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out of date; it was a surprise to read that AIDS is caused by "HTVL-111" and that zidovudine remains the only treatment.

The book's strength lies in its discussion of the less medical topics—for example, the passages on sexuality and sexual problems are written in a very accessible style.

In short, I believe this book tries to cover too much ground; its contents providing excessive medical detail, limiting its appeal to women with a non-medical background, and insufficient accuracy to be relied upon by healthcare professionals.

JO EVANS

**Managing Family Planning in General Practice.** By S ROWLANDS. London: Radcliffe Medical Press, 1997. (Pp 138; £16.50.) ISBN 1 85775 205 8.

This book is aimed at general practitioners and primary healthcare team members who are involved in family planning and who wish to organise a high quality, accessible service for all their patients. It is not designed to give detailed information about the different contraceptive methods which are well covered in other texts. Instead, it is an eminently practical book. It gives an overview of the public health and GP perspective for the delivery of family planning services, covers the ethical dilemmas and the medicolegal pitfalls involved, and gives practical advice in the management of frequently encountered family planning issues. Many of these areas are rarely covered in family planning books. For example, it lists the seven point guidelines for doctors performing intimate examinations aimed at avoiding patient complaint and gives advice for managing emergency contraceptives and encouraging young people to seek family planning advice. It emphasises the team approach, especially the roles of the practice nurse and the GP receptionist. The information is clearly displayed with concise text, diagrams, and bullet points where appropriate. It is obvious that the author and the other contributors are involved in the day to day clinical care and are keen to share their extensive knowledge and practical skills with a wider audience. I, for one, am very grateful that they have and I will certainly use the information gained from this valuable book to evaluate and improve the delivery of family planning services in my own practice.

CATHERINA THOMAS

## NOTICES

**European Conference on Toxic Shock Syndrome—Royal Society of Medicine, London, 10–12 September 1997**

Further details: Marti Adair. Tel: +171 290 2981.

**6th Congress of the European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV)—Dublin, 11–15 September 1997**

**37th Annual Meeting of the Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy (ICAAC), 28 September–1 October 1997, Toronto, Ontario, Canada**

Further details: American Society for

Microbiology (ASM), Meetings Dept, 1325 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20005–4171, USA. Tel 202–942–9297 or 202–942–9206; Fax 202–942–9267.

**The Annual Scientific Meeting of The Genitourinary Physicians Colposcopy Group—The Stakis Leicester, 4–5 October 1997**

Further details: Dr Emile T Morgan, St Luke's Hospital, Bradford. Tel: 01274 365088.

**RCP/RCPG Conference on HIV/AIDS Shared Care—Royal College of Physicians, London, 9 October 1997**

**Women and Children with HIV and AIDS, 10 October 1997**

A workshop to be held at Queen Charlotte's & Chelsea Hospital, London. Applications to: Symposium Secretary, RPMS Institute of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Queen Charlotte's & Chelsea Hospital, Goldhawk Road, London W6 0XG. Tel: 0181–383 3904; Fax: 0181–383 8555; email: sympreg@rpms.ac.uk

**Sixth European Conference on Clinical Aspects and Treatment of HIV-Infection, 11–15 October 1997, Hamburg, Germany**

Further details: Professor Dr M Dietrich, Sixth European HIV-Conference, Bernhard-Nocht-Institute for Tropical Medicine, Bernhard-Nocht-Strasse 74, D-20359 Hamburg, Germany. Tel +49–40–31182 390; Fax +49–40–31182 394.

**Sixth Regional Symposium on The Design and Method of Clinical Trials, 16–17 October 1997, at UCSF's Laurel Heights Campus in San Francisco, California, USA**

Further details: Lynda McNeal, Office of Continuing Medical Education, University of California, San Francisco, CA 94143-0742, USA. Tel: (415) 476 4251; Fax: (415) 476-0318.

**Association of Genitourinary Medicine (AGUM) AGM—Royal Society of Medicine, London, 17 October 1997**

**International Congress of Sexually Transmitted Diseases—IUVDT/ISSDR Joint Meeting—Seville, Spain, 19–22 October 1997**

Further details: International Congress of STD, Apartado 6077, 41080, Seville, Spain.

**The 4th Annual Courses on Lasers in Cutaneous and Cosmetic Surgery, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 24–26 October 1997**

Further details: John Sprague, Office of Continuing Medical Education, University of California, San Francisco, CA 94143-0742, USA. Tel: (415) 476–4251; Fax: (415) 476–0318.

**Gynaecological Oncology, 17 November 1997**

A symposium on gynaecological oncology will be held at Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital, London. Further details: Symposium Secretary, RPMS Institute of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital, Goldhawk Road, London W6 0XG. Tel: 0181–383 3904; Fax: 0181–383 8555; email: symposia@rpms.ac.uk

**4th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific, 18–22 November 1997, Manila, Philippines**

Further details: Dr Ofelia T Monzon, Chair, Organising Committee, 4th International Congress on AIDS/STD in Asia-Pacific. Fax +63 2 711 6693.

**Psychosexual Medicine in Practice, 19–20 November 1997**

A two day course on the practice of psychosexual medicine will be held at Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital, London. Further details: Symposium Secretary, RPMS Institute of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital, Goldhawk Road, London W6 0XG. Tel: 0181–383 3904; Fax: 0181–383 8555; email: sympreg@rpms.ac.uk

**British Erectile Disorder Society, 27–28 November 1997**

Further details: Mrs Judy Turner, Nurse Consultant, Ravenview, 139 Armitage Road, Rugeley, Staffs WS15 1PJ. Tel 01889 579400.

**Xth International Conference on AIDS and STDs in Africa, 7–11 December 1997, Abidjan, Ivory Coast**

Further details: Professor A Kadio, Conference Chairman, Programme Nationale de lutte contre le SIDA, les MST et de la Tuberculose, Boite Postale 2113, Abidjan 04, Ivory Coast. Tel +225 24 30 13; Fax +225 24 31 19.

**12th International Symposium on Bio-engineering and the Skin will be held on 25–27 June 1998, in Boston, MA, USA**

Further details: R Randall Wickett, PhD, University of Cincinnati, College of Pharmacy, 3223 Eden Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45267, USA. email: randy.wickett@uc.edu; http://www.fugazy.com/ISBS; Toll free phone number in the US 1-888-FET-GRPS (388-4777); Fax: +1-(601) 366-8682.

**IUVDT European Congress 1998 on STDs and Genital Dermatology, Göteborg, Sweden, 4–5 September 1998**

Further details: Dr Gun-Britt Löwhagen, Department of Dermatology and Venereology, Sahlgrenska Hospital S-413 45, Göteborg, Sweden. Tel: +46 31601000; Fax: +45 31821871.

**The Atopy Syndrome in the Third Millennium, Zurich, 2–3 October 1998**

An international symposium "The Atopy Syndrome in the Third Millennium" on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the allergy unit at the Department of Dermatology, University Hospital Zurich, and in collaboration with the European Academy of Allergology and Clinical Immunology. Further details: Prof Dr B Wüthrich, Dept of Dermatology, University of Zurich, Gloriastrasse 31, CH 8091 Zurich, Switzerland. Tel: +41-1-255 3079; Fax: +41-1-255 4431.

**6th European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology Congress, 7–11 October 1998**

Further details: Jean-Paul Ortonne, Hôpital Pasteur Service de Dermatologie, 30 av de la Voie-Romaine BP 69, 06 002 Nice Cedex, France. Tel: 04 92 03 77 14; Fax: 04 92 03 84 43.

## CURRENT PUBLICATIONS

Selected titles from recent reports published worldwide are arranged in the following sections:

Gonorrhoea  
Chlamydia  
Trichomoniasis  
Pelvic inflammatory disease  
Syphilis and other treponematoses  
Hepatitis  
Herpes  
Human papillomavirus infection  
Cervical cytology and colposcopy  
Public health and social aspects  
Microbiology and immunology  
Dermatology  
Miscellaneous

### Gonorrhoea

**Positive screening tests for gonorrhoea and chlamydial infection fail to lead consistently to treatment of patients attending a sexually transmitted disease clinic.**  
JR SCHWEBKE, R SADLER, JM SUTTON, EW HOOK. *Sex Transm Dis* 1997;24:181-4.

**Antimicrobial susceptibilities of strains of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* in Bangkok, Thailand: 1994-1995**  
JS KNAPP, C WONGBA, K LIMPAKARNJANARAT, *et al.* *Sex Transm Dis* 1997;24:142-8.

**Rapid screening of point mutations of the *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* parC gene associated with resistance to quinolones**  
T DEGUCHI, M YASUDA, M NAKANO, *et al.* *J Clin Microbiol* 1997;35:948-50.

**Random shuttle mutagenesis: gonococcal mutants deficient in pilin antigenic variation**  
IJ MEHR, HS SEIFERT. *Mol Microbiol* 1997;23:1121-32.

**Vitronectin mediates internalization of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* by Chinese hamster ovary cells**  
TD DUENSING, JPM VANPUTTEN. *Infect Immun* 1997;65:964-70.

### Chlamydia

**Population-based screening programmes for *Chlamydia trachomatis***  
EO CAUL, PJ HORNER, J LEECE, *et al.* *Lancet* 1997;349:1070.

**Performance and cost-effectiveness of selective screening criteria for *Chlamydia trachomatis* infection in women: implications for a national chlamydia control strategy**  
JM MARRAZZO, CL CELUM, SD HILLIS, *et al.* *Sex Transm Dis* 1997;24:131-41.

**Trends in the prevalence of chlamydial infections: the impact of community-wide testing**  
KJ MERTZ, WC LEVINE, DJ MOSURE, *et al.* *Sex Transm Dis* 1997;24:169-75.

**Spontaneous clearance of *Chlamydia trachomatis* infection in untreated patients**  
KS PARKS, PB DIXON, CM RICHEY, EW HOOK. *Sex Transm Dis* 1997;24:229-35.

**Vulval swabs as alternative specimens for ligase chain reaction detection of genital chlamydial infection in women**

A STARY, B NAJIM, HH LEE. *J Clin Microbiol* 1997;35:836-42.

**Ability of commercial ligase chain reaction and PCR assays to diagnose *Chlamydia trachomatis* infections in men by testing first-void urine**

MA CHERNESKY, S CHONG, D JANG, *et al.* *J Clin Microbiol* 1997;35:982-7.

**Reproductibility problems with the AMPLICOR PCR *Chlamydia trachomatis* test**

EM PETERSON, V DARROW, J BLANDING, *et al.* *J Clin Microbiol* 1997;35:957-81.

**Detection of genitourinary tract *Chlamydia trachomatis* infection in pregnant women by ligase chain reaction assay**  
WW ANDREWS, HH LLEE, WJ RODEN, CW MOTT. *Obstet Gynecol* 1997;89:556-60.

**Genital tract infection with *Chlamydia trachomatis* fails to induce protective immunity in gamma interferon receptor-deficient mice despite a strong local immunoglobulin A response**

M JOHANSSON, K SCHON, M WARD, N LYCKE. *Infect Immun* 1997;65:1932-44.

**Immunity to *Chlamydia trachomatis* is mediated by T helper 1 cells through IFN- $\gamma$ -dependent and -independent pathways**

LL PERRY, K FEILZER, HD CALDWELL. *J Immunol* 1997;158:3344-52.

**Ultrastructural and molecular analyses of the persistence of *Chlamydia trachomatis* (serovar K) in human monocytes**

L KOEHLER, E NETTELNBREKER, AP HUDSON, *et al.* *Microbiol Path* 1997;22:133-42.

### Trichomoniasis

**Multicenter comparison of clotrimazole vaginal tablets, oral metronidazole and vaginal suppositories containing sulfanilamide, aminacrine hydrochloride and allantoin in the treatment of symptomatic trichomoniasis**

L DUBOUCHET, MR SPENCE, MF REIN, *et al.* *Sex Transm Dis* 1997;24:156-60.

**Use of inhibitors to identify essential cysteine proteinases of *Trichomonas vaginalis***

JW IRVINE, MJ NORTH, GH COOMBS. *Fems Microbiol Lett* 1997;149:45-50.

### Pelvic inflammatory disease

**Oral contraception and the recognition of endometritis**

RB NESS, LM KEDER, DE SOPER, *et al.* *Am J Obstet Gynecol* 1997;176:580-5.

### Syphilis and other treponematoses

**The natural history of syphilis: implications for the transmission dynamics and control of infection**

GP GARNETT, SO ARAL, DV HOYLE, *et al.* *Sex Transm Dis* 1997;24:185-200.

**Approaches to screening and antibiotic use for syphilis prevention**

TA FARLEY. *Sex Transm Dis* 1997;24:227-8.

**New approaches to syphilis control: finding opportunities for syphilis treatment and congenital syphilis prevention in a women's correctional setting**

S BLANK, DD MCDONNELL, SR RUBIN, *et al.* *Sex Transm Dis* 1997;24:218-26.

**Acceptability and compliance with daily injections of procaine penicillin in the outpatient treatment of syphilis-treponemal infection**

G CROWE, C THEODORE, GE FORSTER, BT GOH. *Sex Transm Dis* 1997;24:127-30.

**Conservation of the 15-kilodalton lipoprotein among *Treponema pallidum* subspecies and strains and other pathogenic treponemes: genetic and antigenic analyses**  
A CENTURIONLARA, T ARROLL, R CASTILLO, *et al.* *Infect Immun* 1997;65:1440-54.

### Hepatitis

**Sexual transmission of hepatitis B in Mwanza, Tanzania**

B JACOBS, P MAYAUD, J CHANGALUCHA, *et al.* *Sex Transm Dis* 1997;24:121-6.

**DNA vaccines and viral hepatitis: are we going around in circles?**

MJ KOZIEL, TJ LIANG. *Gastroenterology* 1997;112:1410-25.

### Herpes

**Antenatal serum screening for genital herpes: a study of knowledge and attitudes of women at a central London hospital**

B VONAU, N LOWBEER, SE BARTON, JR SMITH. *Br J Obstet Gynaecol* 1997;104:347-9.

**Genital herpes in a primary care clinic: demographic and sexual correlates of herpes simplex type 2 infections**

A WALD, L KOUTSKY, RL ASHLEY, L COREY. *Sex Transm Dis* 1997;24:149-55.

**Comparison of virus culture and the polymerase chain reaction for diagnosis of mucocutaneous herpes simplex virus infections**

S SAFRIN, H SHAW, G BOLAN, *et al.* *Sex Transm Dis* 1997;24:176-9.

**Interferon- $\gamma$  enhances resolution of herpes simplex virus type 2 infection of the murine genital tract**

GN MILLIGAN, DI BERNSTEIN. *Virology* 1997;229:259-68.

**Mechanism of copper-mediated inactivation of herpes simplex virus**

JL SAGROPANTI, LB ROUNTSON, AC BONIFACINO, CD LYTLE. *Antimicrob Agents Chemother* 1997;41:812-30.

**Assembly of herpes simplex virus replication proteins at two distinct intranuclear sites**

SL UPRICHARD, DM KNIPE. *Virology* 1997;229:113-25.

**Antigenic structure of soluble herpes simplex virus glycoprotein D correlates with inhibition of HSV infection**

AV NICOLA, CR PENG, H LOU, *et al.* *J Virol* 1997;71:2940-6.

**Retention of herpes simplex virus DNA sequences in the nuclei of mouse footpad keratinocytes after recovery from primary infection**

A SIMMONS, R BOWDEN, B SLOBEDMAN. *J Gen Virol* 1997;78:867-72.

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## Human papillomavirus infection

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**Coinfection of molluscum contagiosum with human papillomavirus**

D PAYNE, A YEN, S TYRING. *J Am Acad Dermatol* 1997;36:641-3.

**Cytomorphologic correlates of human papillomavirus infection in the "normal" cervicovaginal smear**

HM CRAMER, SE SKINNERWANNEMUEHLER, DR BROWN, *et al. Acta Cytol* 1997;41:261-8.

**Cervical intraepithelial neoplasia, anogenital cancer and other cancer types in women after hospitalization for condylomata acuminata**

S FRIIS, SK KJAER, M FRISCH, *et al. J Infect Dis* 1997;175:743-8.

**Human papillomavirus DNA in urine specimens of men with condyloma acuminatum**

A IWASAWA, E HILTUNENBACK, T REUNALA, *et al. Sex Transm Dis* 1997;24:165-8.

**Nonisotopic ELISA-based detection of human papillomavirus-amplified DNA**

I ZEHBE, E WILANDER. *Modern Pathol* 1997;10:188-91.

**A sensitive, type-specific, fluorogenic probe assay for detection of human papillomavirus DNA**

DC SWAN, RA TUCKER, BP HOLLOWAY, JP ICENOGLE. *J Clin Microbiol* 1997;35:886-91.

**Comparison of light microscopy, in situ hybridization and polymerase chain reaction for detection of human papillomavirus in histological tissue of cervical intraepithelial neoplasia**

AK LIE, FE SKJELDESTAD, B HAGEN, *et al. APMIS* 1997;105:115-20.

**Cytotoxic T lymphocyte responses to E6 and E7 proteins of human papillomavirus type 16: relationship to cervical intraepithelial neoplasia**

M NAKAGAWA, DP STITES, S FARHAT, *et al. J Infect Dis* 1997;175:927-31.

**Serological and T-helper cell responses to human papillomavirus type 16 L1 in women with cervical dysplasia or cervical carcinoma and in healthy controls**

JC LUXTON, RC ROSE, T COLETART, *et al. J Gen Virol* 1997;78:917-24.

**Functional interactions between papillomavirus E1 and E2 proteins**

M BERG, A STENLUND. *J Virol* 1997;71:3853-63.

**Detection and characterization of human papillomavirus type 45 DNA in the cervical carcinoma cell line MS751**

J GEISBILL, U OSMERS, M DURST. *J Gen Virol* 1997;78:655-8.

**Properties of Syrian hamster cells transformed by human papillomavirus type 16**

H KITASATO, R VONKA, P BOSTIK, *et al. Acta Virol* 1996;40:281-7.

**Expression of the human papillomavirus type 11 L1 capsid protein in Escherichia coli: characterization of protein domains involved in DNA binding and capsid assembly**

ML LI, TP CRIFE, PA ESTES, *et al. J Virol* 1997;71:2988-95.

**Identification and location of human papillomavirus type 16 antisense early promoter and characterization of antisense RNA**

NS BELAGULI, MR PATER, A PATER. 1997;51:344-54.

**Analysis of the interaction between human papillomavirus type 16 E7 and the TATA binding protein, TBP**

AC PHILLIPS, KH VOUSDEN. *J Gen Virol* 1997;78:905-10.

**Characterization of the DNA-binding activity of the E1 and E2 proteins and the E1/E2 complex of human papillomavirus type 33**

F MULLER, T GIROGLOU, M SAPP. *J Gen Virol* 1997;78:911-6.

**Analysis of the p53-mediated G(1) growth arrest pathway in cells expressing the human papillomavirus type 16 E7 oncoprotein**

DL JONES, K MUNGER. *J Virol* 1997;71:2905-12.

**Accumulation of human papillomavirus type 16 E7 protein bypasses G(1) arrest induced by serum deprivation and by the cell cycle inhibitor p21**

A MOROZOV, P SHIYANOV, E BARR, *et al. J Virol* 1997;71:3451-7.

**Mutational analysis of the human papillomavirus type 16 E1CE4 protein shows that the C terminus is dispensable for keratin cytoskeleton association but is involved in inducing disruption of the keratin filaments**

S ROBERTS, I ASHMOLE, SM ROOKES, PH GALLIMORE. *J Virol* 1997;71:3554-62.

**Perturbation of the p53 response by human papillomavirus type 16 E7**

ES HICKMAN, S BATES, KH VOUSDEN. *J Virol* 1997;71:3710-59.

**A neutralizing epitope of human papillomavirus type 11 is principally described by a continuous set of residues which overlap a distinct linear, surface-exposed epitope**

SW LUDMERER, D BENINCASA, GE MARK, ND CHRISTENSEN. *J Virol* 1997;71:3834-9.

**Immunological ignorance of an E7-encoded cytolytic T-lymphocyte epitope in transgenic mice expressing the E7 and E6 oncogenes of human papillomavirus type 16**

I MELERO, MC SINGHAL, P MCGOWAN, *et al. J Virol* 1997;71:3998-4015.

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## Cervical cytology and colposcopy

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**College of American Pathologists Conference XXX, June 6-9, 1996**

*Arch Path Lab Med* 1997;121:205-345 (whole issue)

**Time interval effect on repeat cervical smear results**

JW BISHOP, JS HARTINGER, GF PAWLICK. *Acta Cytol* 1997;41:269-76.

**Cervicography—does it improve cervical cancer screening?**

JJ BALDAUF, M DREYFUS, J RITTER, *et al. Acta Cytol* 1997;41:295-301.

**Treatment of pre-invasive conditions during opportunistic screening and its effectiveness on cervical cancer incidence in one Norwegian county**

S FORSNO, H BUHAUG, FE SKJELDESTAD, OA HAUGEN. *Int J Cancer* 1997;71:4-8.

**Invasive cervical cancer after conservative therapy for cervical intraepithelial neoplasia**

WP SOUTTER, AD LOPES, A FLETCHER, *et al. Lancet* 1997;349:978-80.

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## Public health and social aspects

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**Cognitive and behavioral predictors of sexually transmitted disease risk behavior among sexually active adolescents**

R SIEVING, MD RESNICK, L BEARINGER, *et al. Arch Ped Adolesc Med* 1997;151:243-54.

**Frequency of sexual partner change in a Norwegian population: data distribution and covariates**

H STIGUM, P MAGNUS, JR HARRIS, *et al. Am J Epidemiol* 1997;145:636-43.

**Effect of changing partnership formation rates on the spread of sexually transmitted diseases and human immunodeficiency virus**

H STIGUM, P MAGNUS, LS BAKKETEIG. *Am J Epidemiol* 1997;145:644-52.

**Condom breakage and slippage during heterosexual intercourse: a French national survey**

A MESSIAH, T DART, BE SPENCER, J WARSZAWSKI. *Am J Public Health* 1997;87:421-4.

**Factors influencing condom use among heterosexual users of injection drugs and crack cocaine**

RS FALCK, JC WANG, RG CARLSON, HA SIEGAL. *Sex Transm Dis* 1997;24:204-10.

**Evaluation of sexual health services within Australia and New Zealand**

C MARKS, RL TIDEMAN, A MINDEL. *Med J Australia* 1997;166:348-52.

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## Microbiology and immunology

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**CD3 (+) CD8 (+) activity within the human female reproductive tract—influence of stage of the menstrual cycle and menopause**

HD WHITE, KM CRASSI, AL GIVAN, *et al. J Immunol* 1997;158:3017-end.

**Comparison of the oral, rectal and vaginal immunization routes for induction of antibodies in rectal and genital tract secretions of women**

PA KOZLOWSKI, S CUUVIN, MR NEUTRA, TP FLANIGAN. *Infect Immun* 1997;65:1387-94.

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## Dermatology

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**Bowenoid papulosis: a benign lesion of the shaft of the penis misdiagnosed as squamous carcinoma**

CK SU, WU SHIPLEY. *J Urol* 1997;157:1361-2.

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