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Letter to the Editor

Comment on published article on “The first imported case of monkeypox in Taiwan”

Dear Editor, we would like to discuss “The first imported case of monkeypox in Taiwan.”¹ Huang et al.¹ report finding monkeypox in an Asian man with HIV-1 infection and asymptomatic COVID-19 who had just returned from Germany. Huang et al. state that uncommon presentations can include asynchronous cutaneous lesions, severe inguinal lymphadenopathy, and anogenital lesions. Whole genomic sequence alignment reveals a clustering of the Taiwan strain with the West African clade B.1 human monkeypox virus that is currently present in Europe. Quick diagnosis is required for monkeypox, and infection prevention is crucial.¹ We both concur that monkeypox may present as an odd clinical issue. In cases of monkeypox, a fever and skin lesions are often absent.² It can be difficult to report the first incidence of monkeypox in a new environment. Taiwan may differ from many other nations in that the first case report is frequently a foreign tourist.^{3,4} The first case is typically a male, and co-infection with other STDs is a tendency that is consistent with this report. In order to prevent and reduce the spread of monkeypox disease, it is advised that active surveillance, improved border security, and the development of vaccinations and antiviral medications are urgently needed.⁵

Declaration of competing interest

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