

Duck in Guangzhou suspected as H5N1 source

GUANGZHOU: A duck at a market here is suspected of being the source of Influenza A (H5N1).

Guangzhou Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Department has carried out a comprehensive epidemic investigation of Jiangnandong Market in Haizhu after a two-year-

old boy from Hong Kong who visited the market in mid-May was confirmed with H5N1.

One duck out of the 40 samples was suspected to be infected with the virus, according to the municipal animal epidemic disease control and prevention centre.

There is no report of human infection of H5N1 here as of yesterday.

The boy, who had developed fever and a runny nose, was confirmed with the virus on Saturday and is currently receiving intensive care at Princess Margaret Hospital where his condition remains serious. — Xinhua