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The undersigned are Senior Rabbis in the community of Sephardic Jews of New York city. As such, we are very familiar with this community's population and the religious practices.

Circumcision with metzitzah b'peh (oral suction) is a fundamental religious practice in our community. Approximately ninety percent have a ritual circumcision with metzitzah b'peh.

We know of no cases of Herpes Simplex virus Type 1 that have occurred in infants in our community after circumcision with metzitzah b'peh.

Respectfully yours,

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