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Infection of germ cells

Dear Wayne —

Have you reflected how rare is this phenomenon in mammals.

I know about vertical transmission (L. Gross) and of course integrated retroviruses.

But I am not aware of HIV or garden variety viruses getting into human germ cells.

Can you think of who has written about specific defense mechanisms — or exceptions to what I assert.

Insects etc abound with examples of transovarian transmission.

Yours,

Jim.

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