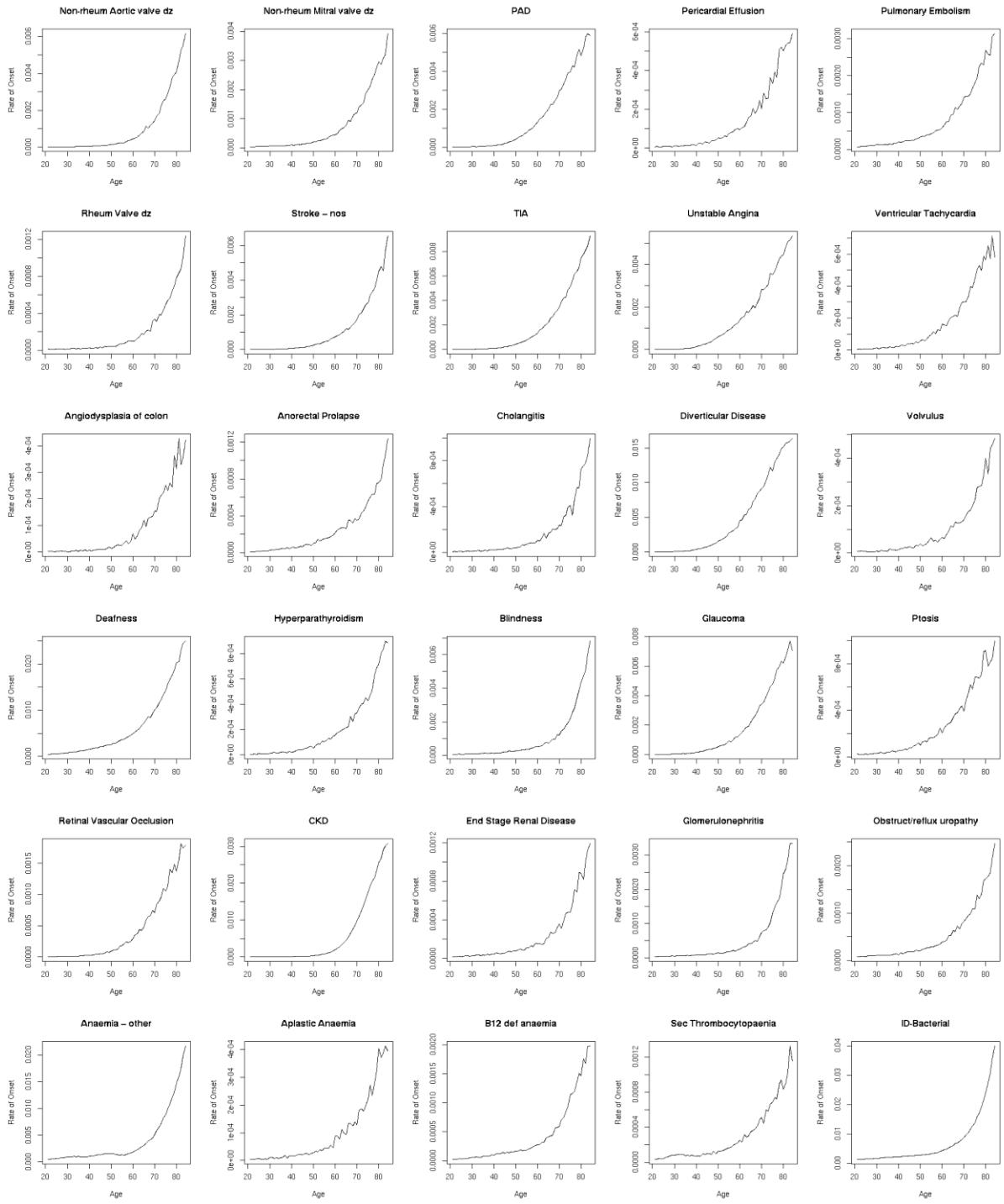


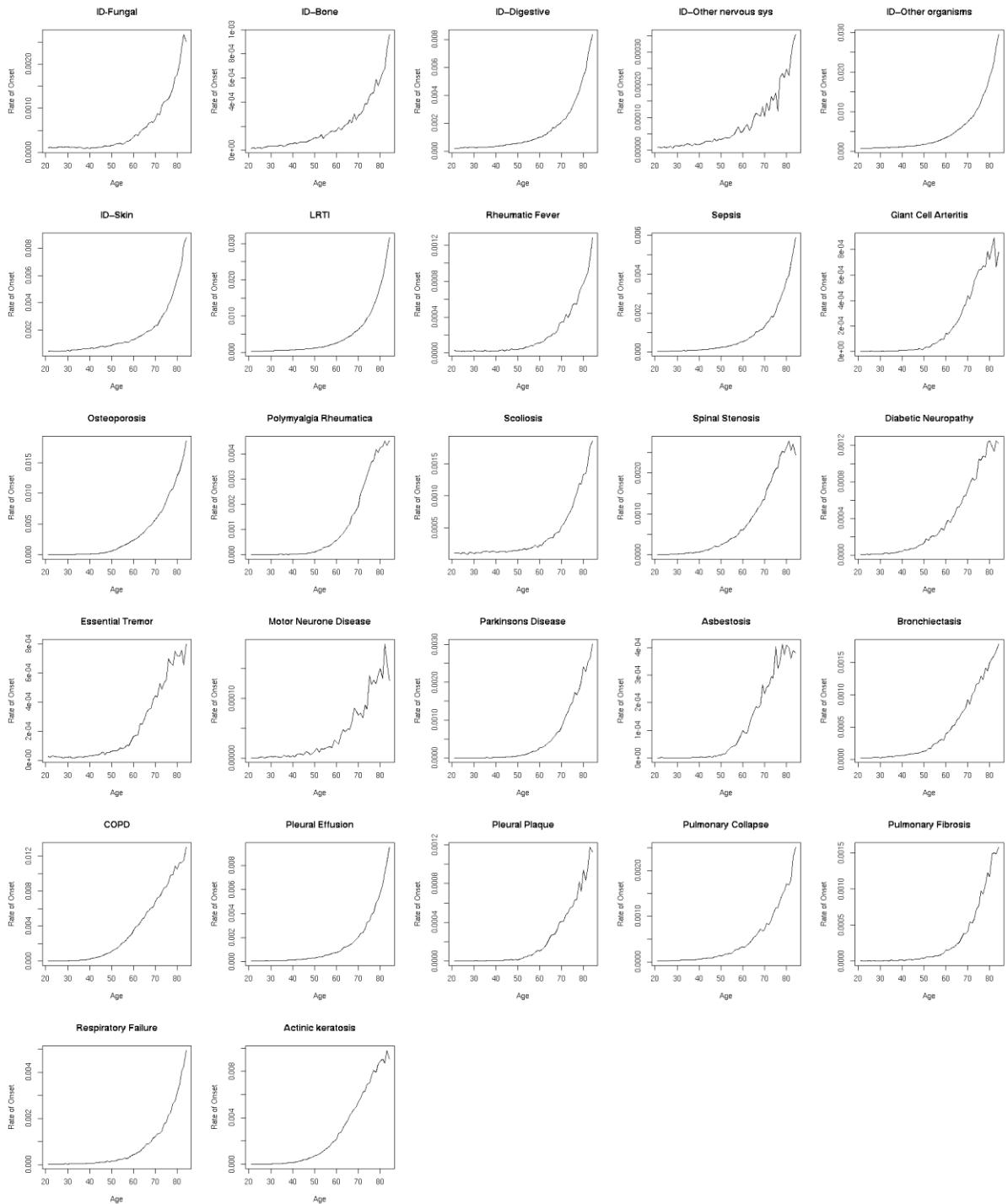
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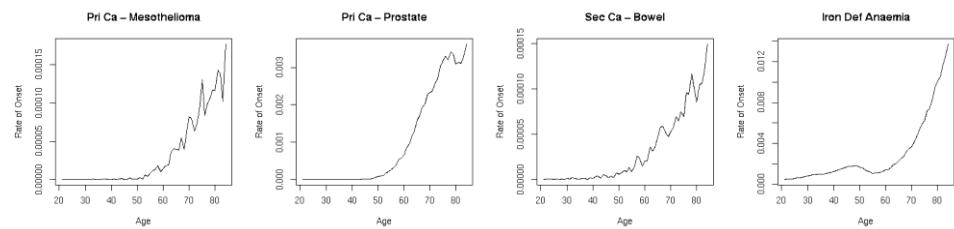
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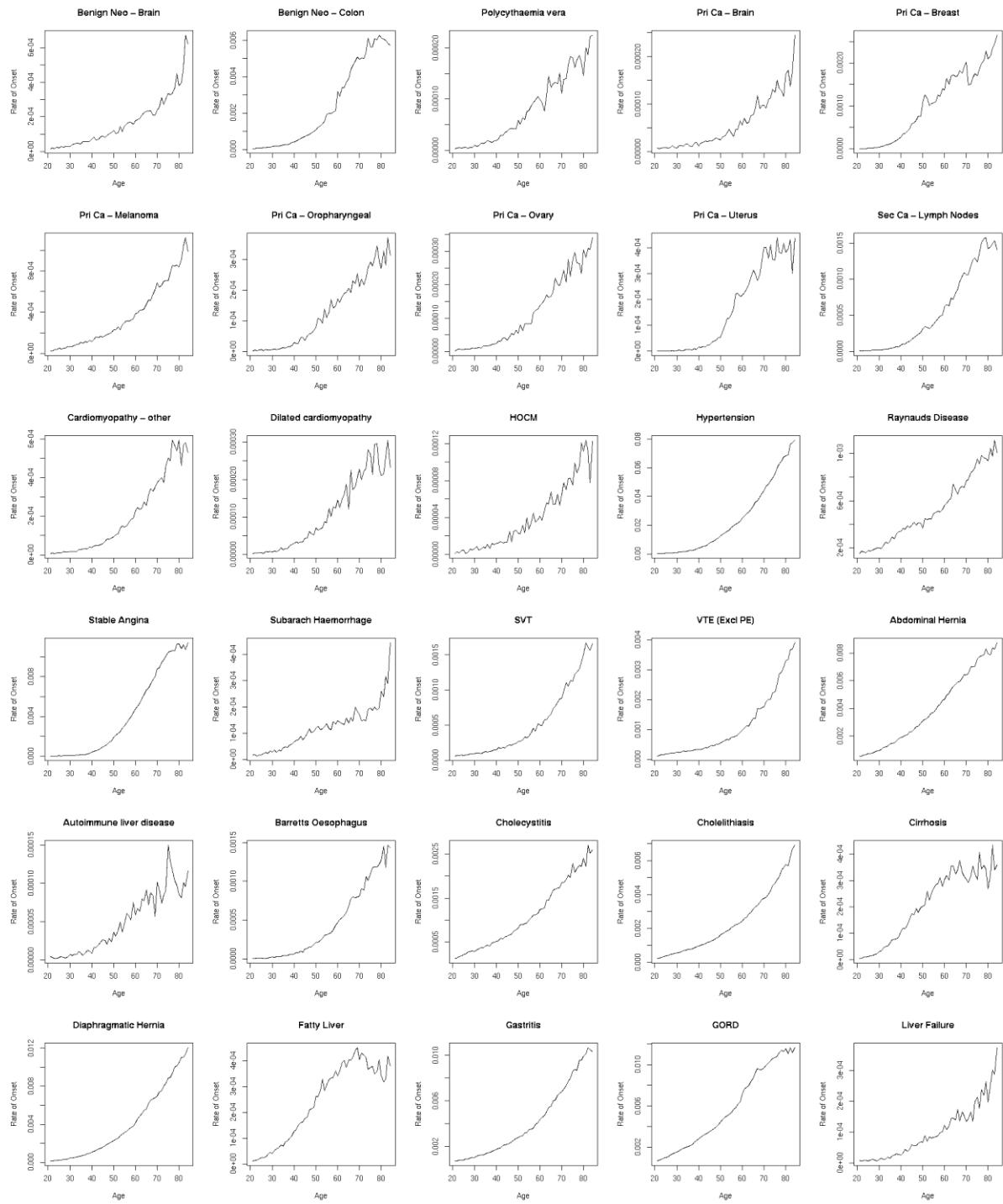


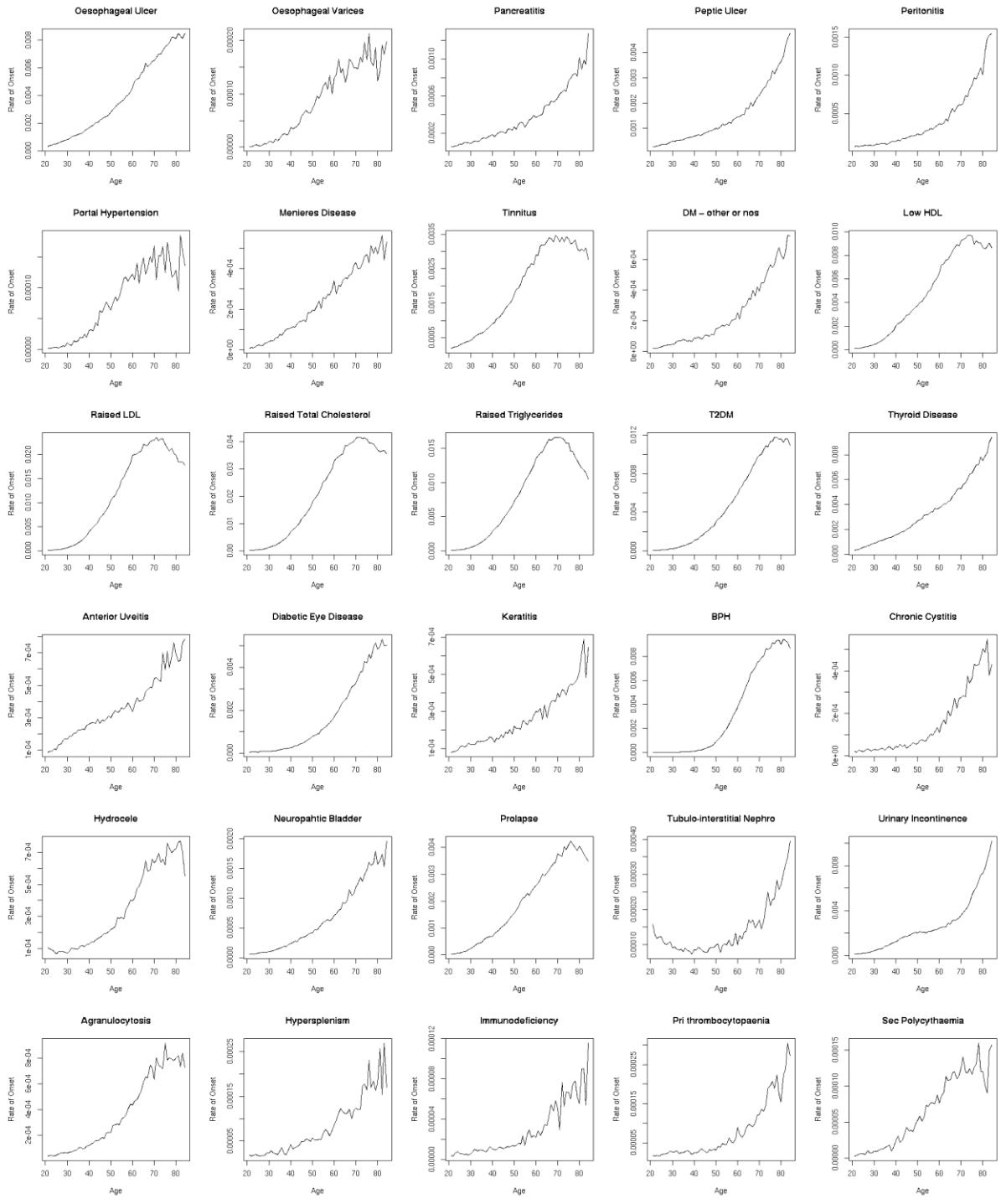


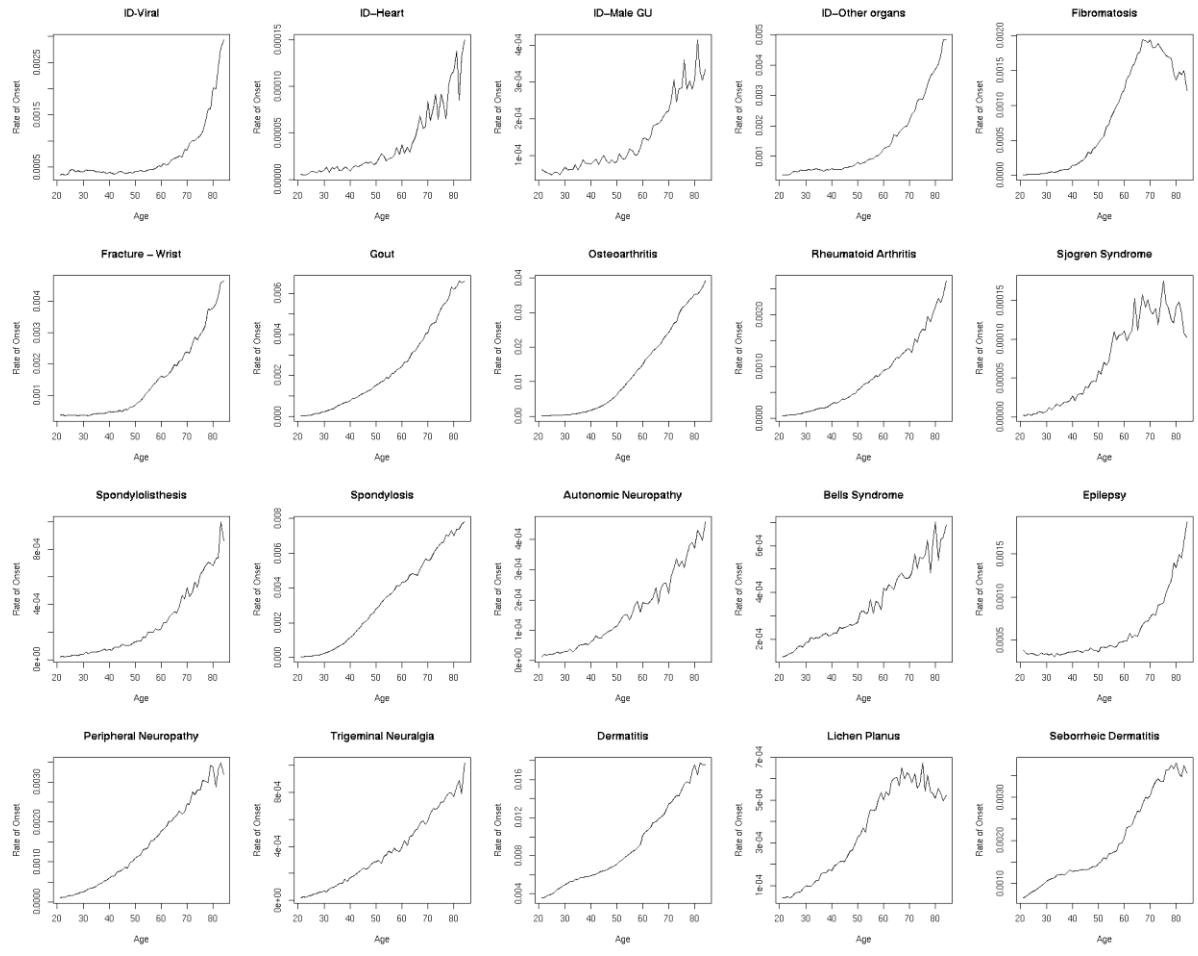
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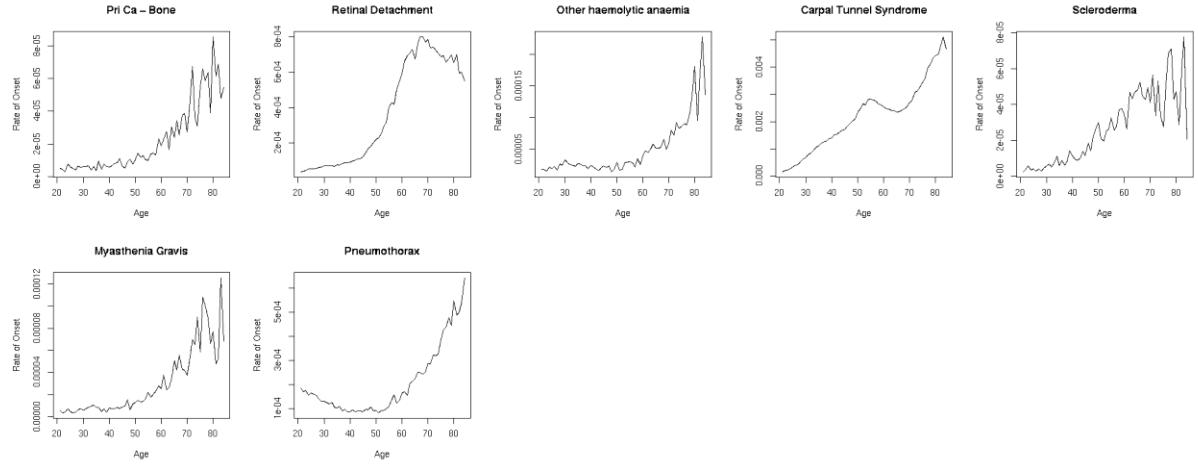
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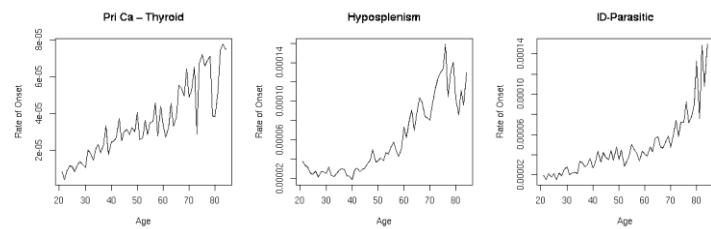




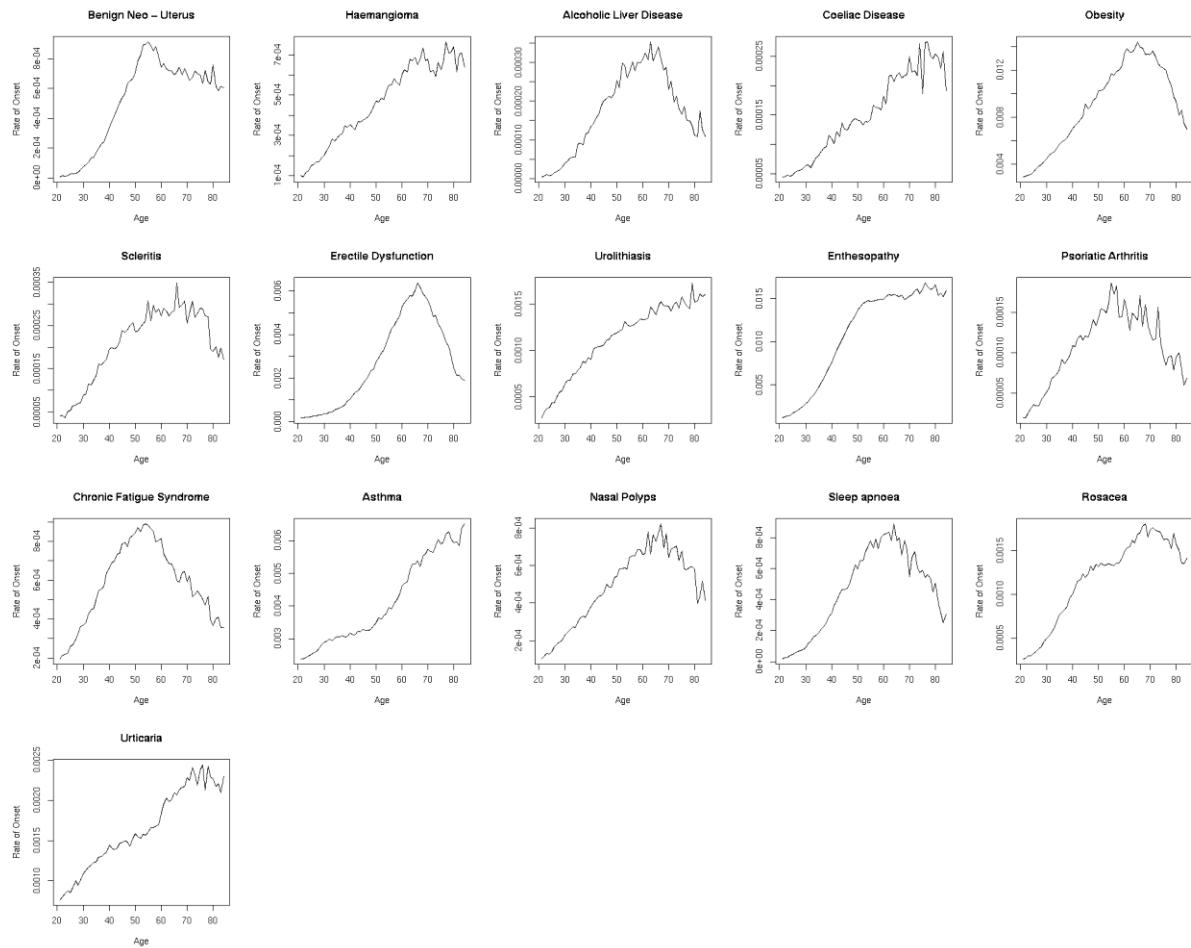
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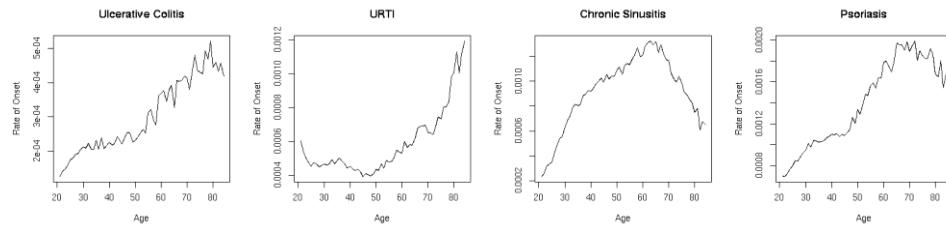
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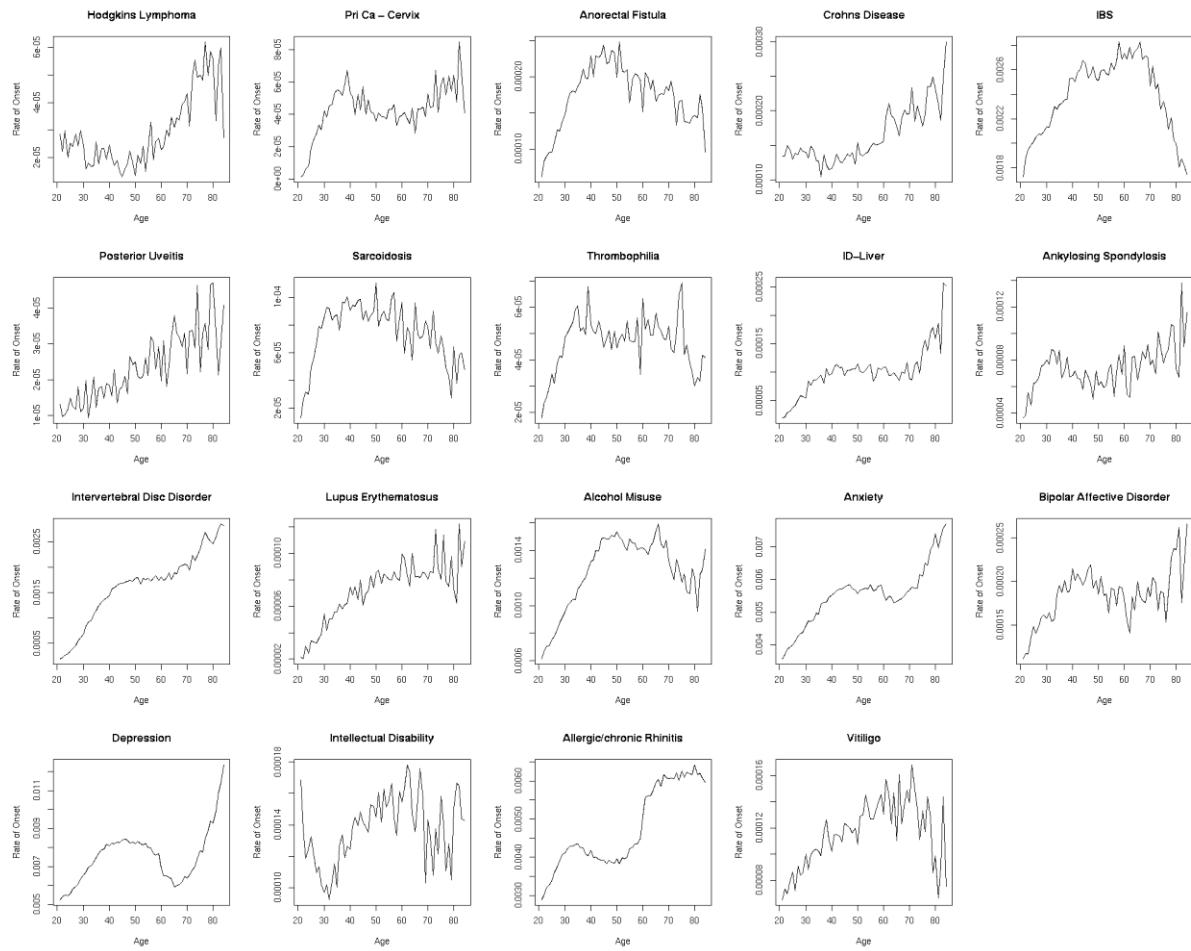
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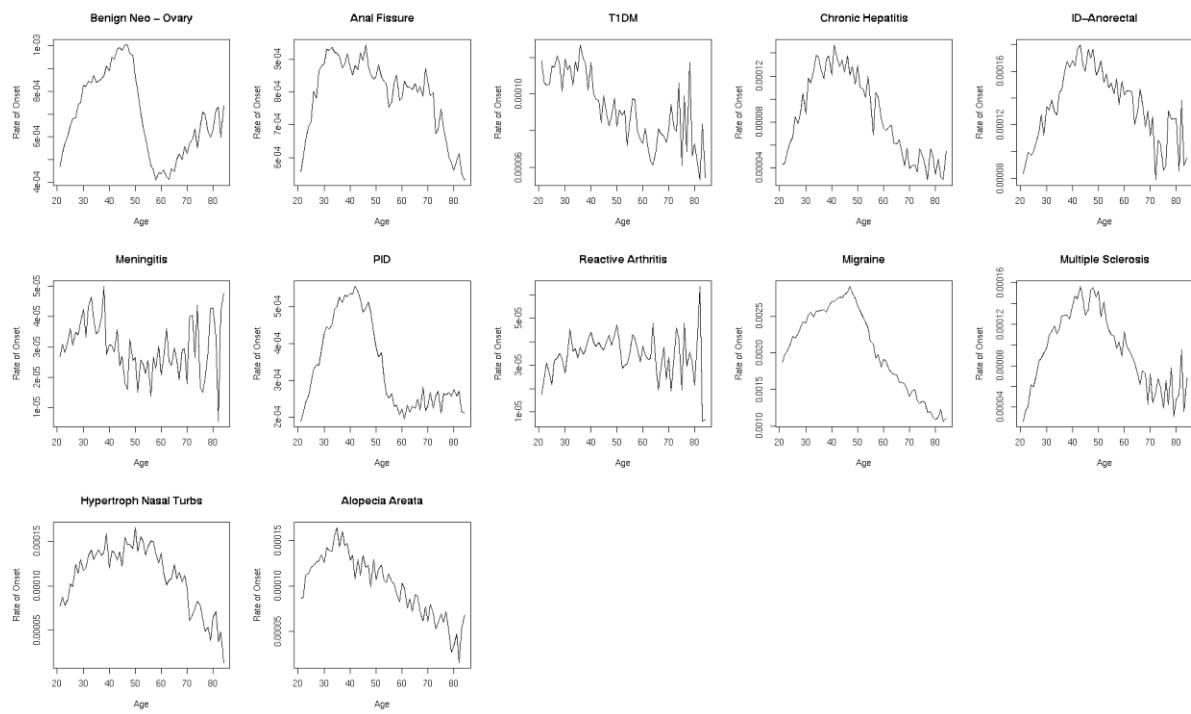
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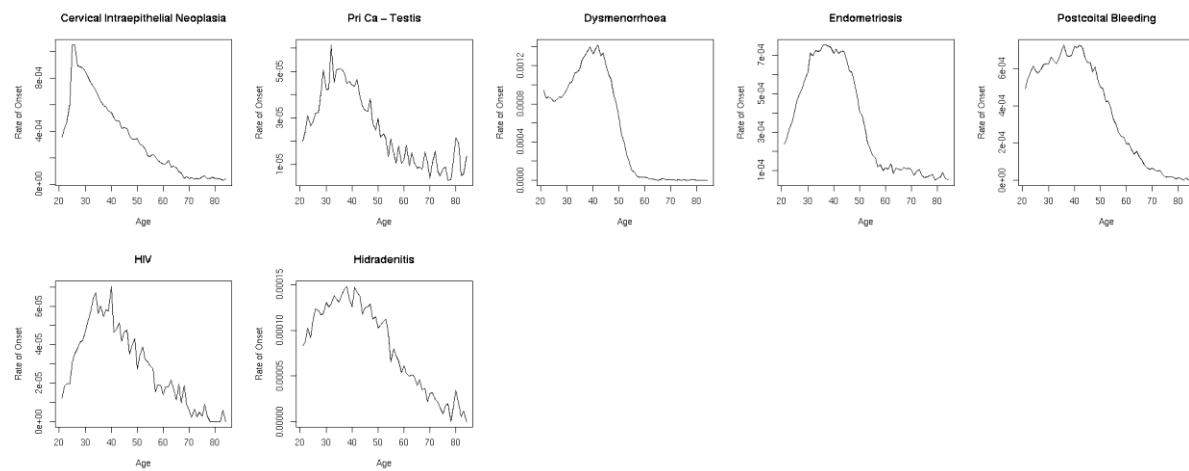
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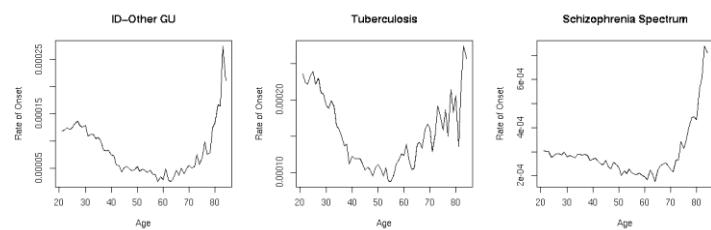
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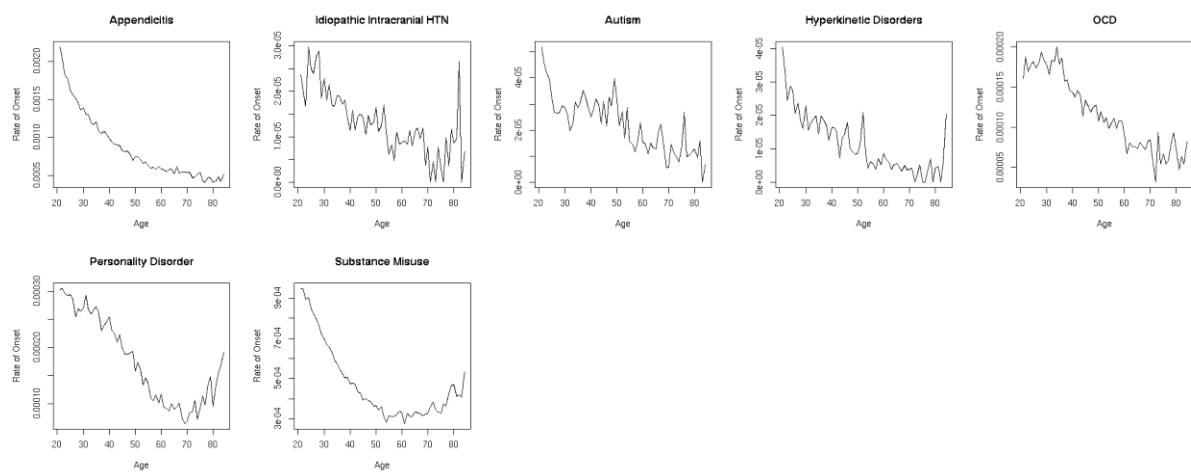
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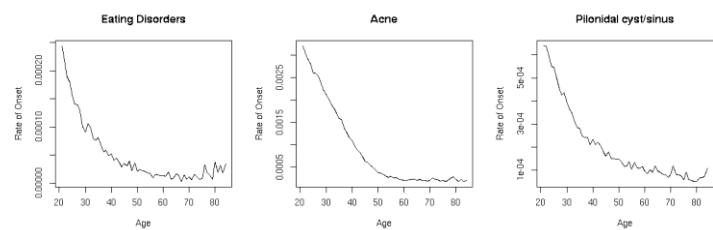
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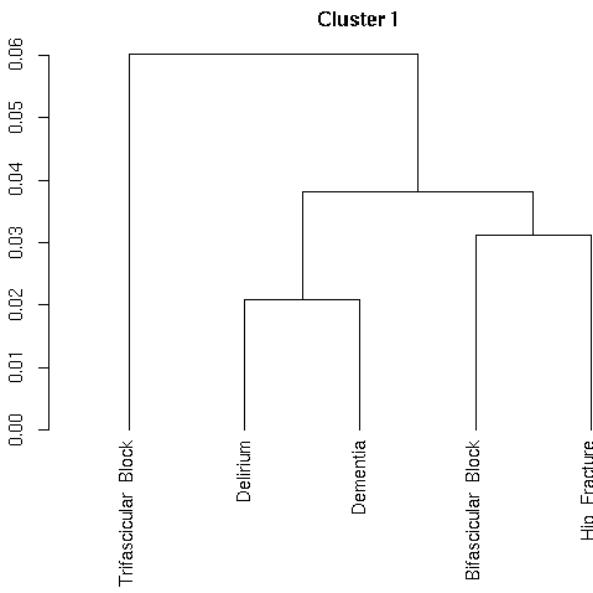
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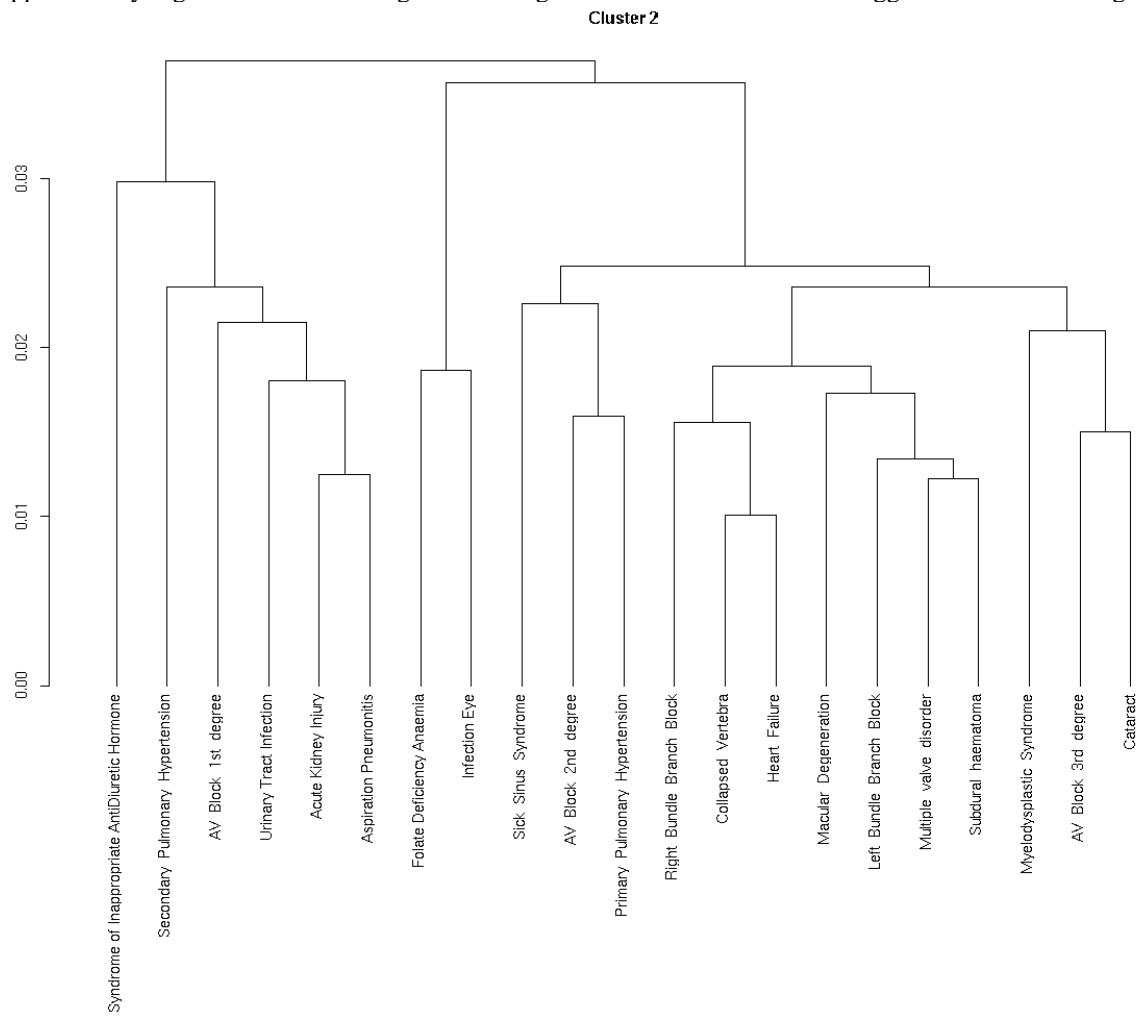
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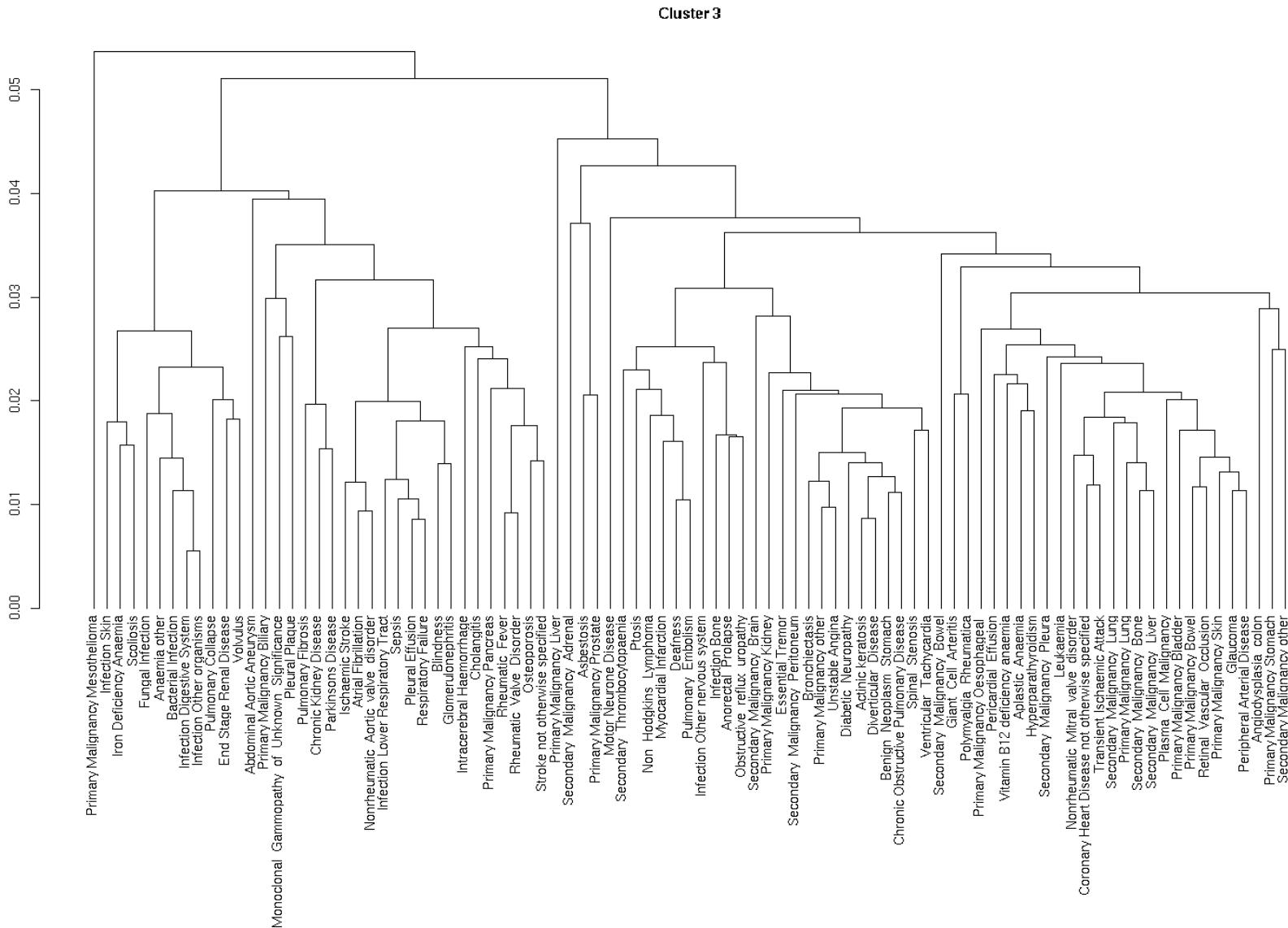
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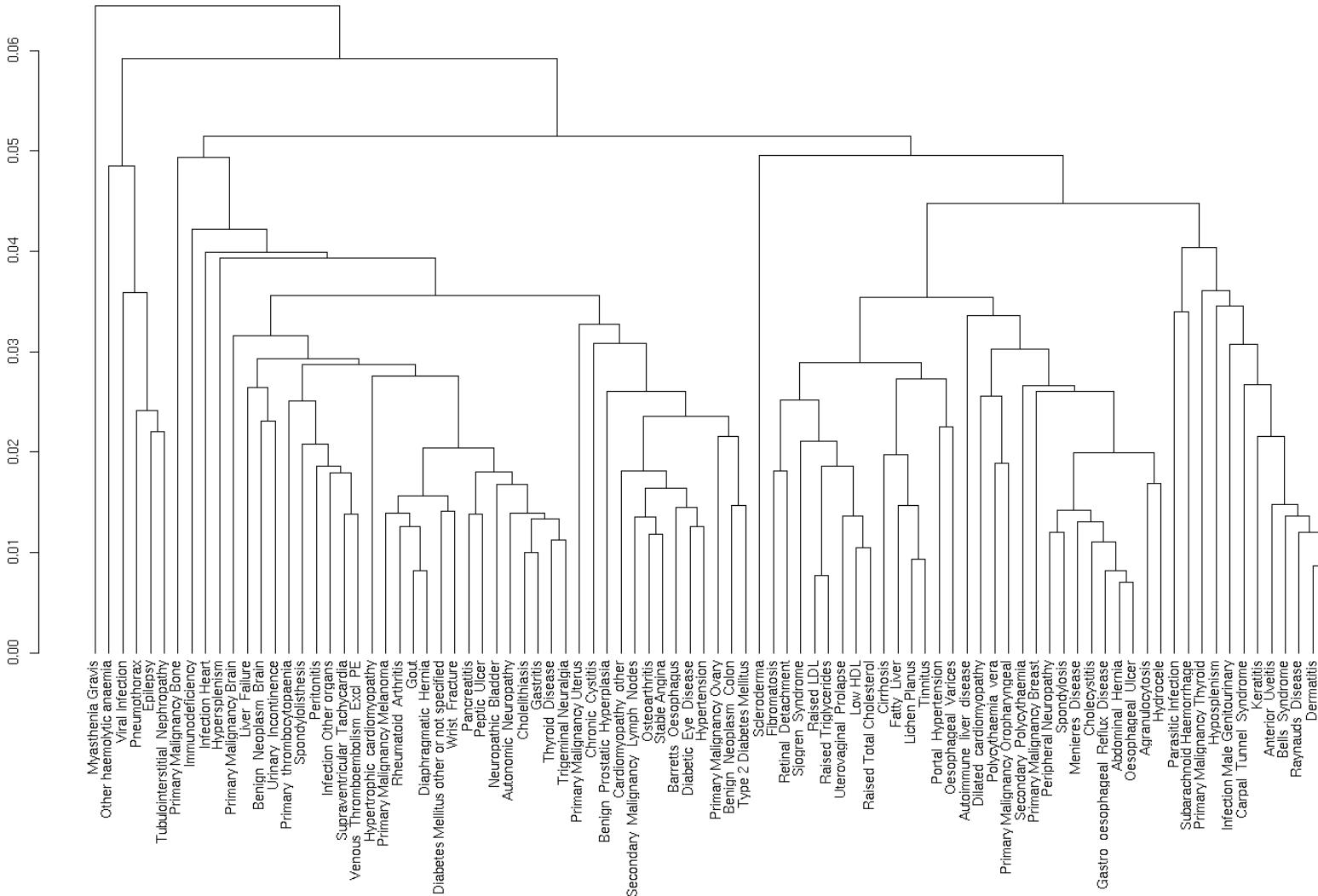


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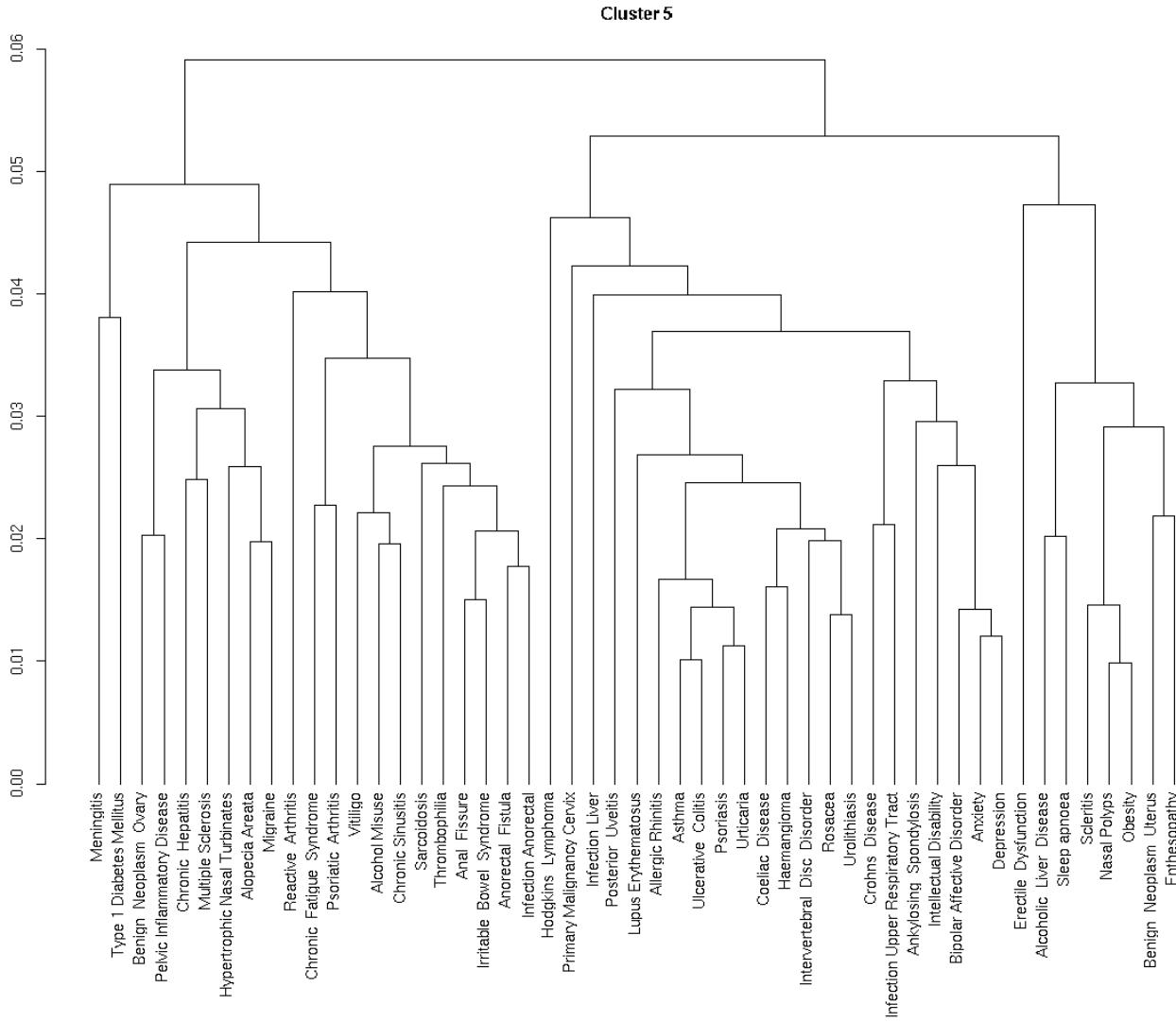


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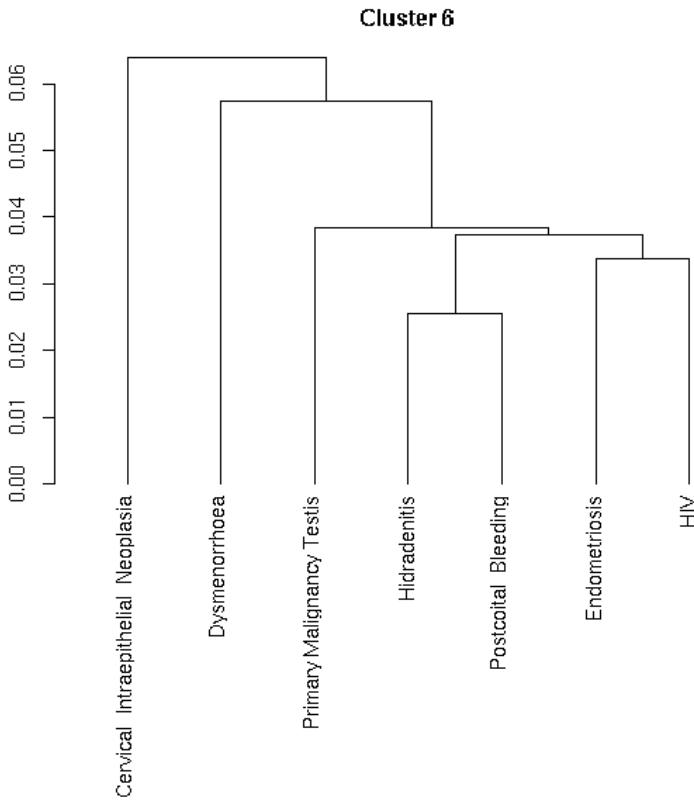
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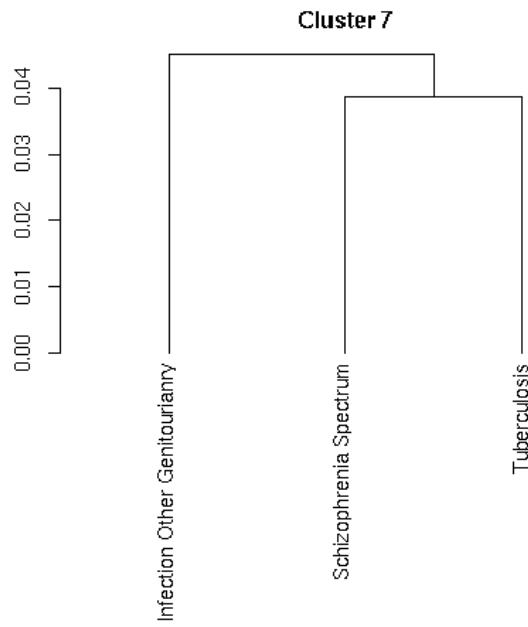
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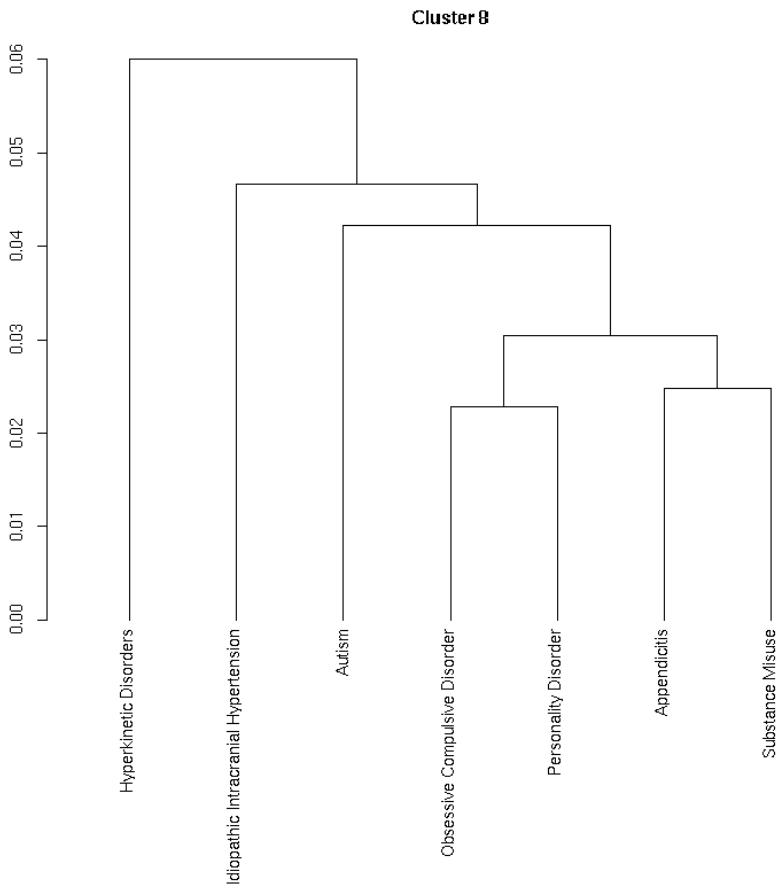
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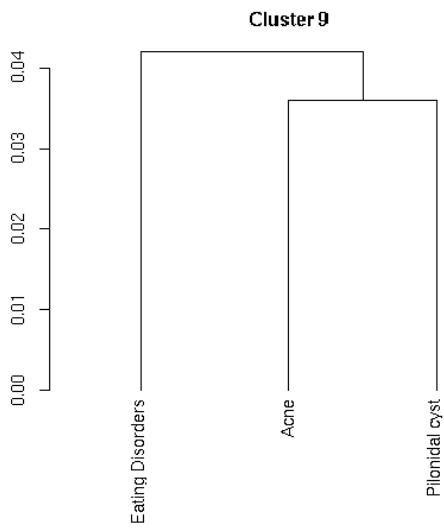
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Supplementary Figure S19. Subdendrogram showing the result of the hierarchical agglomerative clustering algorithm for Cluster 9



Supplementary Table S1. 289 diseases with their disease categories, rate of onset curve cluster, median (interquartile range (IQR)) age of first recorded diagnosis above 20 years, age at maximum rate of first recorded diagnosis above 20 years,  $\beta$  (coefficient of the age term) for the Gompertz model, adjusted  $R^2$  of the Gompertz-Makeham (GM) model and number of cases (n) on which the analyses were based. Diseases are listed in alphabetical order within their disease categories.

Disease	Category	Main or outlier cluster	Median (IQR) age of first recorded diagnosis	Age at maximum rate of first recorded diagnosis	$\beta$ of Gompertz model	Adjusted $R^2$ of GM model	Number of cases (n)
<b>Benign Neoplasm – Brain</b>	Benign Neoplasm	Cluster 4	56 (42,70)	83	0.050883604	0.984115766	7867
<b>Benign Neoplasm – Colon</b>	Benign Neoplasm	Cluster 4	63 (52,72)	79	0.081444826	0.994528701	90001
<b>Benign Neoplasm – Ovary</b>	Benign Neoplasm	Cluster 5	38 (30,48)	46	-0.00524622	0.107482068	63973
<b>Benign Neoplasm – Stomach</b>	Benign Neoplasm	Cluster 3	66 (56,75)	84	0.098475726	0.994955138	16928
<b>Benign Neoplasm – Uterus</b>	Benign Neoplasm	Cluster 5	52 (44,61)	55	0.054186818	0.963334483	30934
<b>Cervical Intra-epithelial Neoplasia</b>	Benign Neoplasm	Cluster 6	32 (27,40)	26	-0.055203059	0.927212686	44727
<b>Haemangioma</b>	Benign Neoplasm	Cluster 5	48 (36,61)	77	0.027967843	0.979141274	29871
<b>Leiomyoma</b>	Benign Neoplasm	Outlier 5	46 (40,51)	47	0.01847407	0.712846212	69937
<b>Hodgkins Lymphoma</b>	Cancers	Cluster 5	39 (28,57)	77	0.016191496	0.738461864	2114
<b>Leukaemia</b>	Cancers	Cluster 3	67 (57,77)	82	0.084880306	0.982667079	5845
<b>Monoclonal Gammopathy of Unknown Significance</b>	Cancers	Cluster 3	72 (63,80)	83	0.127516598	0.977646731	3398
<b>Myelodysplastic Syndrome</b>	Cancers	Cluster 2	77 (67,84)	83	0.103119764	0.98300671	2749
<b>Non Hodgkins Lymphoma</b>	Cancers	Cluster 3	63 (51,74)	84	0.07111727	0.993746787	8747
<b>Plasma Cell Malignancy</b>	Cancers	Cluster 3	70 (61,79)	82	0.109254667	0.987612225	2849
<b>Polycythaemia vera</b>	Cancers	Cluster 4	59 (48,69)	84	0.064598825	0.985084711	3516
<b>Primary Malignancy – Biliary</b>	Cancers	Cluster 3	72 (63,81)	83	0.113101572	0.968639204	1080
<b>Primary Malignancy – Bladder</b>	Cancers	Cluster 3	71 (62,78)	84	0.119057566	0.994580622	12346
<b>Primary Malignancy – Bone</b>	Cancers	Cluster 4	59 (40,72)	80	0.04767902	0.924565456	980
<b>Primary Malignancy – Bowel</b>	Cancers	Cluster 3	69 (60,78)	84	0.115916567	0.993954947	22635
<b>Primary Malignancy – Brain</b>	Cancers	Cluster 4	59 (44,71)	84	0.053855936	0.976062715	2543
<b>Primary Malignancy – Breast</b>	Cancers	Cluster 4	59 (50,68)	84	0.09236117	0.979204694	45415
<b>Primary Malignancy – Cervix</b>	Cancers	Cluster 5	41 (34,54)	82	0.01948834	0.410269487	3360
<b>Primary Malignancy – Kidney</b>	Cancers	Cluster 3	68 (58,77)	78	0.108875579	0.983540629	4907
<b>Primary Malignancy – Liver</b>	Cancers	Cluster 3	70 (60,78)	84	0.104038329	0.97632689	1203
<b>Primary Malignancy – Lung</b>	Cancers	Cluster 3	71 (64,79)	83	0.132382303	0.987443345	12306
<b>Primary Malignancy – Melanoma</b>	Cancers	Cluster 4	58 (44,70)	83	0.055612292	0.991926044	16061
<b>Primary Malignancy – Mesothelioma</b>	Cancers	Cluster 3	72 (65,79)	84	0.118725712	0.94419528	808
<b>Primary Malignancy – Multiple Sites</b>	Cancers	Outlier 1	74 (66,83)	83	0.099186877	0.955695468	386
<b>Primary Malignancy – Oesophageal</b>	Cancers	Cluster 3	70 (62,79)	82	0.132154707	0.973949388	3486
<b>Primary Malignancy – Oropharyngeal</b>	Cancers	Cluster 4	61 (52,71)	83	0.081057411	0.980817498	5171
<b>Primary Malignancy – other</b>	Cancers	Cluster 3	66 (54,76)	84	0.080678808	0.993573157	9335
<b>Primary Malignancy – Ovary</b>	Cancers	Cluster 4	61 (50,71)	84	0.071700912	0.984666668	4650
<b>Primary Malignancy – Pancreas</b>	Cancers	Cluster 3	72 (63,81)	84	0.120521103	0.983411373	2666
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<b>Primary Malignancy – Skin</b>	Cancers	Cluster 3	68 (57,77)	84	0.104789502	0.997114079	89308
<b>Primary Malignancy – Stomach</b>	Cancers	Cluster 3	72 (63,80)	84	0.116190487	0.982129687	2975
<b>Primary Malignancy – Testis</b>	Cancers	Cluster 6	35 (29,43)	32	-0.025443803	0.572015471	2852
<b>Primary Malignancy – Thyroid</b>	Cancers	Cluster 4	48 (37,62)	83	0.03083709	0.857759458	2188

<b>Primary Malignancy – Uterus</b>	Cancers	Cluster 4	64 (57,72)	76	0.116489078	0.978336018	5971
<b>Secondary Malignancy – Adrenal</b>	Cancers	Cluster 3	69 (61,77)	82	0.114225465	0.964004964	1369
<b>Secondary Malignancy – Bone</b>	Cancers	Cluster 3	71 (62,80)	83	0.121396907	0.992945373	9499
<b>Secondary Malignancy – Bowel</b>	Cancers	Cluster 3	68 (60,77)	84	0.098079321	0.946397574	914
<b>Secondary Malignancy – Brain</b>	Cancers	Cluster 3	67 (58,76)	83	0.105643306	0.97743048	3271
<b>Secondary Malignancy – Liver</b>	Cancers	Cluster 3	70 (61,79)	83	0.116250776	0.991121291	11104
<b>Secondary Malignancy – Lung</b>	Cancers	Cluster 3	70 (60,79)	83	0.104271849	0.988998726	7731
<b>Secondary Malignancy – Lymph Nodes</b>	Cancers	Cluster 4	64 (53,73)	79	0.09092977	0.994944622	20149
<b>Secondary Malignancy – other</b>	Cancers	Cluster 3	70 (60,80)	84	0.103385591	0.988544739	4867
<b>Secondary Malignancy – Peritoneum</b>	Cancers	Cluster 3	68 (59,76)	82	0.104466071	0.983195373	4484
<b>Secondary Malignancy – Pleura</b>	Cancers	Cluster 3	71 (61,79)	83	0.108692839	0.972051537	2017
<b>Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 3	74 (66,81)	83	0.134230919	0.968077428	13616
<b>Atrial Fibrillation</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 3	74 (65,82)	84	0.11856379	0.998185648	111515
<b>Atrioventricular Block, first degree</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 2	80 (71,86)	84	0.111951431	0.993427674	7321
<b>Atrioventricular Block, second degree</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 2	76 (66,83)	83	0.099931374	0.982491881	3189
<b>Atrioventricular Block, third degree</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 2	77.5 (68,85)	84	0.114491646	0.984560035	4580
<b>Bifascicular Block</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 1	82 (73,87)	84	0.109320099	0.965358714	655
<b>Cardiomyopathy – other</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 4	62 (51,73)	77	0.072584627	0.994013337	7724
<b>Coronary Heart Disease (not otherwise specified)</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 3	70 (60,79)	84	0.116150968	0.992593314	29569
<b>Dilated cardiomyopathy</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 4	61 (50,71)	83	0.074409757	0.986380242	4493
<b>Heart Failure</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 2	76 (66,84)	84	0.12771274	0.99755392	67132
<b>Hypertension</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 4	59 (50,69)	84	0.089721124	0.998870104	649706
<b>Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 4	59 (47,71)	81	0.06256945	0.96112744	1701
<b>Intracerebral Haemorrhage</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 3	71 (58,81)	84	0.089022997	0.99500196	8235
<b>Ischaemic Stroke</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 3	74 (63,83)	84	0.113123217	0.997812044	34227
<b>Left Bundle Branch Block</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 2	77 (67,85)	84	0.124420924	0.994085597	12868
<b>Multiple valve disorder</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 2	77 (67,84)	84	0.111973686	0.994289531	13749
<b>Myocardial Infarction</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 3	65 (55,76)	84	0.113527315	0.990992485	83674
<b>Non-rheumatic Aortic valve disorder</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 3	75 (65,82)	84	0.104076573	0.993300737	24568
<b>Non-rheumatic Mitral valve disorder</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 3	69 (56,79)	84	0.078242523	0.994067043	23196
<b>Pericardial Effusion</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 3	67 (54,78)	84	0.078445378	0.990374481	4600
<b>Peripheral Arterial Disease</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 3	68 (59,77)	83	0.108430695	0.988827853	45443
<b>Primary Pulmonary Hypertension</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 2	75 (64,83)	83	0.099711745	0.990992891	4697
<b>Pulmonary Embolism</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 3	63 (47,75)	84	0.061623089	0.995628756	29687
<b>Raynauds Disease</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 4	48 (36,63)	83	0.031121873	0.987001211	30885
<b>Rheumatic Valve Disorder</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 3	71 (57,81)	84	0.077586627	0.987993474	5735
<b>Right Bundle Branch Block</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 2	75.5 (62,84)	84	0.086367796	0.995528139	12803
<b>Secondary Pulmonary Hypertension</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 2	77 (66,84)	84	0.106087698	0.981787262	2698
<b>Sick Sinus Syndrome</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 2	75 (66,83)	83	0.100817736	0.982537801	3277
<b>Stable Angina</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 4	64 (55,73)	84	0.110757178	0.995639205	135647
<b>Stroke – not otherwise specified</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 3	72 (61,81)	84	0.108998037	0.99615606	29979
<b>Subarachnoid Haemorrhage</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 4	52 (41,65)	84	0.043229714	0.95392155	6369
<b>Subdural haematoma</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 2	77 (64,85)	84	0.092604127	0.991167221	2652
<b>Supraventricular Tachycardia</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 4	59 (44,72)	81	0.055114921	0.995768105	22373
<b>Transient Ischaemic Attack</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 3	70 (61,79)	84	0.12162865	0.997373146	53154
<b>Trifascicular Block</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 1	82 (76,87)	84	0.118130186	0.961058933	837
<b>Unstable Angina</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 3	66 (57,76)	84	0.123206743	0.99144951	45761

<b>Venous thromboembolism (Excluding Pulmonary Embolism)</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 4	59 (42,72)	84	0.053043028	0.995958443	46710
<b>Ventricular Tachycardia</b>	Cardiovascular	Cluster 3	67 (55,77)	83	0.082201703	0.990065601	5678
<b>Abdominal Hernia</b>	Digestive	Cluster 4	53 (40,65)	84	0.044787122	0.999168791	192837
<b>Alcoholic Liver Disease</b>	Digestive	Cluster 5	52 (43,61)	63	0.041207068	0.97680353	11425
<b>Anal Fissure</b>	Digestive	Cluster 5	38 (30,50)	46	-0.00362564	0.742850636	71525
<b>Angiodysplasia of colon</b>	Digestive	Cluster 3	71 (61,79)	81	0.102176516	0.970070567	2420
<b>Anorectal Fistula</b>	Digestive	Cluster 5	42 (33,52)	51	0.003268171	0.729380289	14891
<b>Anorectal Prolapse</b>	Digestive	Cluster 3	64 (50,77)	84	0.070740458	0.991077782	8869
<b>Appendicitis</b>	Digestive	Cluster 8	31 (25,42)	21	-0.023356409	0.98380916	92820
<b>Autoimmune liver disease</b>	Digestive	Cluster 4	59 (48,68)	75	0.061935645	0.966236551	2198
<b>Barrett's Oesophagus</b>	Digestive	Cluster 4	64 (54,74)	83	0.091500063	0.992508075	16042
<b>Cholangitis</b>	Digestive	Cluster 3	71 (57,81)	84	0.081840897	0.99170425	4958
<b>Cholecystitis</b>	Digestive	Cluster 4	54 (40,67)	82	0.044519065	0.993556105	56065
<b>Cholelithiasis</b>	Digestive	Cluster 4	55 (42,69)	84	0.049629265	0.995280472	110010
<b>Cirrhosis</b>	Digestive	Cluster 4	55 (45,64)	82	0.057536531	0.980743952	11153
<b>Coeliac Disease</b>	Digestive	Cluster 5	48 (36,62)	77	0.028626001	0.973837728	9504
<b>Crohns Disease</b>	Digestive	Cluster 5	40 (29,55)	84	0.010546717	0.829676863	12604
<b>Diaphragmatic Hernia</b>	Digestive	Cluster 4	60 (48,71)	84	0.068605542	0.999107617	155973
<b>Diverticular Disease</b>	Digestive	Cluster 3	67 (57,75)	84	0.116994119	0.998669007	139773
<b>Fatty Liver</b>	Digestive	Cluster 4	54 (44,64)	69	0.050090519	0.993524252	13395
<b>Gastritis</b>	Digestive	Cluster 4	54 (40,67)	82	0.045155795	0.998484264	197361
<b>Gastro-oesophageal Reflux Disease</b>	Digestive	Cluster 4	53 (40,65)	84	0.044388136	0.996677879	287374
<b>Irritable Bowel Syndrome</b>	Digestive	Cluster 5	40 (30,52)	66	0.001075635	0.888007687	199449
<b>Liver Failure</b>	Digestive	Cluster 4	59 (47,70)	84	0.060922887	0.976590064	4373
<b>Oesophageal Ulcer</b>	Digestive	Cluster 4	55 (42,67)	84	0.049724722	0.997997852	184269
<b>Oesophageal Varices</b>	Digestive	Cluster 4	57 (47,67)	76	0.067390591	0.983633817	4319
<b>Pancreatitis</b>	Digestive	Cluster 4	54 (40,68)	84	0.04410926	0.990808723	18938
<b>Peptic Ulcer</b>	Digestive	Cluster 4	53 (38,68)	84	0.042396915	0.995488339	73465
<b>Peritonitis</b>	Digestive	Cluster 4	57 (41,72)	84	0.049131558	0.995623614	18267
<b>Portal Hypertension</b>	Digestive	Cluster 4	57 (47,66)	82	0.064486579	0.984130567	3996
<b>Ulcerative Colitis</b>	Digestive	Cluster 5	43 (32,59)	79	0.018853521	0.931213225	20981
<b>Volvulus</b>	Digestive	Cluster 3	67 (53,79)	84	0.072709551	0.981025701	3251
<b>Deafness</b>	Ear	Cluster 3	61 (46,74)	84	0.063335421	0.998990314	218521
<b>Meniere's Disease</b>	Ear	Cluster 4	56 (44,67)	82	0.056136699	0.985638988	11755
<b>Tinnitus</b>	Ear	Cluster 4	54 (43,65)	69	0.045362253	0.99496919	103594
<b>Diabetes Mellitus – other or not specified</b>	Endocrine	Cluster 4	58 (43,71)	83	0.054824485	0.986764084	10722
<b>Hyperparathyroidism</b>	Endocrine	Cluster 3	67 (54,78)	83	0.083181977	0.990479227	6484
<b>Low high density lipoprotein-cholesterol</b>	Endocrine	Cluster 4	57 (46,67)	73	0.067673635	0.994654134	218427
<b>Obesity</b>	Endocrine	Cluster 5	46 (35,58)	65	0.020353594	0.967107165	573815
<b>Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome</b>	Endocrine	Outlier 9	29 (25,33)	27	-0.084315796	0.91297945	15856
<b>Raised low density lipoprotein-cholesterol</b>	Endocrine	Cluster 4	57 (48,66)	71	0.078991462	0.997540566	502613
<b>Raised Total Cholesterol</b>	Endocrine	Cluster 4	56 (47,65)	71	0.078506618	0.997271225	786637
<b>Raised Triglycerides</b>	Endocrine	Cluster 4	57 (48,66)	69	0.076149651	0.998326713	365716
<b>Syndrome of Inappropriate AntiDiuretic Hormone</b>	Endocrine	Cluster 2	79 (69,85)	84	0.107743446	0.980993254	1332
<b>Thyroid Disease</b>	Endocrine	Cluster 4	53 (41,67)	84	0.046916187	0.99139503	166754
<b>Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus</b>	Endocrine	Cluster 5	36 (28,48)	36	-0.007998467	0.531074155	8880

Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus	Endocrine	Cluster 4	61 (51,70)	78	0.087672376	0.998634241	186940
Anterior Uveitis	Eye	Cluster 4	47 (35,62)	84	0.029775541	0.96178507	22376
Blindness	Eye	Cluster 3	72 (54,83)	84	0.072346462	0.996658793	29403
Cataract	Eye	Cluster 2	74 (66,81)	84	0.127495003	0.996792395	189350
Diabetic Eye Disease	Eye	Cluster 4	64 (53,73)	82	0.080678836	0.994690347	61859
Glaucoma	Eye	Cluster 3	68 (58,77)	83	0.107114633	0.997830856	53546
Keratitis	Eye	Cluster 4	48 (34,63)	82	0.029677064	0.977447705	15552
Macular Degeneration	Eye	Cluster 2	77 (69,84)	84	0.12408693	0.99687634	36868
Posterior Uveitis	Eye	Cluster 5	45 (33,58)	80	0.020455979	0.784555429	1638
Ptosis	Eye	Cluster 3	63 (49,74)	84	0.065473258	0.990979243	9972
Retinal Detachment	Eye	Cluster 4	59 (47,67)	67	0.054160869	0.936857844	17676
Retinal Vascular Occlusion	Eye	Cluster 3	70 (60,78)	82	0.107697226	0.991202791	12069
Scleritis	Eye	Cluster 5	47 (38,59)	66	0.024055219	0.974255573	14404
Acute Kidney Injury	Genitourinary	Cluster 2	79 (68,87)	84	0.103756755	0.998450287	42710
Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia	Genitourinary	Cluster 4	66 (59,74)	81	0.140395098	0.988174484	103740
Chronic Cystitis	Genitourinary	Cluster 4	61 (43,72)	82	0.055285092	0.973177747	6358
Chronic Kidney Disease	Genitourinary	Cluster 3	74 (68,81)	84	0.153536717	0.991548857	117429
Dysmenorrhoea	Genitourinary	Cluster 6	35 (28,42)	42	-0.114585844	0.862159114	70356
End Stage Renal Disease	Genitourinary	Cluster 3	66 (49,78)	84	0.06594187	0.992838725	7826
Endometrial Hyperplasia	Genitourinary	Outlier 5	48 (41,55)	49	0.028995366	0.85021588	12351
Endometriosis	Genitourinary	Cluster 6	36 (30,43)	37	-0.042422471	0.792462394	41133
Erectile Dysfunction	Genitourinary	Cluster 5	56 (47,64)	66	0.0508924	0.962651498	147079
Female Infertility	Genitourinary	Outlier 8	31 (28,36)	31	-0.118208621	0.792987293	47194
Glomerulonephritis	Genitourinary	Cluster 3	71 (53,82)	84	0.069983614	0.994256023	16227
Hydrocele	Genitourinary	Cluster 4	55 (40,67)	82	0.042987559	0.953092844	17553
Male infertility	Genitourinary	Outlier 8	34 (30,38)	34	-0.081172552	0.737750054	12027
Menorrhagia	Genitourinary	Outlier 6	41 (34,46)	45	-0.09705905	0.825306345	220699
Neuropathic Bladder	Genitourinary	Cluster 4	57 (45,70)	84	0.056784548	0.997183183	30181
Obstructive and reflux uropathy	Genitourinary	Cluster 3	61 (43,75)	84	0.054113068	0.99590789	20985
Postcoital Bleeding	Genitourinary	Cluster 6	35 (28,43)	36	-0.068367737	0.984084305	45617
Postmenopausal Bleeding	Genitourinary	Outlier 3	57 (53,64)	56	0.133130929	0.930584662	64575
Tubulo-interstitial Nephropathy	Genitourinary	Cluster 4	40 (28,59)	84	0.018052674	0.953411958	9637
Urinary Incontinence	Genitourinary	Cluster 4	55 (43,70)	84	0.057223849	0.952634436	119475
Urolithiasis	Genitourinary	Cluster 5	46 (35,58)	79	0.021703056	0.970470572	77048
Uterovaginal Prolapse	Genitourinary	Cluster 4	57 (46,67)	76	0.068104464	0.980883369	91077
Agranulocytosis	Haematological/ Immunochemical	Cluster 4	58 (44,69)	75	0.052896776	0.986685566	17567
Anaemia – other	Haematological/ Immunochemical	Cluster 3	61 (40,77)	84	0.052039602	0.966466263	143637
Aplastic Anaemia	Haematological/ Immunochemical	Cluster 3	67 (53,79)	83	0.074029153	0.985881738	3137
Folate Deficiency Anaemia	Haematological/ Immunochemical	Cluster 2	72 (53,84)	83	0.071900714	0.976190174	4055
Hypersplenism	Haematological/ Immunochemical	Cluster 4	54 (40,68)	83	0.043781086	0.962065901	4074
Hyposplenism	Haematological/ Immunochemical	Cluster 4	49 (32,65)	76	0.030805159	0.880189315	3529
Immunodeficiency	Haematological/	Cluster 4	57 (40,70)	84	0.048329057	0.951745907	1319

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<b>Iron Deficiency Anaemia</b>	Haematological/ Immuunoligcal	Cluster 3	52 (38,74)	84	0.044762347	0.905228625	124499
<b>Other haemolytic anaemia</b>	Haematological/ Immuunoligcal	Cluster 4	47 (32,68)	83	0.032957581	0.90611428	2554
<b>Primary thrombocytopaenia</b>	Haematological/ Immuunoligcal	Cluster 4	56 (37,71)	83	0.044338975	0.968001002	3606
<b>Sarcoidosis</b>	Haematological/ Immuunoligcal	Cluster 5	40 (32,51)	50	0.001136233	0.516379367	6602
<b>Secondary Polycythaemia</b>	Haematological/ Immuunoligcal	Cluster 4	57 (46,68)	78	0.058214313	0.977804667	3121
<b>Secondary Thrombocytopaenia</b>	Haematological/ Immuunoligcal	Cluster 3	60 (41,74)	83	0.053425319	0.972160751	12278
<b>Thrombophilia</b>	Haematological/ Immuunoligcal	Cluster 5	40 (31,52)	75	0.003921105	0.445241496	4006
<b>Vitamin B12 deficiency anaemia</b>	Haematological/ Immuunoligcal	Cluster 3	65 (47,77)	84	0.065871657	0.988269128	14961
<b>Bacterial Infection</b>	Infections	Cluster 3	59 (39,77)	84	0.048459924	0.989729302	267876
<b>Chronic Hepatitis</b>	Infections	Cluster 5	39 (31,48)	41	-0.013635563	0.6905962	8559
<b>Encephalitis</b>	Infections	Outlier 2	58 (40,72)	84	0.048409732	0.910678895	657
<b>Fungal Infection</b>	Infections	Cluster 3	64 (41,78)	83	0.052867803	0.985307701	19795
<b>Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)</b>	Infections	Cluster 6	36 (30,44)	40	-0.036075172	0.805041697	3253
<b>Infection – Anorectal</b>	Infections	Cluster 5	40 (31,51)	43	-0.001396292	0.603280204	11942
<b>Infection – Bone</b>	Infections	Cluster 3	61 (45,75)	84	0.059009945	0.991832545	7874
<b>Infection – Digestive System</b>	Infections	Cluster 3	64 (45,79)	84	0.056950435	0.99804433	55098
<b>Infection – Ear/Upper Respiratory Tract</b>	Infections	Cluster 5	39 (29,56)	84	0.01208242	0.946020875	43717
<b>Infection – Eye</b>	Infections	Cluster 2	71 (49,84)	84	0.061729829	0.977822204	3373
<b>Infection – Heart</b>	Infections	Cluster 4	57 (40,71)	84	0.049069032	0.965862314	1717
<b>Infection – Liver</b>	Infections	Cluster 5	44 (34,56)	83	0.020603251	0.665052071	7211
<b>Infection – Lower Respiratory Tract</b>	Infections	Cluster 3	71 (55,83)	84	0.073475	0.998507373	136683
<b>Infection – Male Genitourinary</b>	Infections	Cluster 4	48 (34,65)	81	0.03239116	0.960722682	8225
<b>Infection – Other Genitourinary</b>	Infections	Cluster 7	32 (26,43)	83	-0.005351913	0.752338243	7575
<b>Infection – Other nervous system</b>	Infections	Cluster 3	62 (45,75)	84	0.057834099	0.979893632	3067
<b>Infection – Other organisms</b>	Infections	Cluster 3	64 (44,79)	84	0.056615217	0.999077998	188352
<b>Infection – Other organs</b>	Infections	Cluster 4	53 (35,70)	83	0.039778141	0.988267585	70123
<b>Infection – Skin</b>	Infections	Cluster 3	57 (39,75)	84	0.044769119	0.993346427	78012
<b>Meningitis</b>	Infections	Cluster 5	36 (28,48)	38	-0.002397908	0.091579163	2745
<b>Parasitic Infection</b>	Infections	Cluster 4	47 (35,63)	84	0.027010961	0.880210932	2922
<b>Pelvic Inflammatory Disease</b>	Infections	Cluster 5	38 (31,47)	42	-0.009551274	0.349621404	32843
<b>Rheumatic Fever</b>	Infections	Cluster 3	69 (52,80)	84	0.067181522	0.984793364	6497
<b>Septicaemia</b>	Infections	Cluster 3	72 (58,82)	84	0.080598285	0.998110037	27259
<b>Tuberculosis</b>	Infections	Cluster 7	33 (26,46)	83	-0.00120363	0.828449961	14090
<b>Urinary Tract Infection</b>	Infections	Cluster 2	75 (56,84)	84	0.069619069	0.999166886	103251
<b>Viral Infection</b>	Infections	Cluster 4	44 (31,65)	84	0.025799309	0.964129628	42174
<b>Ankylosing Spondylosis</b>	Musculoskeletal	Cluster 5	39 (30,53)	82	0.007549223	0.33834975	6034
<b>Carpal Tunnel Syndrome</b>	Musculoskeletal	Cluster 4	50 (40,62)	83	0.040885457	0.926256506	123312
<b>Collapsed Vertebra</b>	Musculoskeletal	Cluster 2	75 (63,83)	84	0.089523111	0.993390763	7785
<b>Enteropathic Arthropathy</b>	Musculoskeletal	Outlier 4	50 (37,63)	82	0.035776299	0.757141259	377

<b>Enthesopathy</b>	Musculoskeletal	Cluster 5	49 (40,60)	76	0.037928806	0.983182644	598066
<b>Fibromatosis</b>	Musculoskeletal	Cluster 4	62 (53,69)	67	0.088362383	0.992102211	34339
<b>Fracture – Hip</b>	Musculoskeletal	Cluster 1	80 (70,87)	84	0.097929893	0.995924429	27259
<b>Fracture – Wrist</b>	Musculoskeletal	Cluster 4	57 (40,70)	84	0.047176622	0.976946454	64922
<b>Giant Cell Arteritis</b>	Musculoskeletal	Cluster 3	71 (63,78)	82	0.119896916	0.983196153	5454
<b>Gout</b>	Musculoskeletal	Cluster 4	59 (47,71)	82	0.073072673	0.979134054	97173
<b>Intervertebral Disc Disorder</b>	Musculoskeletal	Cluster 5	47 (37,59)	83	0.029840088	0.887134198	104352
<b>Juvenile Arthritis</b>	Musculoskeletal	Outlier 7	34 (26,48)	84	0.0058322	0.270055325	386
<b>Lupus Erythematosus</b>	Musculoskeletal	Cluster 5	44 (34,57)	82	0.018085026	0.87125319	5214
<b>Osteoarthritis</b>	Musculoskeletal	Cluster 4	62 (53,71)	84	0.097015335	0.998400899	397453
<b>Osteoporosis</b>	Musculoskeletal	Cluster 3	71 (61,80)	84	0.113594824	0.99084868	88750
<b>Polymyalgia Rheumatica</b>	Musculoskeletal	Cluster 3	72 (65,78)	84	0.138516977	0.986470227	26997
<b>Psoriatic Arthritis</b>	Musculoskeletal	Cluster 5	47 (37,57)	55	0.017572748	0.964353632	7952
<b>Reactive Arthritis</b>	Musculoskeletal	Cluster 5	40 (30,51)	82	-0.000254522	0.153614261	3006
<b>Rheumatoid Arthritis</b>	Musculoskeletal	Cluster 4	58 (46,71)	84	0.060869432	0.997029197	35841
<b>Scleroderma</b>	Musculoskeletal	Cluster 4	55 (44,66)	83	0.047925693	0.922390396	1363
<b>Scoliosis</b>	Musculoskeletal	Cluster 3	57 (37,76)	84	0.044304898	0.989141975	16432
<b>Sjogren Syndrome</b>	Musculoskeletal	Cluster 4	58 (48,67)	75	0.064481486	0.986838431	3493
<b>Spinal Stenosis</b>	Musculoskeletal	Cluster 3	67 (57,76)	81	0.100491822	0.996773735	24129
<b>Spondylolisthesis</b>	Musculoskeletal	Cluster 4	60 (45,72)	83	0.060205987	0.992729593	10785
<b>Spondylosis</b>	Musculoskeletal	Cluster 4	57 (47,68)	84	0.073552999	0.989562724	143760
<b>Autonomic Neuropathy</b>	Neurological	Cluster 4	56 (43,68)	84	0.052335867	0.989975602	7731
<b>Bell's Palsy</b>	Neurological	Cluster 4	46 (34,61)	80	0.025559461	0.98041595	21985
<b>Chronic Fatigue Syndrome</b>	Neurological	Cluster 5	44 (35,54)	54	0.007330068	0.963551057	47025
<b>Diabetic Neuropathy</b>	Neurological	Cluster 3	66 (56,76)	80	0.097716778	0.993684657	12137
<b>Epilepsy</b>	Neurological	Cluster 4	44 (31,62)	84	0.024084259	0.988370972	36469
<b>Essential Tremor</b>	Neurological	Cluster 3	66 (52,75)	84	0.069606338	0.963506234	7416
<b>Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension</b>	Neurological	Cluster 8	32 (26,43)	24	-0.0185278	0.421580956	1455
<b>Migraine</b>	Neurological	Cluster 5	38 (29,48)	47	-0.013190767	0.926265372	196126
<b>Motor Neurone Disease</b>	Neurological	Cluster 3	68 (56,77)	82	0.084526439	0.970501602	1273
<b>Multiple Sclerosis</b>	Neurological	Cluster 5	41 (32,50)	43	-0.006687723	0.585234919	8855
<b>Myasthenia Gravis</b>	Neurological	Cluster 4	60 (42,72)	83	0.052432684	0.920618003	1253
<b>Parkinson's Disease</b>	Neurological	Cluster 3	74 (66,81)	84	0.138387521	0.99381883	12395
<b>Peripheral Neuropathy</b>	Neurological	Cluster 4	56 (44,67)	83	0.053888495	0.997919835	69126
<b>Trigeminal Neuralgia</b>	Neurological	Cluster 4	55 (43,67)	84	0.053599761	0.987110358	17861
<b>Alcohol Misuse</b>	Psychiatric	Cluster 5	42 (32,54)	66	0.007099737	0.891954693	99913
<b>Anxiety</b>	Psychiatric	Cluster 5	40 (30,53)	84	0.007660398	0.753713971	416825
<b>Autism</b>	Psychiatric	Cluster 8	35 (26,45)	21	-0.018591911	0.567438053	2425
<b>Bipolar Affective Disorder</b>	Psychiatric	Cluster 5	40 (31,52)	84	0.0055679	0.387609874	15231
<b>Delirium</b>	Psychiatric	Cluster 1	83 (75,89)	84	0.107001743	0.994248173	10657
<b>Dementia</b>	Psychiatric	Cluster 1	83 (77,88)	84	0.161216647	0.991036804	40305
<b>Depression</b>	Psychiatric	Cluster 5	39 (30,51)	84	0.004861746	0.231609861	569690
<b>Eating Disorders</b>	Psychiatric	Cluster 9	27 (23,34)	21	-0.040094994	0.877343792	6949
<b>Hyperkinetic Disorders</b>	Psychiatric	Cluster 8	31 (24,40)	21	-0.026591853	0.661110426	1430
<b>Intellectual Disability</b>	Psychiatric	Cluster 5	40 (29,53)	62	0.003791355	0.219154444	11554
<b>Obsessive Compulsive Disorder</b>	Psychiatric	Cluster 8	34 (27,44)	34	-0.019894832	0.816356484	12719
<b>Personality Disorder</b>	Psychiatric	Cluster 8	34 (26,43)	22	-0.020128084	0.746858586	19293
<b>Schizophrenia Spectrum</b>	Psychiatric	Cluster 7	37 (28,51)	83	0.005144472	0.705293728	23651

<b>Substance Misuse</b>	Psychiatric	Cluster 8	32 (25,43)	21	-0.013433911	0.960712717	49446
Allergic/chronic Rhinitis	Respiratory	Cluster 5	40 (30,55)	80	0.010817661	0.815641588	342301
<b>Asbestosis</b>	Respiratory	Cluster 3	70 (63,78)	78	0.129132785	0.957289562	3105
<b>Aspiration Pneumonitis</b>	Respiratory	Cluster 2	79 (66,87)	84	0.086659774	0.992724373	8297
<b>Asthma</b>	Respiratory	Cluster 5	43 (31,58)	84	0.016736077	0.969992547	274724
<b>Bronchiectasis</b>	Respiratory	Cluster 3	66 (54,76)	84	0.076728078	0.986947259	15426
<b>Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease</b>	Respiratory	Cluster 3	67 (58,76)	84	0.109694926	0.991862342	107700
<b>Chronic Sinusitis</b>	Respiratory	Cluster 5	44 (34,56)	63	0.012187163	0.949719673	70312
<b>Hypertrophic Nasal Turbinates</b>	Respiratory	Cluster 5	39 (30,50)	50	-0.011500469	0.847472021	10629
<b>Nasal Polyps</b>	Respiratory	Cluster 5	48 (37,59,75)	67	0.023720595	0.983299422	32943
<b>Pleural Effusion</b>	Respiratory	Cluster 3	73 (60,83)	84	0.084337848	0.998759356	40300
<b>Pleural Plaque</b>	Respiratory	Cluster 3	73 (65,81)	83	0.130003523	0.96929777	5350
<b>Pneumothorax</b>	Respiratory	Cluster 4	40 (27,63)	84	0.023363357	0.948613218	12765
<b>Pulmonary Collapse</b>	Respiratory	Cluster 3	69 (56,80)	84	0.080823324	0.995421577	14474
<b>Pulmonary Fibrosis</b>	Respiratory	Cluster 3	74 (65,82)	84	0.110997444	0.981793975	7153
<b>Respiratory Failure</b>	Respiratory	Cluster 3	74 (62,83)	84	0.095910695	0.995388369	20722
<b>Sleep apnoea</b>	Respiratory	Cluster 5	52 (43,61)	64	0.039823228	0.992494531	29506
<b>Acne</b>	Skin	Cluster 9	29 (24,35)	21	-0.049870769	0.962700685	119445
<b>Actinic keratosis</b>	Skin	Cluster 3	68 (59,76)	83	0.126282758	0.998661991	78821
<b>Alopecia Areata</b>	Skin	Cluster 5	36 (29,47)	35	-0.016720658	0.770087247	10271
<b>Dermatitis</b>	Skin	Cluster 4	45 (33,60)	82	0.025570539	0.990901444	522337
<b>Hidradenitis suppurativa</b>	Skin	Cluster 6	36 (28,45)	38	-0.039010064	0.872990864	9301
<b>Lichen Planus</b>	Skin	Cluster 4	54 (41,64)	75	0.042407566	0.990078527	19741
<b>Pilonidal cyst/sinus</b>	Skin	Cluster 9	29 (24,38)	22	-0.035472478	0.964286389	25529
<b>Psoriasis</b>	Skin	Cluster 5	43 (32,58)	72	0.015919414	0.937393133	99260
<b>Rosacea</b>	Skin	Cluster 5	47 (37,59)	68	0.02609977	0.979191995	78583
<b>Seborrheic Dermatitis</b>	Skin	Cluster 4	46 (34,62)	80	0.027238926	0.973239379	121253
<b>Urticaria</b>	Skin	Cluster 5	43 (32,57)	76	0.016755851	0.968568373	116459
<b>Vitiligo</b>	Skin	Cluster 5	42 (31,54)	71	0.006643746	0.692023942	9377

Supplementary Table S2. The cophenetic correlation coefficient (CCC) for different linkage methods using hierarchical agglomerative clustering.

<b>Linkage method</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Single</b>	<b>Complete</b>	<b>Ward</b>
<b>CCC</b>	0.73253	0.49541	0.61314	0.59436

Supplementary Table S3. The optimal number of clusters (using the gap statistic) and the Dunn Index for different clustering algorithms. HAC = Hierarchical agglomerative clustering, PAM = partitioning around medoids.

<b>Algorithm</b>	<b>HAC (average linkage)</b>	<b>K-means</b>	<b>PAM</b>	<b>Spectral</b>
<b>Optimal number of clusters</b>	18	9	18	10
<b>Dunn Index value</b>	0.12056	0.05584	0.06759	0.04806

Supplementary Table S4. The median age of first recorded diagnosis (25<sup>th</sup> percentile, 75<sup>th</sup> percentile) above the age of 20 years for 278 diseases in the 15 disease categories by age-related curve cluster.

	Cardiovascular	Cancers	Respiratory	Eye	Musculoskeletal	Endocrine	Haematological or Immunological	Infections	Ear	Neurological	Genitourinary	Digestive	Benign Neoplasm	Skin	Psychiatric
<b>Cluster 1</b>	82 (82 ,82)				80 (80 ,80)										83 (83 ,83)
<b>Cluster 2</b>	77 (75.75 ,77)	77 (77 ,77)	79 (79 ,79)	75.5 (74.75 ,76.25)	75 (75 ,75)	79 (79 ,79)	72 (72 ,72)	73 (72 ,74)			79 (79 ,79)				
<b>Cluster 3</b>	70 (67 ,72.5)	70 (68 ,71)	71.5 (68.5 ,73.25)	69 (66.75 ,70.5)	71 (67 ,71)	67 (67 ,67)	61 (60 ,65)	64 (61.25 ,67.75)	61 (61 ,61)	67 (66 ,69.5)	68.5 (64.75 ,71.75)	67 (67 ,71)	66 (66 ,66)	68 (68 ,68)	
<b>Cluster 4</b>	59 (59 ,61)	59 (59 ,61)	40 (40 ,40)	53.5 (47.75 ,60.25)	58 (57 ,59.75)	57 (56.5 ,57.5)	56 (51.5 ,57)	48 (47 ,53)	55 (54.5 ,55.5)	55.5 (48.25 ,56)	57 (55 ,59)	55 (54 ,57)	59.5 (57.75 ,61.25)	46 (45.5 ,50)	
<b>Cluster 5</b>		40 (39.5 ,40.5)	43.5 (40.75 ,47)	46 (45.5 ,46.5)	45.5 (41 ,47)	41 (38.5 ,43.5)	40 (40 ,40)	39 (38.25 ,39.75)		41 (39.5 ,42.5)	51 (48.5 ,53.5)	42 (40 ,45.5)	48 (43 ,50)	43 (42 ,43)	40 (40 ,40)
<b>Cluster 6</b>		35 (35 ,35)						36 (36 ,36)			35 (35 ,35.5)		32 (32 ,32)	36 (36 ,36)	
<b>Cluster 7</b>								32.5 (32.25 ,32.75)							37 (37 ,37)
<b>Cluster 8</b>									32 (32 ,32)			31 (31 ,31)			34 (32 ,34)
<b>Cluster 9</b>													29 (29 ,29)	27 (27 ,27)	

## Supplementary Notes

### **Determining the optimal linkage method for hierarchical clustering**

In hierarchical clustering, the dissimilarity between two clusters can be measured using different linkage methods: single linkage (minimum Euclidean distance between diseases in the two clusters); complete linkage (maximum Euclidean distance between diseases in the two clusters); average linkage (average of all Euclidean distances between diseases in the two clusters); and Ward linkage (increase in the within cluster error sum-of-squares that results when two clusters are merged)<sup>Error! Bookmark not defined.<sup>1,2</sup></sup>. The cophenetic correlation coefficient measures the goodness-of-fit of the clustering algorithm by quantifying how well a dendrogram produced by a hierarchical clustering method corresponds to the original Euclidean distances. It is defined as the correlation of the matrix representing the height at which two diseases are merged in a dendrogram and the Euclidean distance matrix, with high values indicating a better fit<sup>3,4</sup>. Using this approach, the average linkage method produced the highest cophenetic correlation coefficient (Supplementary Table S2).

### **Using the gap statistic to determine the optimal number of clusters**

The gap statistic is a goodness-of-clustering measure that compares the log of the within-cluster sum of squared distances from the cluster mean ( $\log(W_k)$ ) with its expectation under the null reference distribution of the data ( $E_n^* \log(W_k^*)$ ) for each hypothetical number of clusters k. The null reference distribution is one with no obvious clustering that is generated by uniform sampling using Monte Carlo simulation. The gap function is defined as:

$$Gap_n(k) = E_n^* \log(W_k^*) - \log(W_k) \quad (S1)$$

The optimal number of clusters is the smallest k such that

$$Gap_n(k) \geq Gap_n(k + 1) - s_{k+1} \quad (S2)$$

where

$$s_k = \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{B} sd(k)} \quad (S3)$$

and  $sd(k)$  denotes the standard deviation of the B Monte Carlo replicates  $\log(W_k^*)$ .

### **The Dunn validation index**

The Dunn index is a metric for evaluating the performance of different clustering algorithms. It measures the ratio between the smallest distance between points in different clusters, and the largest distance within any of the clusters as follows<sup>5</sup>:

$$Dunn = \min_{1 \leq i \leq k} \left\{ \min_{i+1 \leq j \leq k} \left\{ \frac{\delta(c_i, c_j)}{\max_{1 \leq l \leq k} \Delta(c_l)} \right\} \right\} \quad (\text{S4})$$

where

$\delta(c_i, c_j)$  is the minimal distance between clusters  $c_i$  and  $c_j$ , and

$\Delta(c_l) = \max_{x,y \in c_l} \|x - y\|$  is the largest distance within a cluster  $c_l$ , also known as the diameter of a cluster

A high value for the Dunn index indicates a compact and well-separated cluster.

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