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Severe Monkeypox Disease in Two Nigerian Men During the 2017 Resurgence

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Fig. 1: (A) & (B) Severe monkeypox disease in a 35-year-old security man.

He presented with a 1-week history of generalized skin rashes preceded by high-grade fever, headache, sore throat, cough, vomiting and fatigue. Physical examination revealed widespread polymorphic skin lesions predominantly papules concentrated on the face, extremities and perineum; fever (39.3°C), mildly tender cervical and axillary lymphadenopathy, tachypnea and bibasal coarse crepitations. (C) Following two weeks of supportive care, constitutional symptoms gradually resolved and skin lesions improved with some hypopigmentation.



Fig. 2: A fatal case of monkeypox disease in a 27-year-old Nigerian man.

He presented with an 8-day history of generalized skin rashes associated with high-grade fever, productive cough, diarrhea and altered consciousness. Physical examination revealed widespread predominantly vesicular lesions with central umbilication, fever (40.1°C), tender generalized lymphadenopathy, tachypnea, widespread coarse crepitations, hypotension and Glasgow Coma Scale Score of 13/15. Despite aggressive supportive care, he died on the 11th day of admission of multi-organ dysfunction syndrome.