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Dear Dr. Barre-Sinoussi,

I am responding to your email of August 3 in regard to **Medical Hypotheses** and the Duesberg et al. article entitled "HIV-AIDS hypothesis out of touch with South African AIDS – A new perspective."

We share your concerns about the article in question and particularly the implications of its wider dissemination for global health care. We have initiated an emergency retraction process for this article, and one other, the M. Ruggerio et al. article entitled "AIDS denialism at the ministry of health."

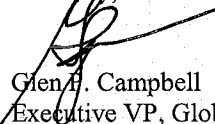
We have also started an internal review of the processes by which these two articles were accepted for publication. Finally, we are undertaking a review of the policies and practices of **Medical Hypotheses**, which will include its aims and scope, peer review processes, and the journal's role and place in the medical and scientific literature. This review will involve key opinion leaders in the research and health care communities.

We seek to have decisions quickly in this regard. Please be assured that we will keep you apprised of our resultant actions after both reviews.

Could I please request you to forward this letter to those on your e-mail distribution list for their information?

Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention. Please do expect to hear back from us shortly.

Sincerely,


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