

Zika virus in Nepal

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Dear Editor,

The recent publication on Zika virus infection in Nepal is very interesting¹. In fact, the risk of Zika virus infection can be expected worldwide. Not only tropical but non-tropical countries can be affected by this infection. Due to the climate change, the expansion of ecology of mosquito vector can be expected and this becomes the important issue to be mentioned. In addition, disease might be carried by traveler and the new cases can be seen worldwide.²⁻³ Of interest, it is confirmed that the many arboviruses and mosquito vectors have already been settled in Nepal for years.⁴ Also, the diagnosis of this infection is also problematic.²⁻³ There are many possible under diagnosis due to atypical clinical presentation.²⁻³ Since most cases of Zika virus are asymptomatic, hence, the problem might already exist in Nepal but we don't know. A seroepidemiology study can be the useful tool to answer this myth.

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