

AIDS CORRECTION

A SUB-EDITING cut, running two paragraphs into one, mangled an important part of my article about ARV drugs (*The Witness*, May 19) and gave it an opposite meaning.

After quoting from the biggest clinical case study yet conducted (reported in *Lancet* in August 2006), which found that ARV treatment results in “a significant increase in combined Aids/Aids-related death risk in more recent years”, I wrote: “In sum, contrary to newspaper mythology, ARV drugs don’t extend lives, they shorten them. So much for Michael Cherry’s vicious lie, quoted in the review, that Mbeki’s reluctance to provide these useless, deadly drugs in the public health system has resulted in ‘an estimated 343 000 deaths, for which Mbeki and his cabinet must bear collective responsibility’.”

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