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Dear Dr. Munro:

We are submitting the enclosed manuscript entitled, "HTLV-I-Specific Antibody in AIDS Patients and Others at Risk", by Marjorie Robert-Guroff et al., for consideration for publication in The Lancet as an article. The paper shows that a low percentage of AIDS patients possess specific antibodies to HTLV core proteins in contrast to recently published data showing a high prevalence of antibody directed against an HTLV-associated membrane antigen in similar patients. Possible explanations for the different findings are discussed. We think the paper is timely and of interest to AIDS researchers, and hope you will find it acceptable for publication.

Sincerely,

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