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Wellcome Foundation Ltd.- PROFITS SOAR IN '88!

Wellcome around the world are pleased to announce extensive profits from drugs used to treat people with AIDS & HIV, drugs such as:



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and the life-threateningly highly priced 'recycled' drug



(a.k.a. AZT)

'The most expensive prescription drug in history' said The Wall Street Journal. MORE OVERLEAF...

DESPITE being aware of the usefulness of the drug Zidovudine (a.k.a. AZT) in the treatment of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) Wellcome, around the world, have continued to extract THREE TIMES the normal profit level for a new drug from Zidovudine. And it isn't even a new drug, but one developed for cancer therapy and later discontinued...

NOT SUPRISINGLY, we consider this highly immoral:

ACT - UP, the AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power, is such a group of people; some of us have AIDS or HIV, some do not. But we are united:

WE DEMAND THAT THIS PROFITEERING STOPS IMMEDIATELY!

WE ALSO DEMAND THAT:

Wellcome plough back more profit into HIV / AIDS research - not just for vaccines but for virus blockers and drugs to treat opportunistic infections allowed to spread in the body by the effects of HIV.

Wellcome, in concert with Govts. and health provision companies make Zidovudine and other (later) anti- HIV drugs generally and cheaply available.

Wellcome, in concert with other drug development companies and agencies, share resources and information on a 'war-time' basis in pursuit of the most effective anti-viral treatments and viral blockers.

Wellcome, in concert with other large multinational drug companies, cease the practise of buying up rights to manufacture drugs which have been 'field-tested' by people with AIDS or HIV and shown to be effecacious.

Wellcome, in concert with other drug development companies and agencies, cease the inhumane use of clinical trial protocols of anti-viral drugs which involve the use of double-blind placebo protocols: these can mean people with less than two years to live (if given no medications) being put on sugar pills for the rest of their shortened lives! There are protocols for drug trials which do not offer this bleak practice, such as those used by the Community Research Institute in New York and similar groups in San Francisco.

Wellcome, in concert with other drug development companies and agencies, recognise the need for community research organisations worldwide and provide 1% of their clear profits to such independant organisations to aid them in their humanitarian struggle to save hundreds and thousands of lives.

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