

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

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This article is based on an interesting idea aimed at estimating the true case fatality rate of Lassa fever in endemic countries. The writer assumes that the current CFR varies widely and are inaccurate because surveillance is subpar. The conclusion is based on the use of an alternative means of calculating CFR by extrapolating from the total reported mortalities. While this is an interesting take, it is very theoretical and unlikely to stand the test of scientific scrutiny. However, this write-up and the assumption could lead public health authorities to rethink and critically appraise the current surveillance system. The article is well written in plain English. It should be published as it is.