《北京发现第一例输入性寨卡病毒》

导读:上周日，北京发现了第一例输入性寨卡病毒。感染病人曾前往委内瑞拉。

The first imported case of Zika virus infection in Beijing was reported on Sunday, the capital's health and family planning commission said in a statement.

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The patient, a 29-year-old female from eastern Shandong Province, developed a skin rash and a fever in Venezuela on May 11 local time and returned to China on May 13 Beijing time.

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She was tested positive for the virus on Sunday and is currently receiving treatment in hospital.

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But experts from the commission said further spreading of the disease in Beijing is relatively low.

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China confirmed its first imported case of Zika at February, Xinhua reported, as fears mount over the fast-spreading virus that has been linked to severe birth defects mostly in Latin America.

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Few cases of the mosquito-borne illness have been reported in Asia, but the World Health Organisation has declared a global health emergency to combat Zika as cases spread elsewhere.

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The disease starts with a mosquito bite and normally causes little more than a fever and rash. Zika has however been linked to a surge in the number of children in Latin America born with microcephaly - abnormally small heads and brains.

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So far, 26 countries have confirmed cases of the virus, and dozens of Europeans and North Americans returning from Zika-affected areas have also tested positive for the virus.

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Brazil has been hardest hit by the outbreak with more than 20,000 cases, including over 2,000 pregnant women.

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Thailand and Indonesia have reported one case each, but health experts have warned some Asian nations are vulnerable to a Zika outbreak. Health authorities have said Zika could infect up to four million people in Latin America and spread worldwide.

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