

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

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This manuscript proposes an interesting methodology to calculate “real number” of Lassa fever (LF) cases in endemic area based on reported fatalities. Available literature describes a wide range of clinical spectrum of Lassa Virus Infections, from asymptomatic (some series suggest up to 80%) to severely- ill, with a CFR ranging between 15-30% amongst patients who require hospitalization. Assuming most of the asymptomatic infections are not being reported, true number of cases and true fatality rate remain elusive. Author findings suggests that LF in endemic areas is underreported.