

RE: Seroprevalence of Zika virus among asymptomatic pregnant mothers and their newborns in the Najran region of southwest Saudi Arabia

To the Editor: We read the publication on "Seroprevalence of Zika virus among asymptomatic pregnant mothers and their newborns in the Najran region of southwest Saudi Arabia" with a great interest.¹ Alayed et al found that "Twenty-four (5.85%) mothers tested positive for anti-ZIKV IgM and 52 (12.68%) tested positive for anti-ZIKV IgG, but all infant samples were negative."¹ In fact, in any area where the mosquito vector exists (*Aedes aegypti*), there is a risk for Zika virus disease. A high positive seroprevalence rate is reported from many areas around the world despite there being no overt clinical cases. A good example is a report from Cambodia where many local people have immunoreactivity to Zika virus despite there being no clinical disease.² Indeed, most cases of Zika virus infection are asymptomatic³ and this is the difficulty in clinical surveillance of the emergence of the disease in any setting.

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