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24 ABSTRACT

25 We used the microarray technology to develop chips containing a comprehensive set of proteins and peptides covering the proteome of HIV-1 clade C, which is the HIV-1 subtype that causes the 26 majority of infections worldwide. We demonstrate that the HIV microarray allows simultaneous, 27 sensitive and specific detection of antibody responses for the major immunoglobulin classes 28 (IgG, IgA, IgM, IgE) and subclasses (IgG₁₋₄) with minute amounts of serum samples towards a 29 large number of HIV antigens and peptides. Furthermore, we show that the HIV chip can be used 30 for the monitoring of antibody responses during the course of the disease and during treatment. 31 The HIV microarray should be useful to study antibody responses to multiple HIV antigens and 32 epitopes in HIV-infected patients to explore pathomechanisms of the disease, for diagnosis and 33 for monitoring of treatment and of vaccine trials. 34

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37 ABBREVIATIONS

 α -hulg, anti-human Ig; AUC, area under the curve; BSA, bovine serum albumin; CA, capsid; 38 ELISA, enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay; gp120, glycoprotein 120; gp41, glycoprotein 41; 39 huIg, human immunoglobulin; HAART, highly-active anti-retroviral treatment; HSA, human 40 serum albumin; IN, integrase; ISAC, Immuno solid-phase allergen chip; ISU, ISAC standardized 41 units; MA, matrix; NC, nucleocapsid; NEF, negative factor; OD, optical density; PBS, phosphate 42 buffered saline; PR, protease; REV, regulator of virion expression; ROC curve, receiver 43 operating characteristic curve; RR, reverse transcriptase+RNAseH; SD, standard deviation; TAT, 44 trans-activator of transcription; VIF, virus infectivity factor; VPR, viral protein R; VPU, viral 45 protein U. 46

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47 **INTRODUCTION**

HIV infections represent a major health threat. At present more than 35 million individuals 48 worldwide are infected¹. More than 10% of the HIV-infected persons recorded in the United 49 States were unaware of their infection². Currently available diagnostic tests for HIV are based on 50 the detection of viral materials such as RNA or proteins and on the detection of HIV-specific 51 antibodies using first line tests with high sensitivity and second line procedures with high 52 specificity³. The identification of new neutralizing antibodies which protect against infection and 53 54 results obtained from the analysis of antibody responses in HIV controllers and HIV vaccine trials indicate that a detailed investigation of antibody responses towards different viral antigens 55 and epitopes may provide new information for the development of new immunological strategies 56 for the treatment and prevention of HIV infections (e.g., antibody-based treatments, vaacines)⁴⁻⁸. 57 Evidence for the usefulness of multiplexed antibody analysis in the field of HIV comes from a 58 recent study which analysed antibody responses in HIV-infected patients and subjects who 59 participated in vaccine trials. A comprehensive set of small peptides derived from the virus 60 envelope allowed the identification of antibody signatures that may be associated with 61 protection⁹. 62

In fact, multiplex immune assays based on micro-arrayed antigens and epitopes are currently 63 revolutionizing the analysis of pathomechanisms as well as the diagnosis of several 64 immunological diseases such as allergy, autoimmunity, infectious diseases and cancer¹⁰⁻¹⁵. 65 However, multiplex assays for the analysis of antibody responses against multiple HIV-proteins 66 and peptides are not available. Therefore, the aim of this study was the development of an HIV 67 microarray containing a large panel of HIV proteins and peptides for the mapping and 68 characterization of HIV-specific antibody responses towards multiple viral antigens and epitopes 69 70 with minimal amounts of sample and short assay-duration. For this purpose, we employed the

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microarray-chip technology which we originally had developed for the diagnosis of allergy (i.e., 71 Immuno solid-phase allergen chip, ISAC)¹⁰. We prepared a set of HIV proteins and peptides 72 derived from HIV-1 clade C, because this is the HIV-1 subtype that causes the majority of 73 infections worldwide (48%). HIV-1 clade C is also the subtype that predominates in Sub-Saharan 74 Africa, where the highest rates of infection are reported (4.7% infected adults) (UNAIDS global 75 report 2013)¹⁶. We demonstrate that the HIV microarray allowed the measurement of isotypes 76 and IgG subclasses against a comprehensive set of proteins and peptides covering the clade C 77 78 proteome.

79 MATERIALS AND METHODS

80 Synthesis, purification and characterization of HIV peptides

Overlapping peptides covering the amino acid sequence of gp120, gp41, VIF, REV, VPR and 81 VPU from HIV-1 subtype C (isolate ZA.04.04ZASK146, hiv.lanl.gov #AY772699) were 82 produced by solid-phase synthesis. The peptides were synthesized with the 9-fluorenyl-methoxy-83 carbonyl (Fmoc)-method (CEM-Liberty, Matthews, NC, USA and Applied Biosystems, 84 Carlsbad, CA, USA) on PEG-PS preloaded resins (Applied Biosystems, Carlsbad, CA, USA). 85 After washing with dichloromethane, peptides were cleaved from the resins in 19 ml 86 trifluoroacetic acid, 0.5 ml silane and 0.5 ml H₂O and precipitated into pre-chilled tert-87 88 butylmethylether. Peptides were purified by reverse-phase HPLC in a 10-70% acetonitrile gradient using a Jupiter 4 µm Proteo 90Å, LC column (Phenomenex, Torrance, CA, USA) and an 89 UltiMate 3000 Pump (Dionex, Sunnyvale, CA, USA) to a purity >90%. Their identities and 90 91 molecular weights were verified by mass spectrometry (Microflex MALDI-TOF, Bruker, Billerica, MA, USA). 92

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94 Expression, purification and characterization of recombinant HIV proteins

Recombinant gp120 from HIV-1 subtype C was purchased from Sino Biological (Beijing, 95 People's Republic of China). The ectodomain of gp41 from HIV-1 subtype C (isolate 96 ZA.04.04ZASK146, hiv.lanl.gov #AY772699, amino acids 532-683 numbered accordingly to the 97 HXB2 scheme) was expressed in a human T cell line (Jurkat E6 cell line) (Wollmann, 98 99 unpublished data). Recombinant his-tagged structural (matrix, MA; capsid, CA and nucleocapsid, NC), functional (protease, PR; reverse transcriptase+RNaseH, RR and integrase, IN) and 100 accessory proteins (NEF, TAT and VIF) were expressed in E.coli. The DNA sequences of MA, 101 102 CA, NC, PR, NEF, TAT, VIF (HIV-1 clade C isolate ZA.04.04ZASK146, hiv.lanl.gov

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#AY772699) and of RR and IN (HIV-1 clade C isolate ET.86.ETH2220, hiv.lanl.gov #U46016) 103 104 contained a 3' sequence coding for a C-terminal hexa-histidine tag. Sequences codon-optimized for bacterial expression were cloned into plasmid pET17b, between EcoRI and NdeI restriction 105 106 sites (ATG:biosynthetics, Merzhausen, Germany). E.coli BL21(DE3) cells (Agilent 107 Technologies, Santa Clara, CA, USA) were transformed and grown to an OD₆₀₀=0.4-0.6 in LB medium containing 100 mg/l ampicillin. Isopropyl-β-thiogalactopyranoside (0.5-1.0mM) was 108 used to induce protein expression and cells were harvested at time-points of maximal expression 109 110 (i.e. PR: 30min; MA, CA, RR, IN, NEF, TAT and VIF: 4h; NC: ON). Recombinant proteins were purified by Nickel-affinity chromatography under native (MA, CA, NC) or denaturing (PR, IN, 111 NEF, TAT) conditions (Oiagen, Hilden, Germany). VIF and RR were purified with an inclusion 112 body preparation protocol¹⁷. Stepwise dialysis was used to remove the denaturing agent and 113 refold the recombinant proteins. The identity of the proteins was verified by SDS-PAGE 114 115 followed by Coomassie Brilliant Blue staining. In addition, His-tagged proteins were blotted onto Whatman Protran nitrocellulose (GE Healthcare Bio-Sciences, Uppsala, Sweden) and detected 116 with mouse α-His IgG (0.2 µg/ml) (Dianova, Hamburg, Germany) followed by incubation with 117 118 alkaline-phosphatase-labelled rabbit α -mIgG (0.5µg/ml) (BD, Franklin Lakes, NJ, USA). Mass spectrometry was performed to verify the molecular mass of recombinant proteins (Microflex 119 MALDI-TOF, Bruker). The secondary structure of the proteins was measured by circular 120 dichroism spectroscopy on a Jasko J-810 spectropolarimeter (Japan Spectroscopic, Tokyo, Japan) 121 at a protein concentration of 0.1 mg/ml in 10 mM sodium-phosphate¹⁷. The biochemical 122 properties of the recombinant HIV proteins were calculated from their amino acid sequence with 123 ProtParam (http://web.expasy.org/protparam/). 124

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126 Control proteins, labelling of detection antibodies and spotting of the HIV microarray

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Human serum albumin (HSA) and bovine serum albumin (BSA) were purchased from Behring 127 128 (King of Prussia, PA) and Sigma-Aldrich (St. Louis, MO), respectively. Recombinant VP1 of Rhinovirus 89 (VP1 89) was expressed as His-tagged protein¹⁸. Allergens and fluorescence-129 labelled BSA were from Phadia Austria GmbH (Part of Thermo Fisher Scientific 130 ImmunoDiagnostics, Vienna, Austria). Detection system controls were: hulgG₁, hulgG₂, hulgG₃, 131 huIgG₄ (Sigma-Aldrich); huIgG, huIgA, huIgM (Jackson ImmunoResearch, West Grove, PA) 132 and huIgE, isolated from a pool of plasma and sera from different patients by anti-IgE affinity 133 chromatography¹⁹. 134

135 Anti-huIgG (Phadia-Thermo Fisher), α -huIgG₁, α -huIgG₂ and α -huIgA (Becton Dickinson, 136 Franklin Lakes, NJ) and α -HSA antibodies (Sigma-Aldrich) were labelled with DyLight 650 137 (Pierce, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Rockford, IL, USA). α -huIgG₃ (Sigma-Aldrich), α -huIgG₄, α -138 huIgM (Becton Dickinson) and α -huIgE (Phadia-Thermo Fisher) were labelled with DyLight 550 139 (Pierce, Thermo Fisher Scientific).

Cleaning and coating of glass slides was performed as described by Harwanegg *et al.*,²⁰. In brief, 140 141 microscopy glass slides were sonicated in acetone and then in a 1% Alconox solution (Sigma-142 Aldrich) to clean the surface. The glass surface was then made reactive for primary amine groups using a silvlation procedure²¹, then the silane layer was heated, cooled and an amine-reactive 143 complex organic polymer was added²⁰. Customized spotting was performed by slow pin mode 144 printing, each spot containing 50-200 fg of microarray component, corresponding to 1-5 attomol 145 (Phadia Austria GmbH). For standard spotting, microarray components were used at a 146 concentration of 0.5 mg/ml in phosphate buffer pH 8.4 and spotted in triplicates. Optimization of 147 spotting conditions was required for certain antigens and is described in the Supplemental. 148 Sequential dilutions of antibody controls (0.125, 0.062, 0.031, 0.016, 0.008, 0.004 mg/ml) were 149 obtained by mixing the antibodies with the corresponding amount of BSA in order to obtain a 150

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final spotting concentration of 0.25 mg/ml of total protein (component + BSA) in PBS pH 7.2. Two series of triplicates were spotted for gp120, gp41 and 120/15. Correct spotting of the negative control HSA was verified by detection with fluorescence labelled α -HSA antibody.

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155 Serum samples

Sera from 15 African HIV-infected patients (n = 47) were from the Asthma, Allergy and Immune 156 Dysfunction Clinic, Harare, Zimbabwe, Fifteen European HIV-positive sera and 15 control sera 157 (i.e. tested HIV-negative in conventional diagnostic tests at the date of microarray analyses) were 158 obtained from the Department of Virology of the Medical University of Vienna. Sequential 159 serum samples were obtained from the 15 African patients on highly active antiretroviral 160 treatment (HAART) during 2009-2011. The HIV status of each of the sera was verified by 161 confirmatory HIV Line-Immuno-Assay (InnoLIA, Innogenetics, Gent, Belgium). Analysis of the 162 163 anonymized sera was approved by the ethics committee of the Medical University of Vienna (EK592/2010) and was performed according to standardized laboratory work procedures for 164 infectious materials^{22, 23}. 165

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167 Microarray-based determination of antibody levels in human serum samples

To avoid assay-interference by lipid drops, serum samples were centrifuged for 1 min at 8000 g and the non-lipidic interphase was diluted in sample diluent (1:50 for detection of IgG, IgG₁, IgA and IgM; 1:10 for IgG₂, IgG₃, IgG₄; undiluted for IgE measurements). Microarrays were washed by stirring 5 min in washing buffer (Phadia Austria GmbH). After drying the slides by centrifugation (1000 g, 1 min, room temperature), 30 μ l sample were applied on each microarray and incubated for 2 hours at gentle rocking at room temperature. Microarrays were then rinsed and washed 5 min as described above. After centrifugation, they were incubated 30 min with 30

ul of fluorescence-labelled antibodies (1 µg/ml), rocking at room temperature. Microarravs were 175 176 again rinsed with washing buffer, washed 5 min by stirring in washing buffer and then washed 5 min in distilled water. After drying by centrifugation, the slides were scanned at 635 nm 177 (DyLight 550-labelled antibodies) or at 532 nm (DyLight 650-labelled antibodies) using a 178 confocal laser scanner (LuxScan-10K microarray scanner, CapitalBio, Bejing, People's Republic 179 of China). For calibration and determination of background signals, a calibrator serum (i.e. a pool 180 of HIV-positive sera, diluted 1:100) and sample diluent were included in each analysis run. IgG 181 levels to control antigens (i.e., allergens) listed in Table 3 were additionally tested for the 182 calibrator serum by ImmunoCAP. A calibration curve was generated relating fluorescence 183 intensities derived from scanning the microarrays with antibody levels measured by 184 ImmunoCAP. Due to the semi-quantitative character of antibody levels measured by microarray, 185 results are given in ISAC standardized units (ISU)²⁴. The Phadia Microarray Image Analysis 186 software was used to evaluate the measurements, to calculate the mean fluorescence intensities of 187 triplicate analyses and to calibrate the results. 188

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190 Background signals, intra- and inter-batch variation and data analysis

Background reactivity of fluorescence-labelled α-huIgG towards components spotted on the HIV 191 microarray was determined by testing seven replicates of sample diluent alone. Variation among 192 microarray measurements performed on the same day and on two consecutive days was analysed 193 testing IgG reactivity of 4 and 3 replicates of the calibrator serum, respectively. Microarrays of 194 the same lot were used in both cases. Mean coefficients of variation (CV=SD/mean) and signal-195 to-noise ratios (SNR=mean/SD) were calculated for component-specific reactivities. Serum 196 titration experiments were performed testing HIV-positive and control samples at dilutions 1:10, 197 198 1:50, 1:100, 1:200 and 1:400. The cut-off for positive reactivity was set at 3 ISU, based on

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199 comparison with negative controls.

200 For data analysis, the background signal of each antigen was subtracted from the measured reactivity. The distribution of the reactivity of the detection antibodies towards spotted antibody 201 controls was analysed with GraphPad Prism (La Jolla, CA, USA). For each HIV-derived 202 203 component differences between IgG levels of HIV-positive samples and controls were analysed by Mann Whitney U tests; receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curves (x-axes: 1-specificity; 204 v-axes: sensitivity) were generated and the respective area under the curve (AUC) values were 205 206 calculated (GraphPad Prism). Median antigen-specific IgG levels measured in African and European HIV-positive sera were calculated (GraphPad Prism). Differences between IgG 207 208 reactivities of the two populations were analysed by Mann Whitney U tests (IBM SPSS-Statistics, Version 20.0, IBM Corp, Armonk, NY, USA). 209

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211 Comparison of microarray- and ELISA-based determination of HIV-specific IgG levels

IgG levels of sera from 15 African HIV-positive, 15 European HIV-positive and 10 control 212 subjects tested with the HIV microarray, were determined also by ELISA. Sera diluted 1:200 in 213 214 PBS, 0.5% BSA, 0.05% v/v Tween 20 (PBST) were tested on plates coated overnight at 4°C with 2 µg/ml of peptides/proteins in 100 mM sodium bicarbonate buffer pH 9.6, after blocking 4 h at 215 room temperature (2% BSA, PBST). After washing with PBST, bound antibodies were detected 216 217 by 1 h incubation with HRP-labelled α -huIgG (1:5000, 0.5% BSA, PBST). The colour reaction 2.2'-azino-bis(3-ethyl-benzothiazoline-6-sulfonicacid)di-ammoniumsalt induced 218 with was measured as optical density $(OD_{405nm} - OD_{490nm})$. Antibody levels measured with the HIV 219 microarray (ISU) were plotted against levels measured by ELISA (OD) for the single 220 peptides/proteins tested and correlation coefficients (R^2) were calculated in Excel. 221

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222 **RESULTS**

223 Design of a chip containing a comprehensive set of micro-arrayed peptides and proteins of

224 the HIV-1 clade C proteome

The HIV chips consisted of glass slides containing six microarrays surrounded by a Teflon frame which allows the simultaneous application of six independent samples (Fig. 1a, b)²⁴. The Teflon frame was made in oval shape to allow incubation on a rocking plate so that serum samples can better access the areas in the outer parts of the arrays.

229 Each HIV microarray was designed to contain proteins and peptides from HIV-1 clade C and control components (i.e. antigens from other sources for which calibration sera were available 230 231 such as VP1 from human rhinovirus, allergens or antigens which served as positive controls such as purified antibody isotopes, subclass dilutions) (Fig. 1c, Tables 1-3). Among HIV components, 232 two panels of synthetic overlapping peptides from the envelope proteins gp120 and gp41 were 233 234 included to map linear epitopes of envelope-specific antibodies (Table 1; Fig. 1c, left). Recombinant folded glycosylated envelope proteins were included together with folded 235 236 structural, functional and accessory proteins to characterize HIV-specific conformation-237 dependent antibody responses (Table 2, Fig. 1c, left). Additionally, to map linear epitopes of accessory proteins we included peptides derived from VIF, VPR, VPU and REV (Table 1; Fig. 238 1c, right). 239

Control components included: i) calibration components for which the amount of IgG antibodies contained in a calibrator serum had been determined by quantitative ImmunoCAP measurements (Table 3); ii) detection system controls, consisting of sequential dilutions of purified human antibody preparations (IgG, IgA, IgM, IgE) and purified monoclonal human IgG subclasses (IgG₁₋₄); iii) positive controls (e.g. allergens showing IgE, IgG₁, IgG₄, IgG₂ reactivity, human rhinovirus-derived VP1 showing IgG₁, IgG₃, IgA, IgM reactivity with the calibrator serum) and

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negative controls (HSA, BSA); iv) fluorescence-labelled BSA molecules as "guide-dots" for
software-based evaluation (Fig. 1c).

The identity and quality of each of the produced peptides and proteins were examined before 248 spotting. Mass spectrometry analyses showed that the peptides had the correct molecular mass; 249 250 SDS-PAGE followed by Coomassie Brilliant Blue staining and Western-blot confirmed the identity and purity of the recombinant proteins (i.e., >95%). Furthermore, circular dichroism 251 measurements showed that each of the recombinant HIV-1 clade C proteins was folded (Table 252 253 2). Thus, the current HIV microarray contained 147 components, of which 72 were derived from 14 different HIV proteins. All components were spotted in triplicates in order to obtain three 254 255 independent determinations in each experiment (Fig. 1c).

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The HIV microarray allows sensitive and specific detection of antibodies towards a comprehensive set of proteins and peptides with minute serum volumes and short assay duration

Antibody detection on the chip involves a washing step followed by application of the serum sample, washing, detection of bound antibodies with fluorescence-labelled antibody conjugates, washing and scanning requiring less than 3 hours (Fig. 1b).

Figure 2 exemplifies the specificity of the HIV microarray. A sample volume of 30 μ l was sufficient to detect specific antibody responses against each of the micro-arrayed components. The following serum volumes were needed for detection of the antibody classes/subclasses: IgG (dilution 1:50; 0.6 μ l), IgG₁ (1:50; 0.6 μ l), IgG₂ (1:10; 3 μ l), IgG₃ (1:10; 3 μ l), IgG₄ (1:10; 3 μ l) IgA (1:50; 0.6 μ l), IgM (1:50; 0.6 μ l), IgE (undiluted; 30 μ l). Thus, less than 50 μ l of serum allowed determining the specificities of all antibody classes and subclasses to 72 HIV derived proteins and peptides in triplicate analyses.

On scan-images the bound antibodies could be clearly identified as dots of varying intensities and 270 271 HIV-specific profiles could be used to discriminate HIV-positive from control samples (Fig. 2a, upper and mid panels). Tests performed with sample diluent alone showed specific binding of the 272 IgG detection system towards the spotted antibody controls (IgG, IgG₁₋₄, IgE-containing 273 preparation) but no non-specific binding towards any of the other components (Fig. 2a, lower 274 panel). To relate scanned fluorescence levels to amounts of antibody present in serum samples, 275 we determined specific IgG levels of a calibrator serum with the HIV microarray and with 276 277 quantitative ImmunoCAP (Fig. 3a). The results obtained were used to generate calibration curves 278 and to convert fluorescence levels into ISAC standardized units (ISU). When the calibration 279 curve could be approximated to a linear function, the amount of IgG (ug) per ml of serum could be calculated with the formula $[\mu g \ IgG/m] = ISU \ x \ serum \ dilution \ factor / 1000]$: This was 280 observed for values up to 6 ISU, which corresponds to 0.3 µg IgG/ml of serum (Fig. 3a). 281

282 Intra- and inter-assay replicates of calibrator serum were measured with high reproducibility, as characterized by mean coefficients of variation (CV) ≤ 1 (i.e. 0.36 and 0.38) and signal to noise 283 ratios (SNR) >1 (i.e. 8.3 and 5.5). Intra- and inter-assay variation were even lower when analysed 284 285 for IgG levels greater than 35 ISU (CV=0.15, SNR=12.4 and CV=0.13, SNR=33.6, respectively). Background reactivity was measured by incubating arrays with sample diluent alone (n=7). The 286 signals ranged between 0.0 and 0.14 ISU, confirming the absence of non-specific binding of the 287 detection system. Assessment of the reactivity of anti-huIgG detection antibodies towards spotted 288 antibody controls of different isotype and IgG subclasses showed specific and concentration-289 dependent binding of the fluorescence-labelled anti-huIgG antibody (Fig. 3b). 290

We then performed serum titration experiments with HIV-positive sera at dilutions of 1:10, 1:50, 1:100, 1:200, 1:400 that identified 1:50 as a suitable serum dilution (Fig. 3c). Thus, 0.6ul of serum were sufficient for the determination of IgG reactivities towards the panel of spotted

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294 components.

295 Next we tested 62 HIV-positive sera and 15 control sera, replicates of the calibrator serum (n = 2)and sample diluent (n = 2). Ranges and median IgG levels for each of the HIV components are 296 297 shown in Table S1. IgG levels to micro-arrayed HIV-derived peptides and proteins were significantly higher in HIV-positive samples than in controls for all components, except 120/01, 298 120/07 and VIF/08 (Table S1). To estimate the use of microarrays for diagnostic purposes, we 299 analysed sensitivity and specificity for each HIV-derived component with ROC curves (Table 300 301 S1). The highest areas under the curve (AUC) were measured for: 120/15, 120/16, 41/04, 41/05, 41/06, gp120 and CA (AUC>0.99, Fig. 2b) and followed by 120/09, 120/17, 120/24, 41/07, 302 41/16, MA and IN (0.98<AUC < 0.99). Thus, determination of IgG levels towards these micro-303 304 arrayed HIV-derived components may be useful for diagnosis.

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306 Comparison of the HIV microarray with ELISA

For HIV components that had high median IgG levels and AUC>0.98 we compared IgG levels determined by microarray with results obtained by ELISA measurements (Fig. 4). A positive correlation was found between the two assays for peptides 120/15, 120/24, 41/04, 41/05 and proteins gp120, MA and CA. Interestingly, IgG levels against two peptides 120/16 and 41/06 were detected only when immobilized on the microarray but not ELISA and were specific for HIV-infected patients. The lack of IgG binding to the peptides by ELISA may be due to the fact that the peptides 120/16 and 41/06 did not bind to the ELISA plate.

IgG levels against gp120 were lower when detected on the microarray than by ELISA and were lower than envelope peptide-specific responses (Fig. 5). This could be due to the fact that proteins and peptides were immobilized at the same concentration. Thus, a smaller number of molecules was spotted in case of high molecular weight proteins such as the proteins gp120 and

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gp41, in comparison to low molecular weight peptides. Another possible explanation for the low reactivity compared to ELISA could be a lower binding of gp120 and gp41 to the chip surface. Finally, it is possible that the carbohydrate moieties on gp120 and gp41 blocked reactivity of peptide-specific antibodies or that these peptides represent cryptic epitopes which were not fully accessible on the intact glycosylated proteins used by us.

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The HIV microarray allows mapping of IgG reactivity profiles towards a comprehensive set of HIV-proteins and peptides representing the proteome of given strains

Next, we tested the antibody recognition profiles of HIV-infected patients from an African region 326 where clade C is predominant (i.e., Zimbabwe)²⁵ and compared it with that of patients from a 327 region were HIV-1 clade C is not endemic (i.e., Europe)²⁶. We found that clade C-derived 328 envelope-derived peptides (Fig. 5a) and HIV proteins (Fig. 5b) were recognized by African and 329 also European HIV-infected patients. The highest median IgG levels were observed in both 330 populations towards gp120-derived peptides 120/15, 120/16 and 120/24, gp41-derived peptides 331 41/04, 41/05, 41/06 and gp120, MA, CA and PR proteins (Fig. 5a, b). Strong antibody reactivity 332 333 was observed in both populations also towards 41/07 and 41/17 (Fig. 5a). Control subjects without HIV infections showed no binding to the micro-arrayed components except towards 334 peptide 120/01, which covers the signal peptide of the protein, and occasional reactivity was 335 found in single sera towards peptides 120/04, 120/10, 120/18, 41/03 and 41/10. IgG levels 336 towards peptides derived from HIV accessory proteins were low in both African and European 337 HIV-infected populations (Fig. S1a). Common peptide epitopes recognized by African and 338 European patients were VPU/01, VPU/02 and REV/03. Peptides VIF/04, VIF/05, VIF/07 showed 339 IgG reactivity with single sera from control subjects. IgG responses towards control components 340

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to which most subjects are exposed (i.e., allergens and VP1) were found in HIV-infected patientsas well as in control individuals (Fig. S1b).

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The HIV microarray can be used to measure HIV-specific antibody responses for various isotypes and IgG subclasses

346 We also evaluated if the HIV microarray could be used for detection of HIV-specific IgG subclasses (i.e. IgG₁, IgG₂, IgG₃ and IgG₄) and for detection of specific IgA, IgM and IgE 347 responses in sera from HIV-infected patients. Figure 6 shows examples of scan-images of 348 349 microarray-based antibody determinations of an HIV-positive and a control serum. In the HIV-350 positive serum sample shown, specific IgG and IgG_1 antibodies were found towards many of the HIV-derived components, whereas specific IgG₃ IgA and IgM reactivity occurred only towards 351 352 certain HIV-derived and allergen components (Fig. 6). In serum samples from other HIV-infected patients we detected also IgG₂ and IgG₄ subclass responses towards HIV antigens/peptides, 353 whereas we found so far no IgE responses against HIV components (Gallerano et al., unpublished 354 355 data).

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357 The HIV microarray for monitoring the specificities and magnitudes of HIV-specific 358 antibody responses during the course of disease and treatment

Next, we studied if the HIV microarray could be used to monitor HIV-specific IgG responses during the course of disease and treatment. For this purpose we analysed IgG reactivity towards micro-arrayed peptides/proteins of 15 HIV-infected African patients from whom sera were available at different time-points (i.e., 47 serum samples from different time points). In this set of experiments sera from 15 control serum samples and sample diluent alone were tested as negative controls. Interestingly, most of the HIV-infected patients preserved their antibody recognition

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patterns (i.e., specificities, levels) over time (Fig. S2). For single cases specific antibody reactivities were detected only at certain time-points (e.g., Pat#8: gp41; Pat#9: 120/24, 41/11, REV/01; Pat#12: envelope peptides, MA, CA, PR). Figure 7 shows two of these examples (patients #8, 9), which were analysed in relation to immunological, clinical and treatment parameters.

For patient #8 (Fig. 7a) four serum samples, taken over a period of 21 months, were analysed. 370 Despite drops of the CD4 counts at the times when the second and third blood samples were 371 372 taken, the IgG recognition profiles remained almost unchanged and there were no strong alterations regarding the levels of IgG responses towards the tested peptides and antigens. Only a 373 374 few changes were noted. For example, IgG levels towards 120/24 and 41/02 decreased over time and 120/16-specific IgG levels went down in the second serum sample and increased in the third 375 and fourth sample. gp41-specific IgG was only detectable in the third serum sample but not in the 376 377 others. In patient #9 (Fig. 7b), who had a stable treatment response (CD4 counts >500 cells/mm³ and VL decreasing <50copies/ml), we also observed a rather conserved antibody recognition 378 profile. Again, only a few changes were noted. For example, in the second serum sample IgG 379 380 levels towards 41/11 and 41/17 decreased (60-fold and 4-fold, respectively) and high IgG levels were measured towards 120/14, 120/24, 41/07, gp120, MA and REV/01, although IgG was 381 absent or low to these peptides/proteins at the other time-points. 382

The results thus demonstrate that HIV microarray allows detecting changes of epitope specificityin longitudinal assessments in given individuals.

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385 **DISCUSSION**

We developed HIV chips containing six microarrays, on which a large panel of proteins and 386 peptides of the HIV-1 clade C proteome were immobilized for the analysis of HIV-specific 387 antibody responses. The miniaturized assay allowed the measurement of IgG, IgG subclass, IgM, 388 IgA and IgE responses towards a broad panel of HIV peptides and proteins, with minimal 389 amounts of spotted antigens (i.e., 50-200 fg), minute volumes of serum (i.e., 0.6 µl for IgG, IgG₁, 390 IgA, IgM; 3.0 µl for IgG₂₋₄, 30 µl for IgE measurements), consuming low amounts of detection 391 392 antibodies (i.e., 0.03 µg) and in short assay-duration (i.e. <3h). To test IgG reactivity to the same 72 HIV-derived components and a control component, immunoassays such as ELISA and 393 Western-blot would require approximately 0.4 µg of protein/peptide, 50-80 µl of serum 394 (considering a serum dilution 1:200) and 0.6-1.0 µg detection antibody. With assay durations of 395 2-3 days for ELISA, only 20-80 tests per week could be performed manually by one person 396 towards the same set of antigens in comparison to 600 tests/week that can be analysed by the 397 microarray technology described here. Furthermore automated processing of a large number of 398 399 chips is currently being developed.

400 The HIV microarray may well be used also for serological diagnosis of HIV infections but it must be born in mind, that currently available screening procedures that combine different 401 antigen-antibody assays and nucleic acid based assays offer extremely high sensitivity and 402 specificity²⁷⁻³¹. Nucleic acid-based tests and tests focusing on the p24 antigen are particularly 403 important for testing when antibody production is not yet detectable in patients shortly after 404 infection and when the host's immune system is compromised^{32, 33}. Another focus in diagnostic 405 testing is the discrimination of HIV-1 and HIV-2 infections³³ and the availability of tests that can 406 be used for point of care testing and in countries under difficult conditions where laboratory 407 facilities are lacking and costs are an important issue^{34, 35}. 408

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Fast and comprehensive immunoassays such as the HIV microarray may therefore address 409 410 another increasing need of the scientific HIV-research community. Multiplex tests will be useful for the screening of large numbers of samples in prevalence, population studies and vaccine 411 trials. In fact it has been shown that multiplex assays deciphering immune antibody signatures 412 413 towards a large panel of HIV antigens and epitopes may allow identifying protective immune responses^{9, 36}. One possibility to assess simultaneously antibody responses towards several 414 antigens and epitopes as well as towards antigenic structures from different microorganisms is the 415 use of various forms of microbeads containing different antigens³⁷⁻⁴⁰. However, with bead 416 technology only a limited number of different antigens can be tested whereas the use of micro-417 418 arrays allows testing simultaneously for much larger numbers of antigens.

The HIV microarray developed by us contained 147 different components, which may be further 419 increased by number. We noted that the micro-arrayed HIV-1 clade C peptides and proteins not 420 only allowed mapping of HIV-specific antibody recognition profiles both in HIV-infected 421 patients from an African region where clade C is endemic, but also in patients from Europe where 422 423 clade B predominates. At present our micro-array comprised only clade C peptides and proteins 424 but it may be considered to expand the repertoire of spotted components to include also antigens and peptides from other strains in order to test if we can identify strain-specific antibody 425 signatures. At present the chip contains structurally folded recombinant HIV proteins as well as 426 427 unfolded peptides and thus allows detection of antibody responses towards conformational as well as sequential epitopes. It may be also considered to expand the antigen repertoire regarding 428 carbohydrate epitopes and glycoproteins. We think that the HIV microarray is a suitable tool for 429 the mapping of antibody responses towards HIV-derived peptides and also HIV recombinant 430 proteins in large patient cohorts and trials and in populations from different geographic regions. 431 432 The possibility to measure various isotypes and IgG-subclasses against a comprehensive set of

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HIV antigens and peptides in serum samples and other body fluids may also provide new 433 434 information for the development of new therapeutic strategies. For example, the assessment of different Ig isotypes and IgG subclasses may be important because they are relevant for the 435 effector functions of these antibodies and thus in virus defence (e.g., complement activation, 436 ADCC, etc.). Several studies indicate that certain isotypes/subclass responses may be associated 437 with infection control or bad prognosis. For example, protective effects were suggested for 438 gp120-specific IgG₃ in the RV144 vaccine trial⁴¹ or for gp41-specific IgG₂ antibody responses 439 regarding persistence of long-term non-progression⁴². HIV-specific IgA responses are found in 440 sera and mucous secretions of HIV-infected patients (e.g. genital secretions, saliva) and in breast 441 milk of infected mothers^{43, 44}. Micro-arrayed HIV components may therefore be interesting to 442 study the fine specificities of these responses and to relate them to clinical findings. 443

First results from our study indicate that the HIV microarray can be used to detect changes of 444 445 epitope specificity in longitudinal assessments in given individuals. Interestingly, we found changes in antibody recognition profiles even when plasma viral loads were undetectable. It is 446 thus possible that the presence of HIV cellular reservoirs in anatomical compartments other than 447 448 blood boosts antibody production and/or that long-lived plasma cells continuously secrete HIVspecific antibodies⁴⁵⁻⁴⁸. Unfortunately detailed PCR data from the investigated subjects were not 449 available for a comparison with the antibody signatures. However, any direct comparison of 450 nucleic acid-based tests and tests measuring specific antibodies must be considered difficult 451 because nucleic acid-based tests will measure already the presence of a microorganism whereas 452 antibody-based tests reflect the host immune response against the microorganism. 453

In summary we believe that the HIV chip will be valuable for the analysis of isotype and subclass responses towards a comprehensive panel of HIV components and thus may be useful for gaining new insights into HIV-specific immune responses, for diagnosis and monitoring of treatment

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459 CONCLUSION

The HIV chip offers a miniaturized platform containing a comprehensive set of antigens and peptides covering the HIV proteome for the assessment of the specificity and magnitude of HIVspecific IgG, IgG-subclass, IgA, IgM and IgE responses. We showed that the HIV microarray allows diagnosis as well as monitoring of HIV-specific antibody responses during the natural course of infection and treatment. The HIV multiplexed immunoassay will be particularly useful for the mining of complex protein and peptide-specific antibody signatures in populations, cohorts and vaccine trials.

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481 FIGURE LEGENDS

482 Fig. 1. HIV microarray. (a) Image of the HIV chip containing 6 microarrays. (b) Scheme and 483 flowchart describing the procedure for the detection of HIV-specific antibodies on the microarray. (c) HIV-microarray layout depicting the position of peptide (squares, numbered), 484 485 protein (filled circles) and guide-dot (open circles) triplicates. Peptides derived from the same 486 HIV proteins (gp120, gp41, VIF, VPR, VPU, REV) and recombinant HIV proteins are boxed. Control proteins (i.e. antibody controls: IgA, IgM, IgG₁₋₄, IgG and IgE at decreasing 487 concentrations from left to right: 1st spot 0.250mg/ml, 2nd-7th spot 0.125, 0.062, 0.031, 0.016, 488 0.008, 0.004mg/ml obtained by mixing the antibody with BSA; control antigens: VP1 89 and 489 allergens) are surrounded by broken lines. 490

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Fig. 2. (a) Scan images obtained from a microarray tested for IgG reactivity with serum from a HIV-positive subject (upper panel), a control serum sample (middle panel) or sample diluent (lower panel). IgG-reactive vertical antigen triplicates are visualized with fluorescent-labelled antibodies. Increasing fluorescence intensities from blue to red/white correspond to the amount of bound IgG. The layout of spotted antigens is shown in Fig. 1c. (b) IgG levels of HIV-infected patients and controls are shown together with ROC curves for antigens with AUC>0.99. Median IgG levels (line), P-values of test significance and AUC values are indicated in each figure part.

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Fig. 3. (a) Fluorescence levels determined by microarray (x-axes) for calibration components (i.e., allergens listed in Table 3) are shown with corresponding IgG levels measured by ImmunoCAP (y-axes). (b) Reactivity of anti-human IgG detection antibody with spotted preparations of human antibody isotypes (IgG, IgA, IgM, IgE) and human monoclonal IgG subclasses (IgG_{1-4}) measured by microarray (expressed as ISAC standardized units, ISU).

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Reactivity is shown for antibody controls spotted at 0.25mg/ml (x-axes, left) as well as mixed
with BSA at decreasing concentrations (0.125, 0.062, 0.031, 0.016, 0.008, 0.004 mg/ml, x-axes,
right). (c) IgG levels determined by microarray (ISU) towards spotted components in serum
titration analyses of an HIV-infected sample (#8c) at sequential serum dilutions (1:10-1:400).
Positive reactivity is shown in grey.

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Fig. 4. Comparison of microarray- and ELISA-based determination of HIV-specific IgG. IgG levels measured by microarray, expressed in ISAC standardized units (ISU, y-axes) are plotted against IgG levels determined by ELISA as optical densities (OD, x-axes) for peptides/proteins with an AUC (area under the curve) >0.98 and high median IgG levels.

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Fig. 5. Microarray-based mapping of HIV-specific IgG responses in African and European HIVinfected individuals and controls. IgG levels (y-axes, ISAC standardized units, ISU) to microarrayed gp120- and gp41-derived peptides (a) as well as to HIV proteins and HSA (b) are shown
for African HIV-positive patients (n=15), European HIV-positive patients (n=15) and controls
(n=15). Median IgG levels are indicated for each peptide/protein (horizontal lines).
Peptides/proteins with an AUC (area under the curve) >0.98 and high median IgG levels are
boxed.

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Fig. 6. IgG, IgA, IgM, IgE and IgG₁₋₄ reactivities to micro-arrayed antigens. Scan images obtained by testing serum from an HIV-positive subject (left panel) and control serum (right panel) for IgG, IgA, IgM, IgE and IgG₁₋₄ reactivity towards micro-arrayed HIV peptides/proteins and control proteins. Increasing fluorescence intensities from blue to red/white correspond to the amount of bound antibodies. The layout of spotted antigens is shown in Fig. 1c. HIV peptides and

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529 proteins are boxed and control antigens are surrounded by a broken line.

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Fig. 7. Time course of IgG reactivities to micro-arrayed HIV proteins and peptides in sequential 531 serum samples from HIV-infected individuals. Serum samples obtained from two HIV-infected 532 individuals, (a) patient #8 and (b) patient #9, were obtained at different time points (x-axes, with 533 time intervals). Indicated are the time-points of infection (0), anti-retroviral treatment (HAART 534 regimens boxed: Abacavir, ABC; Efavirenz, EFZ; Lamivudine, 3TC; Nevirapine, NVP; 535 536 Tenofovir, TDF; Zidovudine, ZDV), time-points of serum collection (arrows), percentages of CD4 cells (CD4%, CD4cnt/CD45cnt*100), CD4 and CD8 counts (CD4cnt and CD8cnt, 537 cells/mm³), viral loads (VL, copies/ml, n.t., not tested) and IgG levels (y-axes: ISU) towards 538 gp120 peptides, gp41 peptides, HIV proteins and accessory protein-derived peptides (bottom line: 539 colour code). 540

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Table 1 HIV-1 peptides spotted on the HIV microarray

Peptide	Amino acid sequence	Position ^a	No. of amino acids	Molecular weight (Dalton)	Calculated Isoelectric point ^b
120/01	RVRGILRNWPQWWIWGILGFWMIII	2-28	25	3210.9	12.3
120/02	WMIIICRGEENSWVTVYYGVPVWTE	24b-47	25	3031.5	4.5
120/03	PVWTEAKTTLFCASDAKAYEKEVHN	43-67	25	2839.2	5.5
120/04	KEVHNVWATHACVPTDPSPQELVLE	63-87	25	2800.1	5.0
120/05	ELVLENVTESFNMWENDMVDQMHED	83-107	25	3055.3	3.8
120/06	QMHEDIIGLWDESLKPCVKLTPLCV	103-127	25	2868.4	4.7
120/07	TPLCVTLNCNTTSHNNSSPSPMTNC	123-157	25	2636.9	6.4
120/08	PMTNCSFNATTELRDKTQKVNALFY	153-177	25	2893.3	8.6
120/09	NALFYRSDIVPLEKNSSEYILINCN	173-197	25	2916.3	4.7
120/10	LINCNTSTITQACPKVSFDPIPIHY	193-217	25	2776.2	6.7
120/11	IPIHYCAPAGYAILKCNNKTFNGTG	213-237	25	2667.1	8.8
120/12	FNGTGPCSNVSTVQCTHGIKPVVST	233-257	25	2533.9	8.1
120/13	PVVSTQLLLNGSLAEGEIIIRSENL	253-277	25	2666.1	4.2
120/14	RSENLTDNAKTIIVHLNKSVAIVCT	273-297	25	2740.2	8.2
120/15	AIVCTRPNNNTRKSIRIGPGQVFYT	293-320	25	2806.2	10.9
120/16	QVFYTNEIIGNIRQAHCNISRELWN	315-339	25	3019.4	6.7
120/17	RELWNNTLEQVKKKLKEHFQNKTIE	334-360	25	3154.6	9.4
120/18	NKTIEFQPPAGGDLEVTTHSFNCRG	356-380	25	2719.0	5.4
120/19	FNCRGEFFYCNTSNLFNITASNASD	376-400	25	2836.1	4.7
120/20	SNASDANNNTITLPCKIKQIINMWQ	396-428	25	2818.2	7.9
120/21	INMWQEVGRAMYAPPIAGNITCNSS	424-448	25	2724.1	6.0
120/22	TCNSSITGLLLTRDGGNNNDTGNNN	444-465e	25	2565.7	4.2
120/23	TGNNNDTEIFRPGGGNMKDNWRSEL	465a-483	25	2823.0	4.8
120/24	WRSELYKYKVVEIKPLGIAPTKAKRRVVEREKR	479-511	33	4027.8	10.4
41/01	AVGLGAVLLGFLGTAGSTMGAASIT	512-536	25	2235.6	5.6
41/02	AASITLTVQARQLLSGIVQQQSNLL	532-556	25	2653.1	9.8
41/03	QSNLLRAIEAQQHMLQLTVWGIKQL	552-576	25	2919.4	8.7
41/04	GIKQLQARVLAIERYLKDQQLLGLW	572-596	25	2953.5	9.7
41/05	LLGLWGCSGKLICTTAVHWNSSWSN	592-616	25	2734.1	8.1
41/06	SSWSNKSQDYIWGNMTWMQWDREIN	612-636	25	3163.4	4.6
41/07	DREINNYTDIIYTLLEESQSQQEKN	632-656	25	3044.2	4.1
41/08	QQEKNEKDLLALDSWNNLWNWFSIT	652-676	25	3093.4	4.3
41/09	WFSITKWLWYIKIFIMIVGGLIGLR	672-696	25	3054.8	10.3
41/10	LIGLRIILGVLSIVKRVRQGYSPLS	692-716	25	2751.4	11.7
41/11	YSPLSFQTLPPNPRGPDRLRGIEEE	712-736	25	2869.2	5.1
41/12	GIEEEGGEQDKDRSIRLVSGFLALV	732-756	25	2718.0	4.4
41/13	FLALVWEDLRSLCLFSYHRLRDFIL	752-776	25	3126.7	6.7
41/14	RDFILIAGRAAELLGRSSLRGLQTG	772-789	25	2671.1	11.5
41/15	GLQTGWQALKYLGSLVQYWGLELKK	787e-809	25	2880.4	9.4
41/16	LELKKSAINLFDTTAIVVAEGTDRL	805-829	25	2718.1	4.8
41/17	GTDRLIEGLQGIGRAIYNIPRRIRQGFEAALL	825-856	32	3568.1	10.6
VIF/01	MENRWQVLIVWQVDRMRIRTWNSLVKHHMY	1-30	30	3926.6	10.8
VIF/02	KHHMYISKRASRWVYRHHYESRNPRISSEV	26-55	30	3811.3	10.5
VIF/03	ISSEVHIPLGEARLVIKTYWGLHTGERDWQ	51-80	30	3491.9	6.0
VIF/04	ERDWQLGHGVSIEWRLRRYSTQVDPGLADQ	76-105	30	3568.9	5.5
VIF/05	GLADQLIHMHYFDCFADSAIRKAILGQVVS	101-130	30	3319.8	6.0

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Table 1 HIV-1 peptides spotted on the HIV microarray - continued

Peptide	Amino acid sequence	Position ^a	No. of amino acids	Molecular weight (Dalton)	Calculated Isoelectric point ^b
VIF/06	GQVVSPRCDYQAGHNKVGSLQYLALTALIK	126-155	30	3230.7	9.1
VIF/07	TALIKPKRRKPPLPSVRKLVEDRWNNPQKI	151-180	30	3579.3	11.6
VIF/08	NPQKIRDRRGNHTMNGH	176-192	17	2031.2	11.7
REV/01	AGRSGDSDEALLQAVRIIKILYQSNPPPKP	2-31	30	3234.7	8.5
REV/02	LYQSNPPPKPEGTRQAQRNRRRRWRARQRQ	22-51	30	3788.2	12.3
REV/03	RRRWRARQRQIHSVSERILSTCLGRPAEPV	42-71	30	3615.1	12.0
REV/04	TCLGRPAEPVPLQLPPIERLHIDCRESSGT	62-91	30	3285.7	5.5
REV/05	HIDCRESSGTSGTQQSQGTTDRVASP	82-107	26	2705.8	5.4
VPR/01	EQPPEDQGPQREPYNEWALEILEELKQEAV	2-31	30	3565.8	3.9
VPR/02	ILEELKQEAVRHFPRPWLHNLGQYIYATYG	22-51	30	3643.1	6.9
VPR/03	LGQYIYATYGDTWTGVEALLRILQQLLFIH	42-71	30	3497.0	5.3
VPR/04	RILQQLLFIHFRIGCQHSRIGILRQRRARNGASRS	62-96	35	4158.9	12.5
VPU/01	SFLYASVDYRLGVGALIIAL	2-16	20	2141.5	5.5
VPU/02	EYRKLLRQRKINKLIDRIRDREEDSGNESE	29-58	30	3760.1	8.5
VPU/03	REEDSGNESEGDIEELATMVDMGHLRLLDDNNL	49-82	33	3717.9	3.9

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^a Position of the peptide	in HIV-1 clade C proteins, numbered according to the HXB2 numbering scheme (www.hiv.lanl.g	gov).
^b Based on the amino ac	d sequence, calculated with ProtParam, Expasy.	

Proteins	Calculated molecular weight ^a (kDa)	Calculated Isoelectric point ^a	Secondary structure determined by CD	Expression system	Final solvent
gp120	54.8	8.2	α, β	Human cells	PBS, 5% trehalose, 5% mannitol pH 7.4
gp41	18.9	6.8	β (68%), α (11%)	Human cells	10mM NaH ₂ PO ₄ , pH 4.7
MA	15.5	9.1	α (63%), β (10%)	E.coli	50mM Tris, 200mM NaCl, 1mM β -met, 20% glycerol, pH 5.3
CA	26.5	6.6	α (57%), β (12%)	E.coli	10mM Na-phosphate, 150mM NaCl, 10% sucrose, pH 5.0
NC	7.2	10.2	β (34%), α (5%)	E.coli	50mM Na-phosphate, 50mM NaCl, 1mM β -met, pH 5.5
PR	24.6	6.2	β (27%), α (14%)	E.coli	10mM Na-phosphate, pH 4.7
RR	12.2	9.0	β (29%), α (12%)	E.coli	10mM Na-phosphate, pH 4.7
IN	23.7	10.5	β (32%), α (12%)	E.coli	10mM Na-phosphate, pH 4.7
NEF	11.7	8.7	β (42%), α (6%)	E.coli	20mM Tris, 0.5M NaCl, 15mM β-met, pH 7.4
TAT	65.1	6.8	β (28%), α (17%)	E.coli	H ₂ O
VIF	33.2	7.4	β (25%), α (19%)	E.coli	10mM Na-phosphate, 150mM NaCl, 20% glycerol, pH 6.0

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^a Based on the amino acid sequence, calculated with ProtParam, Expasy.

665 Abbreviations: kDa, kilo Dalton; CD, circular dichroism; α , alpha-helical structure, β , beta-sheet structure; *E.coli, Escherichia*

666 *coli*; β-met, β-mercaptoethanol; Na-phosphate, sodium phosphate.

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Table 3 Allergens spotted on the HIV microarray Microarray Recombinant / Allergen source Natural component Phl p 2 Phleum pratense Timothy R Phl p 5a Phleum pratense Timothy R Bet v 1 Betula verrucosa Birch Ν Art v 1 Ν Artemisia vulgaris Mugwort Bos d 4 Bos domesticus Cattle N Bos d 6 Cattle Ν Bos domesticus Bos d 8 Bos domesticus Cattle Ν Can f 2 Canis familiaris Dog R Dermatophagoides pteronyssinus Der p 1 House dust mite Ν House dust mite Der p 2 Dermatophagoides pteronyssinus R Jug r 2 Juglans regia Walnut Ν Ses i 1 Sesamum indicum Sesame Ν

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Vespula vulgaris

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Fig. 2

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HIV+ Patient

Control

Sample diluent



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100% - Specificity%

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Fig. 3



HIV chip (Fluorescence units)



	HIV+ #8c				
Component	1:10	1:50	1:100	1:400	
120/01	4.7	8.7	6.5	0.6	1.1
120/02	1.8	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.2
120/03	1.8	1.2	0.7	0.3	0.3
120/04	8.3	2.2	0.9	0.8	0.8
120/05	1.2	14	0.3	0.0	0.0
120/06	8.0	2.8	1.3	1.0	0.2
120/07	1.0	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.3
120/08	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.2	0.1
120/00	10.5	2.7	1.1	0.0	1.4
120/05	10.5	3.7	1.5	1.1	1.0
120/10	D.0	2.7	1.5	1.1	1.7
120/11	1.2	3.9	2.4	1.7	3.0
120/12	2.7	2.6	0.3	1.0	1.5
120/13	1.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
120/14	12.7	33.0	26.7	19.2	19.5
120/15	188.3	162.9	189.8	218.3	198.4
120/16	151.2	124.0	81.7	64.4	58.6
120/17	41.3	21.6	4.9	30.5	15.8
120/18	26.3	11.9	12.5	6.9	15.3
120/19	38.3	10.0	11.0	21.6	14.5
120/20	37.1	9.0	6.2	4.0	5.8
120/21	14.9	10.6	3.1	10.9	10.1
120/22	1.7	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.8
120/23	9.1	5.1	2.7	4.7	4.3
120/24	186.2	90.5	46.2	33.0	21.6
41/01	9.1	0.7	0.5	1.1	0.9
41/02	32.2	9.4	4.9	11.8	18.5
41/03	43.7	14.4	5.1	3.5	1.4
41/04	189.7	146.8	127.2	126.1	82.4
41/05	100.5	63.0	41.4	32.9	18.8
41/06	16.4	34.9	16.9	11.2	6.0
41/07	171.5	172.0	147.6	93.5	52.0
41/08	84	33	13	۵۵.5 م م	62
41/09	16.1	4.0	1.0	3.2	2.0
41/10	10.1	4.0	1.0	1.2	2.0
41/11	10.9	2.0	1.0	1.0	0.7
41/12	2.0	2.1	1.1	1.2	0.7
41/12	5.2	1.5	2.3	1.7	1.0
41/13	5.9	0.9	1.0	1.7	1.3
41/14	4.3	1.9	1.1	0.5	0.3
41/15	2.5	1.2	0.6	0.3	0.1
41/10	1.1	2.4	2.5	1.8	1.0
41/17	1.9	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.1
gp120	49.8	37.8	41.3	27.1	55.7
gp41	12.8	108.3	83.9	5.5	5.1
MA	135.2	75.7	79.1	28.6	22.7
CA	213.2	141.4	95.3	57.7	37.1
NC	14.8	6.5	3.5	2.3	2.7
PR	80.7	34.0	22.7	19.5	16.9
RR	1.1	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.2
IN	12.7	3.5	3.7	1.3	0.6
NEF	17.0	8.8	5.0	2.5	2.9
TAT	200.0	169.9	135.5	102.5	79.0
VIF	7.4	2.5	0.3	1.3	1.0
VIF/01	3.7	2.0	1.2	0.9	0.6
VIF/02	2.9	1.2	0.7	0.7	0.5
VIF/03	2.4	1.2	0.5	0.3	0.3
VIF/04	1.3	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.1
VIF/05	9.5	2.2	0.9	0.6	0.4
VIF/06	2.7	0.8	0.5	0.4	0.6
VIF/07	3.1	1.4	0.5	0.3	0.2
VIF/08	1.8	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.1
VPR/01	4.6	2.6	0.4	0.7	0.4
VPR/02	8.9	2.8	0.9	0.8	0.5
VPR/03	1.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0
VPR/04	1.2	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.2
VPU C1	33.2	13.7	6.5	4.6	2.9
VPU C2	2.6	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.3
VPU ET	1.5	0.7	11	1.1	2.0
REV/01	1.4	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3
REV/02	1.3	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.8
REV/03	7.0	3.5	1.9	1 1	0.7
REV/04	1.0	1 /	1.0	0.0	1.2
REV/05	4.0	0.4	0.2	0.0	1.3
HQA	1.0	0.4	0.3	1.4	0.0
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