

Review of: "Lassa fever cases suffer from severe under-reporting based on reported fatalities"

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This study aimed at improving the epidemiological burden of Lassa fever in Africa. Lassa fever is notoriously under-reported, particularly non fatal cases. CFR varies from 14% to 69%. The bibliographic search is clearly up-to-date. In order to narrow down CFR range, this study has used different calculation methods and has taken advantage of numbers reported in countries and regions where surveillance was routinely done. It is proposed that between 2012 and 2022, the 1482 reported deaths correspond to 8995 severe cases (instead of the 5230 reported cases). However, the absolute number of cases remains impossible to estimate.