

Quantifying prevalence and risk factors of HIV multiple infection in Uganda from cross-sectional population-based deep-sequence data

Supplementary File 1: Supplementary methods

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1 Supplementary methods

1.1 Inference of within-host deep sequence phylogenetic trees

1.1.1 Generation of putative transmission networks

To avoid running phyloscanner simultaneously on all sampled data, we first clustered participants living with HIV into putative transmission networks. Pairwise genetic distances in the form of % identity between consensus sequences (as generated by shiver) were first calculated in sliding 500 bp windows with a step size of 100 bp to account for recombination and within-host viral evolution following transmission. Pairwise genetic distances excluded sites in which either sequence had a deleted nucleotide or was unsuccessfully genotyped (e.g. an “N”) or sites in which both sequences were ambiguously genotyped. Exact nucleotide matches were assigned a similarity score of 1 and partial matches based on ambiguous nucleotides in one sequence were assigned a score of 1/2 (biallelic ambiguous nucleotide) or 1/3 (triallelic). Using genetic distance thresholds calibrated to epidemiologically confirmed transmission pairs within the RCCS [1], we clustered participants into putative transmission networks based on these pairwise distances. Inferred networks with >50 participants were decomposed into smaller networks of variable size by optimizing their modularity [2].

Finally, transmission networks were grouped into sets of sequences by 1) merging small clusters into a single sequence sets of eight participants, 2) incorporating known epidemiologically linked partners (based

on RCCS survey data) for each participant in a given transmission network (regardless of genetic distance), and 3) adding 3 participants per network that were highly related to all participants in a given network on average but were not already included in the network.

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