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- Treatment of HSV-2 may not adequately suppress HIV shedding
- Treatment of HSV-2 may not significantly alter susceptibility to HIV
- HSV-2 may be a surrogate for other factors which enhance susceptibility and/or infectiousness

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- Implementation will be expensive and complex- requirement for widespread HSV-2 testing and broad availability of acyclovir
- Adherence will be a challenge. Concept is difficult to explain- most HSV-2 infection asymptomatic and undetected
- Difficult to get buy-in from funders when competing for HIV treatment or more direct prevention modalities