
CORRESPONDENCE

Mixed-Species Malaria Infections in Travelers
To the Editor:

Lehky Hagen and colleagues have provided an interesting and informative analysis of malaria cases detected among Swiss residents returning from trips to Kenya between 1988 and 1996.¹ It is surprising that the authors did not note the complete absence of mixed-species infections among those 315 cases, however. In Canada, the UK, Australia, and the United States, for instance, in similar but much smaller samples, mixed-species malaria infections have been reported in 2% to 12% of cases.²⁻⁷ There may be clinical value in resolving geographic, patient history, methodological, or other factors associated with this seeming difference, in part because the cure of one *Plasmodium* species detected in a patient may lead to the emergence of another undetected one.⁸⁻¹⁰

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