

Personal memo from
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silent HIV

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Dear John -

I'd appreciate your helping me
interpret your paper in a recent
NEJM. (I realize you were one
among a host of authors.)

The main benefit is the safety of
our sero-screened blood supply.
 $\approx 1/60000$ of those bloods are from
PCR+ donors.

But I note that .01% ($1/10000$
donated bloods are seropositive).

So $1/6$ (asymptomatic) HIV
infected persons are silent -
seronegative? Or what is
the correct datum on this?

Yours:
JL