

Emerging Viral Infections and Diseases: Focus on Monkeypox

General Overview

- **Monkeypox virus**
- **Disease**
- **Mode of transmission**
- **Ecology and geographical distribution**
- **Need for collaboration and partnership**

Overview

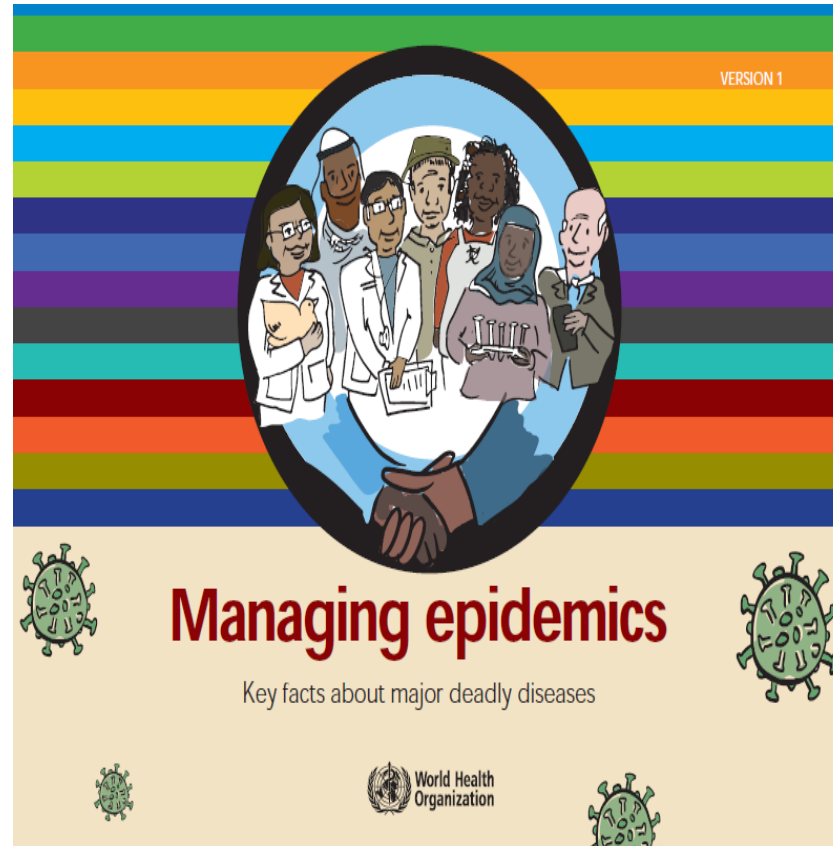
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Multi-country Monkeypox outbreaks: The world needs to be prepared and ready for emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases everywhere.

Dr. Talisuna gives an overview on Monkeypox.



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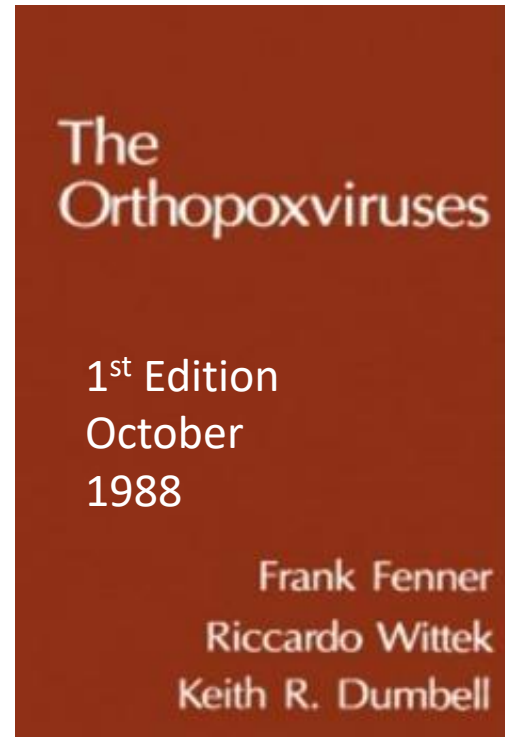
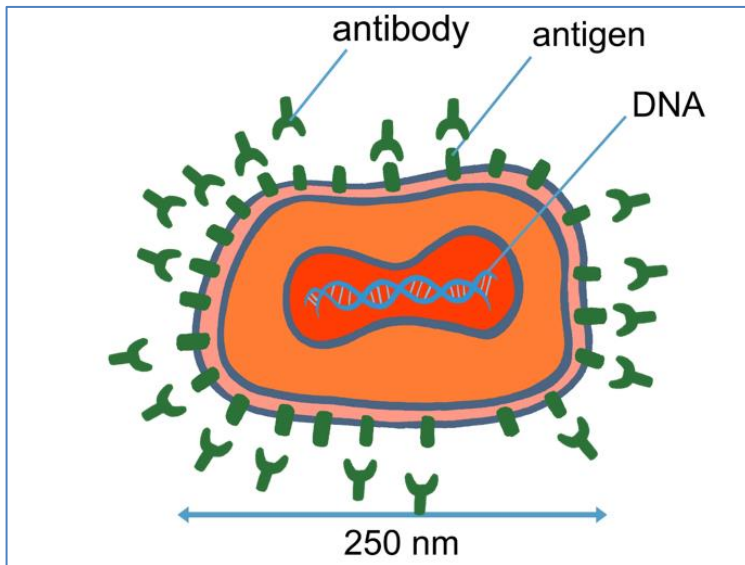
1. Monkeypox virus is in the same family of viruses as Smallpox virus (Orthopoxviruses)
2. Primary infection occurs through direct contact with body fluids or lesions of infected animals
3. Secondary human-to-human transmission exists
4. Isolation of patients and standard infection prevention and control (IPC) measures are key to minimizing any possibility of human-to-human transmission
5. Avoid contact with animals that could harbour the virus, especially rodents and sick or dead animals
6. Active surveillance to ensure rapid identification of new cases is critical for outbreak containment
7. There is no specific treatment or vaccine recommended for Monkeypox
8. Health education and raising population awareness are the best preventive measures in at-risk populations
9. Many animal species host the Monkeypox virus, primarily rodent species (rather than monkeys, after which the disease is named)
10. Monkeypox is a rare disease that occurs sporadically in remote tropical rainforest areas of Central and West Africa



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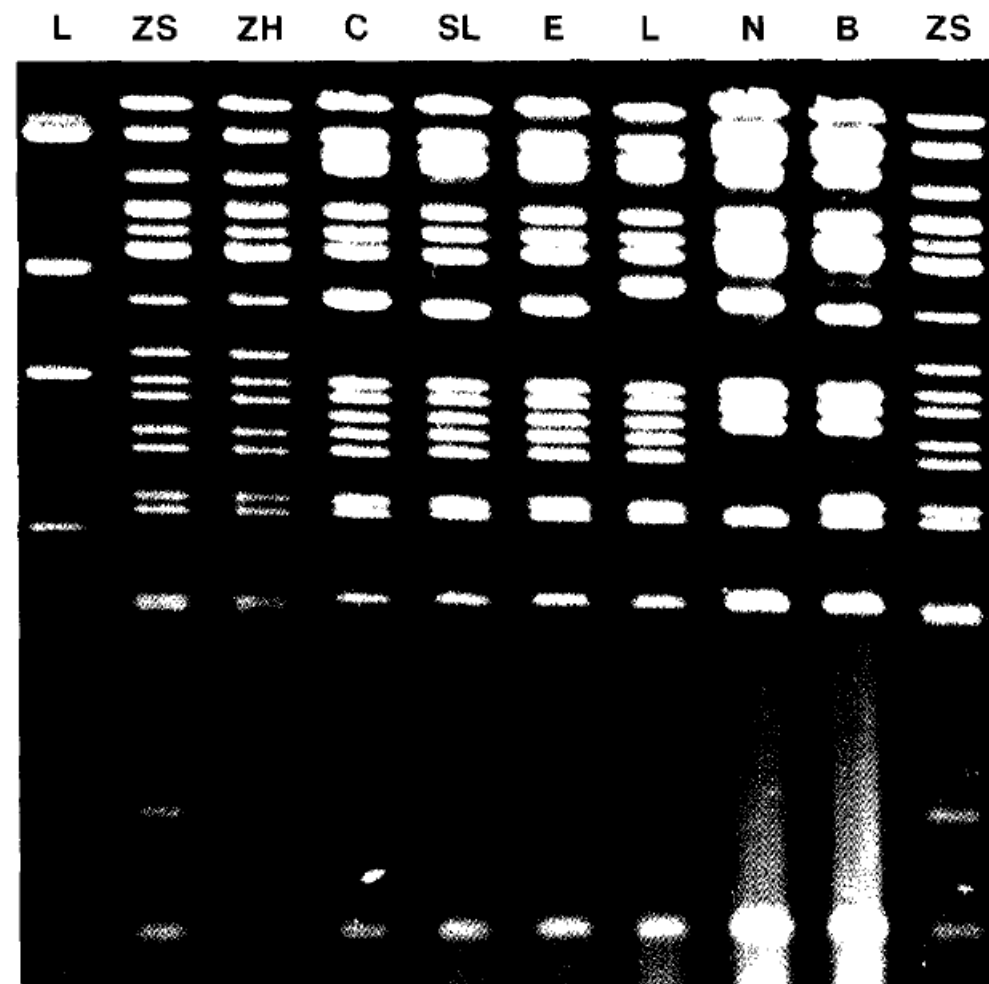
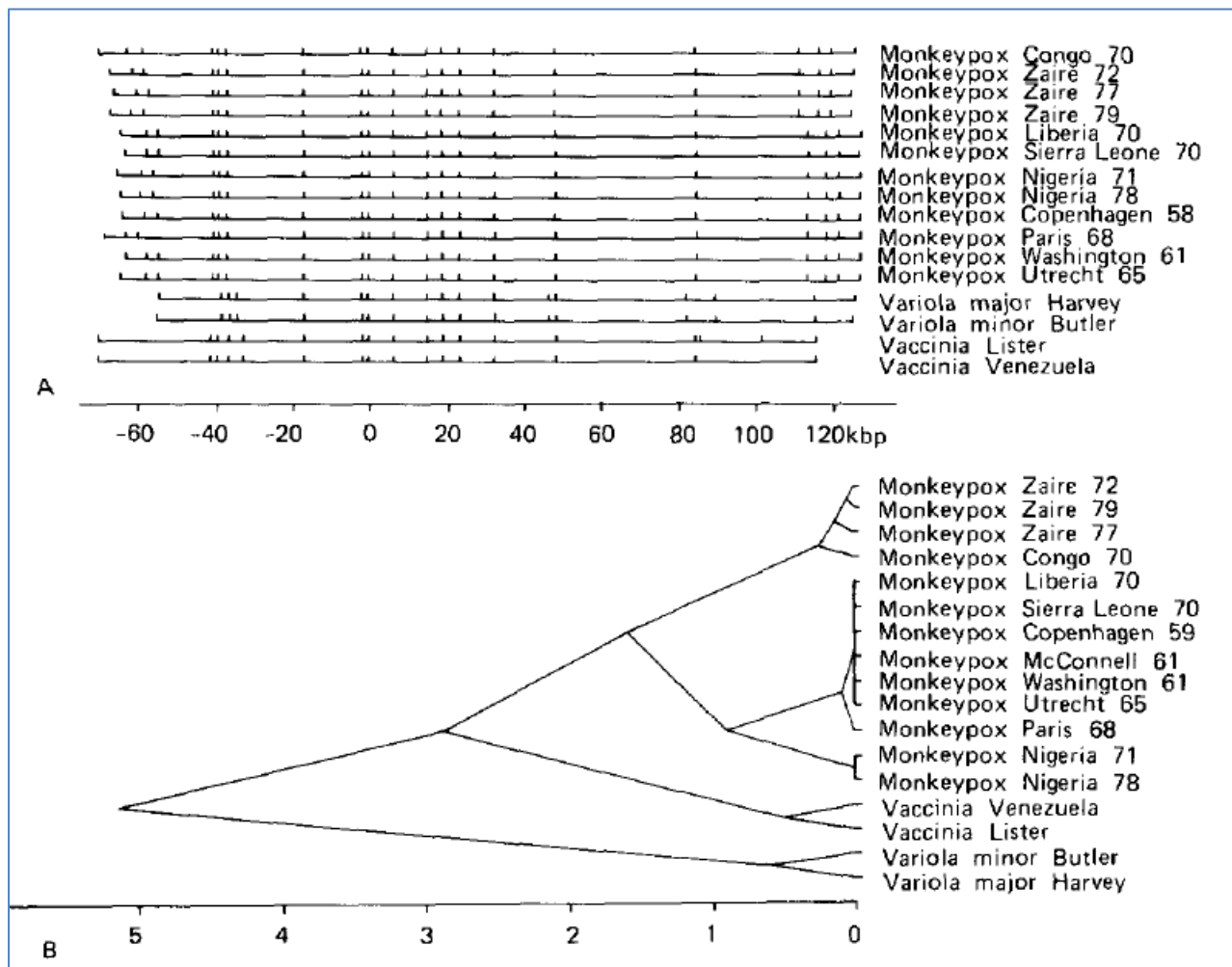
Monkeypox virus

- Monkeypox in captive primates
- Properties of monkeypox virus
- Human monkeypox
- Ecology of monkeypox virus



- (A) Acute stage; pustules on the leg and sole of the foot.
(B) Convalescent stage; healing pustules and scars. (From von Magnus et al. (1959), courtesy of Dr. K. L. Fennestad.)

Comparison of DNA Maps of Strains of Monkeypox Virus



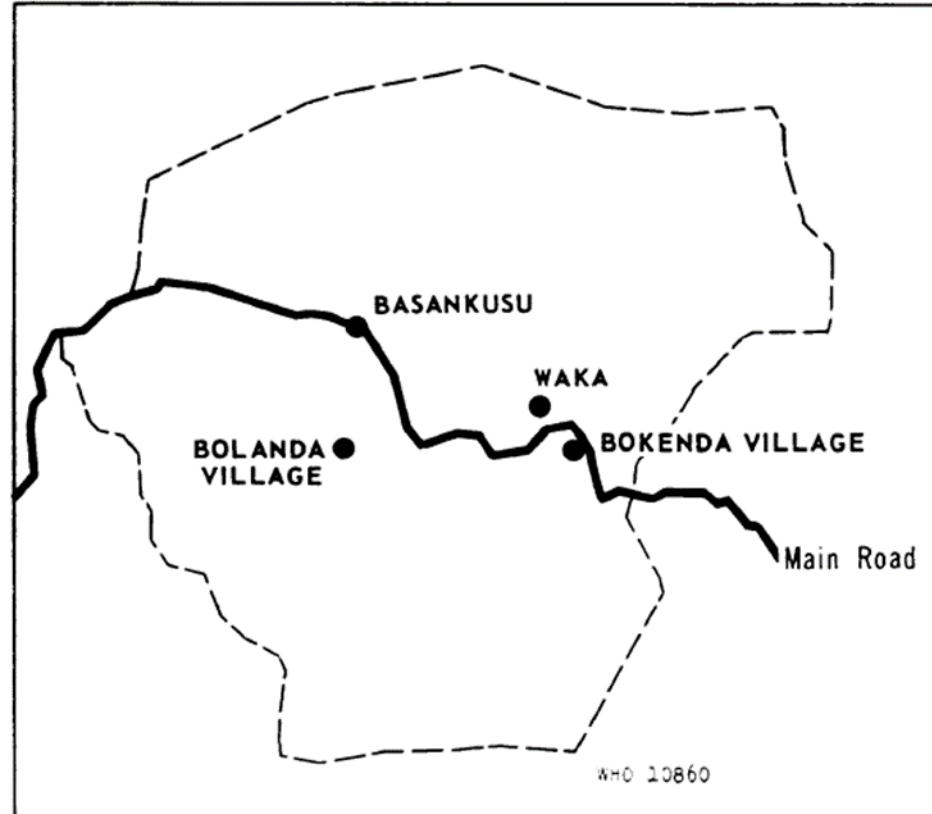
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A human infection caused by monkeypox virus in Basankusu Territory, Democratic Republic of the Congo *

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This paper presents clinical and epidemiological information on a patient with smallpox-like disease, from whom a monkeypox-like virus was isolated. The patient was the first recognized human monkeypox case in medical history.



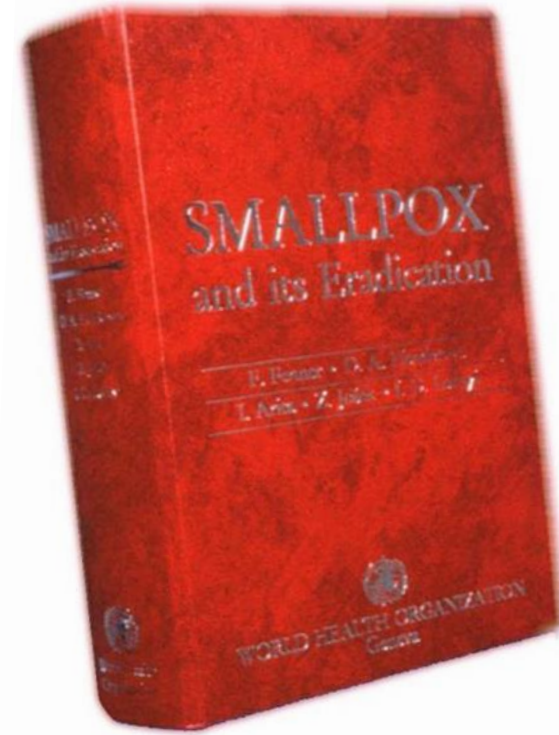
“The patient (A. I.) was a 9-month-old boy who became ill with fever on 22 August 1970 and 2 days later developed a rash. He was admitted to Basankusu Hospital on 1 September”.

Cessation of routine smallpox vaccination: emergence of monkeypox disease

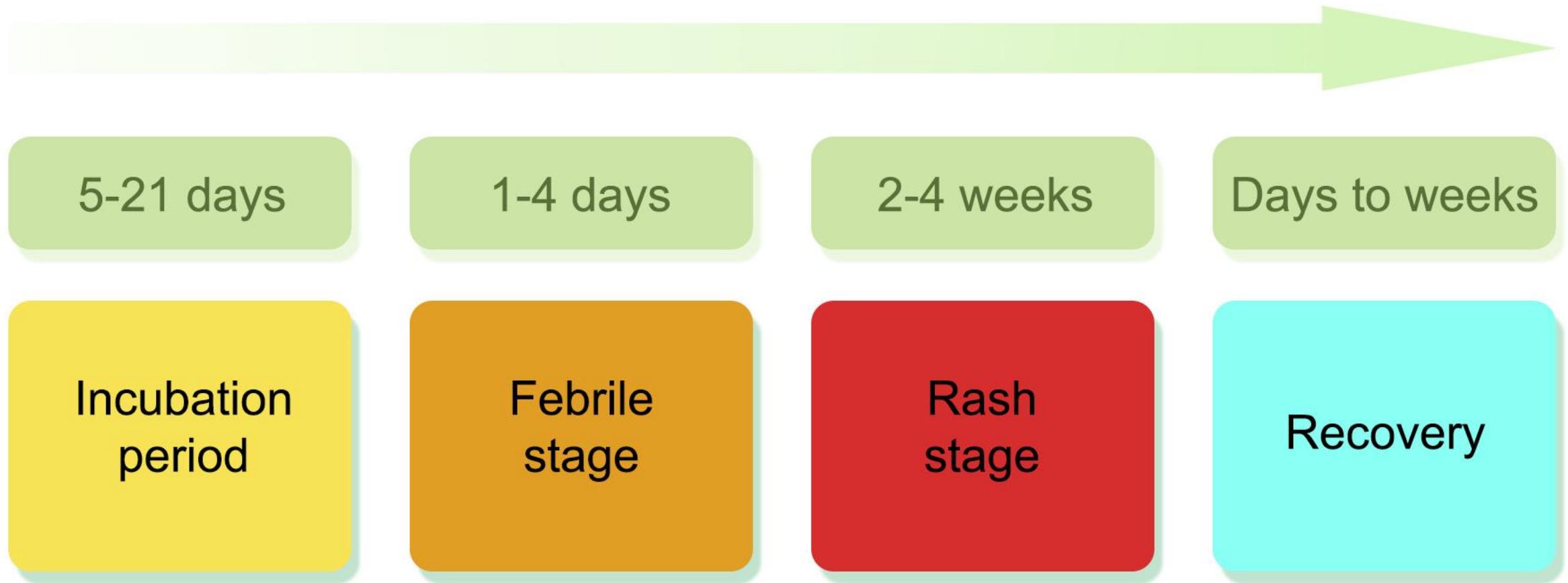
Intensified surveillance for smallpox disease:

- **Surveillance system was based primary upon health-institutions in the epidemic regions**
- **Importance of collaboration of hospital and dispensary staff for accurate and complete reporting of cases (detection of cases)**
- **Examination of monkeypox cases and collection/dispatch of specimens for laboratory testing and thus for confirmation of the clinical diagnosis**
 - **Specimens (lesion material, sera)**
 - **WHO Collaborating Centres: at the Centres for Disease Control, Atlanta, USA, or at the Research Institute for Viral Preparations, Moscow, USSR.**

Fine et al. 1988

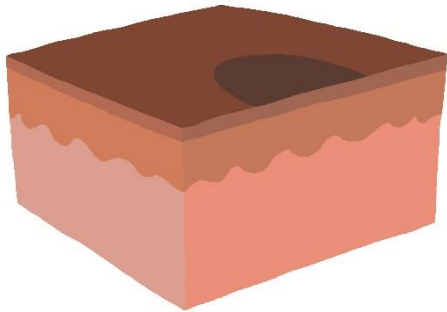


Overview of disease progression

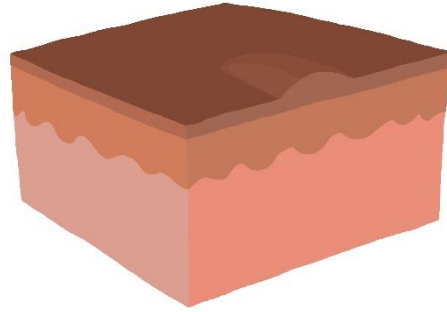


Disease progression III – Rash stage

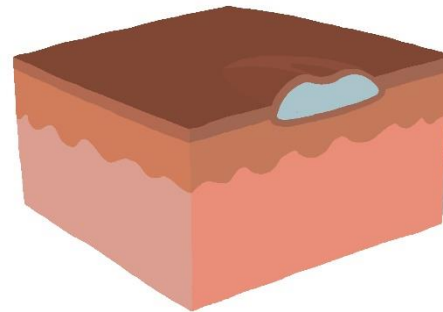
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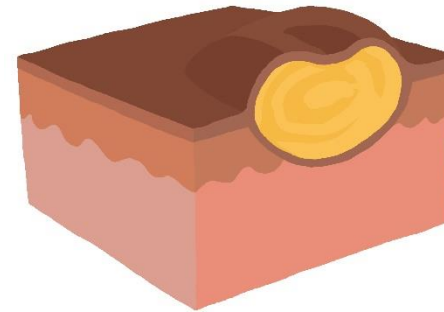
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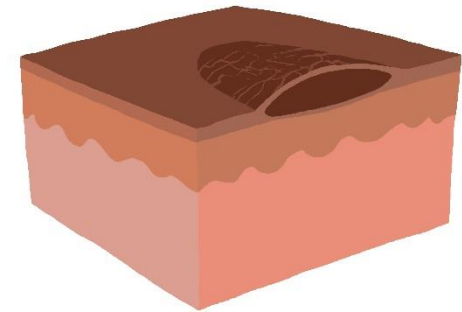
Vesicle



Pustule



Crust



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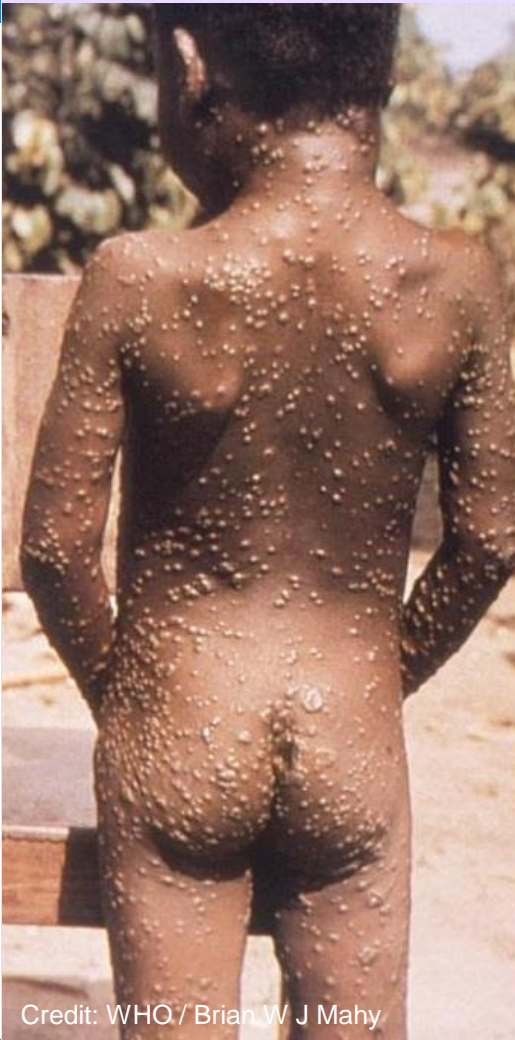
Credit: NEJM/ D.Kurz et al. 2004
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Credit: Andrea McCollum / CDC

Credit: Toutou Likafi/ Kinshasa School of Public Health

Credit: P. Mbala /Institut Nationale de recherche biomédicale. DRC

Monkeypox disease , chickenpox and measles



Credit: WHO / Brian W J Mahy

Monkeypox  **Health Organization**



Credit: Centres for Disease Control and Prevention

Chickenpox



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Monkeypox transmission

**Primary
infection**

**Animal
human**



Contact with infected
animals



Contact with contaminated animal
products



Secondary infection

human → human



Contact with infected
people



Mother to fetus



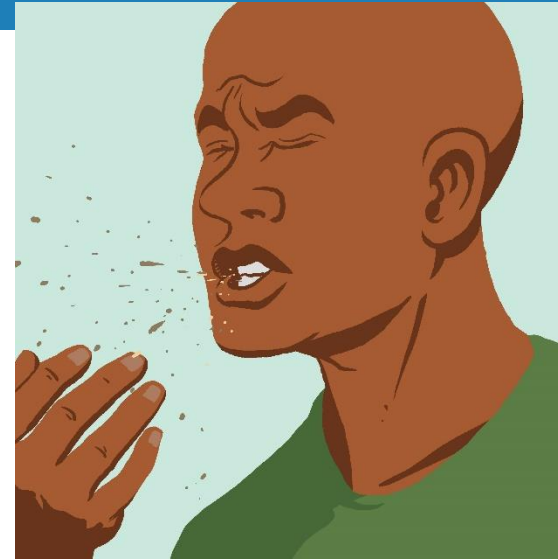
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Monkeypox – modes of transmission

Unprotected contact with:

- respiratory droplets
- lesion material
- body fluids
- contaminated materials and surfaces



The virus can enter through:

- respiratory tract
- mucous membranes (eyes and mouth, etc.)
- broken skin (e.g. animal bites, other routes)

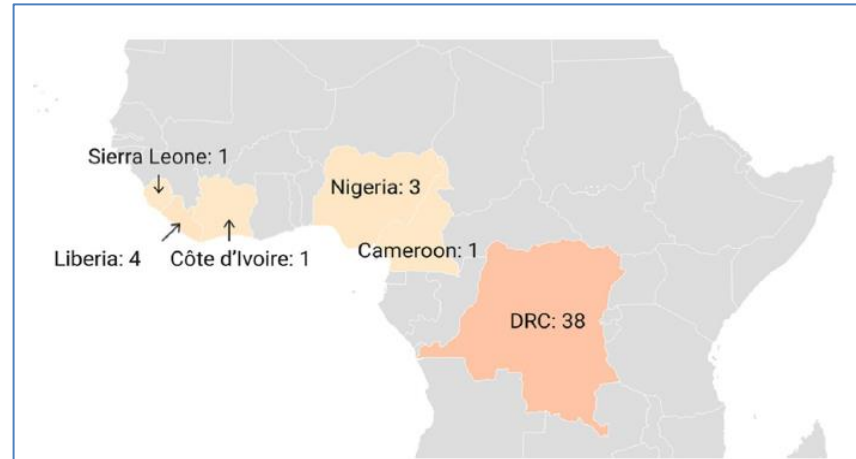


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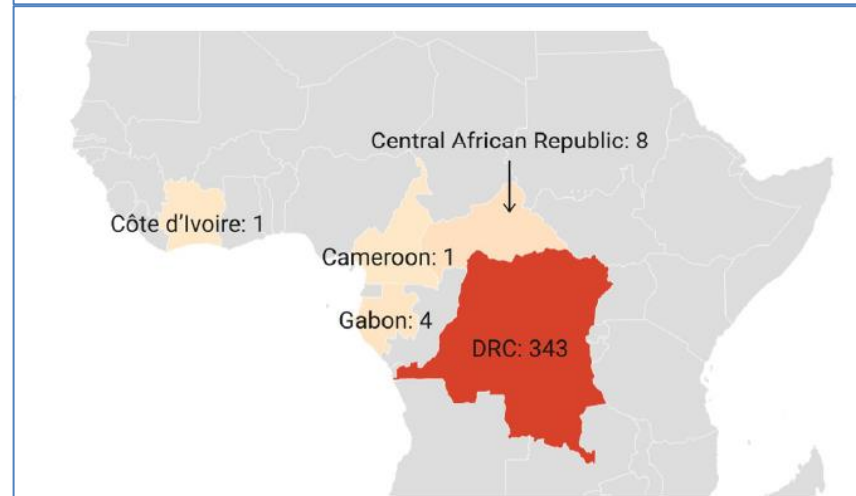
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Occurrence of monkeypox virus in widely scattered areas of Africa during 1970 -1979

- **Sporadic zoonotic infection in remote rural villages in Central and West African countries, now declared as Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)**
- **Clade names Congo Basin becomes I and West African becomes IIa and IIb (clade most seen in global outbreak)**



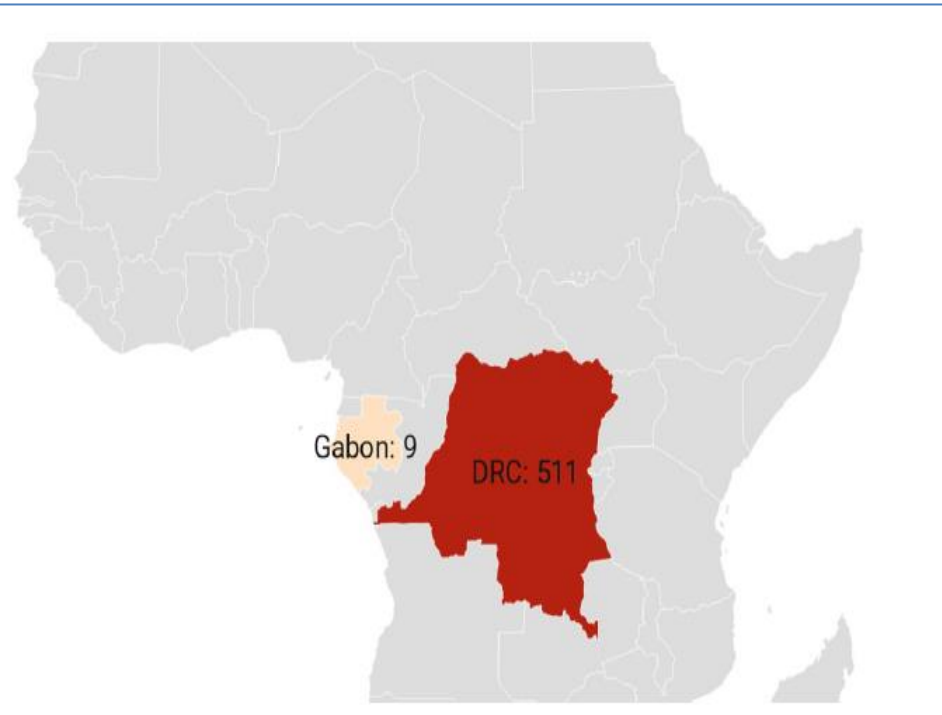
Number of confirmed, probable, and/or possible monkeypox cases between 1970–1979



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Bunge et al., 2022

Number of confirmed, probable, and/or possible monkeypox cases between 1990-2000



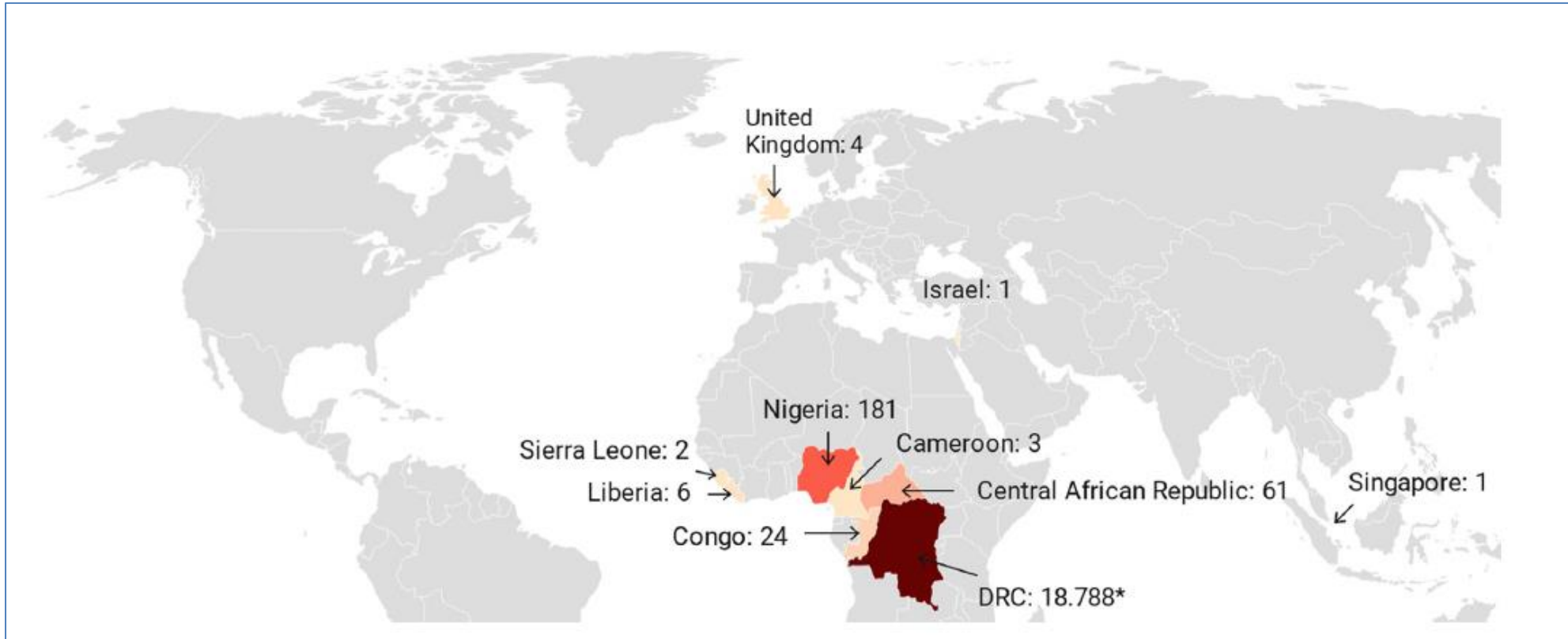
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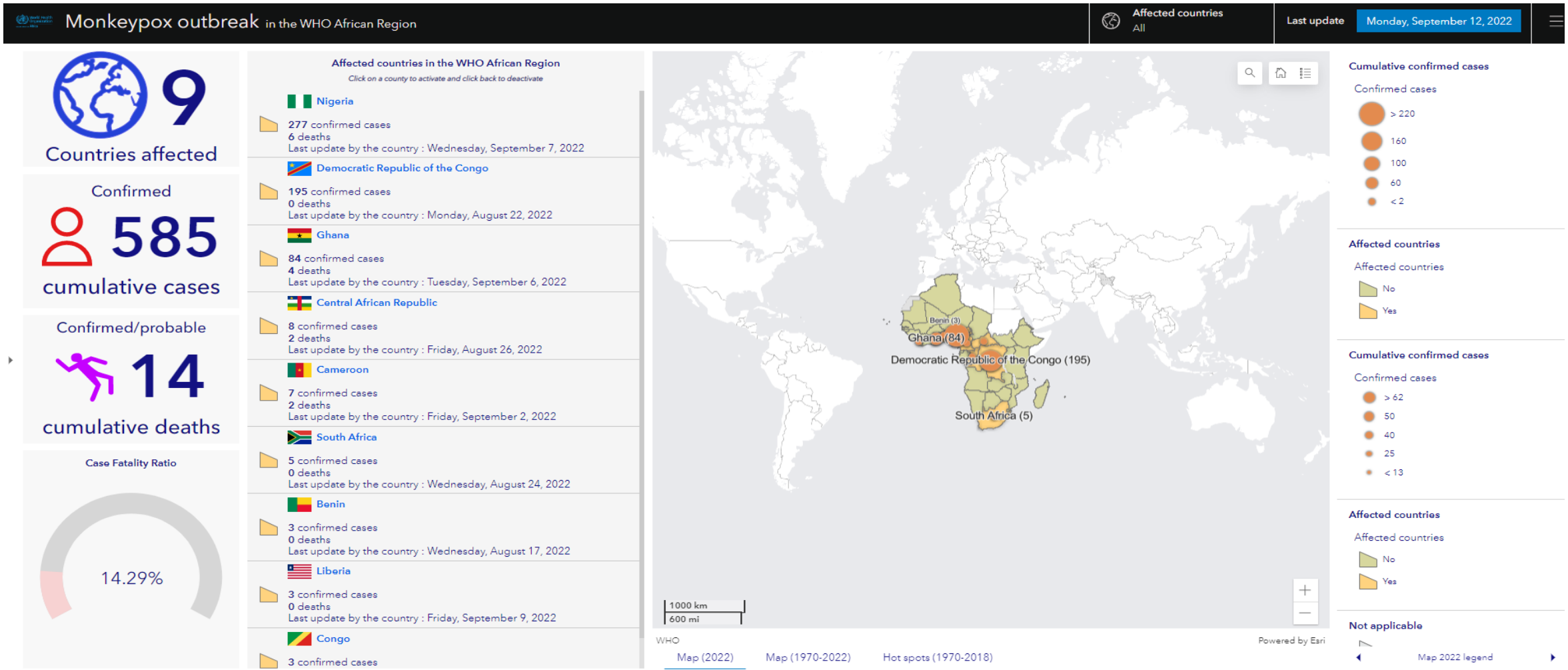
Number of confirmed, probable, and/or possible monkeypox cases between 2010-2019

18 September 2022



Monkeypox outbreak in the WHO African Region

As 12 September 2022



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<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/8370608ef8c74ad8bb356673bfcc087d>

Emerging, re-emerging or adaption of the monkeypox virus

Transmission Potential of Monkeypox Virus in Unvaccinated Human Populations



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Transmission Potential of Monkeypox Virus in Human Populations (1980-1984) in DRC

Two pertinent questions were addressed in 1988

- **1) What is the epidemic potential of monkeypox in unvaccinated human population?**
- **2) Is it possible that monkeypox could persist in unvaccinated human populations through continuous-person-to-person transmission?**

Fine et al. 1988, The transmission potential of monkeypox virus in human populations. International Journal of Epidemiology

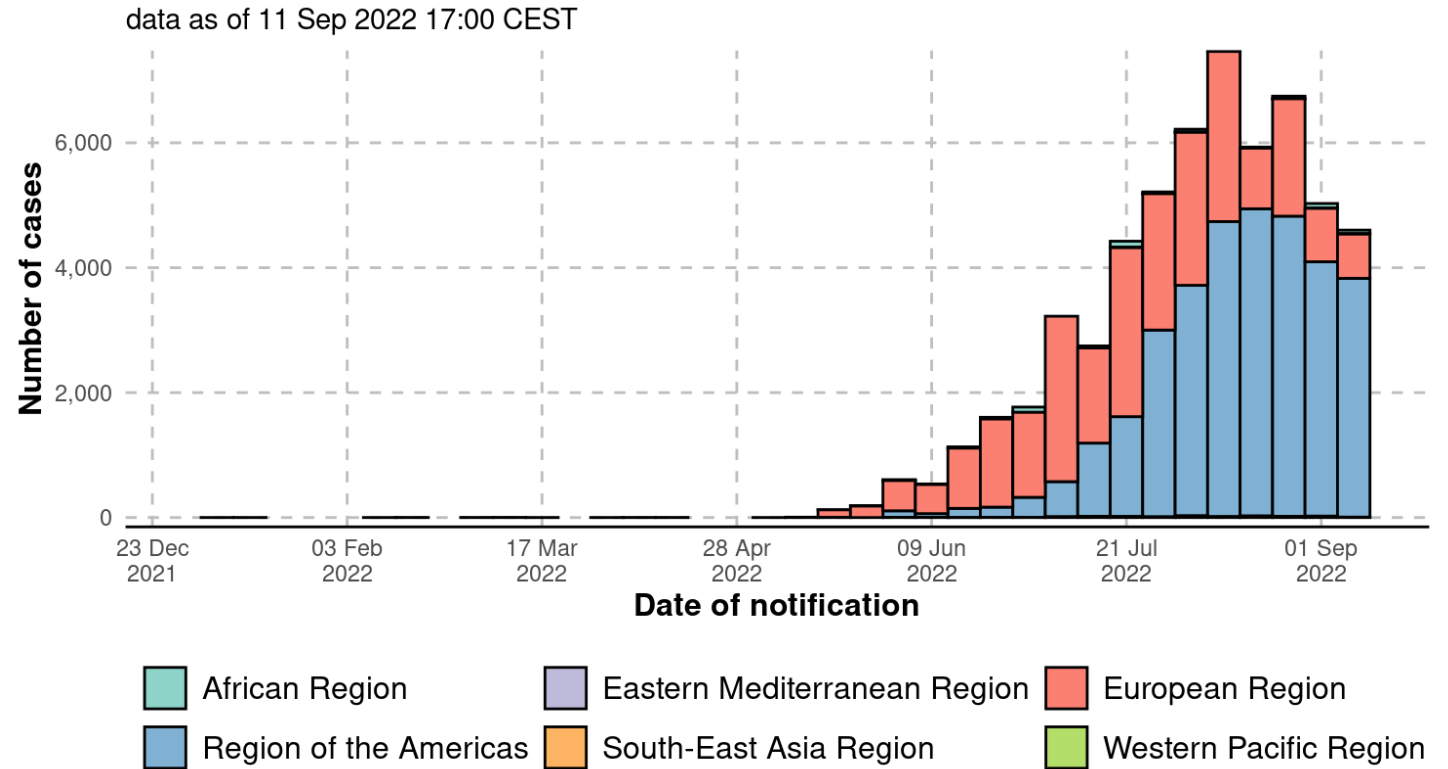
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Monkeypox disease outbreak in multiple countries

Global Epidemiological Situation

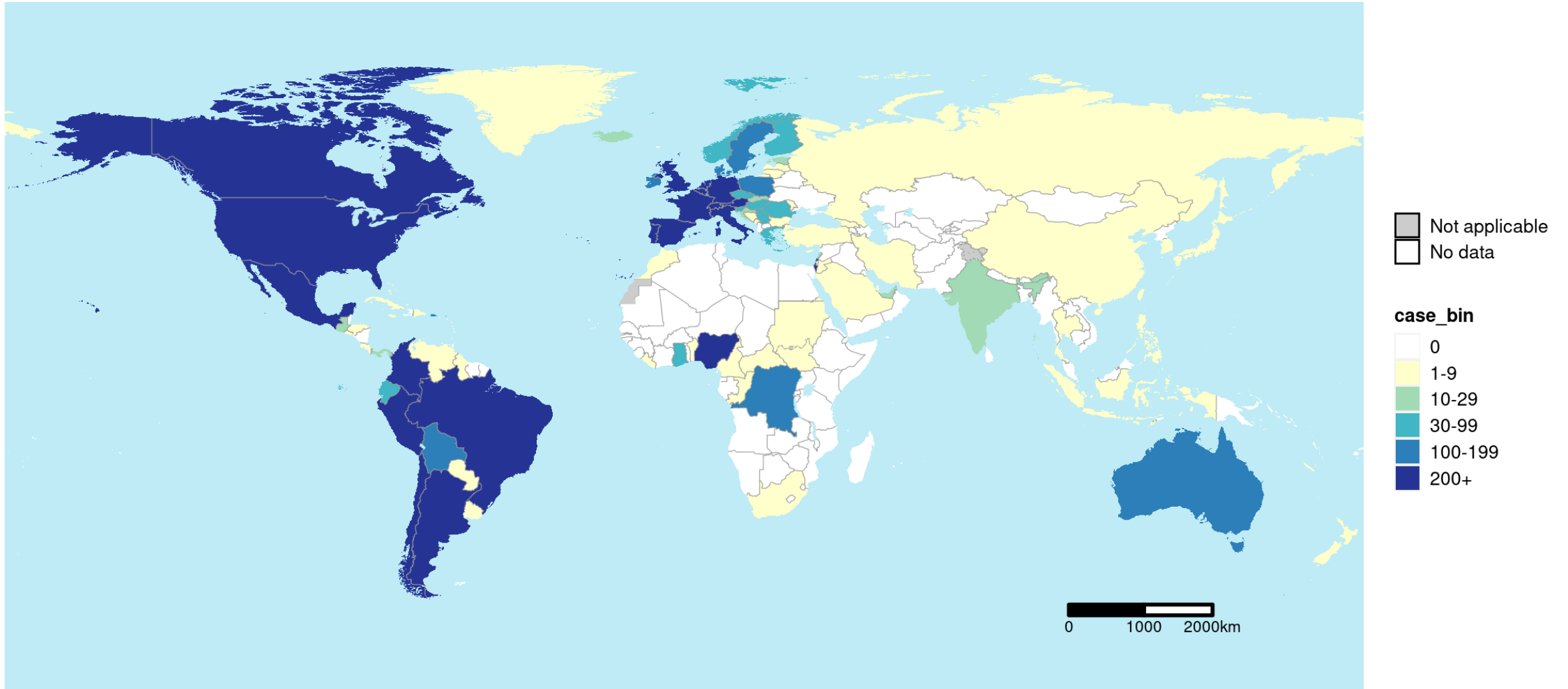
Confirmed cases by date of notification

- Since 1 Jan 2022, cases reported to WHO from **103 (1 new) Member States / territories** across all **6 WHO regions**
- As of 12 September 2022, at 17h CEST, a total of **57,607 laboratory confirmed cases (4,602 new)** including **22 deaths (4 new)**, have been reported
- Number of new weekly cases has decreased by 8.5% compared to the previous week



Confirmed cases of Monkeypox

from 1 Jan 2022, as of 12 Sep 22

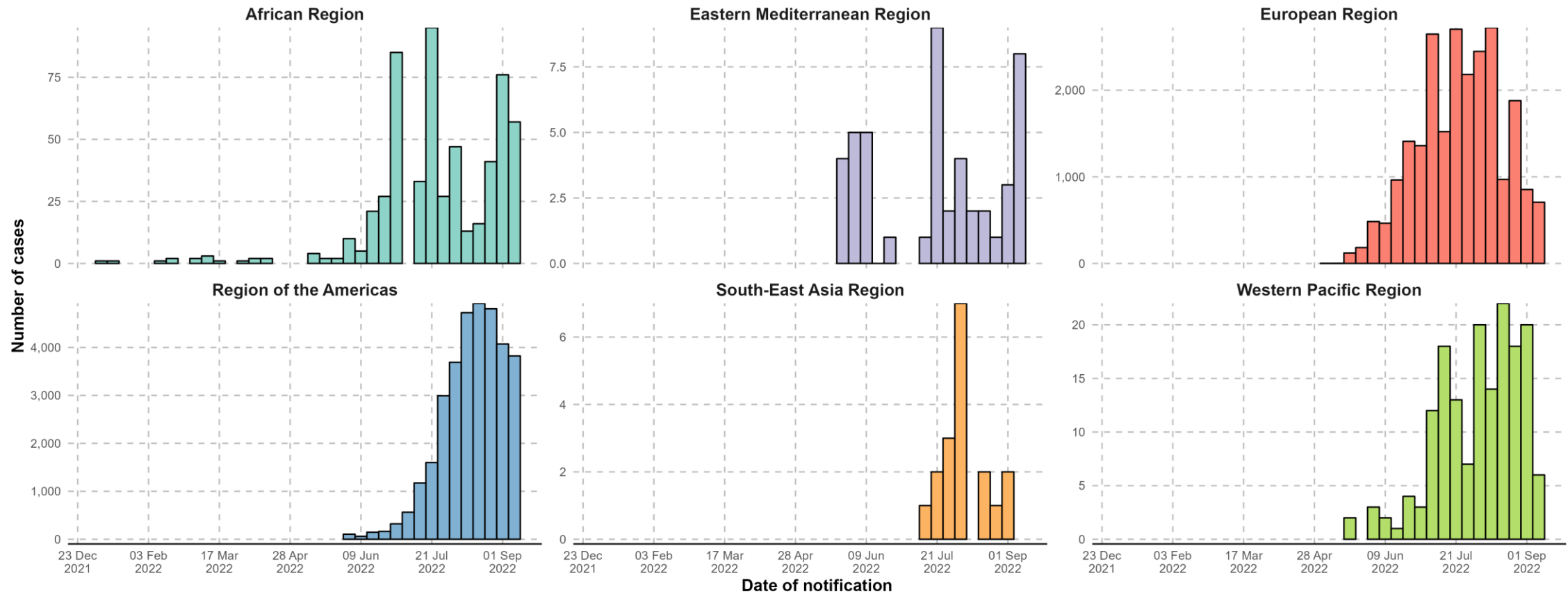


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Regional Epi Curves

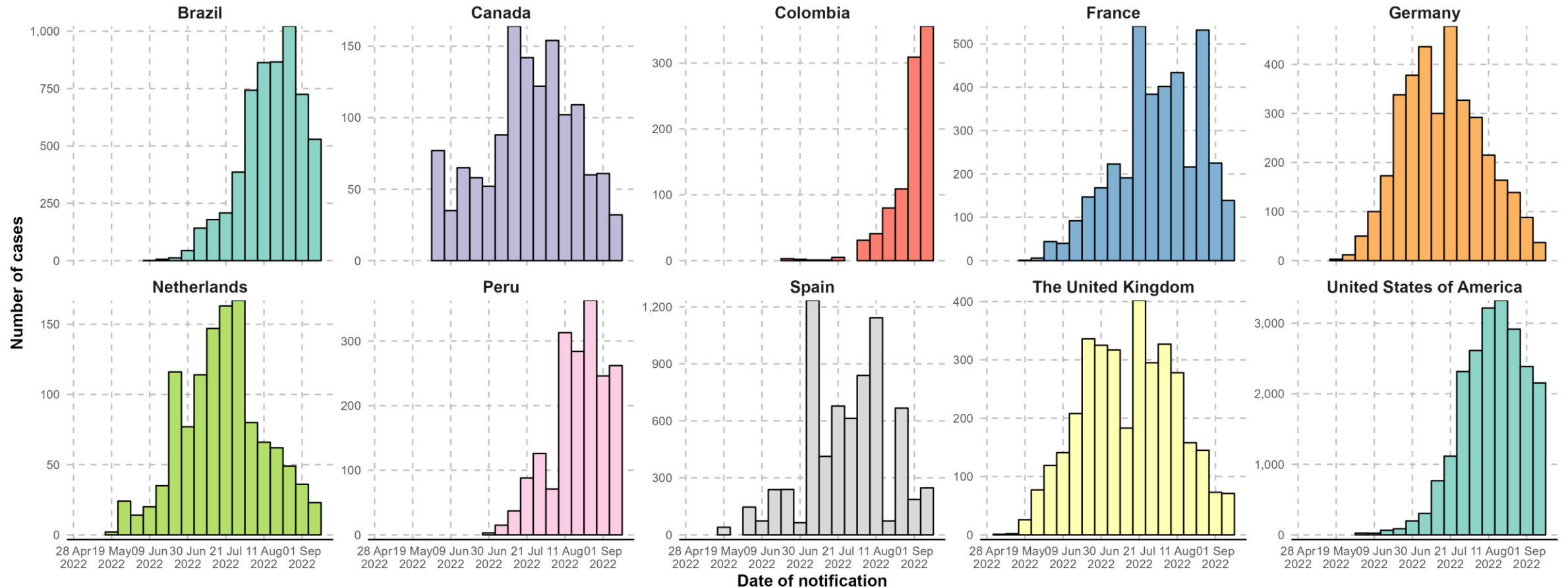
data as of 11 Sep 2022 17:00 CEST



Source: WHO

Top 10 countries epidemic curves by total reported cases

data as of 11 Sep 2022 17:00 CEST Note different y-axis scales



Source: WHO

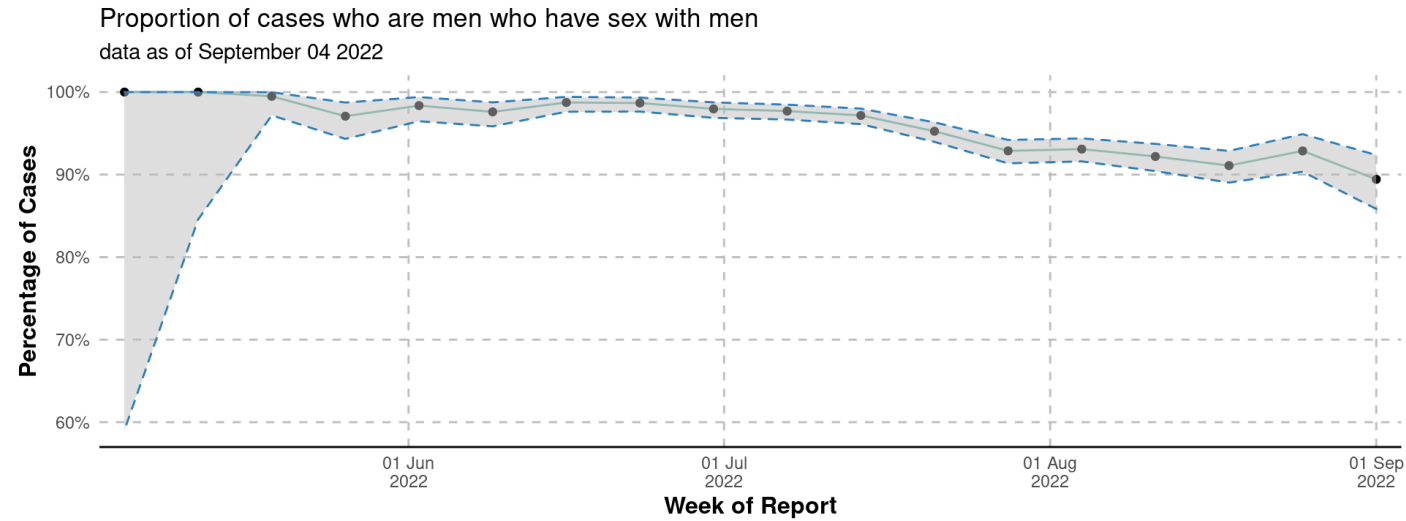
Demographics (case report forms)

Case profiles			
As of September 11 2022			
	Reported values ¹		Unknown or Missing Value
	Yes	No	
Men who have sex with men	12661 (95.0%)	663 (5.0%)	36305
HIV-Positive	5971 (45.7%)	7108 (54.3%)	36550
Health worker	322 (4.1%)	7481 (95.9%)	41826
Travel History	1327 (26.5%)	3690 (73.5%)	44612
Sexual Transmission	8430 (90.6%)	878 (9.4%)	40321
Hospitalised ²	1792 (9.1%)	17968 (90.9%)	29869
ICU	11 (0.1%)	8536 (99.9%)	41082
Died	4 (0.0%)	20898 (100.0%)	28727

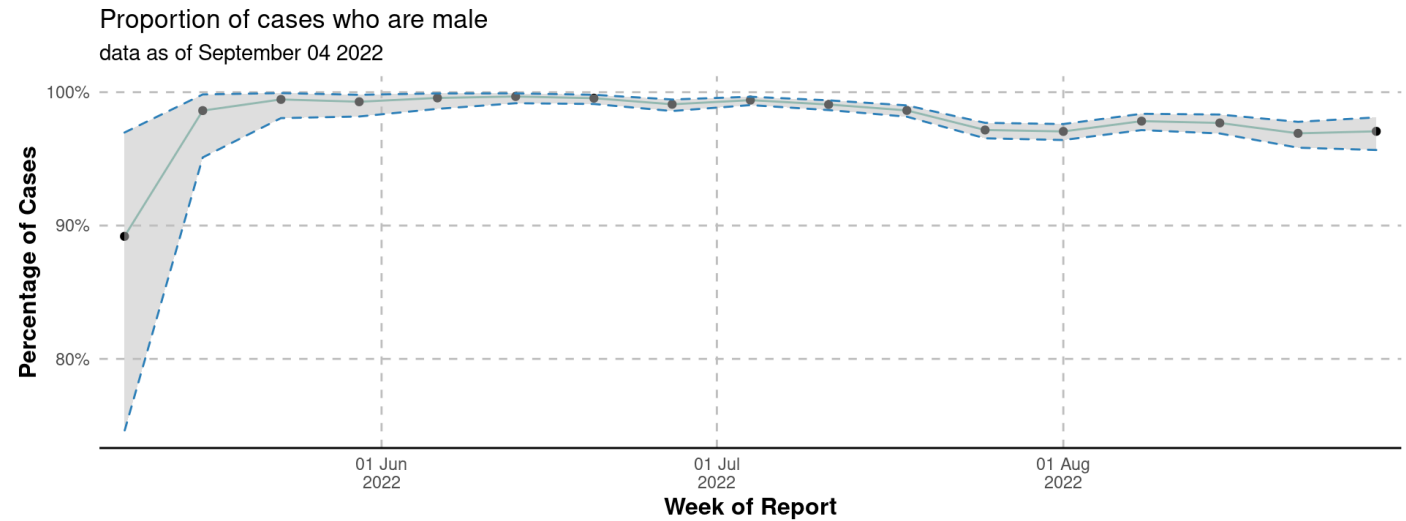
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² May be hospitalised for isolation or medical treatment

Proportions of Male Cases and MSM



Source: WHO



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Demographics (case report forms)

Case profiles			
As of September 05 2022			
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	Yes	No	
Men who have sex with men	11923 (95.2%)	607 (4.8%)	33442
HIV-Positive	5576 (44.9%)	6834 (55.1%)	33562
Health worker	313 (4.2%)	7070 (95.8%)	38589
Travel History	1213 (27.9%)	3127 (72.1%)	41632
Sexual Transmission	7822 (91.0%)	777 (9.0%)	37373
Hospitalised ²	1550 (8.4%)	16928 (91.6%)	27494
ICU	9 (0.1%)	8072 (99.9%)	37891
Died	4 (0.0%)	19681 (100.0%)	26287

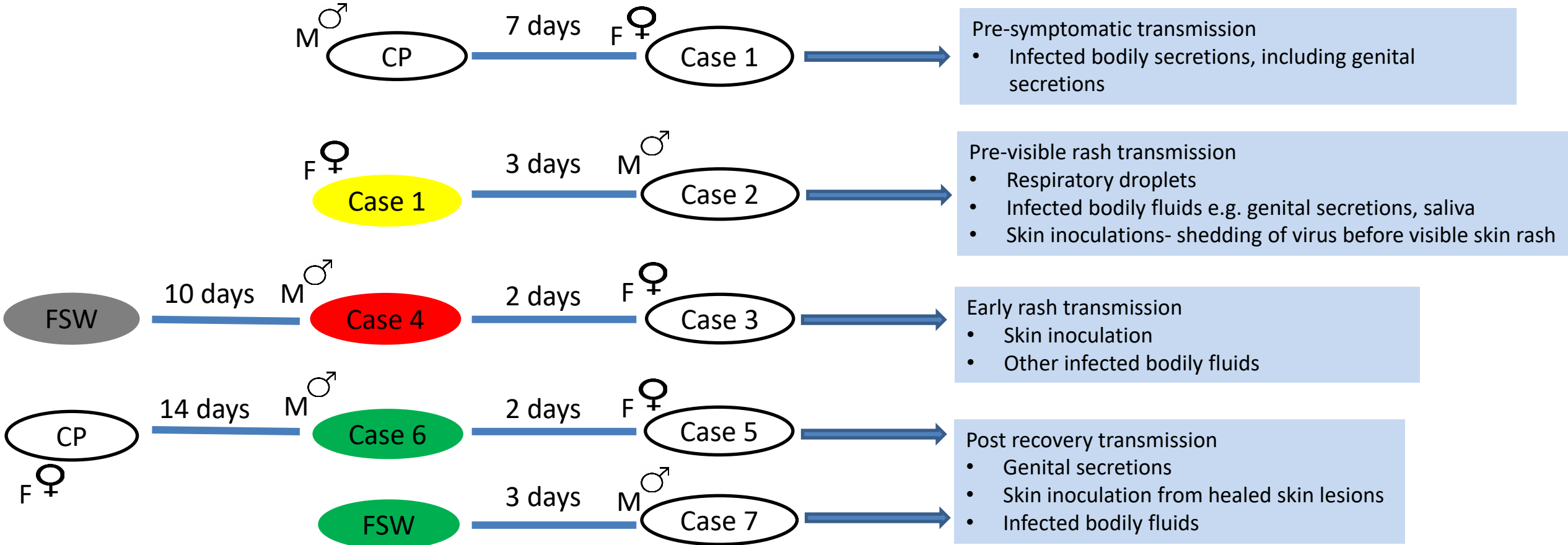
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Potential heterosexual transmission of monkeypox among seven linked casual sexual partners in Bayelsa, Nigeria (2022)

Relationship between linked sexual partners

Proposed modes of transmission



Legend

Yellow oval: Febrile prodrome

Green oval: Healed lesions

Grey oval: FSW Female sex worker

F Female

White oval: Asymptomatic

Grey oval: Unknown health status

CP Casual partner

Red oval: Genital rash

M Male

Transmission of MPX via sexual contact in some parts of Nigeria

Monkeypox among linked heterosexual casual partners in Bayelsa, Nigeria

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Abstract

Introduction

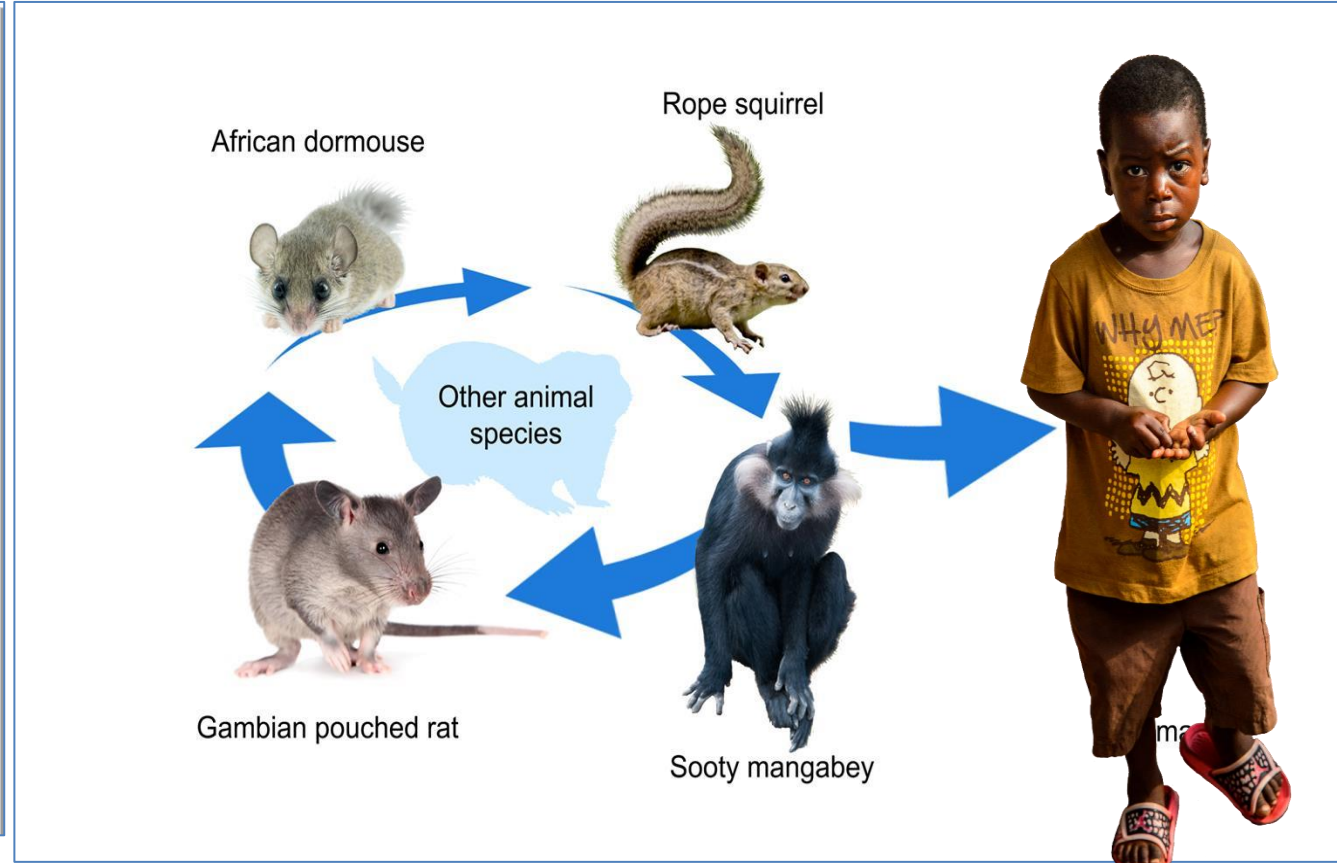
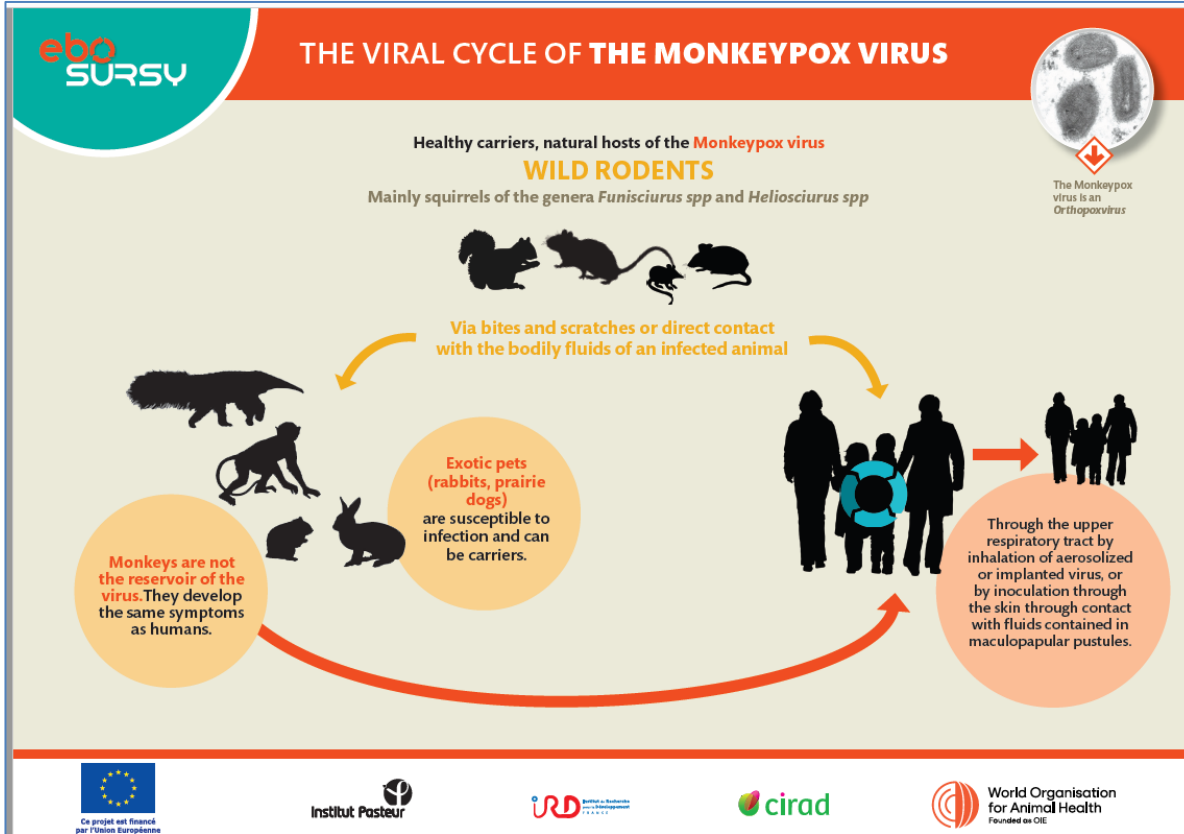
The 2022 outbreak of monkeypox (MPX) in the global north has been linked to sexual networks of gay and bisexual men with high-risk behaviours such as multiple sexual partners (MSP) and condomless casual sex (CCS). Studies describing potential transmissions of the monkeypox virus (MPV) via sexual contact among heterosexuals in MPX-endemic countries are lacking. We report the epidemiological and clinical features of seven cases of MPX in Bayelsa State, Nigeria who were linked heterosexual casual partners.

“Overall, our study supports our prior hypothesis in the 2017-2018 outbreak where we proposed transmission of MPX via sexual contact in some parts of Nigeria. Additionally, in this study, we report potential transmission of MPV among linked heterosexual casual partners who report high-risk behaviours. These findings call for more enhanced surveillance to identify and understand the role of sexual activity in the transmission of monkeypox in Nigeria”.

Transmission Potential of Monkeypox Virus

Ecology and geographical distribution

Monkeypox virus transmission cycle: need for One Health approach



Animals associated with monkeypox virus

Surveillance for monkeypox, transmissibility in wildlife and human populations

Key attributes:

- **Accuracy/completeness**
- **Sensitivity**
- **Specificity**
- **Timeliness**
- **Cost**
- **Simplicity**

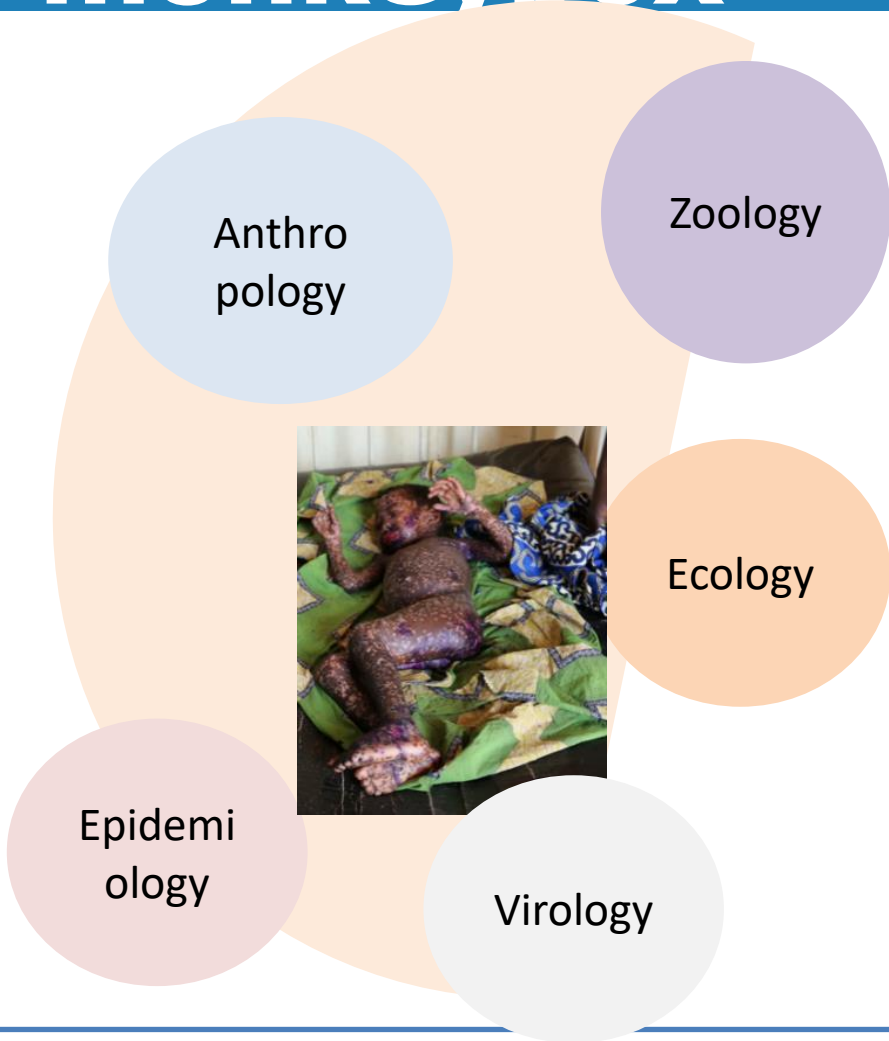
Human population

Animal population

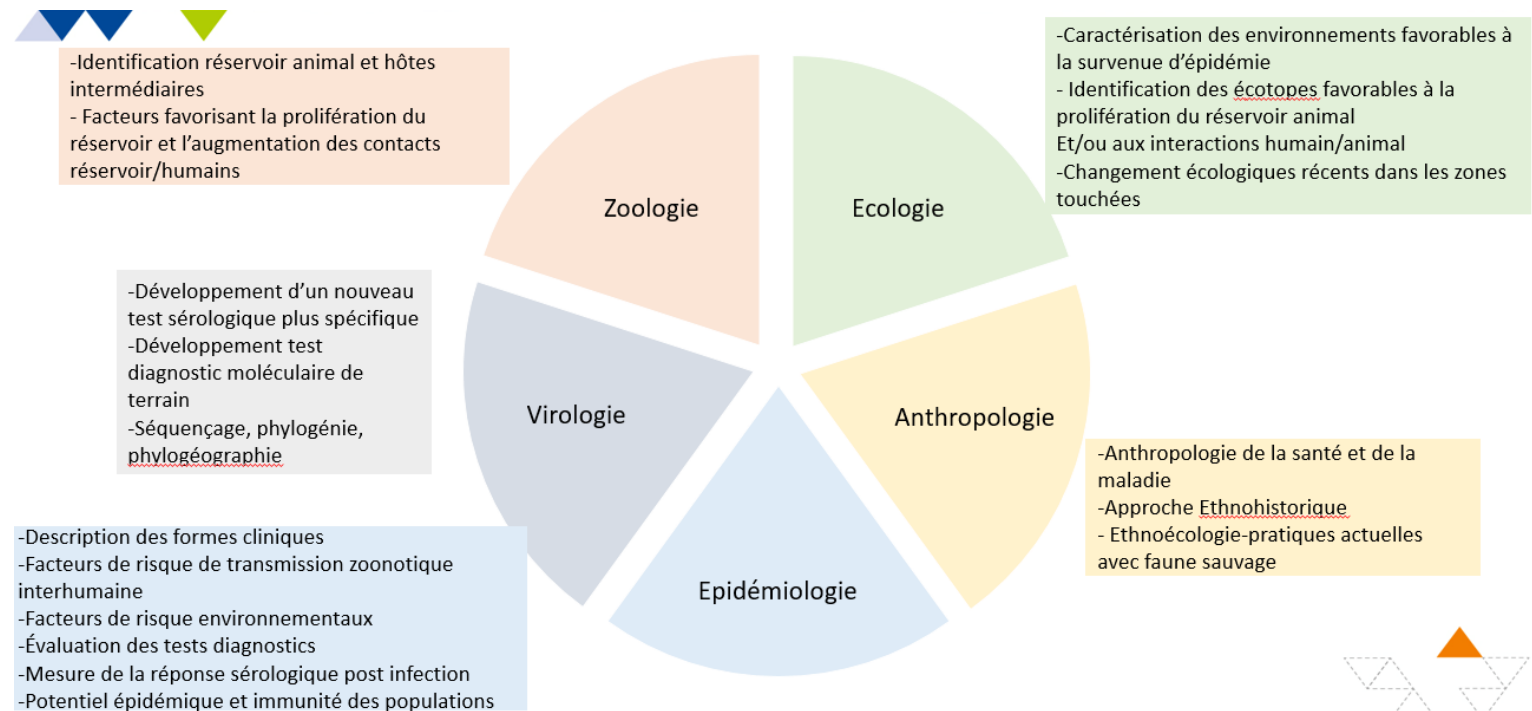
Environment

**Extended One Health
approach**

AFRIPOX : A One Health approach of monkeypox



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Links to more information:

- WHO Regional Office for Europe – One health: [link](#)
- CDC – One Health: [link](#)
- WHO - Taking a multisectoral, One Health Approach: A Tripartite guide to addressing zoonotic diseases in countries: [link](#)
- One Health: Basics of multisectoral collaboration at the Human - Animal - Environment interface (online course): [link](#)

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