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Ms. Ruth Kulstad  
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Dear Ms. Kulstad:

As we had discussed by telephone, we are submitting the manuscript titled "Molecular Cloning and Analysis of a New Variant of Human T-Cell Leukemia Virus (HTLV-Ib) From a Patient with AIDS" by G. Shaw et al.

This would be the first time a full length HTLV provirus from an AIDS patients has been analyzed. As you can see from the paper, this clearly represents a novel virus. Of particular interest is the fact that most of the differences between this virus and the prototype HTLV isolates lie in the envelope and pX, two regions that are potentially important for host range, target cell specificity and transformation. We are excited about this work and hope you find it appropriate for Science.

Best regards for a happy New Year.

Sincerely,

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