

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

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It is good to read about sexual transmission in the world region where MXP has been endemic for years before the appearance in the global North that led to a response by WHO. The implication from other publications that sexual transmission does not occur in Africa has always been implausible.

Mostly minor comments:

- The typical abbreviation for the monkeypox virus is MPXV, not MPV.
- It is stigmatising to use the term "high-risk" mainly when talking about MSM. As it can be seen clearly in the results section that deals with seven heterosexual cases, this stigmatising label is not needed and should therefore be removed.
- "We report the epidemiological and clinical features of seven cases of MPX in Bayelsa State, Nigeria who were linked heterosexual casual partners" misses a comma after Nigeria and the word "to" after "linked".
- In the results section, it would be crucial already mentioning the gender of sexual partners.
- Change "about 86%" to "six out of seven". Proportions are not helpful with an overall N of 7.
- Please mention the presence of non-presence of anal lesions, particularly among the males also in the abstract.
- The opposition of "lady" vs. "businessman" seems strange. I suggest referring to "woman" vs. "man". The male gender of case 7 should be mentioned in the first sentence.
- As for the worsening of skin lesions following intramuscular injections, it would be helpful to mention the substance that was injected, if possible.