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Sexual behaviour and human herpesvirus 8 infection in homosexual men in Australia <i>Andrew E. Grulich, Philip Cunningham, Mee-Ling Munier, Garrett Prestage, Janaki Amin, Clare Ringland, Denise Whitby, Susan Kippax, John M. Kaldor and William Rawlinson</i>	13–18	In this community-based cohort of homosexual men in Sydney, Australia, the prevalence of human herpesvirus 8 (HHV-8) infection was 18%; it was much higher in HIV-positive (52%) than HIV-negative (11%) men. A variety of sexual practices was associated with HHV-8 infection, but the precise mode of transmission remains unclear.
Prevalence and correlates of HIV testing among college students: an exploratory study <i>Richard A. Crosby, Kim H. Miller, Ruth R. Staten and Melody Noland</i>	19–22	Demographically controlled findings from a study of USA college students suggest that HIV testing is more likely among those reporting elevated risk of infection.
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