Dear Tony:

For a long time I have wondered whether the MHC polymorphism was related to virus transmissibility.

In the HIV, it could go either way: HIV-2 might be an additional receptor for virus infection by HIV from a heterologous source (that would select against the polymorphism).

Do you know of any evidence on this hypothesis: viz., that MHC compatibility affects HIV transmission between species (or, less likely, mother to child)?

I'm delighted that we'll see you programs at 10PM on Feb 25. See you then.

Josh