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15 *Running title: Border screening for influenza.*

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19 This article discusses the role of border screening in influenza control and places

20 influenza screening in the context of the whole screening pathway. We conclude that

21 while having a sensitive and specific rapid test for influenza antibody will improve

22 the border screening process, it will have limited impact on the overall effectiveness

23 of the border screening because only a proportion of infected cases present with

24 symptoms at the border.

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