

Ethics and Statistics

1. Is the study outlined in this article an ethical study? Why or why not?
2. The article says that it would be all but impossible to perform this same study in the United States. Do you think that is true? Why is it possible to do it in Africa, Thailand, and the Dominican Republic?
3. Federal officials say that using a placebo is not depriving women of therapy they would have otherwise received since AZT is not affordable in the Third World. How would you respond to this statement?
4. *Are* the ethics “different in different places”? Can a study which is unethical here in the U.S. be ethical when performed elsewhere, as some have claimed?
5. How *should* this study be conducted?