Rapid Reviews COVID-19 •

Review 1: "A year of genomic surveillance reveals how the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic unfolded in Africa"

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RR:C19 Evidence Scale rating by reviewer:

- **Strong.** The main study claims are very well-justified by the data and analytic methods used. There is little room for doubt that the study produced has very similar results and conclusions as compared with the hypothetical ideal study. The study's main claims should be considered conclusive and actionable without reservation.

Review:

The authors seek to understand the situation of COVID-19 in Africa. They addressed the question perfectly using the latest methods in this field of research. Answering these questions as a whole within a single context is important for the scientific and political community to take the viral transmission in Africa seriously. However, the results can be found on other websites—such as NEXTSTRAIN and Pangolin COVID-19 Lineage Assigner— and thus need to stand out from those sites.