



Supplementary Materials: Evaluation of HIV Transmission Clusters Among Natives and Foreigners Living in Italy

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Table S1. Characteristics of foreign individuals with HIV-1 living in Italy.

Variables -	Overall	Out of cluster 613 (88.2%)	In cluster 82 (11.8%)	– <i>p</i> -valueª
	n = 695			
Male gender, n (%)	457 (65.8%)	383 (62.5%)	74 (90.2%)	< 0.001
Age, years, median (IQR)	34 (28–40)	34 (28–40)	29 (26–37)	0.008
Mode of HIV transmission, n (%)				
F heterosexual	209 (30.0%)	201 (32.8%)	8 (9.8%)	< 0.001
F IVDU	9 (1.3%)	9 (1.5%)	0 (0.0%)	
M heterosexual	134 (19.3%)	125 (20.4%)	9 (11.0%)	
M IVDU	25 (3.6%)	23 (3.8%)	2 (2.4%)	
MSM	243 (35.0%)	187 (30.4%)	56 (68.3%)	
Other/unknown	75 (10.8%)	68 (11.1%)	7 (8.5%)	
Nation of birth, n (%)				
Africa	219 (31.5%)	212 (34.6%)	7 (8.5%)	< 0.001
Central and South America	241 (34.7%)	201 (32.8%)	40 (48.8%)	
Europe	187 (26.9%)	159 (25.9%)	28 (34.2%)	
Asia	38 (5.5%)	35 (5.7%)	3 (3.7%)	
Other	10 (1.4%)	6 (1.0%)	4 (4.8%)	
Education, n (%)				
Years in Italy, median (IQR)	5 (1–9)	5 (1–10)	7 (3–9)	0.488
Primary school	179 (11.4%)	73 (11.9%)	6 (7.3%)	0.236
Secondary school	126 (18.1%)	114 (18.6%)	12 (14.6%)	
College/University	223 (32.1%)	188 (30.7%)	35 (42.7%)	
Unknown	267 (38.4%)	238 (38.8%)	29 (35.4%)	
Employment, n (%)				
Employed	217 (31.2%)	188 (30.7%)	29 (35.4%)	0.206
Unemployed	176 (25.3%)	158 (25.8%)	18 (22.0%)	
Self-employed	73 (10.4%)	61 (9.9%)	12 (14.6)	
Student	15 (2.2%)	11 (1.8%)	4 (4.9%)	
Housewife	29 (4.2%)	28 (4.5%)	1 (1.2%)	
Other	74 (10.7%)	66 (10.8%)	8 (9.8%)	
Unknown	111 (16.0%)	101 (16.5%)	10 (12.1%)	
HIV RNA, copies/mL, n (%)				
<1000	38 (5.5%)	32 (5.2%)	6 (7.3%)	0.362
1000-10,000	145 (20.9%)	127 (20.7%)	18 (22.0%)	
10,000-100,000	257 (37.0%)	221 (36.1%)	36 (43.9%)	
>100,000	213 (30.6%)	195 (31.8%)	18 (22.0%)	
Unknown	42 (6.0%)	38 (6.2%)	4 (4.9%)	
CD4, cells/mm³, n (%)				
≤200	195 (28.0%)	188 (30.7%)	7 (8.5%)	< 0.001
201–500	285 (41.0%)	249 (40.6%)	36 (43.9%)	

>500	179 (25.8%)	145 (23.7%)	34 (41.5%)	
Unknown	36 (5.2%)	31 (5.0%)	5 (6.1%)	
Year of diagnosis, median (IQR)	2012 (2009–2014)	2011 (2009–2014)	2012 (2010–2014)	0.057
Subtype, n (%)				
A1	43 (6.2%)	41 (6.7%)	2 (2.4%)	< 0.001
В	337 (48.5%)	282 (46.0%)	55 (67.1%)	
С	68 (9.8%)	64 (10.4%)	4 (4.9%)	
CRF02_AG	74 (10.7%)	69 (11.3%)	5 (6.1%)	
CRF60_BC	5 (0.7%)	0 (0.0%)	5 (6.1%)	
F1	61 (8.8%)	54 (8.8%)	7 (8.5%)	
Other	107 (15.3%)	103 (16.8%)	4 (4.9%)	

^aBy Mann-Whitney test (for quantitative variables) and $\chi 2$ test or Fisher's exact test (for categorical variables), as appropriate. p values <0.05 were considered statistically significant and were reported in bold. F: female; IVDU: intravenous drug user; M: male; MSM: men who have sex with men.

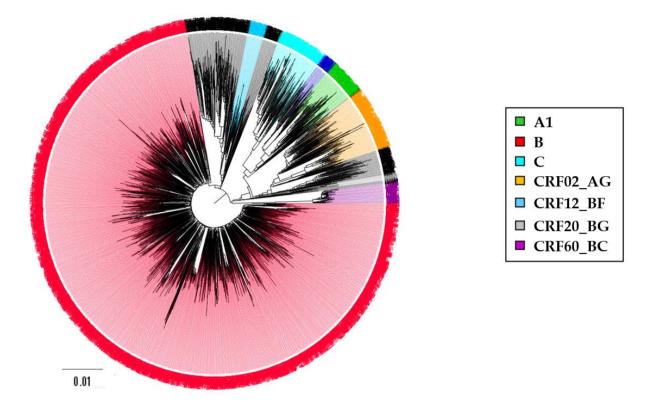


Figure S1. Phylogenetic tree of the 3499 *pol* sequences analysed and colored according to the most representative subtypes. Scale bar indicates estimated evolutionary distance of 0.01 substitution per position.

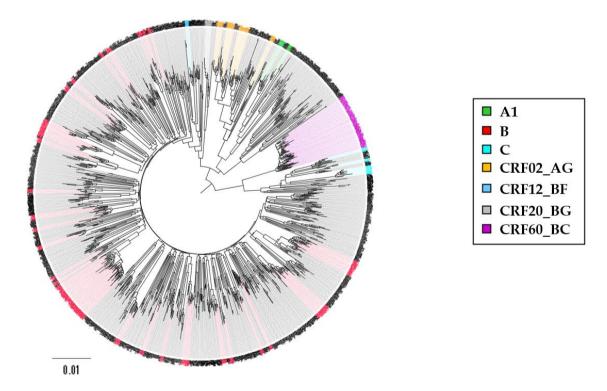


Figure S2. Phylogenetic tree of the 726 *pol* sequences involved in 228 molecular transmission clusters (MTCs). The 36 medium and the 6 large MTCs are colored according to HIV-1 subtype. The 186 small MTCs are shown in black. Scale bar indicates estimated evolutionary distance of 0.01 substitution per position.