

Factor	Time since infection (Model 1)			Infection Stage (Model 2)		
	All seqs	Plasma	PBMC	All seqs	Plasma	PBMC
Time since infection	0.74 (0.8)	0.50 (<0.001)	0.72 (0.8)			
Stage 1				Ref	Ref	Ref
Stage 2				0.01 (0.9)	-0.01 (0.9)	0.00 (NA)
Stage 3				4.78 (<0.001)	5.23 (<0.001)	2.81 (0.2)
Stage 4				2.32 (0.07)	1.50 (0.18)	6.88 (0.02)
Factor	CD4 count (Model 3)			Viral Load (Model 4)		
CD4 level	All seqs	Plasma	PBMC	All seqs	Plasma	PBMC
>500	Ref	Ref	Ref			
200-500	0.41 (0.7)	0.32 (0.8)	6.36 (0.09)			
<200	-0.65 (0.7)	-1.34 (0.3)	5.12 (0.2)			
VL log10 (continuous)				-0.39 (0.3)	-0.30 (0.4)	-0.84 (0.15)

Table S2. Multivariable regression analysis of V1V2 length vs. clinical variables, upper and lower 5% excluded. Beta coefficients for V1V2 Length vs. Time since Infection (Model 1), Stage of Infection (Model 2), CD4 counts (Model 3) or HIV Viral Load (Model 4). β values and p-values (in parentheses) are shown. Results are stratified by sample type (Plasma vs. PBMC), adjusting for year of sample collection. Time since infection was missing for 5 sequences, stage of infection for 242 sequences, CD4 count for 113 sequences, and viral load for 290 sequences with measured V1V2 length. Ref = Reference group. Analyses were performed for all sequences collectively as well as for sequences derived from plasma and PBMC considered separately. Sequences comprising the upper and lower 5% by length were excluded from these analyses.