by Singer are noted, referenced, and used by the scientists in drawing their conclusions. The supporting technical document (not formally approved by the IPCC) was reviewed by more than a hundred scientists worldwide as well as the governments participating in IPCC and the NGOs like Singer's. The brief summary document of Working Group I from Madrid in this case involves a choice of wordings agreed upon by the scientists and governments present.

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HIV Viral Load Assay

The splendid Article "Toward an understanding of the correlates of protective immunity to HIV infection" by Barton F. Haynes *et al.* (19 Jan., p. 324) states (p. 327) that "More sensitive and inexpensive assays of HIV viral load are needed to determine the level of HIV infection in various tissues." A sensitive, inexpensive (on a scale of magnetic resonance imaging scans) method for estimates of viral RNA in tissues (*1*) has been available for several years (Fuji Medical Systems USA, Stanford, Connecticut). Other nonradioactive assays of viral amplification including proviral DNA are under intensive development.

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Response: We appreciate Fox bringing this assay to our attention. This and related assays need consideration and further study in clinical research studies.

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