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New Microbiologica accepts editorials, minireviews, full-length papers, short communications, case reports and letters relating to all aspects of microbiology and clinical infectious diseases.

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Minireviews are expected to be focused discussions of defined topics relevant to microbiologists. In general, they are to be submitted only after invitation by one of the editors of *New Microbiologica*. Minireviews are not expected to be comprehensive reviews of the literature but rather direct discussions of specific issues, with emphasis on the views of the author(s).

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Re M.C., Vitone F., Bon I., Schiavone P., Gibellini D. (2006). Meaning of DNA detection during the follow-up of HIV-1 infected patients: a brief review. *New Microbiol.* 29, 81-88.

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