The Political, Social and Cultural History of the Emergence of HIV/AIDS in Africa Workshop Coimbra - Apr, 16th 2015

THE TWO PHASES OF HIV-1 GROUP O DIVERSIFICATION

Marie LEOZ, PhD student Laboratoire GRAM EA 2656 Rouen, FRANCE

HIV origins in Non Human Primates



- Several cross-species transmissions from **Non-Human Primates**
 - 2 types
 - 13 groups

Finding the Simian Ancestors of HIV-1

- Sampling wild living
 Non Human Primates
- Identifying those SIVinfected
- Comparing the genetic sequence of these SIV to that of HIV





Origin of the HIV-1 group O epidemic in western lowland gorillas Mirela D'arc PNAS 2015



Mapping the Simian Ancestors of HIV-1



Four groups, one pandemic

 Group M : pandemic, tens of millions infections worldwide

Group P : 2 cases identified to date
Group N : 15 cases identified to date

 Group O : endemic in Cameroon (10,000 to 30,000)

Intrinsic properties – viral fitness



Virus – Host Interactions





Viral adaptation to its host: consequences?

Replication rate
 Viral load (viremia)
 HIV-2 < HIV-1

o Pathogenicity (progression to AIDS)
o Transmission rate (Hum to Hum)

Spread?
 HIV-2 > HIV-1 group O

Many factors, many scales





- Intrinsic viral factors
- Host factors
- At risk behaviours
- Epidemiological context
- o ... and more!!!

• Endemic in Cameroon: 1% of HIV+ samples

1,1% of 7.030 HIV+ samples from Yaounde, 2009 - 2010

J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr. 2010 Jan; 53(1):107-10. doi: 10.1097/QAI.0b013e3181b97ec1.

Diagnosis and monitoring of HIV-1 group O-infected patients in Cameroun. Vessière A¹, Rousset D, Kfutwah A, Leoz M, Depatureaux A, Simon F, Plantier JC.

1,0% of 1.469 HIV+ samples from Yaounde, 1996 - 2001

Biological and genetic characteristics of HIV infections in Cameroon reveals dual group M and O infections and a correlation between SI-inducing phenotype of the predominant CRF02_AG variant and disease stage

Laurence Vergne,^a Anke Bourgeois,^a Eitel Mpoudi-Ngole,^b Rose Mougnutou,^b Josephine Mbuagbaw,^b Florian Liegeois,^a Christian Laurent,^a Christelle Butel,^a Léopold Zekeng,^c Eric Delaporte,^a and Martine Peeters^{a,*}

 Drop of relative Group O prevalence among HIV+ samples in the early 1990's

HIV-1 Group O Infection in Cameroon, 1986–1998

Ahidjo Ayouba,* Philippe Mauclère,* Paul M.V. Martin,* Patrick Cunin,* Jermie Mfoupouendoun,* Bernadette Njinku,* Sandrine Souquières,† and François Simon† Group O relative prevalence among HIV+ samples

Table 2. Differentiation into group M and O of HIV-1 positive samples, 1986–1998

	No. of		
Periods	samples	HIV-1/M (%)	HIV-1/O (%)
1986-1988	301	239 (79.4)	62 (20.6)
1989-1991	625	571 (91.4)	54 (8.6)
1994-1995	2,458	2,376 (96.7)	82 (3.3)
1997-1998	4,160	4,100 (98.6)	60 (1.4)
Total	7,544	7,286 (96.6)	258(3.4)



 Also found in some geographically or historically linked countries



Oldest HIV-1 group O infection ever reported: Norway in the 1960's

VIROLOGY **231**, 43–47 (1997) ARTICLE NO. VY978510

Sequence Analysis of HIV-1 Group O from Norwegian Patients Infected in the 1960s¹

Tom Ø. Jonassen, Kathrine Stene-Johansen, Einar S. Berg, Olav Hungnes, Christian F. Lindboe,* Stig S. Frøland,† and Bjørn Grinde²

In France: 142 patients identified since 1992
 Survey network : RES-O



Group O infections: diagnosis, follow up and treatment?

- High divergence between HIV-1/M and HIV-1/O
- Assays designed to detect group M can be less sensitive
 - Impact on serodiagnosis and viral load quantitation





Group O infections: diagnosis, follow up and treatment?

- Non-specific tools: group O is detected but not identified as such
- No specific algorithm available for interpretation of resistance mutations
- Natural presence of the Y181C mutation in the Reverse Transcriptase
 - <u>Confers resistance to the 1st generation NNRTIs</u>







Efavirenz (SUSTIVATM)

Reverse transcriptase



HIV-1 Group O Diversity and Evolution

What evolution dynamics?What factors involved?



No exhaustive sequential testing
 No prevalence data before the 1980's

Data, tools, and hypotheses



Group O genetic diversity: background

- Several nomenclature proposals
 - Yamaguchi: 5 clusters
 - Roques: 3 clades
- Few sequences available
- > 10 year old studies



HIV-1 Group M Archer et al., 2007 (*env* gp160)





HIV-1 Group O Yamaguchi et al., 2002 (*env* gp160)

HIV-1 Group O Roques et al., 2002 (*env* gp41)

 Most Recent Common Ancestor (MRCA) estimated to have existed around 1920 (1890 – 1940)

The Molecular Population Genetics of HIV-1 Group O

Philippe Lemey,^{*,1} Oliver G. Pybus,[†] Andrew Rambaut,[†] Alexei J. Drummond,[†] David L. Robertson,[‡] Pierre Roques,^{§,**} Michael Worobey^{††} and Anne-Mieke Vandamme^{*}



date for the most recent common ancestor

 Most Recent Common Ancestor (MRCA) in 1920 does not mean crossing the barrier species in 1920



 Most Recent Common Ancestor (MRCA) in 1920 rather means crossing the barrier species in 1920 or before







Group O dynamics: background



Viral population dynamics?



Group O dynamics: background

 'The effective number of Group O infections has been increasing exponentially with a slower growth rate than group M' The Molecular Population Genetics of HIV-1 Group O

> Philippe Lemey,^{*,1} Oliver G. Pybus,[†] Andrew Rambaut,[†] Alexei J. Drummond,[†] David L. Robertson,[‡] Pierre Roques,^{§,**} Michael Worobey^{††} and Anne-Mieke Vandamme^{*}

The early spread and epidemic ignition of HIV-1 in human populations

Nuno R. Faria *et al. Science* **346**, 56 (2014);



Objectives of the study

- Use the largest series of HIV-1/O sequences to:
 - Investigate HIV-1/O genetic diversity in France and in Cameroon
 - Compare and evaluate the previous nomenclature systems
 - Re-estimate the tMRCA of HIV-1/O
 - Investigate the dynamics of HIV-1/O genetic diversity over time
 - Study the phylogenetic distribution of the Y181C resistance mutation

Methods

Samples from 190 patients

- Time of sampling ranging from year 1987 to 2012
- In France Cameroon Gabon (N=102)
 (N=87) (N=1)

Sanger sequencing in three genome regions



- Concatenated sequences submitted to:
 - Phylogenetic analyses (Maximum Likelihood)
 - Evolutionary analyses (Bayesian inference)

Results: Country distribution

 Sequences sampled in France or in Cameroon are phylogenetically interspersed:

> Sampling country: Cameroon France



Results: Topology & Nomenclature

A continuum of diversity with few clusters
 An asymetrical shape (comet vs HIV-1/M double star)



Yamaguchi et al., 2002 (env gp160)

HIV-1/M

0.03

 The previous nomenclatures were partially discordant but already shown a predominant clade (A or I : blue)

Results: MRCA new estimates

- Dataset = 157 concatenated sequences with a single known sampling time for the 3 regions
 - Several growth models tested gave consistent estimates



- HIV-1/O MRCA around 1930 (95% HPD: 1914 1944)
- Predominant clade MRCA around 1945 (1933 1955)

Results: Population Dynamics

2 phases of fast exponential growth of HIV-1/O genetic diversity



- First one in the 1950's
- Second one, more extensive, in the 1980's

Results: Population Dynamics



Hepatitis C Virus Infection in Cameroon: A Cohort-Effect

Eric Nerrienet,¹* Régis Pouillot,¹ Guillaume Lachenal,² Richard Njouom,¹ Jermie Mfoupouendoun,¹ Catherine Bilong,¹ Philippe Mauclere,¹ Christophe Pasquier,³ and Ahidjo Ayouba¹

¹Centre Pasteur du Cameroun, Yaoundé, Cameroun

²Laboratoire d'Histoire des Sciences (REHSEIS), CNRS-Université Paris VII, Paris, France

³Laboratoire de virologie, CHU de Toulouse Purpan, Toulouse, France

 Parenteral infection on the occasion of mass medical campaigns during the 1920 to 1960 period is the most likely explanation'

Results: Population Dynamics

The predominant clade (blue) only displays the 2nd fast growth phase

 The predominant clade emerged in the 1980's from a now minor population (orange)





Results: Distribution of the Y181C mutation in the RT

 Confers natural resistance to the Non Nucleotide Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors (NNRTIS)

> Residue in 80 NNRTI-naive patients: 181Y 181C/Y 181C



- Found in 62,5% sequences sampled from NNRTInaive patients
- Statistically associated to the predominant clade

Results: Distribution of the Y181C mutation in the RT

Divergent Evolution in Reverse Transcriptase (RT) of HIV-1 Group O and M Lineages: Impact on Structure, Fitness, and Sensitivity to Nonnucleoside RT Inhibitors^v

Denis M. Tebit,¹ Michael Lobritz,¹ Matthew Lalonde,¹ Taina Immonen,¹ Kamlendra Singh,² Stefanos Sarafianos,² Ottmar Herchenröder,³ Hans-Georg Kräusslich,⁴ and Eric J. Arts¹*



From Rural to Urban areas?



???





Slowing down again



Group O relative prevalence among HIV+ samples



Douala

Yaound

a) 1980



Phylodynamics of the HIV-1 CRF02_AG clade in Cameroon

Nuno R. Faria ^{a,*}, Marc A. Suchard ^{b,c,d}, Ana Abecasis ^e, João D. Sousa ^a, Nicaise Ndembi ^{g,h}, Idalina Bonfim ^e, Ricardo J. Camacho ^{e,f}, Anne-Mieke Vandamme ^a, Philippe Lemey ^a

Take home messages

- Group O MRCA estimated in 1920 - 1930
 - Close to Group M
- Despite limited spread, group O growth had been through slow and fast phases
- Intrinsic as well as contextual factors might have been involved







To conclude

Don't forget wise Socrates...



- Sampling still limited
- Need for a more exhaustive study in Cameroon

To conclude

Let's put a little philo in our phylo 🙂



Aknowledgements

CHU de Rouen • Fabienne De

- Fabienne De
 Oliveira
- Jean-Christophe Plantier
- Direction
 Interarmées du
 Service de Santé
 - Philippe Mauclère
- Université Paris Diderot
 - Guillaume Lachenal
- APHP CHU Bichat
 - Florence Damond
- APHP CHU St Louis
 - François Simon





Felix Feyertag David Robertson

Centre Pasteur du Cameroun Jude Kfutwah

AND ALL THE PATIENTS





