

Bibliometric analysis of monkeypox: Need for more research articles from Africa

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Dear Editor,

We would like to share ideas on the publication “What has been researched about monkeypox? A bibliometric analysis of an old zoonotic virus causing global concern [1].” As far as the threat posed by monkeypox is concerned, Rodriguez-Morales et al. discovered that even when compared to other emerging infections (such as SARS-CoV-2, Zika, and chikungunya), there is still a dearth of study on this zoonotic virus [1]. Rodriguez-Morales came to the conclusion that more research on this reemerging virus is required, which is now anticipated due to the continuous outbreak [1].

A major source of worry in contemporary clinical medicine is novel zoonotic infections [2]. A rare form of pox called “monkey pox” has likely resurfaced due to zoonosis [2]. The spread of monkey pox across Europe, America, and Asia poses

a serious threat to public health [2]. It is being thought about if human-to-human transfer is a possibility. As the number of cases reported in various nations rises, the medical community is alarmed, and meticulous planning is needed to prepare for a potential major outbreak. We must act quickly and decisively in order to carry out a thorough investigation and establish crucial procedures [3]. Role of environmental and genetic factors is a current interesting research focus [4].

The minimal amounts of African-authored publications can be seen in the recent studies. In fact, there have been periodic outbreaks of the disease in Africa for many years. The research is constrained, though, because of the nature of the resource-constrained environment. Additionally, there are very few publications of the local research. According to the current bibliometric analysis on publications in international databases, the high cost of publication in the modern day makes it usually impossible to publish the findings, which may also be the cause of the restricted number of documents that are currently available.

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