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Dear Harold,

Your nomenclature proposal makes good sense to me. There have been many new related retroviruses found and many HIV variants. Should there be HIV-1, HIV-2, etc.? Should there be more discussion of the criteria under (vii) to guide future actions?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'DB', written in a cursive style.

David Baltimore

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