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Another COVID-19 alarm bell is being toned down, this time by the European Mortality Monitoring Project (EuroMOMO). Mortality data from Spring 2023 onwards has started being incorporated in the baseline used to calculate Excess Mortality, making the pandemic the new 'normal'. 1/

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The European mortality is at an expected level after 3 years of the COVID-19 pandemic and data from spring 2023 and onwards will from now on be included in the estimations of the expected mortality

This time the approach is less radical than the UK Office of National Statistics one (see below): they are not including 2021 or 2022 or the winter of 2023. But the rationale is the same: make the pandemic mortality the new 'normal'. 2/

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It is a reality that as the pandemic drags on, the use of the pre-pandemic 5 years of 2015-2019 for the mortality baseline brings with it increasing biases. But it is intellectually dishonest to claim that mortality is now back to baseline based on a single time period.

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After a long period with elevated overall European mortality through the COVID-19 pandemic, the European mortality (both totally for the entire population and in all age groups) is by spring 2023 within the expected level. Therefore, data from spring 2023 and onwards will be included in the estimations of the expected mortality.

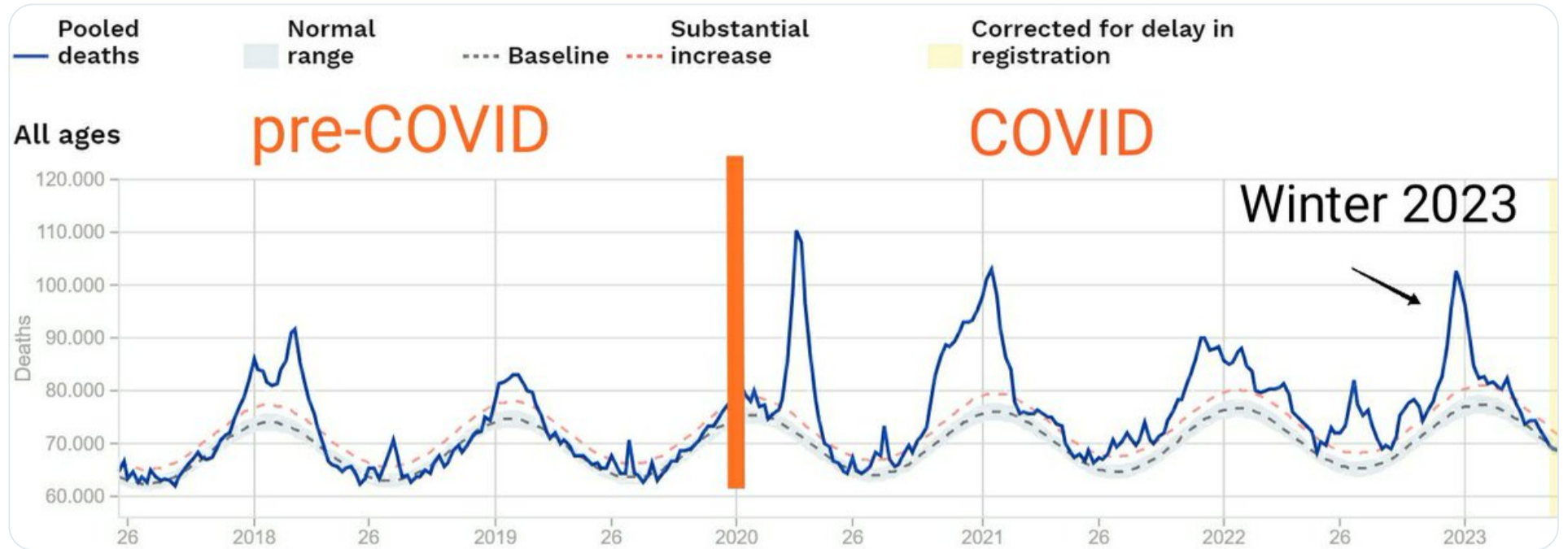
It sounds like they were just looking for the first excuse to 'move on' from the pandemic. They, nevertheless, are honest about the consequences: pre-pandemic years will be pushed out of the mortality baseline, contributing less than 50% by 2025 and being gone by 2028.

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In the beginning, the pre COVID-19 period will have the greatest influence on the estimations of the expected mortality (it will have a heavier weight than the post pandemic period since there will be more pre COVID-19 years than post COVID-19 years). Gradually, the weight will shift towards the post-pandemic period and by autumn 2025 at the latest, the post-pandemic period will have a greater influence on the estimations of the expected mortality than the pre-pandemic

But lets look at the actual EuroMOMO mortality data for the last few years in Europe. Does the mortality for Winter of 2022/23 looks like your 'average' pre-pandemic year? I wouldn't say so.

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So, I would say that the decision to include pandemic years in the mortality baseline is just a quick and useful fix to the inconvenience of continuous Excess Death during a pandemic that refuses to die out, despite governments wishing it away by magic.

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This is a follow up to the thread bellow. (End)

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Link to EuroMOMO text quoted:

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"El Niño conditions are present and are expected to gradually strengthen into the Northern Hemisphere winter 2023-24." El Niño is here and it looks like we are going to get a rough ride. It's quite scary to be honest. A few graphs 📈
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The North Atlantic Sea Surface Temperature Anomaly is beyond anything registered before. This will feed into the whole system entropy.

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May 31

One more day, one more patient with post-Covid bloodwork that shows low numbers of Neutrophils, one of the white blood cells responsible for our immunity. They are normally the most abundant type of white blood cell, defending us from invasion by pathogens like bacteria. 1/

This person COVID infection was 7 months prior to the results. I am seeing an increase in these low levels of neutrophils, a condition we name neutropenia. 2/

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May 29

EU data shows that COVID vaccination is NOT driving Excess Mortality Threads on Excess Mortality always bring a contribution by someone convinced that the vaccines are responsible. There has been many demonstrations that this is not so. I decided to add one more. 1/

The EU is a good place to look at this because the vaccines were centrally bought and distributed so both the vaccine mix delivered to each country and the timing of the delivery was very similar. What differed widely was how many vaccines were actually put

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May 28

COVID-19 is the new 'Great Imitator' In medical school I was taught that tuberculosis was 'The Great Imitator' because of its ability to manifest itself in any organ or system of the body, in unforeseen atypical ways beyond the typical lung disease we associate with it. 1/

It was actually the second disease to get the title, as syphilis had done before. Before the age of antibiotics, chronic syphilis infection was rife and manifested itself in a myriad of ways that

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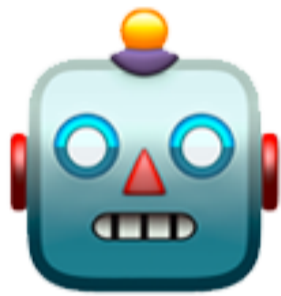
A vespa asiática - Vespa velutina - é original do sudoeste asiático e foi introduzida em França em 2004. A sua expansão desde então tem sido rápida, chegando em Portugal em 2011. 2/

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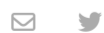
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