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Dear Sir:

We enclose our manuscript, "Human Retrovirus, HTLV, Proviral DNA in Lymphocytes of Two Patients with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)", for submission to Science. Please consider it for publication as a brief report. The paper reports the identification of human T-leukemia/lymphoma viral (HTLV) sequences in lymphocytes of patients with the acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). We have been careful to describe our rationale for performing these experiments and have made no claims about an etiologic association between HTLV and AIDS. However, we believe that these findings may direct research in AIDS toward a class of agents not addressed in the literature to this point. The manuscript is about 2200 words long. It has not been published elsewhere and is not under consideration for publication elsewhere.

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