



SDI Review Form 1.6

Journal Name:	International Journal of TROPICAL DISEASE & Health
Manuscript Number:	Ms_IJTDH_35885
Title of the Manuscript:	Evolution of a disease surveillance system: an increase in reporting of human monkeypox disease in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, 2001-2013
Type of the Article	Original Research Article

General guideline for Peer Review process:

This journal's peer review policy states that **NO** manuscript should be rejected only on the basis of '**lack of Novelty**', provided the manuscript is scientifically robust and technically sound. To know the complete guideline for Peer Review process, reviewers are requested to visit this link:

(<http://www.sciencedomain.org/page.php?id=sdi-general-editorial-policy#Peer-Review-Guideline>)

PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Compulsory REVISION comments	It is not clear if outbreak triggers were defined and if containment measures were taken to control increasing cases.	We did not use outbreak triggers in this manuscript. MPX in DRC is considered an endemic disease, with regular circulation in the general population. However, based on this study – a baseline using trends over the past 10 years, triggers could possibly be decided to aid the Ministry of Health in the future to be more prepared to respond to an increased reporting of cases to determine if it could be an outbreak. We have added this outcome to the conclusion section.
Minor REVISION comments	Last para should be of recommendations saying what needs to be done.	We have updated this to include more recommendations not only for improving the system, but additionally for aiding in early detection and control of the disease.
Optional/General comments		