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Human Monkeypox: A Potential Public Health Hazard

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Abstract

Human Monkeypox (MPX) is a zoonose variola virus, causing widespread infection in humans since the 1980 eradication of smallpox. Unvaccinated individuals are vulnerable to Monkeypox Virus (MPXV) infection. The virus's increased effectiveness in human to human spread, biological threat warnings, and increased scavenger populations make it a potential public health hazard due to its widespread prevalence and potential for scavenger populations. Its widespread prevalence, coupled with the ability to exploit scavenger populations, complicates containment efforts. MPXV presents symptoms similar to smallpox, such as fever, rash, and swollen lymph nodes, but with a lower mortality rate. Despite this, outbreaks can lead to significant morbidity, healthcare burden, and economic disruption. Recent outbreaks in various regions underscore the need for vigilant surveillance and prompt response strategies. Public health authorities emphasize the importance of educating communities about preventive measures, improving diagnostic capabilities, and ensuring access to medical care. The development and distribution of effective vaccines and antiviral treatments are critical to mitigating the impact of MPXV. The re-emergence of MPXV highlights the urgent need for robust public health infrastructure and international collaboration to address this ongoing threat and prevent future epidemics.

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Introduction

Human MPX is a zoonose variola virus like sickness affected by the causative agent pathogen, a member of the Orthopoxvirus genus. Variola virus is as well included in this genus (the causative agent of smallpox) since the in 1980 eradication of smallpox, monkeypox has progressively arrive as the most important OPXV (Orthopox Virus) in terms of community health, owing to its prevalence in humans unvaccinated people are vulnerable to MPXV infection. Furthermore, the enhanced effectiveness of MPXV human-to-human. Spread, the biological threat warning of Smallpox Virus (SMPX) and MPXV, and the rise in the noticed numeral of scavenger (animal) masses all point to MPXV as a possible huge-range civic well-being hazard. Human monkeypox was found in 1970, after the discovery of occasional cases of a comparable disease in rural parts of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Since then, the epidemiology and clinical aspects of the condition have been intensively studied, but no effective countermeasures have been implemented human instances of monkeypox were caused by dealings with infectious rodents that had been stored or convey alongside African cavy (rodents) bring in from gold coast (Ghana) Monkey pox is meticulously correlated to smpx, and the smallpox preparation is assume to be defensive in contradiction of MPX [1]. MPXV was initial revealed in baboons. Since Monkey-pox has equally zoonotic and homosapien to homosapien spread, the first case was testified in 1970 DRC (Democratic Republic of the Congo), and it has expand to several realms both within and apart from of Africa. Zoonosis spread occurs through straight interaction through infected animals' plasma, physique liquids. Ineffectively roasted substance may also be a factor. Human to anthropoid transference occurs through undeviating by way of bodily fluids infected people's epidermis sores, or coming into exposure with tainted particles by a contaminate individual human beings. The West and Central Africa are indigenous for monkeypox microbe however following its first detection in the DRC Congo in 1970, the number of sufferer has increased to the point where it is now present in several African and European regions. According to research, the rise in Monkeypox case scenarios the human species perhaps assign to the cessation of smallpox immunize, which generally provides cross shield opposed to Monkeypox thus the term "monkeypox." The word is misleading because the virus's big animal zone have been discovered in cavy (rodents) such as chipmunk and large gopher, both of which are chase for nourishment Smallpox does not cause lymphadenopathy, whereas monkeypox does. The affliction may last for 28 days before sarcomas on the epidermis go away. MPXV was discovered in 1958 throughout a virulent disease of monkeypox with inside the Asian monkey “Macaca fascicularis” which became used for polio vaccine studies at a Copenhagen, Denmark beast provision in August 1970 the precedent of hmpxv was discovered at Basankusu sanatorium in Zaire's Ecuador region, when a nine-month-vintage boy evolved a smallpox-like fragility. The Collaborating Center of the WHO at the investigate academy for Viral procure in Moskva confirmed that monkeypox virus was the cause of the boy's illness. Even though the arena is existing dealing with the COVID-19 ailment, the emergence of a brand new outburst precipitated by the M.pox virus has citizen health ceremonial is concerned about whether may it will pose a new warning monkeypox virus is a double stranded Deoxyribonucleic acid virus that belongs to orthopox viruses class, which also includes variola, Cowpox (CPX) afterward the abolition of small-pox, monkey-pox has emerged as the most common opxv influence human section Monkeypox is now indigenous in Western and Central African countries which have experienced a rising of

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monkeypox explosion in the last 10 yr. Since 2016, there have been more validate cases of monkeypox than in the previous 40 years.

History

MPX is due to the zoonotic monkey pox microbe a part of the Orthopoxvirus aptitude the 1st anthropoid Mpxv incident turned into stated in 1970 with inside DRC (Democratic Republic of Congo), which remains Africa's place with the best degree of endemicity. MPX research has largely gone unnoticed. Epidermis lesions, pyrexia (fever), and enlarged lymph nodes are common clinical manifestations. MPX is commonly self-limiting however excessive instances can happen, and a incident death rate of 1% to 10% has been mentioned from Africa with infections from the Central African viral clade being associated with a higher case fatality rate. Orthopoxvirus is a member of the *Poxviridae* subfamily *Chordopoxvirinae*. Family is a member of the order Chitovirales, which is a subclass of the class *Pokkesviricetes*. This class is a member of the phylum *Nucleocytoviricota*, the dominion *Bamfordvirae*. Members of the subdivision OPXV and also additional extremity of the family *Poxviridae* that affect rabbits, insects, birds and goats cause disease in humans and animals.

Material and Methods

Drug absorption, distribution, metabolism, excretion analysis

Simplified molecular input line entry system is a notation system used to represent the structure of molecules as a linear string of characters. It provides a compact and standardized way to describe molecular structures, making it easier to input and process them in computational tools [2]. The ligands (phytochemicals) were initially screened to ensure they adhere to Lipinski's rule of five. This rule is a guideline used in drug discovery to assess the likelihood of a compound's oral bioavailability. It evaluates properties such as molecular weight, lipophilicity, hydrogen bonding, and rotatable bonds. After the screening, the molecular and physicochemical properties of the phytochemicals were investigated using the Swiss ADME tool (Absorption, Distribution, Metabolism and Excretion). Swiss ADME is a web based platform that provides various computational models and algorithms to predict molecular properties, including solubility, lipophilicity, and drug-likeness. To further analyse the phytochemicals, they were converted from the Protein data bank to the standard Simplified Molecular Input Line Entry System (SMILES) format. This conversion allows for easier input and compatibility with various computational tools. The SMILES-formatted phytochemicals were then uploaded to the Swiss ADME prediction tool to predict their drug absorption, distribution, metabolism, excretion, and toxicity profiles. This information is essential in drug discovery and development, as it helps assess the potential efficacy and safety of the compounds [3]. Additionally, the algorithm based pharmacokinetics, pkCSM was utilized to computationally predict the physicochemical and pharmacological properties of the phytochemicals. This server employs various algorithms and models to estimate parameters related to the absorption, distribution, metabolism, excretion, and toxicity of small molecules. Overall, the use of SMILES format, along with computational tools enables researchers to efficiently analyse and predict the properties of phytochemicals, aiding in the drug discovery and development process [4].

Symptoms

Lethargy, asthenia, lymph node swelling, seizures, confusion, joint pain and/or swelling, diarrhoea, wheezing, ear pain, conjunctivitis, abdominal pain, chest pain, dysphagia, stiff neck, shortness of breath, mouth sores, back pain, nasal congestion, nausea and/or vomiting, cough, sweats, myalgia, sore throat, headache, adenopathy, chills and/or rigors, fever, rash [5].

Diagnosis

Viral DNA analysis using technique of Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) is the preferred laboratory diagnostic for mpox [6]. By firmly wiping skin, liquid or the outer layer from the rash, the best clinical examination may be taken. If there are no cutaneous lesions testing can be done on orypharyngeal, anal or rectal swabs. Not recommended is examinations of vital fluid. The inability to differentiate beetwen different orthopox viruses may render them ineffective. The allergic reaction initially appears as unpleasant, flat, red pimples. These lumps develop into blisters that ooze pus. Blisters that develop eventually harden and peel off may take 2 to 4 weeks [7-9].

RT-PCR: The best screening specimens include dermatological lesions, pustule and blister fluid, and dry outermost layer etc.

WGS: WGS is highly expensive technology,so this technology is not use.

Serology: This technology is not recommended due to the cross-reactive with other pox virus.

Clinical examination: Skin, vaginal mucosa, and oral mucosa.

Symptomatic treatment: Skin irritation and genital lesions; Fever >38°C.

Real time PCR: Any suspicious skin or mucosal lesion should be swabbed.

Monkey pox negative: Stop monitoring

Monkey pox positive: Hospitalization in a tertiary or recognised facility.

WHO guideline: Severe 100 to 250 skin lesions, Moderate 25 to 99 skin lesions, Mild-less than 25 skin lesions.

Fetal: Depending on gestational age, fetal evaluation corticosteroid use for foetal lung maturation.

Delivery: The virus can also spread during pregnancy to the foetus, during or after birth via skin-to-skin contact, or from a parent infected with monkeypox to an infant or child via intimate contact.

Newborn: The newborn should be cleaned as soon as possible. Real-time PCR for monkey pox in newborn baby.

Results

According to lab studies, electron microscopy of monkeypox rash specimens displays distinctive big slab (brick)-formed elements. In vesicular liquids, the mulberry arrangement

predominates, with mulberry bulge visible and a lack of PTA (Phosphor Tungstic Acid) stain perforation into the constituent part [10]. Prevalence research in 1981, surveys of people without vaccination marks were done in Congo, Zaire, Côte d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone (regions of Central and West Africa affected by monkeypox detected in 1970s). By HAI (Hemaglutination-Inhibitiontesting), an orthopoxvirus general Elisa test, 663/3460 (19.2%) of DRC (then Zaire) samples were seropositive. 178 of the hemaglutination forbid testing-positive sera were verified using the Radio Immuno Assay (RIA) test, which is more specific to monkeypox. 27 (15%) of the 178 sera verified were positive for "monkeypox." Disease prognosticate: Modeling study results based on human epidemiology, as well as limited ecological educations, were used to determine monkey pox could accurately spread among people and exchange SPX (Smallpox) as a sever, entomb social communicable pathogen [11-13]. These scrutiny also influenced the verdict not to reintroduce "smallpox" inoculation. By means of records from the 1981 to 1986 research [14]. There were secondary bacterial infections recorded. Eyelid ulceration was observed in 4 percent of not vaccinated case patients and 1% of initially vaccinate case forbearing (patients). Bronchial pneumonia and respiratory illness were detected late in the sickness (were thought to be caused by bacteria); 19 of 34 unvaccinated patients with this difficulty pass away. Broncho-pneumonia collide with 34/270 unvaccinated patients and 2/43 earlier small pox immunized stoic (patient). Additional problems combined nausea and diarrhoea, which resulted in water loss. Oropharynx abnormalities were originate in 76% of unvaccinated and 47% of initially variola-immunized monkeypox patients [15]. Upper respiratory palatine tonsils and oral ulcers have been noticed. Pertussis (cough) was reported in 39% of non-vaccinated patients and 14% of recently immunised patients. Ocular problem keratitis and inflammation of the eyelids were observed in 30% of unimmunized patients and 7% of earlier immunised patients.

Discussion

Prevention

Due to the shortcomings of the currently available smallpox vaccines, research into alternative therapeutics like as immunoglobulin and antiviral medicines is critical in stoping excessive or deadly OPXV infection in immunodeficient individuals. Who don't need therapy intended for medicinal reasons can be solitude in the home and different non healthcare surroundings the usage of suitable infect control measures [16,17]. Prevention of infection transmission *via* inhaling and contact path is also essential in the home. Type of household situation, such as at home, an apartment complex, a direct provision centre, a hostel, etc. Unable to keep away from contact with immunocompromised individuals, child-bearing, and children lower than the age of 13 years.

Hand hygiene: With cleaning soapsuds and H_2O or the use of an spirits-primarily based hand polish execute by sick individuals and family associates after touching clothing linens, lesion material and ecological surfaces that could have come into touch with mutilation (lesion) substances.

Lavatory: Cleaning home settings need to be done in the order listed below. Before entering the room, contaminated clothing and linens should be collected cleaned. Personal apparel or line have to now no longer be shaken or treated in any way that could dispel contagious particles element that have come into direct touch with an infected person's skin and are difficult to wash in a house wash appliance, such as pillows, comforters and coverlets, can be positioned in a sealed and bag.

Handling dirty laundry, which include towels, individual clothing, and bed sheets should be done with caution to keep away from direct touch with infected material. One-use gauntlet (gloves) have to be shabby and hands must be thoroughly wiped clean later eliminating gloves [18]. Wherever possible, this have to be done with the aid of using the showed case. To avoid the spread of virus particles and skin scales, home linen in a not reusable carrier bag before transferring it to the washing machine. Clothing and linens that have been contaminated must be laundered at 60°C on an prolonged rotation. Do not excess the washing appliance (goal for hemi or three quarters full) and dodge smaller 'economy series' (individuals that use less H_2O and save vitality) until the distinct has improved completely. Confirmed MPX cases must do their private dirty washing whenever feasible, keeping their washing matters apart after the rest of the house's laundry and washing them with their regular cleaner, per producer's directions. Items that have been washed should not be located in zones where they can become re-infect during the scrubbing method. If a person does not have a washing device, they can hand rinse their clothes with warm liquid and regular cleansing agent. This may work better in a big hand basin or plunge bath when finished, it is critical to hygienic and sanitize all outsides with disposable gloves. When cleaning these surfaces with bleach, use extra caution.

Environmental cleaning: Steam cleaning can be used on carpets, curtains, and other soft furniture. Individuals should clean and dry their specific used saucers and intake appliance, then if they have one, use a dish washer with warm H_2O (above 60°C) and detergent. If this is not possible, then eating paraphernalia (utensil) should be mop with regular dishwashing liquid and hot water and air dried. If a person takes lacerations on their fingers and does not have access to a wash, they must be instructed to wash up with solitary-use only not reusable gloves. Recyclable gloves should not be shared and have to be thrown out once the segregation period has ended. Carpets, for example, can be washed with a high efficiency particle arresting filtered vacuum cleanser (if one is accessible); however, carefulness Must be obtained when arranging of the dust buster contents to diminish dust particle dispersal. Vacuum cleaner unwanted should be emptied wisely into a not reusable trash basket.

As an added safety measure, all not reusable trash bags have to be located in a additional throwaway carrier and firmly sealed before being willing of as normal with household discarded. All garbage container should be strongly put in storage up to they are collected. Unused should not be placed in reprocessing containers until the self-isolation period has completed. Early results from research indicate that being a young guy, having intercourse with other males, partaking in dangerous behaviours and activities, such as condom less sex, and sero positive are risk factors for monkey pox [19]. Human Immunodeficiency Virus

(HIV) testing positive and a history of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), including syphilis Given the uncertainty surrounding monkeypox virus sexual transmission *via* sperm or different sexual frame fluid, showed instances who want to renew sexual action after self-solitude has over are suggested to apply a protection for 84 days afterwards the impetuous has scraped done and layers have dropped off. It is a preventive measure toward decrease the possibility of infection distribution to others. This is a cautionary measure. This advice may change as new proof becomes available [20].

Personal protective equipment: All confirmed cases, especially those with respiratory symptoms, should wear a medical grade (surgical) mask. The somebody kind intended for or helping the individual with MPX have a duty to wear one-use gloves.

Safety for pregnant woman: For the reason that of the post-COVID-19 edge regenerating and tourism between nations currently undergoing an epidemic, the risk of contagion in pregnant females is high. Human infections with monkeypox and smallpox (both orthopoxviruses) transmit a high danger of highly inherited contamination, maternal illness, miscarriage, and death. Fertilization woman with monkeypox who traveled to an impacted nation within the past 21 days and had sexual intercourse proved a case of monkeypox.

Pharmacotherapy: Monkeypox does not have a specific treatment. The main recommendations remain supportive care, symptomatic management, and mitigation of subordinate bacterial contamination Prior immunisation by the help of smallpox serum appears to have a defensive impact in opposition to monkey pox virus and can enhance scientific manifestations of infection [21,22]. The United State SNS (Strategic National Stockpile) presently carries 3 smallpox vaccines: Jynneostm (additionally called as, Imvanex, Imvamune, Modified Vaccinia Ankara-Bavarian Nordic) and Acam2000 are licenced for smpx, and the APSV (Aventis-Pasteur-Smallpox-Vaccine) could be used for smallpox under an IND (Investigational-New-Drug) procedure. JYNNEOSTM is a alive biological inoculation made from a improved strain of VABN (Vaccinia-Ankara-Bavarian-Nordic) that was approved by the United State FDA (Food and Drug Administration) in September 2019. Acam2000 consists of stay vaccinia germ also. It become authorized in August 2007 in fda but was removed by the producer because it is intended for effective immunisation antagonist of smallpox affliction in people who have been determined to be at high risk of infection. APSV (Aventis-Pasteur-SmallpoxVaccine) is a duplication-capable vaccine that can be applied with an Ind or contingency usage approval. However, it is unknown whether this serum could be apply to prevent MPXV.

Vaccine: Vulnerability vaccination of previously unvaccinated individuals against smallpox. Deliver a course of two doses, with at least a 28-day interval between doses 0.5 ml MVA-BN vaccine initial dose, then a second 0.5 ml dose of Modified Vaccinia Ankara-Bavarian Nordic (MVA-BN) vaccine should be administered at least 28 days after the first dose [23]. Individuals of any age should be given a single 0.5 ml dose of MVA-BN vaccine after being exposed. The vaccine should be administered *via* deep subcutaneous injection.

Drugs use in monkey pox virus treatment

Tecovirimat is administered through route IV. The dosage for adults is 600 mg TID for 14 days and for pediatrics, 13 kg to 25 kg-200 mg BID for 14 days. Side effects include infusion-site reactions, vomiting. Tecovirimat showed promising antiviral activity against both Monkeypox virus and a virus similar to smallpox in rabbits in subsequent investigations, the pharmacokinetics (how the drug is absorbed, distributed, metabolized, and excreted) and safety of tecovirimat were assessed in a clinical trial involving 361 healthy individuals. These participants were randomly assigned to receive an oral dose of 600 mg of tecovirimat twice a day. The results of the study indicated that tecovirimat was four times more effective in non-human primates compared to humans. However, no significant safety concerns or warning signs of danger were observed during the trial. The adverse effects of tecovirimat were minimal. These findings suggest that tecovirimat has potential as an effective antiviral agent against orthopoxviruses, including the Vaccinia virus, cowpox virus, Monkeypox virus, and a virus similar to smallpox. Further research and clinical trials are needed to fully understand its efficacy and safety in humans.

Brincidofovir is given as a tablet or syrup. The dosage for adults is >48 kg-200 mg weekly for two days and for pediatrics >10 kg–4 mg/kg–syrup. Side effects include diarrhea, adomen cramp. Controlling of itchy skin can be done by cleaning with antiseptic. If secondary infection may develop into the skin then antibacterial drug may be prescribed for Genitalia ulcer, hip bath and for Mouth ulcer, Anti-inflammatory drugs may be used (Figure 1). In case of eye inflammation, chloramphenicol eye drop may be used. Highly effective antibiotic may be used. Antipyretic drug are used in this condition.

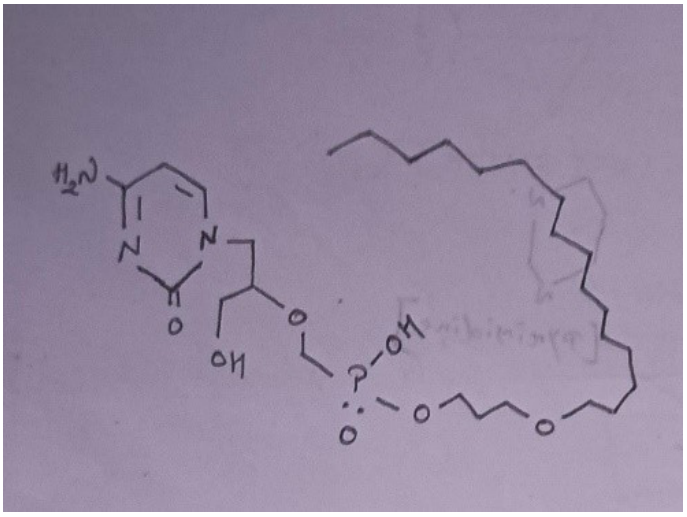

Figure 1. Brincidofovir is an orally bioavailable lipid conjugate of cidofovir, featuring a modified nucleoside structure with a lipophilic side chain that enhances its pharmacokinetic properties.

Conclusion

Most cases of monkeypox are found in central and western Africa. The ailment is a typical zoonosis, unlike smallpox, in

that most cases come from having be in touch with with an infected animal. While significant progress has been made in understanding and managing MPX, ongoing research, improved diagnostic capabilities, and enhanced preventive strategies are imperative to mitigate the impact of this re-emerging infectious disease on global health. Continued vigilance and proactive measures will be essential to control the spread of MPX and protect vulnerable populations.

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