

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir,

I have followed the debate on Dr. Dettman's reported comments (August 19th) with considerable interest.

The idea that SV40 is involved with AIDS is not so silly even if Dr. Peter Tribe fell off his chair laughing.

In 1962, SV40, and other monkey viruses, were found to have contaminated both live and injectable polio, measles and adenovirus vaccines.

SV40 was found to be able to trigger off viruses, make them much more potent, and hide inside other viruses which made them hard to detect until newer testing was discovered.

For seven years, hundreds of millions of people world-wide were injected or drank an assortment of viruses they didn't have a clue were there.

Repeatedly, vaccines from all the different animal and bird culture mediums have been found in hindsight, with the benefit of newer technology, and knowledge, to be contaminated with animal/avian viruses.

Even in 1987, the U.S.A. Government states that it cannot guarantee that vaccines are free from undiscovered viruses.

Experts world wide are arguing over how a 'monkey virus' could have become the AIDS virus.

Top theory contenders are monkey blood transfusions, ritual uncooked monkey flesh eating, voodoo-type rites and monkey bites.

SV40, and an AIDS-like virus have existed in green monkeys since the early 50s into the early

80s, at which point the U.S.A. stopped using green monkeys for culture stock.

Since we have only just discovered the monkey AIDS-like virus. It would not surprise me if SV40, or any newer monkey virus is at the bottom of the newer evolving human AIDS virus.

But two things do strike me as odd:

1. The medical profession's blanket refusal to even study the ONE occasion that we do know of when monkey viruses crossed the species barrier.

2. The deafening silence from those virologists who know the most about the SV40 virus.

The SV40 virus is the most extensively studied of any animal virus, and to prove it is not related in any evolved way with AIDS should be very simple, and one would have thought, have been done definitively long ago.

But it hasn't. Are the experts saying nothing to save them-selves from public outcry in the hope of furthering their monkey business careers?

Should we buy shares in the AIDS industry - what else can they do wrong?

The question is, will we now live to tell the tale anyway?

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