

## Infectious Diseases and Some Factors Associated with Healthy Life Expectancy in the Globe: A Systematic Review



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### Abstract

**Background:** Healthy life expectancy (HALE) at birth measures the standard of living anticipated.

**Objective:** The purpose of this study was to identify the main global risk factors for HALE at birth.

**Methodology:** The data of 212 countries have been extracted from the data hub of World Health Organization, Worldometer, World Bank, and United Nations. The HALE at birth was considered as the dependent variable and the death rate due to Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID 19), recovery rate from COVID 19, tuberculosis (TB) incidence, universal health coverage (UHC) service index, tobacco smoking, alcohol consumption rate, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevalence rate, average household size, gross domestic product (GDP), and current health expenditure were considered as the independent variables. Descriptive statistics, Pearson's correlation analysis, and multiple linear regression model were used as the statistical tools to analyze the data. **Results:** The study results revealed that the HALE is found lowest in Central African Republic (44.9 years) and highest in Singapore (76.2 years). On the other hand, the death rate due to COVID 19 is found highest in Nicaragua (32.0%). In case of the recovery rate from COVID 19, the lowest value is seen in Tajikistan (0.0). Again, the lowest UHC service index is found in Montserrat (0.0). Alcohol consumption rate is found highest in Moldova Republic (15.20). In case of HIV prevalence rate, the highest value is seen in Eswatini (27.30). Average household size is seen highest in Senegal (8.30). The recovery rate from COVID 19, UHC service index, GDP, current health expenditure, TB incidence, tobacco smoking, HIV prevalence rate and average household size were significantly correlated with the HALE at birth. Again, the multiple linear regression model identified the UHC service index, alcohol consumption rate, HIV prevalence rate and average household size as the significant factors which are responsible for the variation in HALE at birth worldwide. **Conclusion:** The UHC service index, alcohol consumption rate, HIV prevalence rate and average household size are the most associate factors of HALE at birth globally. [*Bangladesh Journal of Infectious Diseases, December 2022;9(2):59-68*]

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## Introduction

The 2020 is a year of pandemic due to the rapid outbreak of Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID 19)<sup>1</sup>, which is an infectious disease. A newly discovered Coronavirus is responsible for this disease. According to World Health Organization (WHO) there have been 33,502,430 confirmed cases of COVID 19 globally, including 1,004,421 deaths<sup>1</sup>. In this critical period it is urgent to explore the situation of healthy life expectancy (HALE) around the world. The healthy life expectancy measures the quality of life a person expects to live<sup>2</sup>. It is the expected number of remaining years of life spent in good health from a particular age, typically at birth, assuming current rates of mortality and morbidity<sup>3</sup>. It is an advance measurement of life expectancy (LE), the mean number of years of life remaining at a given age<sup>4</sup>. At first the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare showed an improve measure of health in 1969, which is health adjusted life expectancy or healthy life expectancy<sup>5</sup>. But in 1971, Sullivan discovered the calculating method of healthy life expectancy for the first time<sup>6</sup>. The usefulness of HALE was studied and evaluated as a global indicator of variations in the health of population by Robine and Ritchie<sup>9</sup>. Siato and others<sup>10</sup> have presented the idea of healthy life expectancy, calculating procedure and showed how measures used to compute health expectancy.

The healthy life expectancy at birth is varying worldwide due to social structural, demographic, socioeconomic, regional variation and health related factors<sup>7</sup>. The healthy life expectancy at birth is very low (44.90 years) in Central African Republic while it was around 76.20 years in Singapore<sup>3</sup>. According to WHO the global healthy life expectancy at birth was about 63.30 years in 2016<sup>3</sup>. In African region, the healthy life expectancy at birth is found very low (53.80 years), and in South-East Asian region it is moderate (60.40 years). On the other hand in European Region and in Western Pacific region, healthy life expectancy is very high (68.40 years and 68.90 years, respectively)<sup>3</sup>. The variation of healthy life expectancy at birth is also observed by the economic status of the different countries. There was 16.00 years higher healthy life expectancy at birth in the high-income countries (71.20 years) than that of in the low-income countries (54.90 years). Again in lower-middle-income countries the healthy life expectancy is about four years lower than that of in the high-income countries<sup>3,7</sup>.

There are many factors, like- death rate due to COVID 19, recovery rate from COVID 19, tuberculosis (TB) incidence (per 10000 population),

universal health coverage (UHC) service index, tobacco smoking, alcohol consumption rate, human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevalence rate<sup>8</sup>, average household size, gross domestic product (GDP) (current US\$), and current health expenditure (percentage of GDP), which affect healthy life expectancy globally. Some of these factors may be more influential in increasing HALE and the rest of these factors are responsible for decreasing it. But these factors vary from one geographical area to another which is needed to study. Salomon and others characterized the healthy life expectancy and changes over the past two decades in 187 countries. They expressed that the healthy life expectancy is affected between 1990 and 2010 due to the changes in disability<sup>11</sup>. In 1999 a study has conducted to explore the healthy life expectancy situation in 191 WHO member countries and found that it increases in every country at a faster rate than the LE<sup>8</sup>. Association between healthy life expectancy and consanguineous marriages in 63 countries<sup>13</sup>. A comparison of self-rated health, health status, and health promotion behaviors between low and non-low-income elderly women<sup>16</sup>. In 2002, Mathers and others<sup>12</sup> have exposed the patterns of HALE globally. Islam and others<sup>2</sup> have tried to find out the correlates of healthy life expectancy in low- and lower-middle-income countries, and they showed that mean years of schooling, total fertility rate, freedom of the press, and achieving a level of health-related MDGs are the most influential factors in those countries.

The healthy life expectancy and the correlates of self-rated health in Bangladesh in 1996 and 2002<sup>14</sup> and the correlates of self-rated health in an ageing population in Rajshahi district of Bangladesh<sup>15</sup>. The healthy life expectancy in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China 2003 healthy life expectancy - an important indicator for health policy development in Lithuania 2004<sup>17</sup>; healthy life expectancy in Brazil: applying the Sullivan method 2005<sup>18</sup>; Inequalities in healthy life expectancy by Brazilian geographic regions: findings from the National Health Survey<sup>19</sup>; Estimating the healthy life expectancy from the Health State Function of a Population in Connection to the LE at Birth<sup>20</sup>; The Influence of universal health coverage on LE at birth and HALE: A multi- country cross- sectional study<sup>21</sup>; Regional differences in healthy life expectancy in the Netherlands<sup>22</sup>; Compression or expansion of morbidity? Trends in healthy life expectancy in the elderly Austrian population between 1978 and 1998<sup>23</sup>; Trends in healthy life expectancy in Japan: 1986 to 2004<sup>24</sup>; healthy life expectancy: comparison of OECD countries in 2001<sup>25</sup>; Past, present, and future of healthy life expectancy<sup>26</sup>. As a result, research on

HALE has been conducted in every country in the globe, but none of it has looked at the linked aspects of HALE at birth. Therefore, the main goal of this study is to identify the worldwide characteristics that are most frequently related with HALE at birth.

**Methodology**

**Eligibility Criteria:** The articles which were published on healthy life expectancy in peer review journals in anywhere else of the world were selected for this study.

**Data Sources and Search Strategy:** Data of 212 countries were extracted from several sources, like- WHO<sup>3,27</sup>, Worldometer<sup>28</sup>, World Bank (WB)<sup>29</sup>, and United Nations (UN)<sup>30</sup>. All the variables, their descriptions and sources are included in Table 1. The dependent variables were the HALE at birth, and the death rate due to COVID 19, recovery rate from COVID 19, TB incidence, UHC service index, prevalence rate of tobacco smoking, alcohol consumption rate, HIV prevalence rate, average household size, GDP, and current health expenditure were considered as the independent variables.

**Table 1: Descriptions and Sources of Study Variables**

Variables	Description	Sources
Healthy life expectancy at birth	Healthy life expectancy is the expected number of remaining years of life spent in good health from a particular age, typically at birth, assuming current rates of mortality and morbidity.	3
Death rate due to Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID 19)	Number of deaths persons per 100 COVID 19 posited population	28
Recovery rate from COVID 19	Number of recovered persons per 100 COVID 19 posited population	28
Tuberculosis incidence	Number of Tuberculosis patients per 10000 population	3
Universal Health Coverage (UHC) service index	The UHC service index comprises 16 indicators across four program areas: reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health; infectious diseases; non-communicable diseases; and health service capacity, access and health security.	3
Tobacco smoking	Age-standardized prevalence of tobacco smoking among persons aged 15 years and older per 100 population.	27
Alcohol consumption	Total alcohol per capita (>age 15 years for both sexes) consumption (liters of pure alcohol)	3
Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) prevalence rate	Estimated number of HIV-positive adults aged 15-49 years per 100 population	29
Average household size	Average household size is the average number of persons per household. At the aggregate national level, it is calculated by dividing the total household population by the number of households in a given country or area.	30
Gross Domestic Product (GDP) (current US\$)	The GDP at purchaser's prices is a financial measure which is the sum of market value of all the final goods and services produced in a specific time period by all resident producers in the economy. It is expressed as the current U.S. dollars.	29
Current health expenditure	It refers to those which are consumed to provide the healthcare goods and services for each year. It doesn't include capital health expenditures such as buildings, machinery, IT and stocks of vaccines for emergency or outbreaks. It is expressed as a percentage of GDP.	29

**Data Synthesis, Extraction and Management:** Descriptive measurements were used to enunciate

the overall situations of the study variables in the world. Pearson's correlation analysis was executed

to explore the relationships among the study variables. Before examining the effects of the independent variables on HALE at birth, the multicollinearity problem were checked by using the variance inflation factor (VIF) values. If the VIF value is less than five then it is assumed that there is no multicollinearity<sup>31</sup>, and there is no multicollinearity among the independent variables of this study. Finally, a linear regression analysis was performed to identify the effects of the independent variables on HALE at birth. The whole analysis of this study is completed with the statistical software Stata/MP version 13.1 and Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) to reach our objectives. Microsoft Excel is also used to complete this study. Additionally, the reference is added by using the software named ‘EndNote X7.4 (Bld 8818)’.

**Results**

Table 2 represents the descriptive statistics of HALE at birth and other related factors globally. HALE at birth was found lower in Central African Republic and higher in Singapore (Fig. 1). On the other hand the death rate due to COVID 19 was low in Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, British Virgin Islands, Brunei, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Caribbean Netherlands, Cayman Islands, Chad, China, Comoros, Congo, Cuba, Curacao, Cyprus, Dominica, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Faeroe Islands, Falkland Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Gibraltar, Greece, Greenland, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Hong Kong, Iceland, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Laos, Latvia, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Macao, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria,

Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Reunion, Rwanda, South Korea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Pierre Miquelon, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Somalia, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, St. Barth, St. Vincent Grenadines, Sudan, Syria, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, UAE, Uganda, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vatican City, Venezuela, Vietnam, Western Sahara, Yemen, Zambia, and Zimbabwe, and is high in San Marino. In case of the recovery rate from COVID 19 the lowest value (0.00) is seen in Burundi, Cambodia, Fiji, Laos, Niger, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vietnam, Western Sahara, and Yemen, and the highest value (4.35%) is seen in Qatar. TB incidence is low in Monaco and San Marino, and high in South Africa. Again, the lowest (0.00) UHC service index is found in Montserrat and highest (80.00) is found in Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and United States of America. Tobacco smoking has lower effect in Panama and higher effect in Indonesia. Alcohol consumption rate is found very low (0.00) in Bangladesh, Kuwait, Libya, Mauritania, and Somalia but it is high (15.20) in Moldova Republic. In case of HIV prevalence rate the lowest value (0.10) is seen in Afghanistan, Algeria, Australia, Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Comoros, Croatia, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Nepal, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Syria, Tunisia, and Yemen, and the highest value (27.30) is seen in Eswatini. Average household size is small (1.90) in Monaco and high (8.30) in Senegal. The lowest GDP is found in Sao Tome & Principe, and the highest GDP is found in United States of America. Finally, the current health expenditure is low in Venezuela (1.18) and high in United States of America (17.06).

**Table 2: Descriptive statistics of the study variables**

Variables	N	$\bar{x} \pm SD$	Median	Min	Countries	Max	Countries
Healthy life expectancy at birth	169	63.54±6.88	65.4	44.90	Central African Republic	76.20	Singapore
Death rate due to COVID 19	212	0.01±0.02	0.004	0.00	$\alpha$	0.12	San Marino
Recovery rate from COVID 19	208	0.43±0.66	0.17	0.00	$\beta$	4.35	Qatar
Tuberculosis incidence	170	103.92±134.17	44	0.00	Monaco, and San Marino	567.00	South Africa

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(per 10000 population)							
UHC service index	168	62.20±15.80	66	0.00	Montserrat	80.00	δ
Tobacco smoking	121	33.37±14.88	30.4	8.00	Panama	82.70	Indonesia
Alcohol consumption rate	172	6.30±4.07	6.45	0.00	Bangladesh, Kuwait, Libya, Mauritania, and Somalia	15.20	Moldova Republic
HIV prevalence rate	135	1.72±3.97	0.4	0.10	γ	27.30	Eswatini
Average household size	171	4.00±1.40	3.8	1.90	Monaco	8.30	Senegal
GDP (current US\$)	176	10.77±2.16	10.64	6.05	Sao Tome and Principe	16.84	United States of America
Current health expenditure (percentage of GDP)	170	6.40±2.53	6.22	1.18	Venezuela	17.06	United States of America

Notes: ‘COVID 19, Coronavirus Disease 2019’, ‘UHC, Universal Health Coverage’, ‘HIV, Human Immunodeficiency Virus’, ‘GDP, Gross Domestic Products’, ‘N, Number of countries’, ‘SE of Mean, Standard Error of Mean’, ‘α, Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Bhutan, Botswana, British Virgin Islands, Brunei, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, CAR, Caribbean Netherlands, Cayman Islands, Chad, China, Comoros, Congo, Cuba, Curacao, Cyprus, Dominica, DRC, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Faeroe Islands, Falkland Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Gibraltar, Greece, Greenland, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Hong Kong, Iceland, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Laos, Latvia, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Macao, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mongolia, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Nicaragua, New Zealand, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Reunion, Rwanda, S. Korea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Pierre Miquelon, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Somalia, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, St. Barth, St. Vincent Grenadines, Sudan, Syria, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tunisia, UAE, Uganda, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vatican City, Venezuela, Vietnam, Western Sahara, Yemen, Zambia, and Zimbabwe’, ‘β, Burundi, Cambodia, Fiji, Laos, Niger, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Vietnam, Western Sahara, and Yemen’, ‘γ, Afghanistan, Algeria, Australia, Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Comoros, Croatia, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Iran, Japan, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Nepal, New Zealand, North Macedonia, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Syria, Tunisia, and Yemen’, ‘δ, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brunei, Canada, Denmark, France, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Luxembourg, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and United States of America’.

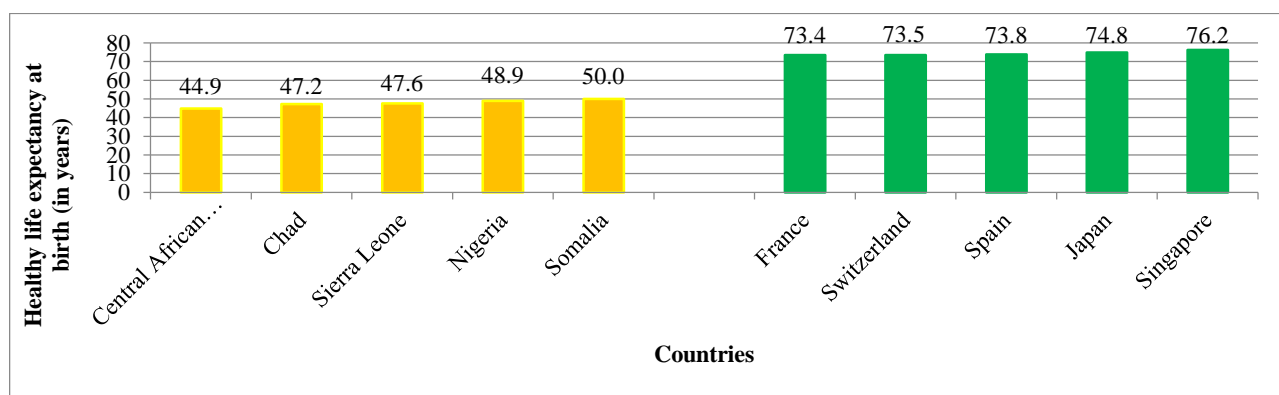


Figure I: Healthy Life Expectancy at birth in lowest five countries and in highest five countries

Table 3 represents the Pearson’s correlation coefficients among the selected variables. From this

table it is found that the HALE at birth has a significant positive relationship with recovery rate

from COVID 19 ( $r = 0.32, p < 0.01$ ), UHC service index ( $r = 0.89, p < 0.01$ ), GDP ( $r = 0.52, p < 0.01$ ) and current health expenditure ( $r = 0.43, p < 0.01$ ). On the other hand, the HALE at birth has a

significant negative relationship with TB incidence ( $r = -0.59, p < 0.01$ ), tobacco smoking ( $r = -0.21, p < 0.05$ ), HIV prevalence rate ( $r = -0.37, p < 0.01$ ) and average household size ( $r = -0.66, p < 0.01$ ).

**Table 3: Pearson’s correlation coefficients among the selected variables**

	y	x <sub>1</sub>	x <sub>2</sub>	x <sub>3</sub>	x <sub>4</sub>	x <sub>5</sub>	x <sub>6</sub>	x <sub>7</sub>	x <sub>8</sub>
y	1								
x <sub>1</sub>	0.32**	1							
x <sub>2</sub>	-0.59**	-0.23**	1						
x <sub>3</sub>	0.89**	0.33*	-0.52**	1					
x <sub>4</sub>	-0.21*	-0.05	0.18	-0.25**	1				
x <sub>5</sub>	-0.37**	-0.07	0.48**	-0.15	-0.10	1			
x <sub>6</sub>	-0.66**	-0.03	0.30**	-0.58**	0.20*	0.03	1		
x <sub>7</sub>	0.52**	0.16*	-0.18*	0.50**	-0.17	-0.18*	-0.36**	1	
x <sub>8</sub>	0.43**	0.10	-0.35**	0.40**	-0.26**	-0.05	-0.39**	0.31**	1

**Notes:** ‘y, Healthy life expectancy at birth’, ‘x<sub>1</sub>, Recovery rate from COVID 19’, ‘x<sub>2</sub>, Tuberculosis incidence (per 10000 population)’, ‘x<sub>3</sub>, UHC service index’, ‘x<sub>4</sub>, Tobacco smoking’, ‘x<sub>5</sub>, HIV prevalence rate’, ‘x<sub>6</sub>, Average household size’, ‘x<sub>7</sub>, GDP (current US\$)’, ‘x<sub>8</sub>, Current health expenditure (percentage of GDP)’; ‘COVID 19, Coronavirus Disease 2019’, ‘UHC, Universal Health Coverage’, ‘HIV, Human Immunodeficiency Virus’, ‘GDP, Gross Domestic Products’; \*\* $p < 0.01$ ’, \* $p < 0.01$ ’.

**Table 4: Linear Regression Model Explaining the Healthy Life Expectancy**

Explanatory Variables	Regression coefficient, $\beta$	Standard Error of $\beta$	95% CI of $\beta$		P values
			Minimum	Maximum	
Death rate due to COVID 19	-23.63	21.06	-65.58	18.31	0.27
Recovery rate from COVID 19	0.84	0.76	-0.67	2.35	0.27
Tuberculosis incidence (per 10000 population)	0.00	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.40
UHC service index	0.30	0.03	0.23	0.36	0.00
Tobacco smoking	-0.01	0.02	-0.05	0.03	0.60
Alcohol consumption rate	-0.25	0.09	-0.42	-0.08	0.01
HIV prevalence rate	-0.51	0.10	-0.71	-0.32	0.00
Average household size	-1.18	0.34	-1.86	-0.51	0.00
GDP (current US\$)	0.25	0.19	-0.13	0.64	0.19
Current health expenditure (percentage of GDP)	0.20	0.15	-0.08	0.49	0.16
$R_a^2$	0.88				

**Notes:** ‘COVID 19, Coronavirus Disease 2019’, ‘UHC, Universal Health Coverage’, ‘HIV, Human Immunodeficiency Virus’, ‘GDP, Gross Domestic Products’, ‘CI, Confidence Interval’.

Table 4 explains the outcome of the linear regression model. It is found that the death rate due to COVID 19, recovery rate from COVID 19, TB incidence, UHC service index, tobacco smoking, alcohol consumption rate, HIV prevalence rate, average household size, GDP and current health expenditure are the associate factors of HALE at birth. Among all these associates recovery rate from COVID 19, UHC service index, GDP and current health expenditure have positive effects on HALE at birth, and death rate due to COVID 19, TB incidence, tobacco smoking, alcohol consumption rate, HIV prevalence rate and average household size have negative effects on HALE at birth. The linear regression model ( $R_a^2 = 0.88$ ) identifies the UHC service

index, alcohol consumption rate, HIV prevalence rate and average household size as the most significant factors which are responsible for the variation in HALE at birth worldwide. So we may conclude that the UHC service index, alcohol consumption rate, HIV prevalence rate and average household size are the most associate factors of HALE at birth in the world.

**Discussion**

The HALE at birth is fluctuating from one country to another due to some factors, and this study has tried to express the most associated factors of HALE at birth globally. From this symbolic work it is found

that the UHC service index, alcohol consumption rate, HIV prevalence rate, and average household size are the statistically significant factors of HALE at birth. According to this study, the HALE at birth is fluctuating due to these factors worldwide. Also the study has conveyed that the low death rate due to COVID 19, high recovery rate from COVID 19, GDP, and current health expenditure have the great impact on HALE at birth globally.

The associated factor of HALE at birth around the world is the UHC service index, which includes 16 indicators under the four programs viz. (i) reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health, (ii) infectious diseases, (iii) non-communicable diseases, and (iv) health service capacity, access & health security<sup>3</sup>. The UHC service index ranges from 0 to 100. The highest score in UHC service index refers the sound situation in terms of universal health. In 2015, the WHO Region of the Americas had the highest score (78 out of 100)<sup>3</sup>. Again the low-income countries had the lowest score (40 out of 100), and high-income countries had the highest score (80 out of 100) in case of UHC service index<sup>3</sup>. The UHC service indexes are different in different countries and regions. In 2015 the regional average of UHC service index was 56.00%, which was 12.00% higher than that of in 2010. This indicates the significant improvement in UHC service index since 2010<sup>3</sup>. And the global HALE at birth is observed very low in the WHO African region, and in low-income countries<sup>3</sup>, where the UHC service index is very poor. The UHC service index is highly significant with HALE and has the great impacts on HALE at birth around the world. Thus, it is hypothesized that a poor UHC service index means the low global HALE at birth. So, we need to increase the UHC service index for the sake of higher HALE at birth in the globe.

Alcohol consumption rate is an important factor of HALE at birth which is obviously related to HALE globally. It is the total amount of alcohol which is consumed per person aged 15 years and older over a calendar year, in liters of pure alcohol. As the alcohol is a drug and world's largest risk factors for a number of health conditions and potential mortality cases, it has negative effects on the heart, liver, including high blood pressure, stroke, arrhythmias, and cardiomyopathy. Also it is linked to head and neck cancer, esophageal cancer, liver cancer, breast cancer, and colorectal cancer<sup>32</sup>. Each year the world has observed three million (5.30% of all deaths) deaths due to the harmful use of alcohol<sup>33</sup>. Approximately 13.50% of the total deaths have occurred in the age group 20-39<sup>33</sup>. So it is needed to reduce the alcohol consumption rate for improving

the health condition of the populations<sup>3</sup>. Alcohol consumption rate varies greatly from country to country due to laws, culture, and other characteristics of each country<sup>32</sup>. Moldova consumes the most alcohol in the world of 15.20 liters per person per year. On the other hand United States consumes 8.70 liters of pure alcohol<sup>32</sup>. WHO European Region had the highest alcohol consumption rate and the Eastern Mediterranean Region had the lowest rate. Also the alcohol consumption rate has shown an increasing trend with the increase of national income of the countries<sup>3</sup>. The long-living country's lowest levels of alcohol consumption rate indicate the highest average LE at birth<sup>32</sup>. This finding is also supported by<sup>34-36</sup>. Hence it is concluded that if the rate of alcohol consumption decreases, the global HALE at birth will increase.

HIV prevalence rate is a heavy influential factor of HALE at birth. In many developing countries, especially in Africa and in low-income countries<sup>3</sup>, HIV prevalence rate is one of the most dangerous public health and developmental threats<sup>37</sup>. People living with HIV face the rapid loss of immunity and, 9-11 years living without treating the infection results shortness of lifespan<sup>38</sup>. In 2017, the WHO reported that approximately 36.90 million individuals were living with HIV and 1.80 million individuals becoming newly infected globally<sup>39</sup>. Among that 25.70 million people were living in the WHO African Region which is the maximum affected region in the world<sup>3</sup>. In the case of HIV infections, more than two-thirds of HIV infected people in the world live in African region<sup>39</sup>. If the present trend persists, AIDS will be responsible for too many deaths than any other diseases by 2020 in the world's history<sup>40</sup>. As the life expectancy (LE) is decreasing due to the HIV prevalence rate<sup>41</sup>, so the HALE at birth also decreases. Mathers and others also support this and stated that HIV prevalence rate is a responsible factor of lowering HALE<sup>8</sup>. Therefore, we need to minimize the HIV prevalence rate for the increased at birth around the whole world.

Another associated factor of the global HALE is average household size, which indicates the average number of persons per household. At the aggregate national level, it is calculated by dividing the total household population by the number of households in a given country or area. Globally, there are two types of average household size, viz. i) small average household size, which includes fewer than three persons per household, and ii) large average household size, which includes five or more persons per household<sup>42</sup>. The small average household sizes are concentrated in Europe and Northern America,

and the large average household sizes are observed across much of Africa and the Middle East<sup>42</sup>. Burch (1970) has stated that the average household size has a positive correlation with fertility, life expectancy, and average age at marriage. He has also said that the residents of large households lead a complex life than the residents of small households<sup>43</sup>. Some other studies stated that the residents of small households get a large facilities e.g. nutritional foods, medical care, healthy environment, etc. than the residents of large households<sup>44,45</sup>. Therefore, we may say that the HALE at birth of the residents of large households will be low than the HALE at birth of the residents of small households. So, to increase the global HALE at birth, it is need to minimize the average household size around the world. Again a large number of recovery rate from COVID 19, GDP (current US\$), and current health expenditure (percentage of GDP) indicates the increase in HALE at birth. Hence, we may assume global HALE at birth will be increased if the values of these variables increase. Oppositely, if TB incidence (per 10000 population) and tobacco smoking decrease, the global HALE at birth will increase.

## Conclusions

The present study was aimed to find out the most associated factors of HALE at birth among the death rate due to COVID 19, recovery rate from COVID 19, TB incidence, UHC service index, tobacco smoking, alcohol consumption rate, HIV prevalence rate, average household size, GDP, and current health expenditure. This study identified that the UHC service index, alcohol consumption rate, HIV prevalence rate and average household size are the most associate factors of HALE at birth in the world. Therefore, the necessary steps should be taken to maximize the UHC service index, and to minimize the alcohol consumption rate, HIV prevalence rate and average household size for increasing the HALE at birth in the world.

## Abbreviations

AIDS: Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome  
 COVID 19: Coronavirus disease 2019  
 Fig.: Figure  
 GDD: Global Drinking Demographics  
 GDP: Gross Domestic Product  
 HALE: Healthy life expectancy  
 HIV: Human Immunodeficiency Virus  
 LE: Life Expectancy  
 SPSS: Statistical Package for Social Sciences  
 UHC: Universal Health Coverage  
 UN: United Nations  
 USA: United States of America  
 VIF: Variance Inflation Factor  
 WB: World Bank  
 WHO: World Health Organization

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## Data Availability

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## Ethical Considerations

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