



Vaccinations of International Travelers

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Dear Editor,

We read the publication "Vaccinations of International Travelers" with great interest.¹ Pavli et al concluded that "vaccination recommendations should be improved for the travellers to sub-Saharan Africa"¹ and noted that "individualized and more selective pre-travel recommendations are needed taking in consideration the purpose and duration of travel, the area and place of stay."¹ In fact, the vaccination requirement is a general rule in travel medicine, and the required vaccinations are usually checked during the immigration process in several countries. In our country, as a tourist destination, a similar rule is applied. The findings on the rate of vaccination against important diseases among travelers in the present report should be further discussed. African destinations require some vaccinations, such as for yellow fever. Sometimes, travelers might neglect this requirement and not get the vaccination before traveling. Weak checking processes in immigration at embarkation and disembarkation points are sometimes seen, and this can result in the possible emergence of new infectious diseases in new settings. The case of imported yellow fever in China caused by a traveler returning from Africa is a good example.² Nevertheless, the finding of no vaccination can also be related to other factors. For example, some travelers might have

contraindications to the yellow fever vaccine (such as old age, immunodeficiency status, etc).³

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