



Scientists Who Discovered HIV Win Nobel Prize

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French scientists Françoise Barre-Sinoussi and Luc Montagnier were awarded the 2008 Nobel Prize in medicine for discovering HIV in 1983, [CNN.com](#) reports.

Notably absent was American AIDS researcher Robert Gallo, MD, who in the 1980s bitterly fought with his colleague Montagnier over their relative role in discovering the virus. Gallo told [The Associated Press](#) that he was disappointed at not being included, and Montagnier said that Gallo also deserved the honor.

Barre-Sinoussi and Montagnier shared their award with German scientist Harald zur Hausen, who was honored for finding the human papilloma virus (HPV) that causes cervical cancer. The three will receive a monetary gift and a seat at the Dec. 10 ceremonies in Stockholm and Oslo.

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