

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

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Thank you for the opportunity to review this article. We have increasing data that close skin to skin contact via sexual activity is contributing to spread of MPX. The authors report a spike of MPX transmission in heterosexual casual patients. Even though in the current MPX pandemic the majority of the reported patients are MSM, this article highlights that it is not sexual orientation that puts one person at risk for MPX but rather casual unprotected sex with multiple partners. The take home point is to test for co-infections and I am glad that the authors reported that they tested for other sexually transmitted infections as early diagnosis, early treatment and sexual education remain of paramount importance.