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The deconstructive approach. It is easy for any reader to realize that most articles on HIV and AIDS demonstrate that HIV is not the cause of AIDS, if the articles are read using the deconstructive approach proposed by the philosopher Jacques Derrida. Derrida's approach consisted in conducting thorough, careful, sensitive, and yet transformational readings of philosophical and literary texts, with an ear to watch for their apparent systematicity (structural sense (authorial genesis). Deconstruction is the work of exposing the contradictions hidden in commonsense opinions or



Figure 1: Schematic representation of the structure of the HIV-1 Gag polyprotein. The left part shows a 3D ribbon diagram of the polyprotein with domains W61, W44, L23, L27, and R179 highlighted. The right part shows a linear map of the polyprotein with domains gag, pol, and env, and their respective functions: gag (matrix, capsid, nucleocapsid), pol (protease, reverse transcriptase, integrase), and env (gp120, gp41, gp160).

Conclusions. HIV, rather than being a harmless passenger virus (J Biosci 2003; 28:383-412), might provide the long-sought-after "magic" bullet that selectively kills cancer cells by inducing p53-independent apoptosis.

A close-up photograph of a rifle scope. The scope's lens is in the foreground, showing a black reticle with a red crab in the center. The crab is facing left. The background, seen through the scope, is a bright, sandy outdoor area with some distant structures and a clear sky.