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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		
Minor REVISION comments	In the discussion, the authors need to compare their results with similar studies in Africa for surveillance of some diseases???	While we agree that a comparison with other countries for surveillance system would be interesting, especially since many other African countries have also implemented an IDSR, we did not feel that it would be appropriate in this publication. This paper is the 1 st to use these data to explore trends and changes in the system in DRC, thus we have chosen to focus specifically on DRC.
Optional/General comments	<p>The impact of the surveillance for global population is not shown. The correlation of mass campaign vaccination and surveillance of monkeypox disease must be clarified in RDC.</p> <p>The study is very important, the collected data can be useful in the country, but few limitations and their responses need to conclude as perspectives.</p>	There is currently no mass vaccination for monkeypox in DRC – thus currently there is no correlation. However, earlier this year, a small vaccination study was started in the health care worker population. It would be interesting to explore these correlations in the coming years using the existing data.