



SUPPLEMENTARY FIG. S2. CD4⁺ T cell counts in peripheral blood from healthy controls and HIV-1-infected patients. The counts of CD4⁺ T cells are shown in the healthy donors (controls) and the three groups of HIV-1-infected patients, classified according to viral load and the use of HAART. Comparisons were made by Kruskal–Wallis ANOVA tests and Dunn’s posttests. The level of significance is ** $p < 0.01$ and *** $p < 0.001$; controls ($n = 25$), HIV-1-infected patients with viral loads less than 400 copies of viral RNA per ml and using HAART ($n = 26$), HIV-1-infected patients with viral loads higher than 400 copies of viral RNA per ml and using HAART ($n = 12$), and HIV-1-infected patients without HAART ($n = 11$). Similar results were observed with relative counts (data not shown).