Europe [5,15]. Pregnant women, families with young children, older people, and those with significant comorbidity should be advised to consult their physician before travelling to the Indian subcontinent, and travellers should be informed about the magnitude of the risk of contracting the disease and decide according to their own judgment. There are no specific preventive medications or vaccines for chikungunya fever, but there are steps travellers can take to reduce risk of being bitten by infected mosquitoes [15]. Despite infecting millions of people worldwide, chikungunya infection has been neglected since its discovery. Worldwide, there are a number of other infections with mosquito-transmitted viruses (arboviruses) with similar symptoms which may be confused with chikungunya, such as Sindbis, Ross River and dengue, and these, together with a detailed travel history, should be considered in the differential diagnosis in returning travellers.

Considering high number of cases, and lack of specific antiviral therapy, it is imperative that specific antiviral agents and vaccine be developed. Although the disease is self-limiting, sustained and intensified control measures (such as regular fogging with pesticides, awareness of the disease and vector, detection and elimination of vector breeding sources, proper facilities for health care and community awareness about the prophylactic measures) are required to control the further spread of the disease. The government of India has taken up necessary steps, in accordance with the NVBDCP guidelines on reducing mosquito breeding sources, use of temephos larvicide in recommended doses, the release of larva-eating fish (Gambusia) into the wells and the water bodies to control the mosquito menace and deployment of mobile teams (three teams per district in the affected districts, consisting of epidemiologists, public health specialists, microbiologists and entomologists for assessment of the situation and providing technical assistance and guidelines) and mobilisation of health workers and volunteers [16,17]. Finally, measures to improve clinical management, especially early detection, nutritional support to the affected patients, and other preventive measures may largely mitigate the disease.

A wider issues of ecology, current agricultural practices, water management systems, and human behaviour pacterns will need to be reviewed. This requires a combination of strategies and we need to proceed with a sense of urgency in this matter.

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#### チクングニヤ熱:日本人女性が感染 国内で初確認

厚生労働省は24日、スリランカから帰国した30歳代の女性が、チクングニヤ熱に感染していたと発表した。国内で日本人の感染が確認されたのは初めて。女性は昨年11月中旬、スリランカで発熱し、現地でチクングニヤ熱かデング熱と診断された。女性はすでに症状は回復し、在住するスリランカに戻っている。

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## FDA Licenses First Chagas' Screening Test; AABB Offers Guidance for Potential Implementation

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced Dec. 13 that it has granted a license for a new test to screen blood donors for the protozoan parasite *Trypanosoma cruzi*, a blood-borne parasite that causes Chagas' disease, a serious and potentially fatal infection. The screening test, Ortho *T. cruzi* ELISA Test System, detects the *T. cruzi* antibody in a sample of the donor's serum or plasma and is the first such test approved by FDA. In addition to screening people who donate blood, this test is intended for use in screening plasma and serum samples from organ, cell and tissue donors. According to the agency, the Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics test identifies infected donors and can help reduce the risk of disease transmission through blood transfusion or organ transplantation.

"The availability of this test offers an important new safety measure to protect recipients of blood, organs and tissues against a potentially very serious, though uncommon infection," said Jay Epstein, MD, director of the Office of Blood Research and Review in FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER).

AABB issued Association Bulletin #06-08 on Dec. 14 to help facilities determine whether to implement a licensed test and the time frame for implementation, as well as to provide guidance for donor and recipient follow-up. The specific recommendations address topics such as quarantine, lookback, and approval for release of components from autologous donors that test repeat reactive; donor deferral, notification, and confirmatory testing; as well as referral of donor for medical evaluation. The recommendations included in this bulletin were developed by the Chagas' Working Group, a subgroup of the AABB Transfusion-Transmitted Diseases Committee.

According to FDA, "concerns about the potential for transfusion and organ-transmitted Chagas' disease in the U.S. have heightened concern due to the increase in the number of U.S. residents who previously lived in countries where infection is common." The association bulletin

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notes that the *T. cruzi* parasite is only found in the continental Americas, usually Latin America. The presence of the parasite in the U.S. and Canada is increasing, however, due to higher rates of immigration of individuals from endemic areas. As a result, AABB recommends in the association bulletin that facilities consider the percentage of people in their collection area who have immigrated from Mexico and Central and South America in determining whether to implement a licensed test.

Chagas' disease is typically a mild but chronic infection, usually without symptoms. As noted in the association bulletin, the lifetime risk of severe heart or intestinal problems in infected individuals averages about 30 percent and may occur many years after the initial infection. In some cases, however, infection may lead to organ damage, particularly of the heart and esophagus. Infection in immunocompromised individuals, such as those undergoing cancer therapy or receiving an organ transplant, can cause acute and life-threatening symptoms. Natural infections of Chagas' disease are transmitted mainly when the feces of an infected bug are rubbed into a bug bite, other wound, or directly into the eyes or mucous membranes. Other primary forms of transmission include congenital transmission, organ transplantation, blood transfusion and by ingestion of contaminated foods, although this is rare.

To view Association Bulletin #06-08 in its entirety, visit the AABB Web site at <a href="www.aabb.org">www.aabb.org</a> under "Members Area > Association Bulletins."

# AABB Urges FDA Panel to Say No to National Drug Codes for HCT/Ps

An FDA panel listened this week to concerns raised by professional associations, drug manufacturers, drug distributors, pharmacies and others about one portion of a proposed rule that seeks to make major changes to the National Drug Code (NDC) system, described in 21 CFR Part 207. The proposed rule, published Aug. 29, 2006, in the *Federal Register*, also expands the scope of products subject to NDC system requirements, adding licensed human cells, tissues, and cellular and tissue-based products (HCT/Ps) to the list of covered products.

For decades, FDA has required that each drug product listed with the agency have an NDC number — a unique 10-digit, three-segment number — that identifies the drug's labeler, the specific product and the package size. The drug's labeler, identified by the first number segment, is any firm that manufactures or distributes a drug. The second set of numbers, known as the product code, identifies a specific strength, dosage form and formulation for a particular firm. The third number segment, the package code, identifies package sizes and types. Currently, FDA assigns labeler codes, but labelers assign both the product and package codes.

If the proposed rule becomes final as written, however, FDA would assign all segments of the NDC. The agency believes that by taking control of assigning each of these numbers, it would be able to trace back every product to its manufacturer. Also, as the agency prepares to implement electronic listing of drugs, it hopes to avoid having duplicate NDC numbers, which could potentially be a problem once all of the numbers reside in one system.

In comments before the panel, critics of the NDC portion of the proposed rule indicated that waiting for FDA to assign NDC codes could create delays in providing consumers with access to new drugs. In addition, the new process, which also requires NDC numbers to be printed on product labels and to have different product codes when manufacturers change or when information changes, could create inefficiencies and add costs to manufacturers' processes. Heidi Horn, associate director of regulatory

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### FDA Approves First Test to Screen Blood Donors for Chagas Disease

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) today approved a new test to screen blood donors for a blood-borne parasite that causes Chagas disease, a serious and potentially fatal parasitic infection. The test, called the ORTHO T. cruzi ELISA Test System, detects antibodies to the *Trypanosoma cruzi* (T. cruzi) parasite and is the first such test approved by FDA.

"Our blood supply is now extremely safe from diseases once frequently transmitted by blood, such as HIV. However, we are constantly faced with new threats," said Jesse L. Goodman, MD, MPH, Director of CBER. "Evaluating this test involved a high degree of interaction between FDA scientists, the blood industry and test developers. It is part of an ongoing effort to, wherever possible, identify emerging threats and provide the tools needed to help keep blood safe."

It is estimated that as many as 11 million people are currently infected by T. cruzi, most commonly in parts of Mexico, Central and South America. Most have no symptoms or signs of the disease. The infection is usually acquired from the bite of an infected insect but also can be transmitted through blood transfusions or organ transplants. Early infection is usually mild and unrecognized, but persists lifelong and may lead to organ damage, particularly of the heart and esophagus, causing an estimated 50,000 deaths annually worldwide. Infection also can be severe in people whose immune systems are suppressed, such as organ transplant recipients. Concerns about the potential for transfusion and organ transmitted Chagas disease in the United States have heightened due to the increase in the number of U.S. residents who previously lived in countries where the infection is common. This new test identifies infected donors and therefore can reduce the risk of disease transmission through blood transfusion or organ transplantation.

"The availability of this test offers an important new safety measure to protect recipients of blood, organs and tissues against a potentially very serious, though uncommon infection," said Jay Epstein, MD, Director of the Office of Blood Research and Review in FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research (CBER).

In studies reviewed by FDA, the test was found to be accurate 99% or more of the time—detecting 198 out of 199 blood specimens from individuals believed to be infected. In field trials of over 70,000 donor samples, the number of individuals falsely identified as positive was extremely small, only 2-3 per 100,000 test results.

In addition to screening people who donate whole blood, this test is intended for use in screening plasma and serum samples from organ, cell and tissue donors. At this time, the test is not approved to diagnose the disease.

The ORTHO T. cruzi ELISA Test System is manufactured by Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics, Inc., Raritan, NJ

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