Sir, the new vaccine for novel H1N1 influenza virus infection has just been in clinical use for a few months. Due to its new implementation, close observation on its side effect is needed (1). In Thailand, the new vaccine has also recently been imported and used for risk groups. According to the Thai public health policy, those with diabetes mellitus are accepted as a pioneer group to receive vaccine administration. Indeed, diabetic patients are accepted as a high risk group to develop severe infection (2). Of interest, based on the first month of vaccination in Thailand, among 40,865 recipients, there were only 4 cases with severe adverse effects. Of interest, all of the four index cases are not diabetic patients. This might imply that the vaccine should be safe for diabetic patients.

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