Letter to Editor

Thrombocytopenia is not observed in the newest H10N8 influenza infection

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The emerging influenza infections have become a current concern in global public health. Many new emerging infections are reported and the control of these is still not successful. As a new emerging infection, the atypical influenza virus infection usually presents additional clinical manifestations to classical respiratory signs and symptoms. An abnormal platelet count is a common finding in the new emerging atypical influenza infection. Thrombocytopenia is a common finding in H5N1 bird flu, H1N1 swine flu and H7N9 bird flu. At present, the newest emerging influenza infection, H10N8, has just been reported since November 2013. Until present (26 Feb 2014), there are 3 confirmed cases. An interesting query is whether thrombocytopenia is an important finding among the cases with H10N8 influenza. Based on the available data, thrombocytopenia is not observed in the indexed cases. This finding is very interesting. Since the observation is different from the previous emergent atypical influenza infections, further studies on this specific topic are recommended.

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