

Fourth imported case of Zika virus detected in Cuba

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The fourth imported case of Zika virus has been detected, corresponding to a 30 year old computer engineer from the city of Las Tunas, who arrived in the country from Venezuela (Caracas) on March 5, 2016. The patient is a resident at the University of Computer Sciences, where she works.

The day after her arrival, she presented symptoms including headache, back pain, a rash on her face and torso, as well as a mild burning sensation when urinating, for which she was admitted to the Pedro Kouri Institute of Tropical Medicine (IPK), where a test for Zika was undertaken that same day.

On March 8, the IPK laboratory confirmed that the Real-Time PCR test conducted on admittance to hospital had proven positive for the Zika virus.