

Male Circumcision and the Epidemic Emergence of HIV-2 in West Africa

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Supporting Information S1 Appendix: Fieldwork in Guinea-Bissau

During a period of more than two decades MPT has been conducting fieldwork in Guinea-Bissau among the most important ethnic groups. Long-term observation has provided important empirical data about MC practices and their changes across time. Specific research for this article was conducted during 2014 and 2015 in almost 30 villages of the Balanta, Fula, Mandinga, Manjako, Nalu, Beafada, Papel, Mankanya, and Felupe ethnic groups, and also among Cape Verdeans residing in Guinea-Bissau. It consisted of focus-group discussions, semi-structured interviews, informal conversations with key-informants, and village group discussions. For each ethnic group the questions focused on the age at which MC was performed before the start of the independence war and the changes that the practice has been undergoing until the present. In the case of the Balanta, research also aimed to evaluate the findings published by Niang & Boiro (2007) [91]. Cape Verdean descendants living in Bissau and in rural villages were inquired about their own and their socio-cultural group MC practices since the fifties.

The references cited in this Supporting Information can be found in the reference list of the main article.