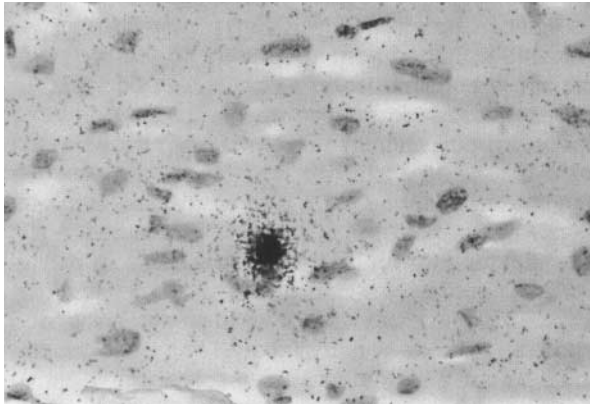


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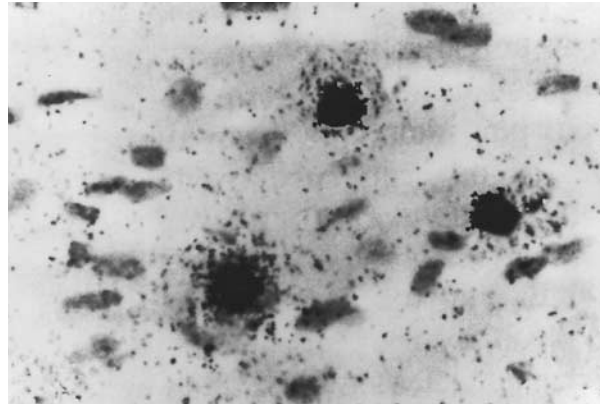
It was brought to our attention that Figure 1 in a 1990 article by Grody and coworkers,<sup>1</sup> when printed as displayed below (in black and white, inverted top to bottom and side to side), is strikingly similar (except for the in situ hybridization signal) to Figure 2 below, which appeared in an article by Barbaro et al. that we published in 1998.<sup>2</sup> We contacted the corresponding authors of both articles. An author of the article by Grody et al. provided us with their original microscope slide, which we photographed (Fig. 3 below). Because of the unmistakable similarity between the figures (the cellular aspects of Figures 1 and 2 are fully superimposable in transparencies), we must retract publication of the article by Barbaro et al.

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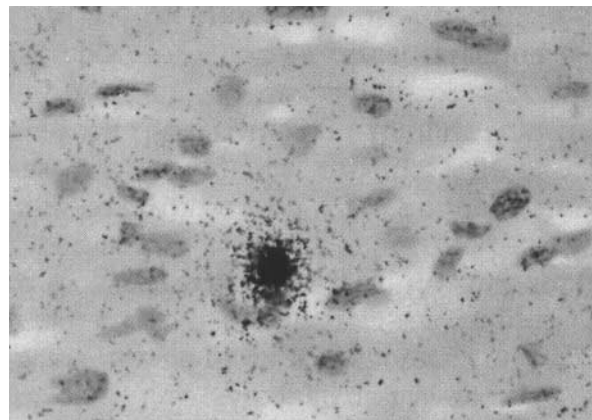
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**Figure 3.** Photomicrograph of an original microscope slide provided by one of the authors of Grody et al., Infection of the heart by the human immunodeficiency virus.