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Here we present a comprehensive review and meta-analysis concerning key epidemiological parameters of 2022-23 multi-country mpox outbreak such as incubation period, serial interval, generation time, infectious period and case fatality rate and effective and basic reproduction numbers. We believe that our research findings will make a valuable contribution to the field of infectious disease epidemiology and the understanding of the dynamics of current and future outbreaks. We trust that our research aligns with the interests of your journal and would be of significant interest to your readership. We assure you that this submission is original and has not been previously published or under review elsewhere. We declare that the manuscript has been seen and approved by all authors, who accept full responsibility for the content.

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