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HIV-1 and SARS-CoV-2: Patterns

in the evolution of two pandemic pathogens

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B.1.526.US-NY B.1.352.ZA

 replacements

 A to

 C to A

 T to C

 T to C

position relative to (ungapped) reference

- 27000

- 25000



Regions with Insertions





Figure legends

Figure S1. Variability of HIV-1 and SARS-CoV-2 genomes at the nucleotide level. This figure is associated with Figure 1 in the main text.

Right panel: Variant-visualized whole-genome sequence alignments of HIV-1 (a), and SARS-CoV-2 (b). The colored panels are a matrix where each row represents a single sequence, and the columns are positions in a sequence alignment, where colored marks ("+") denote positions that vary compared to a reference sequence. Reference-identical positions are shown as white. A "plurality" consensus sequence, with the most common alignment base at each position, serves as the reference for HIV-1; the outbreak strain (NC 045512) is the reference sequence for SARS-CoV-2. Nucleotide changes are colored based on the mutant base. Sequences are ordered top-to-bottom according to the phylogenetic tree in the left panel; consequently, continuous vertical stripes indicate lineage-specific mutations that are shared by related sequences (see text). The trees in the left panel are in each case derived from a whole-genome nucleotide alignment: an approximation to the maximum-likelihood tree, generated with RAxML-NG (Kozlov et al., 2019) for HIV-1 Env, and for SARS-CoV-2 Spike, a neighbor-joining tree inferred with PAUP (Swofford, 2003) using Log-Determinant (logdet) distances with uninformative sites removed (see Swofford et al., 1996, pp. 459-462), saved with parsimony branch lengths.

Figure S2. Rare but repeated indel patterns in SARS-CoV-2. This figure is associated with Figure 2B in the main text.

Five short regions of the Spike protein are shown, with their positions in Spike relative to the Ancestral Wuhan reference sequence (NC_045512) indicated above each the alignment. All indels are aligned to the reference sequence, indicated as "Anc" for Ancestor in the figure. Regions with deletions are shown on the left (A), and with insertions on the right (B). Most of these indels are rare (the counts are from the GISAID sample of 487,073 Spike sequences available in the cov.lanl.gov alignment on 2/25/2021) but they all come in several forms and are found repeated in several geographic regions, and recur, so are likely to be viable. (A, upper)

Unique repeated deletions patterns in the region between positions 133-151. There were many Spike sequence patterns of deletions in this region, the only common one being the loss of Y144, Δ 144. This deletion was found 82,017 times in the context of the B.1.1.7 lineage, and over 1,500 times in the context of other variants and lineages. There was a total of 313 additional sequences with other deletion patterns in this region. To illustrate this, we included a representative example of each distinct deletion pattern between positions 133-151 in Spike, and include a count of how many times the form was repeated in the data set. (A, middle) Repeated deletion patterns in the region between positions 671-693. This small set of deletion patterns includes Spike sequences in which the furin cleavage site motif, RRxR, is deleted (Walls et al., 2020). These may represent sequences from cultures or viruses that are attenuated in vivo (Johnson et al., 2021). (A, lower) Repeated deletion patterns near the Spike signal peptide cleavage site between positions 12 and 24. (B, Upper) The alignment between positions 517-523. Additional prolines are occasionally added to Spike near 520/521, which are located at the end of the RBD. In the top case (shown in the row beneath Anc), we found a repeated A522P change, no insertion, but a distinctive way to add two prolines in this local domain, so we included it here. In the other cases, either a single P, or a two-amino-acid duplication, AP, were introduced. The insertions in this region were all sampled from one source in Houston, Texas. (B. Lower) Distinctive repeated insertions found between Spike positions 211-216. These insertions are carried in lineages that are rare but increasing in frequency. In the May 12 sampling of GISAID, the insertion 214 TDR, which is carried in the lineage B.1.214.2, was found in 12 countries, and had been sampled 602 times. The insertion 215 AGG, which is carried in the lineage A.2.5.2, was found in 7 countries and sampled 122 times. Note that additional indel patterns have been recently observed in these regions and others that are discussed in the text, including several distinctive deletions patterns near the 242-244 deletion commonly found in the B.1.351 variant, the deletion at 156-157 found in B.1.617.2, and a four amino acid insertion near the furin cleavage site.

Table S1: This table is associated with Figure 1 in the main text.

Estimated mutational parameters based on maximum likelihood trees generated using RAxML-NG (Kozlov et al., 2019), with a general time-reversible model with rate categories estimated using an 8-category Gamma rate distribution (GTR+G8).

	HIV-I	SARS-CoV-2
Base frequencies:		
А	0.4456	0.2900
С	0.1741	0.1757
G	0.1974	0.1626
Т	0.1828	0.3716
Exchangeabilities (R):		
AC	1.0546	0.2127
AG	3.0375	0.6778
AT	0.5612	0.1490
CG	0.7638	0.3050
СТ	4.2699	2.1128
GT	1.0000	1.0000
Gamma shape	0.4804	0.2989

UIV 1 SADS CoV 2

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