

A comprehensive genomics solution for HIV surveillance and clinical monitoring in low income settings – Supplementary Material

Supplementary Table 1: Step-by-step protocol

Laboratory	
1	Viral particle lysis using chaotropic guanidine thiocyanate and total nucleic acid extraction using magnetised silica (easyMAG, bioMérieux).
2	RNA concentration and sample volume reduction using magnetised silica beads (RNAClean XP, Beckman Coulter).
3	Synthesis of libraries in low volume reactions, with low-temperature RNA denaturation and the Switching Mechanism At the 5' end of RNA Template (SMARTer) technology [1] to convert RNA to double stranded Illumina libraries within a single tube reaction (Clontech).
4	Double-indexing of sequencing libraries using indexed primers to reduce risks of index miss-assigned reads and false minority variants being generated by template switching. PCR cycles were minimized to reduce PCR duplicates, and to minimise short-read biasing.
5	Pooling libraries by equal volume, rather than by equal mass reduces hands-on time.
6	Size selection of pooled libraries using a stringent cleanup with magnetised silica beads
7	Bait capture of virus sequences using a panel of oligonucleotide probes designed to capture the expected diversity of HIV in sub-Saharan Africa.
8	Parallel library production and sequencing of 384 libraries on a HiSeq Rapid instrument set to produce 250 nt paired-end sequences within a single batch.
Computational	
1	Remove unwanted information and contaminants from raw sequencing output files. (Kraken [2])
2	Read trimming, quality control (minimum length 80bp; Trimmomatic [3])
3	Contig assembly (SPAdes [4], metaSPAdes [5]) and mapping (shiver [6], Kallisto [7])
3	Infer a sequence-derived viral load from numbers of Illumina read-pairs collected for each specimen (method described herein)
4	Infer consensus genotypes, minority variants and minority haplotypes.
5	Infer transmission chains, with quantified statistical support for links and direction of transmission. (phyloscanner [8])
6	Infer drug resistance, both at the consensus and minority haplotype level (HIVdb and drmSEQ ; Fogel et al. 2020. JAC in press).

Figure S1

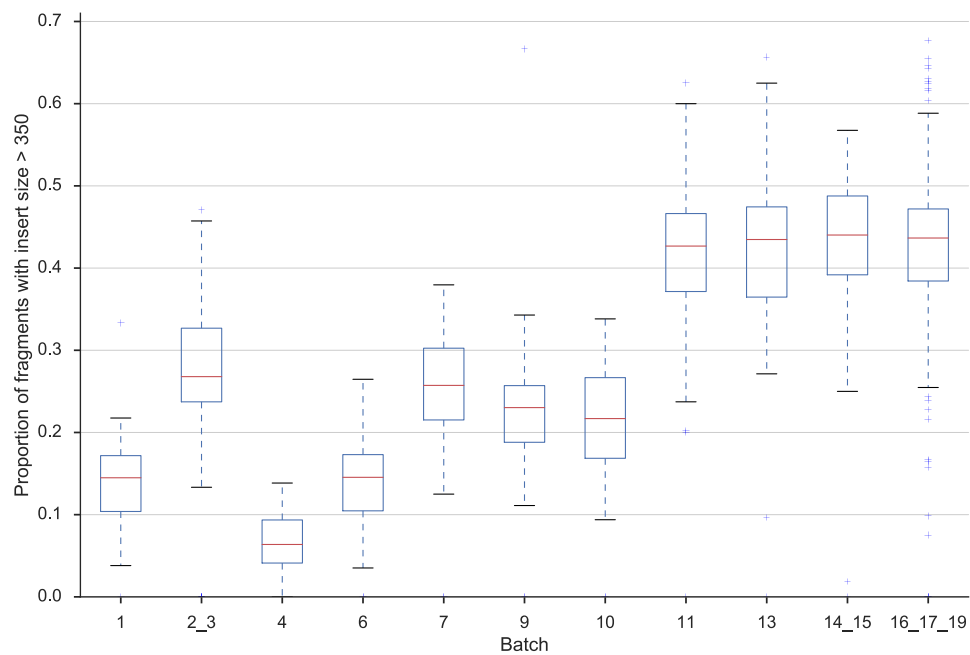


Figure S1: Optimisation of the proportion of sequenced fragments longer than 350 bp.

Batches are presented in chronological order, spanning a period of 18 months. The SMARTer protocol was introduced with batch 7; bead-based size selection was introduced at batch 11; reagent volumes were scaled down for batch 16_17_19 with no detrimental effect on the proportion of all de-duplicated fragments greater than 350 bp in length.

Figure S2

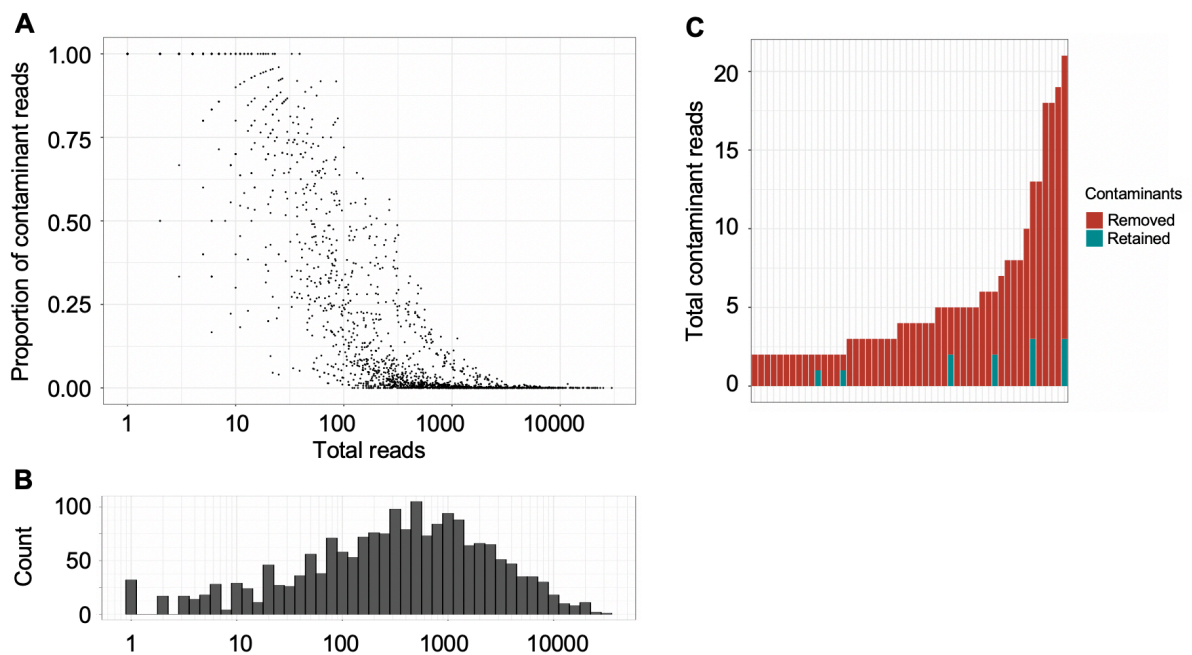


Figure S2: Contaminating reads are removed by blacklisting. **A.** Scatter plot of log₁₀ of total number of reads assessed by *phyloscanner* in each sequenced sample, versus the proportion of reads identified as probable contaminants. Only read pairs that fully spanned the 250 bp windows were analysed. **B.** Corresponding density of *phyloscanner*-analysed reads in each sample, binned by log₁₀ range. **C.** *Phyloscanner*'s ability to accurately identify and remove contaminant reads was tested on a subset of 50 samples with at least 2,000 reads in pol that were deliberately contaminated by replacing 0.1% of reads from each dataset with the same amount from a separate dataset. Each column represents one of the 50 samples, sorted by number of artificially introduced contaminants. Red: reads correctly identified as contaminants. Turquoise: reads not identified as contaminants.

Figure S3

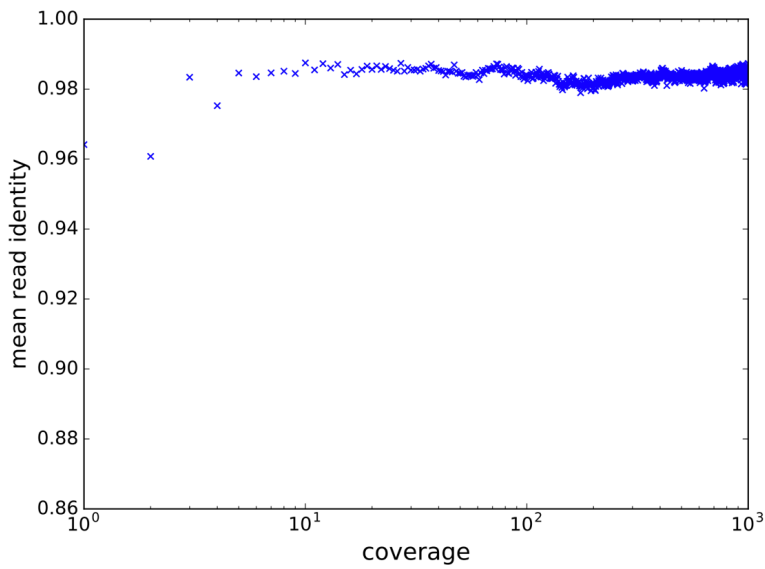


Figure S3: Sequence similarity between reads and consensus sequence by read depth.

Figure S4

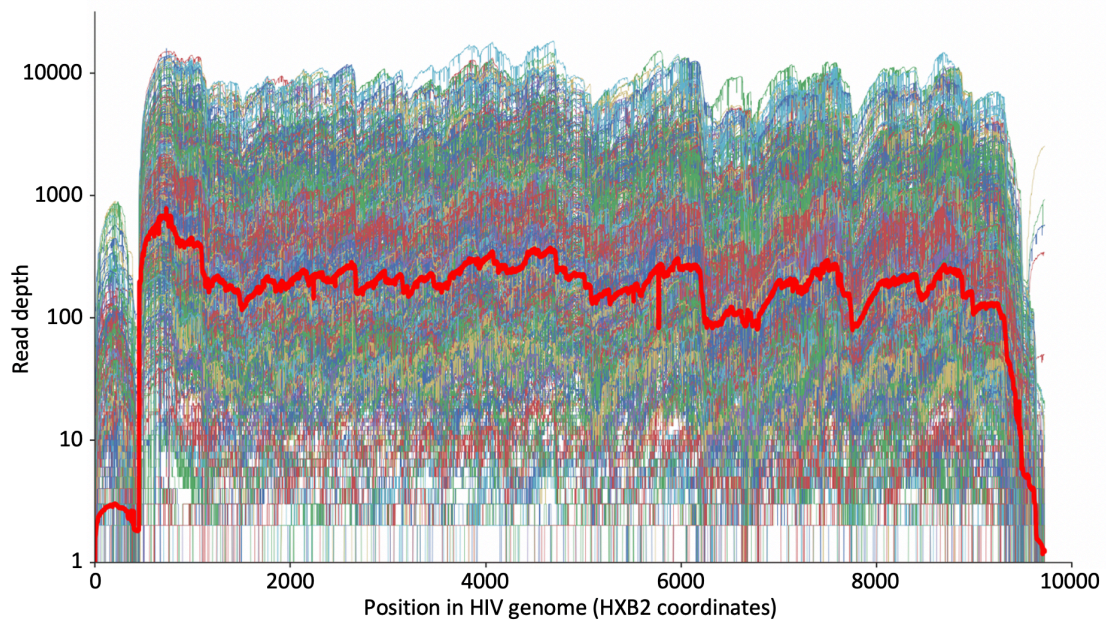


Figure S4: Read depth across the HIV genome for all samples in a single representative batch. Each coloured line corresponds to a single sample. The thick red line indicates the overall geometric mean for the batch.

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