Renal Failure After Swine Flu Vaccination: An Observation

The new swine flu vaccine, launched in October 2009, has been used since January 2010 in Thailand. Close observation for any adverse effects is required [1]. I would like to bring to readers’ attention the incidence of renal failure in Thailand after swine flu vaccination. According to an official report [2], of the 40,865 swine flu vaccinations from January to April 2010, there was one case of a 38-year-old woman who developed acute renal failure after she was vaccinated. From these data, the incidence of renal failure is $2.4 \times 10^{-5}$. Indeed, renal failure is a very rare adverse effect in classical influenza vaccination [3]. The detected incidence from Thailand implies a need for further study on the renal safety of the swine flu vaccine.

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