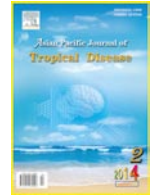




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Drive-through influenza vaccination

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To the editor,

The recent report proposal on the new concept for influenza vaccination as “drive-through influenza vaccination” is very interesting. It is based on the concept of “driver-through clinic” which aims at simplified and easy-to-access service[1]. Some reports mentioned the usefulness of this new alternative way for provision of influenza vaccine. In a report from USA, Banks *et al.* showed that “many participants (23%) indicated that they likely would not have received a vaccine elsewhere if the clinic were not available[2].” In fact, the drive-through influenza vaccination clinic is a very interesting development in vaccinology. However, there are many concerns on this issue. First, as reported by Pavelchak *et al.*, the control for environmental pollutant due to the automobile in the clinic is required[3]. In fact, driving in to and out of the clinic can also bring several other unwanted particles such as germs. Good infection control and isolation technique is required[4]. If there is no good sanitation control of the clinic, the problem can be expected. Of interest, until present, a few concerns are raised focusing the standardization on quality, environmental management and safety of this kind of clinic. Second, it should be noted that health service is not the food selling. A short visit to the clinic might complete the vaccination process, however, it might not cover the good health education session to the vaccine. To successfully cope with the problem of

influenza, not only vaccination but also health education on good sanitation behavior are required. In fact, the fast track management of the case might be good to increase the satisfaction of vaccinee and coverage of vaccination. However, the problem of good history taking and record can be expected.

Conflict of interest statement

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