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**REPORT ON THE APPROPRIATENESS OF PLACING
HOME SCREENING TESTS FOR HIV ON THE FRENCH
MARKET**

On completing its report, and given home-screening tests are not actually available on the market, the National AIDS Council did not wish to issue a formalized Opinion but points to possible ethical and social obstacles to the marketing of such tests in our country.

The techniques involved are of little relevance in the present context, given their scientific inadequacy compared with new screening techniques and they also raise ethical problems. They leave the individual alone to face his or her diagnosis ; they create a gap in provision in the public health system due to the absence of support or financial cover for the screening, and finally, they could lead to practices incompatible with human rights.