Citation	Location, period	Study design	Exposed population (subgroups)	Sample size	Characteristics	Not exposed population	Sample size	Characteristics	Total sample size	Objective	Outcome	Effect measures	Results	Study quality
October 2020	Spain February 1 April 25, 2020	Population-based cohort study		20419 (13.4%)	Sex Males = 9951 Females = 10468 Age > 17 years age median age = 40 years	Spaniards	131599	Sex Males = 62588 Females = 69011 Age > 17 years age median age = 49,5 years	152018 (86.6)	To evaluate the incidence of COVID-19 in the first wave of the disease among Spaniards and migrants from different areas of the world living in Alcorcón, a city in the suburbs of Madrid (Spain) with a substantial proportion of foreign residents	Cumulative incidence of RT- PCR [®] confirmed COVID-19	Cumulative incidence,Relative Risk adjusted for age and sex	Crude cumulative incidence rate migrants = 8.71 , Spanish population =6.51 per 1000 inhabitants (p<0.001). Adj. relative risk (RR) people from Sub-Saharan Africa vs Spaniards: RR = 3.66 (95% Cl 1.42-9.41, p = 0.007) people from the Caribbean vs Spaniards: RR 6.35 (95% Cl 3.8-10.55, p<0.001) people from Latin America vs Spaniards: RR = 6.92 (95% Cl 4.49-10.67 p<0.001)	High
May 2020 [26]	Spain Up to the 2nd week of April 2020	Cross-sectional	Migrants	259		Spaniads	1522		1781		Positive SARS-CoV- 2 RT-PCR ^b		Risk for Covid-19 in people from Sub- Saharan Africa vs Spaniards: RR 3.66 (95% Cl 1.42-9.41) (p = 0.007) the Caribbear vs Spaniards: RR = 6.35, 95% Cl (3.83-10.55) (p<0.01) Latin America vs Spaniards: RR 6.92, 95% Cl (4.49-10.67) (p<0.001)	
Amengual- Moreno M., September 2020 [27]	Spain Until May 14, 2020	Ecological study	Migrants	24,5% of the total population	NA	Total population of the the neighbourhoods of Barcellona	75,5% of the total population	NA	1,600,00	To determine the relation of social determinants in the incidence of Covid-19 in the city of Barcelona	Correlation of the cumulative incidence confirmed by PCR ^b with percentage of immigration of the neighbourhood	r (Pearson linear correlation coefficient)	Statistically significant negative correlation between cumulative incidence of COVID-19 and percentage of immigration in the neighbourhood: r=-0.257; p<0.05 Statistically significant positive correlation between cumulative incidence of COVID-19 and percentage of Latin American immigrants in the neighbourhood: r=0.322; p<0.01	High
Burton-Jeangros C., December 2020 [28]	Switzerland April – May 2020	Cross-sectional mixed-methods study	Migrants (Undocumented and recently regularized migrants)		Women: 85 (78.7%) Men: 23 (21,3%) Median age (IQR): 47.7 (16.3) From Latin America: 68 (63.0%) From Asia: 27 (25.0%) From Non-EU/EFTA Europe: 5 (4.6%)	NA	NA	NA	108	To describe the impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the health and living circumstances of precarious migrants in Switzerland and to assess whether those undergoing legal status regularization fared better than undocumented migrants	Referred COVID- 19 infection in a questionnaire	Prevalence of reported infection	Prevalence of COVID-19 infection: 12% of the interviewees reported having had infection	Medium
Lundkvist A., August 2020 [29]	Sweden June 17-18, 2020	Cross-sectional study	Residents in a highly segregated low- income urban area with 98.9% of people of non-Swedish origin	90	Females: 58% Males: 42% Mean age: 37 years	Residents in a newly built upperand middle- class area of Stockholm with 98.4% of people of Swedish origin	123	Females: 29% Males: 71% Mean age: 50 years	213	To determine the prevalence rates between different areas in Stockholm, with different socio-economic conditions	Positive tests for SARS-CoV-2 antibodies	Prevalence	Positivity Residents in the highly segregated low-income area = 30% Residents in the newly built upperand middle-class area: = 4.1% p<0.001	Medium
	italy March 6 – March 26, 2020	Prevalence study	Migrants (immigrant residents)		Males: 101 Females: 114 ≤ 47 years: 106 48- 60 years: 66 > 60 years: 43	Italian residents in Reggio Emilia province (Italy)	2420	Males: 1294 Females: 1126 47 years: 590 48-60 years: 587 > 60 years: 1243	2635	To present the age- and sex- adjusted probability of being tested and of receiving a diagnosis of COVID-19 infection and the positive predictive value of the referral to swab in immigrants and Italians in Reggio Emilia province and to test the protective role of BCG vaccination	Positive SARS-CoV- 2 PCR ^b	adjusted for age and sex	Probability of being positive among those tested between immigrants and Italians: OR = 1.1 (95% CI 0.83- 1.5) Proportion of tested people among foreigners and Italians: OR = 0.93 (95% CI 0.81-1.1) The adjusted ORs of the probability of testing positive immigrant women vs immigrant men: OR = 2.7 (95% CI 1.4- 4.9) Italian women vs italian men: OR = 0.74 (95% CI 0.62-0.88).	

Woolford S.J., July 2020 [32]	UK March 16 – June 1, 2020	Prevalence study	BAME [®]	34011		White ethnicity	468629		502640 Sex Male = 226,921 (45.6%) Female = 275719 (54.4%) Age at baseline (years)= 58.0 (50.0, 63.0)	To investigated whether frailty and multimorbidity were associated with risk of hospitalisation with COVID- 19.	Positive SARS-CoV- 2 PCR ^b	Prevalence	Non-White individuals = 13.8% of the COVID-19 positive cohort and 7.9% of the negative one (p<0.001)	Medium
Raisi-Estabragh Z., August 2020 [33]	UK March 16 – May 18, 2020	Prospective cohort study	BAME ^a	BAME ethnicity = 415 Mixed ethnicity = 33		White ethnicity	4068		4510 Sex Men = 2201 Women = 2309 Age = 68.11 (± 9.23 for test positive Age = 68.91 (± 8.72) for negative test	Minority Ethnic (BAME)	COVID-19 positive test	Incidence Rates OR adjusted for sex, age, ethnicity, smoking, BMI, diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol, prior MI	Positive COVID-19 test BAME ethnicity = 13.1% (Black ethnicity = 5.7%, Asian ethnicity = 4.5%) Risk for COVID-19 positive status (BAME ethnicity vs White ethnicity): adj OR = 1.78, 95% Cl (1.43-2.20)	High
Kolin D.A., November 2020 [36]	UK From March 16, 2020	Prospective cohort study	Asian races)	Black race = 10181 Asian race = 7431		White race	374090		397064 Age (mean, SD) = 56.4 (8.1) Sex Males = 179353 (45.2%) Females = 217711 (54,8%)	To analyzed the effects of clinical, regional, and genetic factors on Covid-19 positive status	2 PCR ^b	Relative Risk, Odds ratio, adjusted Relative Risk for age, sex, body-mass index, systolic blood pressure, and Townsend deprivation index	Risk of Covid-19 (vs White race): RR = 3.66 (95% Cl 2.83–4.74) Adj RR = 2.44 (95% Cl [1.86–3.20])	
Niedzwiedz C.L., May 2020 [37]	UK March 16 – May 3, 2020	Prospective cohort study		Mixed = 18 South Asian = 74 Black = 94 Chinese = 4 Other = 37		White ethnicity	White British = 2265 White Irish =82 White Other = 84		2658 Age = 40-70+	To investigate the relationship between ethnicity, socioeconomic position and the risk of having confirmed SARS- CoV-2 infection in the population-based UK Biobank study.	2 microbiological tests	Relative risk adjusted for social variables	Risk of testing positive for SARS-CoV-2 2 infection (ethnic minorities vs White ethnicity) Black ethnicity: RR = 3.55 (95%CI 2.48-4.53) South Asian ethnicity: RR = 2.42, (95% CI 1.75-3.36) Adjusted RR RR adj. for the country of birth = 3.13 (95% CI 2.18-4.48) RR adj. for the country of birg a healthcare worker = 2.66 (95% CI 1.83-3.84) RR adj. for other social factors including employment status, housing tenure and household size = 2.05 (95% CI 1.39-3.03) Risk of testing positive for SARS-CoV-2 infection for Asian ethnicity: Pakistani group = RR 3.24 (95% CI 1.73-6.07) Indian group = RR 1.98 (95% CI 1.26-3.09)	
[38]	UK March 16 – May 18, 2020	Prospective cohort study		Black ethnicity = 7946 Other ethnicity = 18633		White ethnicity	458833		488083 Mean age (SD) of non-tested paticiapants = 68.06 (8.10) Mean age (SD) of tested paticiapants = 68.64 (8.88) Female = 267716 Male = 220367	To identify risk factors for testing positive or negative for SARSCoV- 2 infection up to 18 May 2020, as well as those discriminating test positive vs test negative individuals using a test negative design approach	Positive SARS-CoV- 2 RT-PCR ^b	Odds Ratio adjusted for demographic descriptors, social, health risk, medical, and environmental factors	Risk of testing positive for SARS-CoV- 2 Black ethnicity vs White ethnicity: OR = 2.14 (95% Cl 1.5-7.2.93) Other ethnicities vs White ethnicity: OR = 1.68 (95% Cl 1.29-2.18) OR adjusted for demographic descriptors, social, health risk, medical, and environmental factors Blacks vs Whites: OR = 1.11 (95% Cl 1.03-1.19) Other ethnicities vs Whites: OR = 1.14 (95% Cl 1.06-1.23)	, i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i
Razieh C., October 2020 [39]	UK March 16 – June 14, 2020	Prevalence study	BAME ^a (minority ethnic - BME - groups - particularly South Asian - SA - and black African or Caribbean - BAC - populations)		Median (IQR) age = 64.8 (57.9, 73.2) years old BMI = 28.2 (25.2, 33.1) kg/m2 Sex Women = 136 (50.2%) Men = 135 (49.8%)	White ethnicity (white Europeans)	5352	Median (IQR) age = 71.3 (62·3, 76·1) years BMI = 27·6 (24·8, 30·9) kg/m2 Sex Women = 2650 (49·5%) Men = 2702 (50.5%)	5623	 Quantify the association of BMI with the risk of a positive test for COVID-19, stratified by ethnic group 2) Investigate whether the odds of COVID-19 in minority ethnic (BME) groups - particularly South Asian (SA) and black African or Caribbean (BAC) individuals relative to white Europeans (WEs) varied by BMI level. 		Prevalence, Odds Ratio stratified by Body Mass Index	Positivity rate BAME = 32.1% White Ethnicity = 18.7% Risk for higher Body Mass Index (BMI) values (BAME vs White population) BMI = 25: OR = 0.96 (95% CI 0.61- 1.52) BMI = 35: OR = 2.56 (95% CI 1.63- 4.03)	Medium

Kakkar N., May 2020 [40]	UK March 1 – April 25, 2020	Cross-sectional study	BAME ^a	296	Median age = 55 years	White ethnicity	2424	Median age = 77 years	3018 (298 of not known ethnicity) Sex Female = 1493 Male = 1499 Gender-unknown = 26	To investigate the potential associations between ethnicity and COVID-19	Positive COVID-19 tests	Prevalence	Positive test in BAME patients vs White cohort: p=0.026 BAME men vs BAME women: p=0.007, and vs White men: p=0.009	Low
de Lusignan S., May 2020 [41]	UK January 28 – April 4, 2020	Cross-sectional study	Ethnic minorities	Asian = 152 Black = 58 Mixed, other = 81		White ethnicity	2497			To identify demographic and clinical risk factors for testing positive for SARS- CoV-2	Positive SARS-CoV- 2 RT-PCR ^b	Odds Ratio adjusted for age sex, socioeconomic deprivation level, household size, settlement or population density, smoking status, BMI, hypertension, chronic kidney disease, diabetes, chronic respiratory disease, malignancy or immunocompromised	Risk of testing positive for SARS-CoV- 2 (Blacks vs Whites): adj. OR = 4.75 (95% Cl 2.65–8.51) Risk of testing positive for SARS-CoV-2 (Kaisnavs Whites): adj. OR = 1.46 (95% Cl 0.94–2.29) Prevalence rate White people = 15.5% (388/2,497) Black people = 62.1% (36/58)	High
Hull A.S., October 2020 [42]	UK January 1 – April 30, 2020	Cross-sectional study	Ethnic minorities	South Asian = 262323 Black = 154882 Other 79048		White ethnicity	479192		1257137 (281692 of not stated/missing ethnicity) Age, years 18-49 = 932020 50-69 = 238339 270 1128 = 86778 Sex Male = 636064 Female = 621073	To quantify the prevalence and time course of clinically suspected COVID-19 presenting to general practices, to report the risk of suspected COVID-19 by ethnic group, and to identify whether differences by ethnicity can be explained by clinical data in the GP record.	19 based on contact history	Prevalence, Odds Ratio adjusted for age, sex, ethnicity, internal IMD 2015 quinitiesb, QOF long: term conditions, BMI (kg/m²)	Odds of suspected COVID-19 (based on contact history and symptoms) South Asian vs White: OR = 1.98 (95% (1.86-20) Black vs White: OR = 1.88 (95% CI [1.77 - 2.0) Adjusted analysis South Asian patients: vs White population: OR = 1.93 (95% CI 1.83-2.04) Black patients: OR = 1.47 (95% CI 1.38-1.57)	High
Nguyen L.H., July 2020 [43]	UK, USA March – April, 2020	Prospective cohor study	Ethnic minorities (general population; frontline healthcare workers)	General community Hispanic or Latinx = 0.5% Black = 0.6% Asian = 2.2% More than one or other = 2.9 Missing data for race or ethnic origin, prefer not to say = 1.3 Front-line health- care workers Hispanic or Latinx = 1.1% Black = 1.2% Asian = 4.4% More than one or other = 2.4 Missing data for race or ethnic origin, or prefer not to say = 2.7		Non-Hispanic white (general population; frontline healthcare workers)			General community = 2035395 Age = 44 (33-56) Sex Male = 370% Front-line health- care workers = 99795 Age = 42 (33-53) Sex Male = 17.09 Female = 83.0%	To investigate the risk of testing positive for COVID- 19, the risk of developing symptoms associated with 5 SAR5-COV-2 infection, or both, among individuals in the UK and the USA, using data from a smartphone- based application	Report of a positive COVID-19 test through an app	Hazard Ratio adjusted for sex, history of diabetes, heart disease, lung disease, kidney disease, current smoking, and body-mass index	Risk for positive COVID-19 test (Hazard ratio (HR)) (individuals from Black, Asian, and minority ethnic backgrounds vs White individuals): adj. HR = 2.51 (95% Cl 2.18–2.89)	High

2020 [44]	UK March 1 – April 28, 2020	Retrospective cohort study	Ethnic minorities	South Asian = 710 Black = 122 Other = 152	White Caucasian	3067	4051 Age (years), median (IQR) = 64 (45 78) Gender Female = 1979 (48.9%) Male =2072 (51.2%)	To investigate the factors associated with prevalent COVID-19 among hospital attenders, and secondly to establish whether temporal changes in the proportion of positive test results before and after institution of lockdown measures differ by ethnicity	Positive SARS-CoV- 2 PCR ³ before/after lackdown	Positivity Rates, Odds Ratio adjusted for age, gender, ethnicity, estimated household size	Positivity rate White = 20.0% South Asian = 37.5% Black = 36.1% Other = 32.2% p<0.001 for all ethnic imnority groups vs White Positivity risk South Asian: adj. OR = 2.44 (95% CI 2.01-2.97) Black: adj. OR = 2.56 (95% CI 1.71-3.84) Other: adj. OR = 2.53 (95% CI 1.74-3.70) PCR positivity before the lockdown (other ethnicities vs White): adj. OR = 2.70 (95% CI 1.86-3.91) PCR positivity after the lockdown (other ethnicities vs White): adj. OR = 2.45 (95% CI 1.98-3.02)	High
Platt L, June 2020 [46]	UK Up to May 2020	Ecological study	Ethnic minorities (White other, Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, black African and black Caribbean)	NA	White British majority	NA	NA	To investigate the extent to which different ethnic groups have been more or less affected by the immediate impact of the COVID-19 crisis, both in terms of exposure to infection and health risks, including mortality, and in relation to their exposure to economic impacts	Predicted number of lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases per 100,000 of group population		Black Caribbean individuals on average reside in areas with 17% more confirmed cases per capita than White British individuals. Proportion of households in London having more residents than rooms White British = 2% Bangladeshis = 30% Pakistanis = 18% and Black Africans = 16% Employment 1/3 of the Black African ethnic group are employed in key worker role are employed in key worker role born (nearly 10% are from India, while 7% of nurses are Black Africans)	Medium
Birenbaum- Carmeli D., September 2020 [47]	Israel February 23 – June 2, 2020	Cross-sectional study	Ethnic minorities (Arab communities)		Jewish communities			To explore the extent to which factors such as socio- economic status (SES), population density, size of elderly population and minority status are associated with morbidity rates in Israel's residential communities	Number of confirmed COVID- 19 cases in each community	Morbidity rates	Jewish communities suffered 1.68 higher morbidity rates compared to Arab communities (b = 1.68, β = 0.437). The descrpetive statistics suggest: 1. Inverse association between a community's SES and its morbidity rate 2. Positive association between population density and morbidity 3. Inverse relation between percentage of elderly population and morbidity.	High
Shields A., September 2020 [48]	UK April 24-25, 2020	Cross-sectional study	BAME ^a (Healthcare workers)	Asian British Bangladeshi = 2 (0.4%) Asian British Indian = 25 (4.8%) Asian British Pakistani = 11 (2.1%) Asian British other/not stated = 18 (3.5%) Asian British Pakistani = 11 (2.1%) Black African = 10 (1.9%) Mixed heritage= 10 (1.9%) Not disclosed = 74 (14.3%)	White British (Healthcare workers)	White Irish = 5 (1.0%) White other = 25 (4.8%) White British = 285 (55.2%)	516 Age (years) = 42 (30-51) Sex Male = 128 (24.8%) Female = 388 (75.2%)	To determine the rates of asymptomatic viral carriage and seroprevalence of SARS CoV-2 antibodies in healthcare workers		Prevalence, Odds Ratio adjusted forage, sex, ethnicity, Index of Multiple Deprivation score and department in which participants worked	Risk of seropositivity (employees of BAME ethnicity): sdj. OR =1.92 (95% Cl 1.14-3.23)	High

Martin C.A., November 2020 [49]	UK May 2020	Cross-sectional study	Ethnic minorities (Hospital staff members)		White ethnicity (Hospital staff members)	6960 (65.3%)	Age (years), median (IQR) = 46 (34–55) Sex, n(%) Female = 5796 (83.3%) Male = 1164 (16.7%)	10662	To examine the seroprevalence of anti- SARS-CoV-2 IgG amongst hospital staff employed at University Hospitals of Leicester (UHL) NHS Trust	Positive tests for SARS-CoV-2 antibodies	Prevalence, Odds Ratio adjusted for age, sex, ethiciy, occupation, speciality, path/Micro), IND quintile, population density of output area, reason for absence from work	Seroprevalence White = 9.1% Black = 21.2%) South Asian = 12.3% Seropositivity (staff of minority ethnicity vs staff of White ethnicity) Black: adj. OR = 2.42 (95% Cl 1.07–1.49) Seropositivity rates Black nurses = 23.9% vs 11.0% of White nurses (p< 0.001) South Asian nurse = 17.7% vs 11.0% of White nurses (p< 0.001)	High
Razvi S., November 2020 [50]	UK May 28 – June 8, 2020	Cross-sectional study	BAME [®] (Healthcare workers)	72 (3.4%)	White ethnicity (Healthcare workers)	2028 (96.6%)		2100 members of staff 2521 samples Mean age (SD) = 42.5 (12.6) Sex Female = 2317 (91.9%) Male = 204 (8.1%)	To ascertain the prevalence of antibody positivity in HCWs and, in addition, determine if specific groups such as men, frontline staff and BAME HCWs may have had more exposure than others	Positive tests for SARS-CoV-2 antibodies	Prevalence, Odds ratio adjusted for age, gender and role within the organization	Seroprevalence for SARS-CoV-2 antibody BAME = 19.4% White = 19.5% (p=1.00) Risk of positive test (BAME vs White): adj. OR = 1.03 (95% Cl 0.56–1.87)	High
Leeds J.S., August 2020 [51]	UK April 1-28, 2020	Cohort study	BAME ^a (Healthcare workers)	Indian subcontinent = 22 Chinese Asian = 4 Other Asian = 9 Mid East = 2 African = 5 Other ethnic group = 7 Not stated/declined = 370	White ethnicity (Healthcare workers)	572		991 Age ≤ 24 = 62 25 - 34 = 238 35 - 44 = 218 45 - 54 = 296 55 - 64 = 162 ≥ 65 = 15 Sex Male = 145 Female = 846	To report the results of the staff testing programme in a large acute NHS Trust in the UK and examine the characteristics of affected healthcare workers including ethnicity	Positive SARS-CoV- 2 RT-PCR ^b	Incidence Rates, Odds Ratio adjusted for age, male sex, acute frontline worker, BAME status	Incidence of SARS-CoV-2 BAME = 45.1% non-BAME = 45.3% Risk of positive test Adj. OR = 1.08 (95% Cl 0.56 – 2.04)	High
2020 [52]	UK March 1 – April 14, 2020	Prospective population-based cohort study	Ethnic minorities (pregnant women)	Asian = 103 (25%) Black = 90 (22%) Chinese/other = 30 (7%) Mixed = 10 (2%) Missing data = 10	White ethnicity (pregnant women)	184		427 Age <20 = 4 (1%) 20-34 = 248 (58%) ≥35 = 175 (41%)	To describe a national cohort of pregnant women admitted to hospital with SAR5-CoV-2 infection,identify factors associated with infection, and describe outcomes, including transmission of infection, for mothers and infants	Cumulative incidence of PCR ^b confirmed COVID- 19	Incidence Rates, Rate Ratio	Incidence of SARS-CoV-2 (per 1000 maternities) White = 3.5 Blacks = 28.4 Asians = 13.9 Chinese/other = 28.4 Mixed ethnicities = 9.5 Rate ratio (BAME women vs white women) Blacks: rate ratio = 8.1 (95% CI 6.2- 10.5) Asians: rate ratio = 8.1 (95% CI 6.2- 10.5) Asians: rate ratio = 4.0 (95% CI 3.1- 5.1) Chinese/other: rate ratio = 2.7 (95% CI 1.7-4.0) Mixed ethnicities: rate ratio = 2.0, (95% CI 0.9-3.8).	Medium
2020 [53]	France March 1 – April 30, 2020	Prospective cohort study	Ethnic minorities (Kidney recipients)	222	White ethnicity (Kidney recipients)	994		1216 Age = 54.1 ± 13.4 Sex Male = 777 Female = 439	To evaluate the prevalence of COVID-19 disease in a nonselected population of kidney recipients, to detect modifiable and onomodifiable determinants associated with the susceptibility and severity of COVID-19 infection	Positive SARS-CoV- 2 PCR ^b	Odds Ratio adjusted for age, sex, ethnicity, donor type, time on dialysis before graft, time from transplant to evaluation, serum creatinine, obesity, diabetes, hypertension, asthma and chronic pulmonary disease, cardiovascular disease, and prednisone treatment	Non-White COVID-19-positive patients = 36.4% (24/66) Non-White COVID-19 negative patients = 17.2% (198/1150) p=0.001 Association of ethnicity with with COVID-19 disease (non-White versus white) Adj. OR = 2.17 (95% CI 1.23-3.78) (p=0.007)	High