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## **Abstract**

A syndrome closely resembling acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) in man has been identified in a group of 64 rhesus monkeys (*Macaca mulatta*) maintained outdoors at the California Primate Research Center. The syndrome is characterised by generalised lymphadenopathy, severe opportunistic infections including cytomegalovirus, chronic wasting, and high mortality. In 1 animal a multifocal cutaneous fibrosarcoma developed. This syndrome in monkeys may provide an animal model for human AIDS.

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