$\bar{x}$... → 1/8/91 m g

Personal memo from
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silent HIV

Dear John -.

I'd appreciate your helping me, interpret your paper in a recent NEJM. (I realize you were one among a host of authors.)

The main burnt is the safety of our sero-screened blood supply. $\lesssim$ 1/60000 of those bloods are from PCR+ donors.

But I note that .01% (1/10 000 donated bloods are seropositive).

So 1/6 (asymptomatic) HIV infected persons are silent - seronegative? Or what is the correct datum on this?

Yours,
John.

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