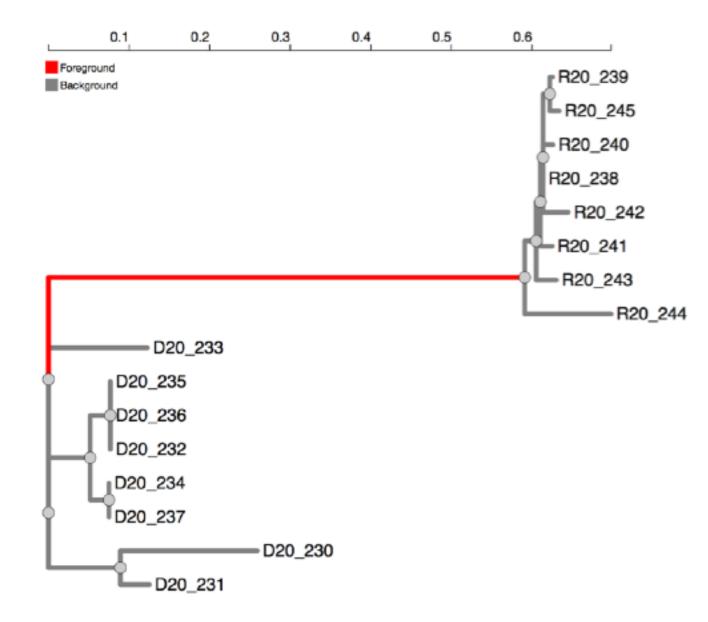


## Branch testing; exploratory vs a priori

- aBSREL and BUSTED can test all branches for selection (exploratory), or apply the test to a set of branches defined a priori (e.g. defining a particular biological hypothesis).
- For BUSTED, *a priori* partitioning of branches can increase power, especially if selective regimes are markedly different on different parts of the tree.
- For example, BUSTED applied to the HIV dataset where the transmission branch is designated as foreground, found a greater proportion sites under stronger selection on this branch that the rest of the tree (8% vs 1%), and a lower p-value.



	Background	Foreground
Class 1	$\omega = 0.51$ $p = 0.08$	$\omega = 0.00$ $p = 0.92$
Class 2	$\omega = 0.72$ $p = 0.91$	
Class 3	ω = 116 p = 0.01	$\omega = 510$ p = 0.08