A Theoretical Proposal of Epidemic Monkey-pox Genius, Based on The Experience of Von Boenninghausen

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Letter to Editor

I am writing this short letter to propose the homeopathic epidemic genius for the infectious disease that has recently appeared in Europe, called monkeypox. While always remembering that it is always advisable to treat any disease individually, seeking the best unitary remedy for the case, as masterfully expressed by Prof. Hahnemann (§ 153,154,155,273) [1], it should also not be forgotten that the most important epidemics of the past have always been treated with a handful of remedies at most, and very often one remedy was the most suitable, and was called epidemic genius (§ 99-103, paragraphs never changed in the various editions) [2-6].

The intent of this letter, is therefore to propose in a strictly theoretical way as the epidemic had just appeared, following both Hahnemann's dictates, and the logic of Homeopathy proposed by Stuart Close: exact observation, correct interpretation, rational explanation, and scientific construction [7], the epidemic genius of monkeypox, based on the observations and experience of one of the greatest Homeopaths in history, Hahnemann's favorite pupil, Baron Von Boenninghausen.

In fact, the Baron, in his 'Lesser Writings' [8], reports a letter entitled 'Concerning the curative effects of Thuja occidentalis in smallpox', which he published in the journal 'Allgemeine homoeopatische Zeitung, vol. XXXVII" [9], where he recounts his experience with the use of the unitary remedy Thuja Occidentalis [10], using the 200th potency and employing only a few dry globules, in the treatment of the smallpox that raged at the time, obtaining excellent results in both prophylaxis and therapy of infectious diseases, avoiding disfiguring scars, and a rapid disappearance of even the redness of skin spots.

I would therefore like to propose to the homeopathic community the use of this remedy, even before the use of remedies such as Malandrinum[11] or Variolinum[12], as a prophylaxis even for monkeypox, using the same remedy in the early stages of the disease, so that we can confirm the accuracy of the baron's observations, and the efficacy of this polycrest plant remedy even today two centuries later.

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