

BREAKING NEW RESEARCH COULD UNLOCK A CURE FOR HIV

WE'VE DISCOVERED A LARGE GROUP OF PEOPLE IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO WHO CAN NATURALLY CONTROL HIV - WITHOUT MEDICINE.¹

76 MILLION

PEOPLE GLOBALLY HAVE BEEN INFECTED WITH HIV.²

38 MILLION

PEOPLE GLOBALLY ARE LIVING WITH HIV TODAY.²

26 MILLION

PEOPLE IN AFRICA ARE LIVING WITH HIV TODAY.³



UNCOVERING LINKS TO FUTURE TREATMENTS



Finding just one person who can naturally control HIV previously has launched huge strings of innovation.



Finding a large group of HIV controllers serves as a springboard for the global research community to find links between natural virus suppression and future treatments - including potential vaccines.

“People who are able to naturally control HIV have a really unique immune response that could give us clues about how to make better treatments. The global research community has more work to do, but harnessing what we learn from this study puts us closer to possibly eliminating HIV.”

Mary Rodgers, Ph.D.,
principal scientist and head of the
Global Viral Surveillance Program, Diagnostics,
Abbott, and one of the study authors

¹A high prevalence of potential HIV elite controllers identified over 30 years in Democratic Republic of Congo, EBioMedicine.

²Global health observatory (GHO) data: HIV/AIDS. World Health Organization. <https://www.who.int/data/gho/data/themes/hiv-aids>.

³Global HIV and AIDS statistics. <https://www.avert.org/global-hiv-and-aids-statistics>.