

Review of: "Monkeypox among linked heterosexual casual partners in Bayelsa, Nigeria"

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Thank you very much for the opportunity to review this paper. Although the manuscript is interesting, it does not seem to me to be very new in light of recent discoveries on the subject.

For example, research published by the New England Journal of Medicine suggests that 95% percent of monkeypox cases have been transmitted through sexual activity, although there is a high concentration of cases in MSM.

Furthermore, the study looks more like a (very few) case series/history series, rather than a cross-sectional study. The authors did not present any more robust technique that would allow linking participants.

The little description about the data collection, the quality of the data collected or even. epidemiological situation at the time of collection make the external validity of the research absent.

Finally, it is necessary to discuss the diagnostic criteria adopted, to allow comparison with other studies to come.