

# Scientist denies herbal cure for AIDS

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A Senegalese scientist has contradicted a claim by Gambian President Yayha Jammeh, who said he had found a cure for AIDS.

In a statement released through the International AIDS Society and the Society for AIDS in Africa, University of Dakar professor Souleyman Mboup said Jammeh's interpretation of tests conducted in Mboup's lab were incorrect, SciDev.net reported Friday.

"There is no known cure for AIDS," said Mboup. "Under no circumstance may results conducted in my laboratory be proof of an alleged cure for HIV. International rules regulate the conducting of trials in order to prove therapeutic efficacy."

The IAS is concerned that people will stop taking anti-retroviral drugs when using Jammeh's treatment, which could result in disease progression and the development of drug resistance, SciDev.net said.

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