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A SIMULATION SHEDS A LIGHT ON THE PRESENT EPIDEMIC

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Abstract: A hypothetical community of one million people where everyone's life expectancy is equal was applied to the modified differential equations Lipsitch et al. in 1995 in order to examine the impact of partner acquisition change over a relatively short term. The results showed that if the partner acquisition rate increased from two to three per year in the population, the epidemic caused by a more virulent strain would outweigh that caused by a less virulent strain within a century. That is, an increase in the rate of partner acquisition gives the more virulent strain a significant advantage.

in terms of propagating the virus in a given population, at least over several decades. The partner acquisition rate also exerts an influence on the HIV epidemic and the time it needs to reach a peak in the hypothesis. These results indicate that increased sexual contact may be even more expected and thus shed a new light on the present HIV epidemic.

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