



Supplementary Figure 2: HIV-1 subtype C reference sequences algorithm. Recent and chronic reference from HIV-1 subtype C were obtained from GenBank, and the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) HIV sequence database. The inclusion criteria were that participants had to have been well characterised to have either recent (HIV infection <6 months, and Fiebig stage ≤ 6), or chronic infection (HIV infection >6 months). HIV-1 – Human Immunodeficiency virus type 1; *gag* – *group-specific antigen* gene; ZA – South Africa; ZM – Zambia; MW – Malawi; KE – Kenya; TZ – Tanzania.