

## CONASIDA

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DEL SIDA

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Lisa Wilson  
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San Gabriel Valley Tribune  
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Dear Mrs. Wilson:

in response to your letter dated April 28 I would like to make the following comments regarding the proposal to treat AIDS patients with malaria therapy:

1. CONASIDA is the National Council for AIDS Prevention and Control of Mexico. We are the government's agency responsible for coordinating all public policies about AIDS. We frequently get asked to review and make recommendations regarding research proposals relative to HIV/AIDS but it is not mandatory that we review all proposals to be done in Mexico.

2. I personally have reviewed the proposal entitled "IMT: A Potential Cure for AIDS" which was made available to us by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and I can say that I was outraged by its lack of scientific basis as well as poor ethics.

3. The Mexican government must give approval through the "Dirección General de Insumos para la Salud" and the "Dirección General de Regulación Sanitaria" to all new and not approved therapies to be conducted in Mexico. Unfortunately many people bypass them by never informing the proper authorities of their intentions. If we or them get informed about such procedures being conducted we can then proceed to close the operation. As you may suspect not all the time we are notified of such operations as is the case of the Heimlich proposal where we have no idea where they are located. If you can get their address for us we will be more than happy to make our best effort to close them down.

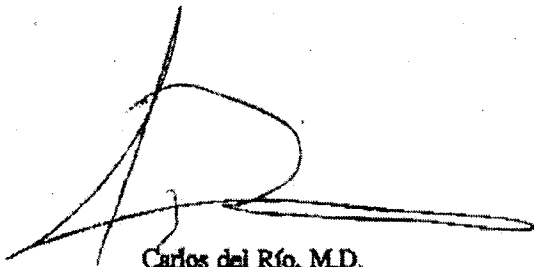
4. I have no idea why Heimlich has moved to China but we are delighted by the move.

5. I cannot find any records that support the claim that the Mexican government approved Heimlich's study proposal.

6. I cannot comment on the Lyme's disease studies since I am in charge of the agency that deals with HIV/AIDS. I can tell you that there is no government's agency dedicated to Lyme's disease specifically and that there is close to no Lyme's disease in Mexico.

I hope that this comments are useful to you. I must stress the outrage that I had when first seeing the Heimlich proposal and let you know that CONASIDA is opposed to such treatment being done in Mexico for HIV/AIDS.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'C' and 'R' with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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