Women in greatAids risk'

CHICAGO, Wednesday

Heterosexual men infected with

the virus that causes Aids are at

least 17.5 times more likely to

give the infection to women during

sex rather than the other way

around, according to a study that

supports previous findings.

investigators in the study published

today tested the sex partners

of 72 infected women and

307 infected men to determine

the rates of HIV transmission between

the heterosexual couples.

The researchers said they

found that just one man had become

infected by the woman, and

even that case was inconclusive

since both partners said they had

had many unprotected sex encounters

with other partners before

their relationship.

Sixty-one, or 20 percent, of the

women had been infected by the

man, according to the study. The

study expands on a preliminary

report last year suggesting men

were 14 times more likely to give

the virus to women (AP) .