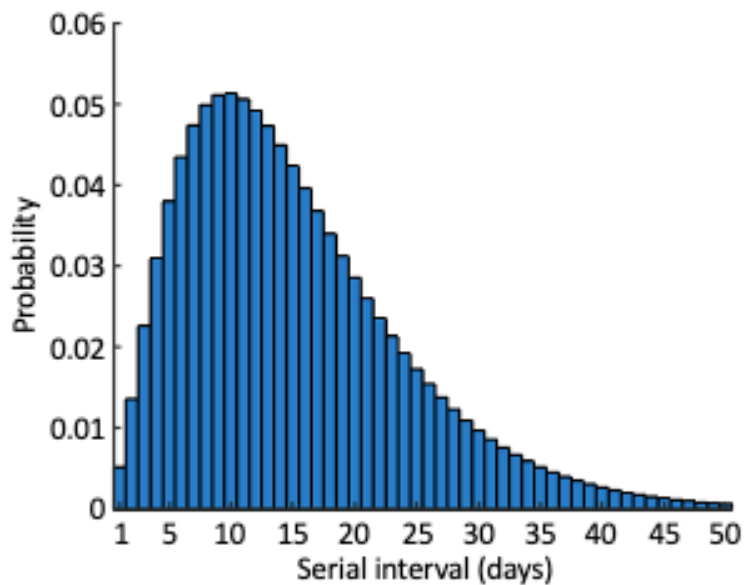


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Supplementary Figure



**Figure S1.** The discrete serial interval distribution assumed in our analyses. To obtain this distribution, the continuous serial interval was assumed to be a gamma distribution with mean 15.3 days and standard deviation 9.3 days [1]. The continuous distribution was then discretised using the method from [2] (see also equation (1) in the main text).

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