Zika virus infection and psychosis

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We read the publication on “Zika virus infection followed by a first episode of psychosis” with great interest.¹ Correà-Oliveira et al. noted that “to the best of our knowledge, this is the first report in which psychiatric symptoms were the only complication of acute ZIKV infection”¹ and concluded that “Neuroimmune mechanisms leading to psychosis during acute CNS stress is an open and prolific field for research.”¹ In fact, a wide clinical spectrum of Zika virus infection has been reported, and psychological problems are possible.²,³ Neuropsychiatric problems as the only clinical presentation in acute Zika virus disease is not a new finding. At least, psychotic features in acute Zika virus infection have already been observed in cases in which meningoencephalitis was later proved.⁴ In the Zika virus infection with meningoencephalitis, spatial delusions with visual and kinesthetic hallucinations are observable.⁵

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