

## Supplementary Materials

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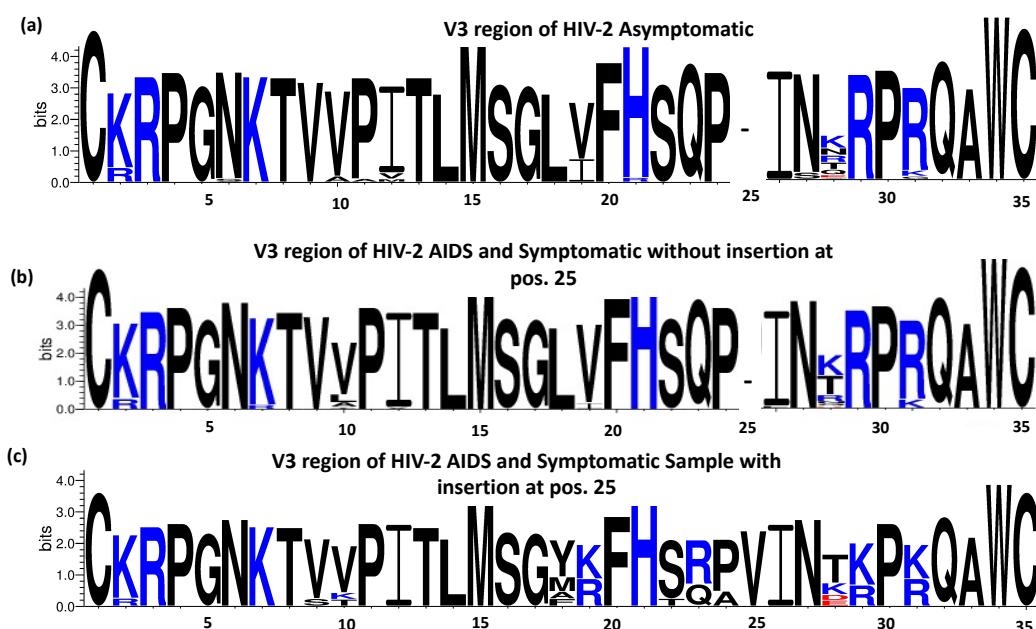
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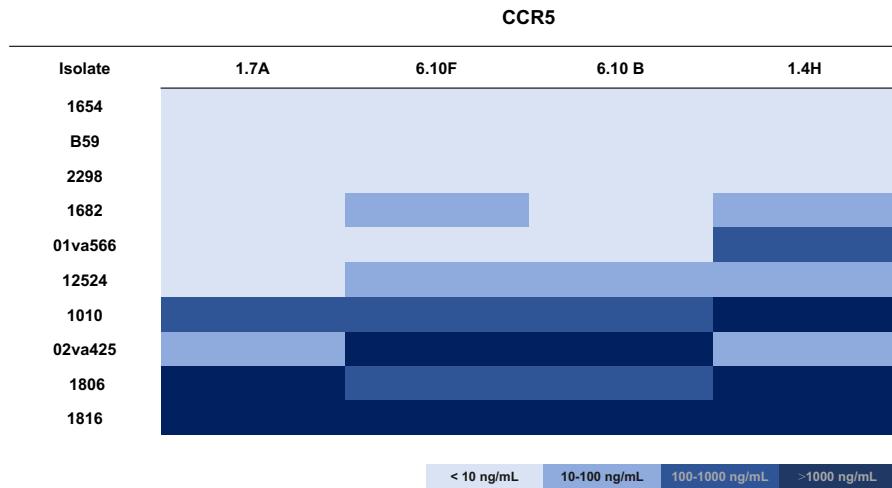
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**Figure S1. Alignment of the V3 loop of HIV-2 sequences obtained from Los Alamos database (<http://www.hiv.lanl.gov>, accessed on 18 February 2022).** V3 sequences from (a) asymptomatic (b) symptomatic and (c) AIDS diagnosed individuals. Amino acids are denoted by single-letter code. The red boxes highlight the positions 18, 19, 25, 28 and 29 of the V3 loop (numbered according to the first Cys (C) residue), (-) represents a gap and \* indicates conserved residues. Yellow highlight represents sequences with valine insertion in position 25.

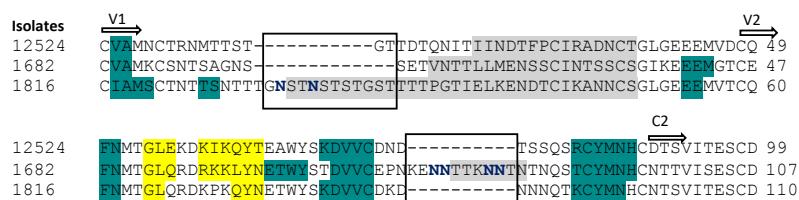


**Figure S2. Genetic diversity of V3 loop of HIV-2 Env.** HIV-2 Env V3 sequences from (a) asymptomatic, (b) symptomatic and (c) AIDS diagnosed individuals were collected from the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) HIV sequence database (accessed on 18 February 2022)(<http://www.hiv.lanl.gov>). ClustalW was used to align multiple amino acid sequences, and variability of sequences was schematically visualized using Weblogo. Positively charged amino acids (H, K, R) highlighted in blue and negatively charged amino acids represented in red (D, E).

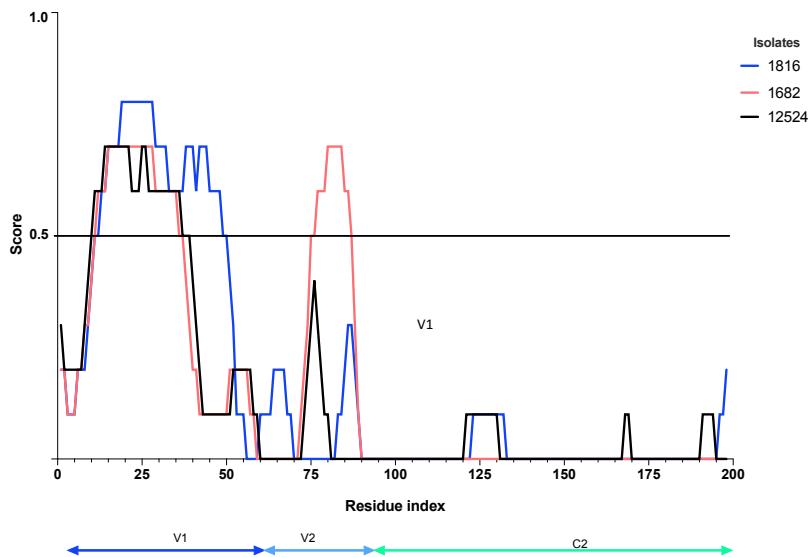


**Figure S3.** Neutralizing titers of mABs against HIV-2 primary isolates for infection of CCR5 expressing GHOST (3) cells.

(a)



(b)



**Figure S4.** Comparison of V1/V2 region of 12524 R5/X4 user isolate. (a) Alignment of V1/V2 regions of HIV-2 1816, 1682 and 12524 isolates. Yellow highlight represents beta strand, green highlight represents alpha-helix, while the grey represents the predicted disordered regions. Amino acids are presented by single-letter code. Black boxes indicate regions with insertions. Potential N-linked glycosylation sites in the insertions are represented in dark blue. (b) Disorder prediction of the V1/V2 and C2 regions of HIV-2 12524 envelope. Prediction was performed by using IUPred3 and SPOT-Disorder2 online servers [30,31]. Cut-off is represented with black line at score 0.5.

**Table S1. Sequences of HIV-2 V1 and V2 regions used in analysis for insertion in the variable region.**  
Data regarding sequences including sequence name, status and "given name" in the alignment

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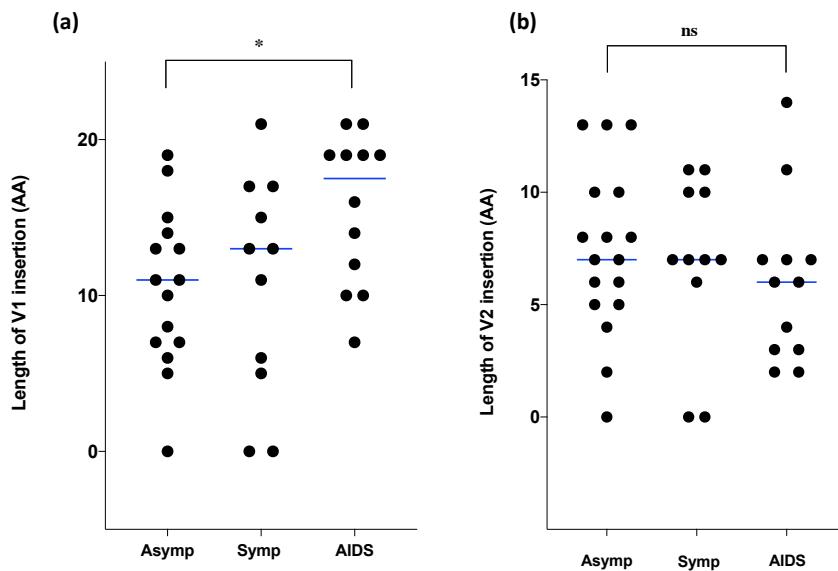
**(a)**

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AYSM3	CVAMNCNSNITSSNTSAG-----NTPTSTTLEIKENSSCISNNTCP-GLREEEIV
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AYSM5	CVAMSCNNTSTGNNTTS-----T-NVSEVNDTSPCARANNCP-GLAEEEMV
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AIDS2	CVAMNCRVQGNNTTPNPRTS--SSTTSRPPTSAASIINETSCIENNCA-GLGYEEMM
AIDS3	CVAMSCNSTTN-----NTTTGSTMSEINETSPS-YSDNCT-GLGKEEVV
AIDS4	CVTMRCNTSTTTTAPSTS---AGSTATPKPIVMNENTSCMHANNCS-GLGEEEVV
AIDS5	CVAMNCTPVPTNIST-PNI-----TATNTSKTLEINETSPCISANDCS-GLEEEEMV
AIDS6	CVAMNCSSKGNNTRTGNVTTT--AATTTTTKNNITEINETSPCIRNNTC-GLRDEEIV
AIDS7	CIAMCRNTSTGNTRARH----TPT-TTIKTPIEINESNPCIRGNNC-GLGEEEMV
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AIDS9	CVAMTCNSTRSNNTESN-----TNTTAAPEINDNSSCIRANNCS-GLGEEETV
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AIDS11	CVAMTCNYTDTSNATTGNSSTSIPTTTTTQTAAEVGTGSPCIRKDSCP-GLGEEEVV
AIDS12	CVAMTCNKENTTTATD-----PIQTPEINDTSSCAHTDNCT-GLGEEEMV

**(b)**

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AYSM5	WYSSD-VVCEATGN-----TSNQSRCYMHHCNTSVIRVS	
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**Figure S5. Alignment of V1/V2 region of HIV-2 sequences.** From (a) Alignment of V1 region from asymptomatic individuals, symptomatic and AIDS patients. (b) Alignment of V2 region from asymptomatic, symptomatic and AIDS patients. Amino acids are denoted by single-letter code. The red boxes highlight the insertions in the V1 and V2 regions.



**Figure S6.** Length of insertions in the V1 and V2 region between asymptomatic, symptomatic and AIDS groups. (a) Length of V1's insertion was significantly different between asymptomatic and AIDS groups. Statistical differences calculated according to non-parametric Mann-Whitney analysis, \* P=0,0162). (b) Comparison of length of V2's insertion did not differ any of the groups.

**Table S2.** Primers used for sequencing of HIV-2 *env*. HIV-2 BEN was used as a reference strain (GenBank accession number M30502), (F: Forward; R: Reverse).

Primer	Sequences	Position according to HIV-2 BEN <i>env</i>
F31 (F)	5' TGT TT <sup>y</sup> TT <sup>r</sup> mAm Aar GGr CTC G 3'	6040-6061
F41 (F)	5' AAT TTG TrA CTG TyT TCT ATG G 3'	6212-6229
F42 (F)	5' ACT GT <sup>y</sup> TTC TAT GGm rTr CCC 3'	6216-6239
F43 (F)	5' TTC TAT GGm rTr CCC GCG TGG 3'	6222-6242
KH2OF (F)	5' GAG ACA TCA ATA AAA CCA TGT GTC 3'	6420-6443
CRSEQ-3 (F)	5' CAT TGC AA CAA TCr GTC AT <sup>y</sup> A 3'	6756-6777
CRSEQ2_F (F)	5' Gay AAG CAC TAT TGG GAT GC 3'	6789-6808
CRSEQ5 (F)	5' ATG TGG ACT AAC TGC AGr GGA 3'	7308-7328
TH2OR (R)	5' TTC TGCCAC CTC TGC ACT AAA GG 3'	7549-7571
CRSEQ7+AGT (F)	5' AGT GCA GCA ACA GCA ACA GC 3'	7787-7806
CRSEQ-8 (R)	5' GAG AAA ACA GGC CTA TAG CC 3'	8262-8281
CRSEQ9+G (F)	5' GGC TAT AGG CCT GTT TTC TC 3'	8262-8281
R3 (R)	5' ATC TA <sup>y</sup> ATC ATC CAT ATT yTG yTG 3'	8806-8829
R2 (R)	5' TGT TT <sup>y</sup> TT <sup>r</sup> mAm Aar GGr CTC G 3'	8815-8839