Cluster of Imported Vivax Malaria in Travelers Returning From Peru

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Abstract

We report a cluster of imported vivax malaria in three of five Chilean travelers returning from Peru in March 2015. The cluster highlights the high risk of malaria in the Loreto region in northern Peru, which includes popular destinations for international nature and adventure tourism. According to local surveillance data, Plasmodium vivax is predominating, but Plasmodium falciparum is also present, and the incidence of both species has increased during recent years. Travelers visiting this region should be counseled about the prevention of malaria and the options for chemoprophylaxis..

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Antimicrobial chemoprophylaxis, Chemoprevention, Malaria, Malaria, vivax, peru, Plasmodium falciparum, Plasmodium vivax, Traveler, Surveillance, Medical, Prevention.