Screening and diagnosis of Zika in the Emergency Department

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Dear Editor,

We read the article ‘Managing screening and diagnosis of Zika in the Emergency Department’ with great interest (de Tancillo et al, 2017). de Tancillo et al. (2017) concluded that ‘In response to the outbreak, patient management guidelines have been established for all who may be symptomatic or potentially at risk of infection with Zika. Clinicians globally can prepare to implement such protocols to help contain this disease.’ We agree that the protocols are very useful. Nevertheless, in response to the outbreak, we should not forget the asymptomatic cases. Most of the Zika infections, especially those patients in endemic Asia, are asymptomatic or mild symptomatic (Wiwantkit and Wiwantkit, 2016) and the additional specific guidelines regarding those cases are necessary.

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