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Dear Dr. Montagnier:

Thank you for sending us your paper on "A new type of retrovirus isolated from patients presenting with lymphadenopathy and acquired immune deficiency syndromes: structural and antigenic relatedness with Equine Infectious Anemia Virus."

I regret to say that we cannot accept the paper as it is. We would, however, be willing to look at a revised version that meets the objections of the reviewers.

We tend to agree with the reviewers that less emphasis should be placed on the morphology of the virus as seen with the electron microscope and more data should be provided on its molecular biology and biochemical characteristics.

I am now returning the manuscript with the reviewers' comments. I hope their suggestions will prove helpful as you revise the manuscript.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Kulstad

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Senior Editor

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Enclosures