

## Comment on “A survey on human monkeypox infection among men who have sex with men in Nepal” positionality

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To the Editor, we would like to share ideas on the publication “Uncovering the knowledge gaps: A survey on human monkeypox infection among men who have sex with men in Nepal” [1]. The study sought to assess Nepalese men who have sex with men (MSM) knowledge of human monkeypox (MPOX). It conducted a cross-sectional face-to-face survey with 250 Nepalese participants. The majority of MSM were unaware of MPOX's contagious nature, with 87% unaware that it was contagious. The study emphasizes the importance of taking immediate action to improve knowledge through health education programs and interventions to raise MPOX awareness among Nepalese MSM. The study did not provide information on the specific reasons for Nepalese MSM's lack of knowledge of MPOX. Furthermore, the relatively small sample size of 250 participants may limit the findings' generalizability to the larger MSM population in Nepal.

Further research could look into the underlying factors that contribute to Nepalese MSM's lack of knowledge about MPOX. One important thing is the recognition about the possible co-infection in patients with MPOX that can make difficulty in interpretation of clinical presentation [2]. Larger-scale studies with a more representative sample of the MSM population could provide a more complete picture of knowledge gaps and inform targeted interventions. Evaluating the impact of health education programs and interventions on improving MPOX knowledge and awareness among MSM would also be beneficial.

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