Disability among Ebola survivors and their close contacts in Sierra Leone: a retrospective case-controlled cohort study.

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Abstract

Ebola survivors [21/27 (77.8%)] suffer more disability than their close contacts [6/54 (11.1%), (aOR 23.52; 95%CI 6.46-85.67; p<0.001)] when measured by Washington Group-Disability Extended Questionnaire. Major limitations in vision, mobility, cognition, and affect were observed in survivors one year following the 2014-6 Ebola outbreak, highlighting the need for long-term rehabilitation.