



Human Monkeypox: An Emerging Sexually Transmitted Infection?

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Monkeypox has emerged outside Africa as a cause of global concern for multiple reasons during the ongoing multicountry outbreak. During the course of this epidemic, monkeypox virus (MPXV) seems to be sexually transmitted. Its detection in sexual fluids and the epidemiological association between cases and unprotected sexual contact also suggest this.

This Special Issue is dedicated to a wide range of aspects related to Monkeypox, particularly focusing on its sexual transmission as well as studies confirming this route, its epidemiology, cases, diagnosis, therapy, prevention, surveillance, and molecular and genomic aspects, among others.





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