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Dear Colleague:

The Congressional Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) is conducting a survey to learn more about contributions that research funded by the federal government on Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) may have made to advances in other fields. Findings from the survey will form the basis of an OTA Staff Paper that has been requested by the Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, House Committee on Government Operations.

You are one of a group of distinguished biomedical and social scientists who have been selected to receive the survey. Please complete this form and return it to OTA in the enclosed envelope by February 12.

Your responses are, of course, confidential and anonymous. The data gathered will be presented only in aggregate form.

We appreciate very much your participation in the survey. Only by gathering data from knowledgeable people can we provide Congressional committees with the accurate, reliable information that they need.

If you have any questions or prefer to respond by telephone, please contact either Dr. Maria Hewitt or me in the Health Program by phone at 202/228-6590 or by FAX at 202/228-6098.

Sincerely,

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SURVEY ON CONTRIBUTION OF RESEARCH ON AIDS AND HIV TO OTHER FIELDS

1. Use the scale below to indicate to what extent you think federally-funded AIDS/HIV research has contributed to advances in the fields listed. Use the same scale to indicate how expert you feel in each field, Please cite specific examples of contributions in each field with which you are familiar. If you wish, attach additional sheets for all or part of your response.

Very much Somewhat None
 RATING SCALE: 10 ----- 9 ----- 8 ----- 7 ----- 6 ----- 5 ----- 4 ----- 3 ----- 2 ----- 1
at all

	<u>R A T I N G S</u>		
FIELDS	CONTRIBUTION OF AIDS/HIV RESEARCH	YOUR EXPERTISE IN EACH FIELD	SPECIFIC EXAMPLES
<u>BASIC SCIENCES</u>			(e.g., <i>identification of regulatory genes and their functioning</i>)
Biochemistry	_____	_____	_____ _____ _____
Cell biology	_____	_____	_____ _____ _____
Genetics	_____	_____	_____ _____ _____
Immunology	_____	_____	_____ _____ _____
Microbiology	_____	_____	_____ _____ _____
Molecular biology	_____	_____	_____ _____ _____
Pathology	_____	_____	_____ _____ _____

B-2 - How Has Federal Research on HIV Disease Contributed to Other Fields?

None
at all

Somewhat

Very much

RATING SCALE: 10 ----- 9 ----- 8 ----- 7 ----- 6 ----- 5 ----- 4 ----- 3 ----- 2 ----- 1

FIELDS	R A T I N G S		SPECIFIC EXAMPLES
	CONTRIBUTION OF AIDS/HIV RESEARCH	YOUR EXPERTISE IN EACH FIELD	
Pharmacology	_____	_____	_____ _____ _____
Virology	_____	_____	_____ _____ _____
Other (please specify) _____	_____	_____	_____ _____ _____

MEDICAL DISCIPLINES (e . g . , for **On application of insights about regulatory genes to malignant changes**)

Cardiology	_____	_____	_____ _____ _____
Dentistry	_____	_____	_____ _____ _____
Dermatology	_____	_____	_____ _____ _____
Endocrinology	_____	_____	_____ _____ _____
Gastroenterology	_____	_____	_____ _____ _____
Hematology	_____	_____	_____ _____ _____

RATING SCALE: Very much Somewhat None
 10 ----- 9 ----- 8 ----- 7 ----- 6 ----- 5 ----- 4 ----- 3 ----- 2 ----- 1
 at all

R A T I N G S
 CONTRIBUTION OF AIDS/HIV RESEARCH
 YOUR EXPERTISE IN EACH FIELD

SPECIFIC EXAMPLES

FIELDS	CONTRIBUTION OF AIDS/HIV RESEARCH	YOUR EXPERTISE IN EACH FIELD	SPECIFIC EXAMPLES
Infectious disease	_____	_____	_____
Nephrology	_____	_____	_____
Neurology	_____	_____	_____
Obstetrics/gynecology	_____	_____	_____
Oncology	_____	_____	_____
Ophthalmology	_____	_____	_____
Pathology	_____	_____	_____
Pediatrics	_____	_____	_____
Psychiatry	_____	_____	_____

RATING SCALE: Very much Somewhat None
 10 ----- 9 ----- 8 ----- 7 ----- 6 ----- 5 ----- 4 ----- 3 ----- 2 ----- 1
 at all

FIELDS	R A T I N G S		SPECIFIC EXAMPLES
	CONTRIBUTION OF AIDS/HIV RESEARCH	YOUR EXPERTISE IN EACH FIELD	
Pulmonary medicine	_____	_____	_____ _____ _____
Rheumatology	_____	_____	_____ _____ _____
<u>APPLIED MEDICAL SCIENCES</u>			<i>(e.g., for Therapeutics: anti-viral therapy for other illnesses)</i>
Diagnostics	_____	_____	_____ _____ _____
Drug development	_____	_____	_____ _____ _____
Other therapeutics	_____	_____	_____ _____ _____
Vaccine development	_____	_____	_____ _____ _____
Other (please specify)	_____	_____	_____ _____ _____

RATING SCALE: **Very much** 10 ----- 9 ----- 8 ----- 7 ----- **Somewhat** 6 ----- 5 ----- 4 ----- 3 ----- 2 ----- 1 **None at all**

R A T I N G S
 CONTRIBUTION YOUR
 OF AIDS/HIV EXPERTISE IN
 RESEARCH EACH FIELD

FIELDS

SPECIFIC EXAMPLES

EPIDEMIOLOGY

(e.g., for Clinical trials: community-based trials)

Clinical trial development	_____	_____	_____

Disease surveillance	_____	_____	_____

Natural history of disease	_____	_____	_____

Other (please specify)	_____	_____	_____

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH

(e.g., for Health Education: providing death education to substance abusers)

Health care financing	_____	_____	_____

Health care organization and delivery	_____	_____	_____

B-6 ~ How Has Federal Research on HIV Disease Contributed to Other Fields?

2. Indicate your general opinion about the level of federally-funded AIDS/HIV research.
The current level of funding is:

___ too low ___ about right ___ too high ___ no opinion

3. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following statement:

"Too much research funding has been diverted to AIDS/HIV research from other fields?"

___ strongly agree ___ agree ___ no opinion ___ disagree ___ strongly disagree

4. What is your primary field of expertise? (If more than one, indicate which is paramount)

5. What is your highest level of training?

___ MD

___ PhD

___ Other (please specify) _____

6. What is your major activity?

Research

___ Patient care

___ Education

___ Administration

___ Other (please specify) _____

7. By whom are you primarily employed?

___ Federal or state government

___ Non-profit organization, including university

___ Private business

___ Other (please specify) _____

8. Please indicate your age category:
___ age 35 and younger ___ age 36-50 ___ age 51-65 ___ age 66 and older
9. What proportion of your professional activities relate to AIDS/HIV?
___ percent
- 10 Did you receive any external funding in 1989?
___ Yes
___ No
___ Does not apply
- If yes,
what percentage came from the federal government?
___ percent
- what percentage was for AIDS/HIV research?
___ percent
- what percentage was for federally-funded AIDS/HIV research?
___ percent

Thank you very much for completing the survey. If you would like any further information, please contact Dr. Jane Sisk or Dr. Maria Hewitt at the Office of Technology Assessment 202/228-6590. Please return the completed survey by February 12 in the enclosed envelope to:

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