

Genome wide snRNP motifs and regulatory sequences in HIV1 isolates

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Abstract-The pathogenesis of HIV-1 is complex and characterized by the interplay of both viral and host factors. Within HIV 1 genome there are several snRNP motifs responsible for pre mRNA splicing and stabilization. By locating these motifs within the genome and disturbing them may result in an impaired ability of the cells to sustain HIV-1 replication. One of such regulatory sequences is riboswitches that regulate the dimerization of HIV-1 RNA, which is an essential step during packaging. The current work was undertaken to identify possible regulatory RNA motifs in the HIV1 genome from different isolates. The current work has successfully identified multiple snRNP motifs in the genome sequences of different strains of HIV-1 isolates. The identification of the multiple snRNP motifs in the genomic sequences of the various isolates lead us to believe that future studies with artificially constructed snRNPs might have the potential to inhibit HIV1 replication. Apart from containing snRNP motifs they also possess regulatory riboswitch motifs. Riboswitches bind metabolites and control the dimerization and packaging of the genome. Thus the occurrence of such motifs further strengthens the idea that apart from serving as a regulatory domain for structural constraints such motifs may also regulate genome integration and production of the necessary products by using the host transcriptional machinery. It is however beyond doubt that such sequence motifs must have originated in the RNA world as they have the power to mediate RNA induced regulation of gene expression.

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INTRODUCTION

The human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (HIV-1) is the primary cause of the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), which is a slow, progressive and degenerative disease of the human immune system. The pathogenesis of HIV-1 is complex and characterized by the interplay of both viral and host factors. Despite years of intensive research and some therapeutic success, AIDS, continues to be a major health problem worldwide. It is a type of lentivirus and widely recognized as the etiologic agent of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). It is characterized by its cytopathic effect and affinity for the T4-lymphocyte. The strains of HIV-1 can be classified into three groups: the "major" group M, the "outlier" group O and the "new" group N. These three groups may represent three separate introductions of simian immunodeficiency virus into humans [1]. The enzyme reverse transcriptase (RT) is used by HIV 1 (a retrovirus) to transcribe their single-stranded RNA genome into single-stranded DNA and to subsequently construct a complementary strand of DNA, providing a DNA double helix capable of integration into host cell chromosomes. Functional HIV1-RT is a heterodimer containing subunits of 66 kDa (p66) and 51 kDa (p51) [2]. Many viral or cellular genes are involved in HIV-1 multiplication and therefore represent potential targets. Indeed, several strategies attempting to interfere with the production or function of such gene products are being tested at pre-clinical or clinical levels. Within HIV 1 genome there are several snRNPs (small nuclear ribonucleoproteins) motifs mainly responsible for pre mRNA splicing and stabilization. By locating these motifs within the genome and disturbing them may result in an impaired ability of the cells to sustain HIV-1 replication. HIV-1 pathogenesis is multifactorial and involves complex interactions between host

and viral genes [3]. Several regulatory sequences that play significant role in HIV-1 infection have been so far identified. One of such regulatory sequences is riboswitches that regulate the dimerization of HIV-1 RNA, which is an essential step during packaging. Riboswitches are complex folded RNA domains that serve as receptors for specific metabolites. These domains are found in the non-coding portions of various mRNAs, where they control gene expression by harnessing allosteric structural changes that are brought about by metabolite binding. New findings indicate that riboswitches are robust genetic elements that are involved in regulating fundamental metabolic processes in many organisms. The riboswitches are made up of the three-dimensional structure of RNA, in which RNA can undergo two mutually exclusive conformations in response to an environmental signal in the form of a metabolite. Riboswitches comprise two domains: an aptamer and an expression platform. The aptamer is highly conserved even in distantly related organisms, and serves as a precise sensor for its target metabolite. The expression platform is far more variable in sequence and in structure as it can function by assuming one of many structural forms to control gene expression [4]. For all these reasons riboswitches seem to be a significant form of genetic control. The advantage of this system is that they are highly specific to their substrates. But the lack of universality is because riboswitch-mediated translational regulation is limited to monocistronic m-RNA. Riboswitches have been shown to function in repressing gene expression (negative regulation) in response to metabolites. If riboswitch is a primitive mode of gene regulation then it suggests that in the RNA world negative regulation was predominant. There are also speculations that riboswitch-mediated control mechanism might

also be playing an important role in eukaryotic gene expression. Unlike prokaryotes, eukaryotes have distinct compartments for transcription and translation and m-RNA is monocistronic. These favour post-transcriptional and translational gene regulation. A riboswitch-mediated gene regulation is expected to be acting either at post-transcriptional or translational level [5]. Each riboswitch is able to bind with high specificity their cellular target metabolite, without the involvement of a protein cofactor. Upon metabolite binding, the messenger RNA undergoes structural change that will ultimately lead to the modulation of its genetic expression. Riboswitches can alter gene expression at the level of transcription attenuation or translation initiation, and can up- or down-regulate gene expression by harnessing appropriate changes in the mRNA structure.

The following riboswitches are known:

- *TPP riboswitch* (also *THI-box*) binds thiamin pyrophosphate (TPP) to regulate thiamin biosynthesis and transport, as well as transport of similar metabolites [6].
- *FMN riboswitch* (also *RFN-element*) binds flavin mononucleotide (FMN) to regulate riboflavin biosynthesis and transport [7].
- *Cobalamin riboswitch* (also *B12-element*), which binds adenosylcobalamin (the coenzyme form of vitamin B12) to regulate cobalamin biosynthesis and transport of cobalamin and similar metabolites, and other genes [8].
- *SAM riboswitches* bind S-adenosyl methionine (SAM) to regulate methionine and SAM biosynthesis and transport. Three distinct SAM riboswitches are known: *SAM-I* (originally called *S-box*), *SAM-II* and the *SAM (MK)* riboswitch. *SAM-I* is widespread in bacteria, but *SAM-II* is found only in alpha-, beta- and a few gamma-proteobacteria. *SAM (MK)* is found only in the order Lactobacillales. These three varieties of riboswitch have no obvious similarities in terms of sequence or structure [9].
- *Purine riboswitches* binds purines to regulate purine metabolism and transport. Different forms of the purine riboswitch can bind either guanine (a form originally known as the *G-box*) or adenine. The specificity for either guanine or adenine depends completely upon Watson-Crick interactions with a single pyrimidine in the riboswitch at position Y74. In the guanine riboswitch this residue is always a cytosine (i.e. C74), in the adenine residue it is always a uracil (i.e. U74) [10].
- *Lysine riboswitch* (also *L-box*) binds lysine to regulate lysine biosynthesis, catabolism and transport [10].
- *glmS riboswitch*, which is a ribozyme that cleaves itself when there is a sufficient concentration of glucosamine-6-phosphate [11].
- *Glycine riboswitch* binds glycine to regulate glycine metabolism genes, including the use of glycine as an energy source. As of 2007, this riboswitch is the only known natural RNA that exhibits cooperative binding, which is accomplished by two adjacent aptamer domains in the same mRNA [12].
- *Magnesium riboswitch* senses magnesium ions to regulate magnesium transport genes [13].
- *PreQ1 riboswitch* binds pre-queuosine₁, to regulate genes involved in the synthesis of this precursor to queuosine. The binding domain of this riboswitch is unusually small among naturally occurring riboswitches [14].
- *Adenine riboswitch*, smallest riboswitch that activates gene expression upon ligand binding [15].
- *Guanine riboswitch* [16].

Thus a likely scenario is such that there may be more than one regulatory RNA motif that may be present and be involved in the control of gene expression not only at the transcriptional level but also co – translationally. The current work was undertaken to identify possible regulatory RNA motifs in the HIV1 genome from different isolates.

MATERIALS AND METHOD

A total of 42 sequences of HIV1 genome were collected from the NCBI databases. RNA sequences of all the sequences of HIV1 genome were designed using a number of closely related software applications. General information of RNA sequences (including poly (A) signal, catalytic RNA, snRNP motifs, putative UTRs, promoter regions, AU-rich regions, etc.) were retrieved using software tool-box for analysis of regulatory RNA elements. Apart from this, regulatory sequences/riboswitches in the RNA sequences were determined using a RNA motif search program and web server which checks specific sequence elements and secondary structure, calculates and displays the energy folding of the RNA structure and runs a number of tests including this information to determine whether high-sensitivity riboswitch motifs (or variants) are present in the given RNA sequence. Batch-mode determination (all sequences input at once and separated by FASTA format) is also possible. Structures of riboswitches were

analyzed. Riboswitch sequences were obtained from the RNA sequences.

RESULTS

snRNP motifs: Among 42 sequences studied, snRNP motifs were identified in only 34 sequences. Total snRNP motifs-1194 in 34 sequences.

Riboswitch regulatory sequences: Among 42 sequences studied, riboswitches are found in 30 sequences [Table-I].

DISCUSSION:

Maturation of pre-mRNA in eukaryotes involves a set of factors that modify the primary transcript into an export competent mRNP (messenger ribonucleoprotein) complex, the formation of which, signals its release from the site of transcription and export into the cytoplasm for translation. These processing events include capping, splicing, 3' end cleavage and polyadenylation. Proper 3' end formation promotes transcription termination and nuclear export of the mRNA and enhances the stability and translation of the mature transcript in the cytoplasm. Recent evidence implicates the existence of extensive coupling between the gene expression machinery engaged in mRNA synthesis, processing, export and surveillance suggesting that disruption of RNA processing will compromise proper gene expression [17]. The current work has successfully identified multiple snRNP motifs in the genome sequences of different strains of HIV-1 isolates. It is known that binding of modified snRNP inhibits the polyadenylation step in 3' end formation by disrupting the protein-protein interactions in the polyadenylation machinery [18]. In contrast, interaction between snRNP and the major splice donor site downstream of the HIV-1 5' LTR poly(A) site inactivates the cleavage step in a U1 70 K dependent manner and is thought to be important for production of full-length genomic RNA [19]. Thus the identification of the multiple snRNP motifs in the genomic sequences of the various isolates lead us to believe that future studies with artificially constructed snRNPs might have the potential to inhibit HIV1 replication. Further more the snRNP motifs if found homologous with any other such motifs in the human spliceosomal machinery may also provide insight on some other possible mode of prevention of HIV1 infection. Most of the sequences under study have revealed that apart from containing multiple snRNP motifs they also possess regulatory riboswitch motifs. Riboswitches, as we know bind metabolites and control the dimerization and packaging of the genome. Thus the occurrence of such motifs further strengthens the idea that apart from serving as a regulatory domain for structural constraints such motifs may also regulate genome integration and further production of the necessary products by using the host transcriptional machinery. It is however beyond

doubt that such sequence motifs must have originated in the RNA world as they have the power to mediate RNA induced regulation of gene expression.

Riboswitch Topology:

Most of the riboswitches that were obtained consist of simple stem loops and bulges. Very few are there showing branches. The details of each riboswitches are as follows:

- >gij9629914|ref|NC_001870.1|Simian-Human immunodeficiency virus, complete genome: There are 6 bulges (one is incomplete) and 1 stem loop structure [Fig. (1)].
- >gij156067835|gb|EU030417.2|HIV-1 isolate cd07_005 pol protein (pol) gene, partial cds: There are 4 bulges (one is incomplete) and 1 stem loop structure [Fig. (2)].
- >gij151368121|gb|EF545108.1|HIV-1 isolate RU00051, complete genome: There are 4 bulges (one is incomplete) and 1 stem loop structure [Fig. (3)].
- >gij149939408|gb|EF633445.1|HIV-1 isolate R1, complete genome: There are 3 bulges and 1 stem loop structure. The third bulge consists of 2 branches; 1st branch consists of 1 bulge and 1 stem loop and the 2nd branch consist of 2 bulges (one is incomplete) and 1 stem loop structure [Fig. (4)].
- >gij149211372|gb|EF078279.2|HIV-1 isolate TW-D118, partial genome: There are 5 bulges (one is incomplete) and one stem loop structure [Fig. (5)].
- >gij149211364|gb|EF078278.2|HIV-1 isolate TW-D4, partial genome: There are 5 bulges (one is incomplete) and one stem loop structure [Fig. (6)].
- >gij117581798|gb|EF036534.1|HIV-1 isolate Fj065 complete genome: there are 6 bulges of which two motifs are concurrent ones. All bulges are attached by stem helices. [Fig (7)].
- >gij117643940|gb|EF029066.1|HIV-1 isolate U.NL.95.H10986_D1, complete genome: There are 5 bulges and one stem loop structure [Fig. (8)].
- >gij62532627|gb|AY857174.2|HIV-1 isolate 9340158 partial genome: There are 5 bulges (one is incomplete) and one stem loop structure [Fig. (9)].
- >gij113171669|gb|DQ854716.1|HIV-1 isolate U61 complete genome: There are 7 bulges (one is incomplete) and one stem loop structure [Fig. (10)].
- >gij94959078|gb|DQ487188.1|HIV-1 isolate WCD32P0793, complete

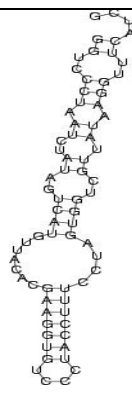

- genome: There are 7 bulges (one is incomplete) and one stem loop structure [Fig. (11)].
- >gi|121581791|dbj|AB289588.1|Human immunodeficiency virus 1 proviral DNA, complete genome, clone: p00JPDR2508B60: There are 7 bulges (one is incomplete) and one stem loop structure [Fig. (12)].
 - >gi|116518650|gb|DQ886035.1|HIV-1 isolate L8157, complete genome: 5 bulges of which two are concurrent on the main stem. The main stem culminates in an incomplete bulge loop [Fig. (13)].
 - >gi|51980229|gb|AY612637.1|HIV-1 isolate PT2695, complete genome: There are 7 bulges (one is incomplete) and one stem loop structure [Fig. (14)].
 - >gi|119370128|gb|EF091932.1|HIV-1 isolate 110PA, complete genome: There are 7 bulges (one is incomplete) and one stem loop structure [Fig. (15)].
 - >gi|119507379|dbj|AB287367.1|Human immunodeficiency virus 1 proviral DNA, complete genome, clone: p05JPDR7060B68: There are 6 bulges (one is incomplete) and one stem loop structure [Fig. (16)].
 - >gi|112497920|gb|DQ676884.1|HIV-1 isolate PS3002_Day199, complete genome: There are 6 bulges (one is incomplete) and one stem loop structure [Fig. (17)].
 - >gi|86277646|gb|DQ358812.1|HIV-1 isolate 02BR034, complete genome: There are 5 bulges (one is incomplete) and one stem loop structure [Fig. (18)].
 - >gi|63098379|gb|DQ011175.1|HIV-1 isolate 03ZASK005B2, complete genome: There are 4 bulges and one stem loop structure [Fig. (19)].
 - >gi|50404184|gb|AY682547.1|HIV-1 isolate 04RU128005, complete genome: 4 bulge loops terminated by incomplete bulge [Fig. (20)].
 - >gi|29409314|gb|AY093605.1|HIV-1 isolate 96GH2911, complete genome: There are 6 bulges (one is incomplete) and one stem loop structure [Fig. (21)].
 - >gi|18643009|gb|AY074891.1|HIV-1 isolate 00BWM035.1, complete genome: 4 bulges with 3 stems and one concurrent bulge motif. [Fig. (22)]
 - >gi|17902136|gb|AF423759.1|HIV-1 isolate X477, complete genome: There are 7 bulges (one is incomplete) and one stem loop structure [Fig. (23)].
 - >gi|15788267|gb|AF408629.1|HIV-1 isolate A32879, complete genome: There are 5 bulges (one is incomplete) and one stem loop structure [Fig. (24)].
 - >gi|7321133|emb|AJ276595.1|HIV-1 proviral gag gene, pol gene, vif gene, vpr gene, vpu gene, env gene, nef gene, tat gene and rev gene, isolate V11035, genomic RNA: There are 5 bulges (one is incomplete) and two stem loop structures [Fig. (25)].
 - >gi|47680175|gb|AY530889.1|HIV-2 isolate 96FR12034, complete genome: There are 5 bulges (one is incomplete) and one stem loop structure [Fig. (26)].
 - >gi|114801456|gb|DQ853465.1|HIV-1 isolate 14301.1 complete genome: There are 6 bulges (one is incomplete) and one stem loop structure [Fig. (27)].
 - >gi|114801377|gb|DQ853457.1|HIV-1 isolate 15389.1, complete genome: There are 6 bulges (one is incomplete) and one stem loop structure [Fig. (28)].
 - >gi|114801193|gb|DQ853438.1|HIV-1 isolate 14300.1, complete genome: There are 7 bulges (one is incomplete) and one stem loop structure [Fig. (29)].
 - >gi|108860394|dbj|AB231893.1|Human immunodeficiency virus 1 proviral DNA, complete genome, isolate: GHNJ175: There are 2 bulges and 1 stem loop structure. The second bulge consists of two branches; 1st branch consists of 1 bulge and 1 stem loop structure and the second branch consists of three concurrent bulges [Fig. (30)].

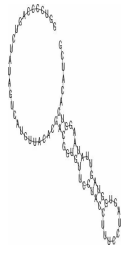


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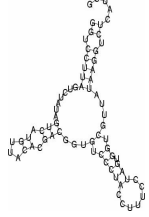
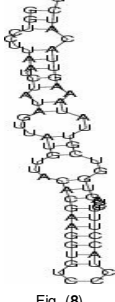
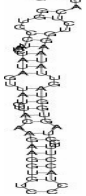
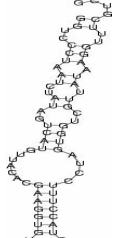
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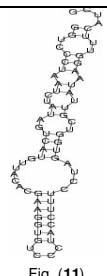
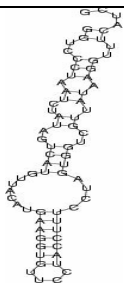
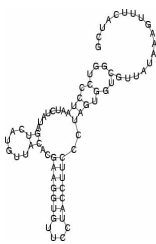
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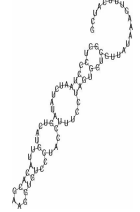
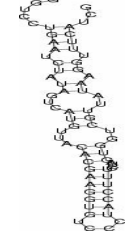


TABLE I: Identified snRNP motifs and riboswitches in HIV-1 genome

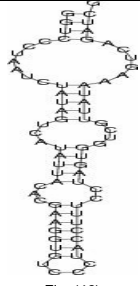

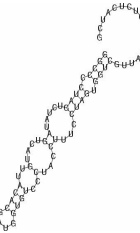

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1.	>gi 2828036 gb AF038398.1 AF038398	Simian-Human immunodeficiency virus strain SHIV-89.6, complete genome	NA	Start site: 581 706 749 1190 1492 1943 2198 2282 2389 2836 2997 3161 3348 3490 3583 3916 4315 4647 4663 4805 4814 4920 5099 5727 818 5872 6000 17189 7381 7446 7668 8710 9257	Not found	
2.	>gi 9629914 ref NC_001870.1	Simian-Human immunodeficiency virus, complete genome	NA	Start site: 581 706 749 1190 1492 1943 2198 2282 2389 2836 2997 161 348 3490 3583 3916 4315 4647 4663 4805 4814 4920 5099 727 5818 5872 6000 7189 7381 7446 7668 8710 9257 10299 10525 10722 10781 10885 11235 11540 12237 12347 12393 12996 13023 13059 13132 13345 14079 14201 14247 14321 14404 14425 15320 15429 16183 16246 16298 16612 16875 17109 17674 18148 18568 18950	 Fig. (1)	+ strand, position 12513 And + strand, position 12606
3.	>gi 156067837 gb EU030418.2	HIV-1 isolate vI05_153 pol protein (pol) gene, partial cds	India	NONE	Not found	
4.	>gi 156067835 gb EU030417.2	HIV-1 isolate cd07_005 pol protein (pol) gene, partial cds	India	Start site: 184 438 473 550 596	 Fig. (2)	+ strand, position 716
5.	>gi 155964970 gb EU008325.1	HIV-1 isolate patient D clone M envelope glycoprotein (env) gene, partial cds	Belgium	NONE	Not found	
6.	->gi 155964942 gb EU008311.1	HIV-1 isolate patient D clone L envelope glycoprotein (env) gene, partial cds	Belgium	NONE	Not found	
7.	>gi 9628880 ref NC_001722.1	Human immunodeficiency virus 2, complete genome	NA	Start site: 275 693 1273 1316 1338 1757 1862 1973 3186 3436 3547 3597 3664 3761 4090 4204 4409 4915 5037 5083 5250	Not found	

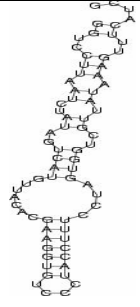
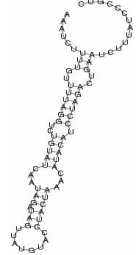
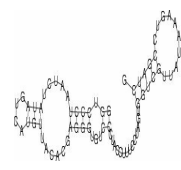
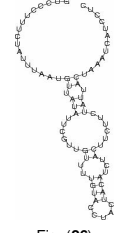
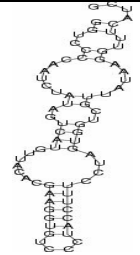
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8.	.>gi 151368121 gb EF545108.1	HIV-1 isolate RU00051, complete genome	Russia	Start site: 55 282 986 2134 2762 3084 3938 4162 5163 6080 6545 6708 7869 8286	108 477 1785 2308 2798 3256 3984 4897 5536 6190 6579 6809 8019 8464	183 949 1978 2735 2871 3816 4058 5054 6028 6345 6602 7381 8164		Fig. (3)	+ strand, position 2254 And + strand, position 2347
9.	>gi 149939408 gb EF633445.1	HIV-1 isolate R1, complete genome	South Africa	Start site: 97 581 1293 2037 2796 2921 3879 4121 4732 5231 5915 6399 6914 8379	325 685 1778 2070 2823 2932 4001 4204 4965 5455 6023 6624 6929	522 1035 1788 2623 2859 3145 4047 4225 5122 5602 6167 6689 7956		Fig. (4)	+ strand, position 2313 And + strand, position 2406
10.	>gi 149211372 gb EF078279.2	HIV-1 isolate TW-D118, partial genome	Taiwan	Start site: 12 374 889 1972 2821 3308 3733	87 433 1186 2018 3057 3517 4799	186 537 1895 2621 3166 3635 5218		Fig. (5)	+ strand, position 2231
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12.	>gi 155676107 gb EU079115.1	HIV-1 isolate 0063513 protease (pol) gene, partial cds	China	NONE			Not found		
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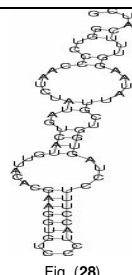
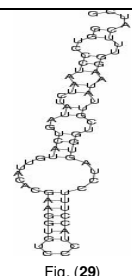
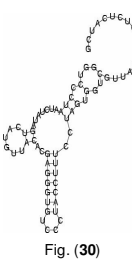
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23.	>gi 116518650 gb DQ886035.1	HIV-1 isolate L8157, complete genome	USA	Start site: 204 401 460 564 914 983 1162 1219 1928 2038 2687 2714 2812 2823 3036 3770 3892 3938 4012 4095 4118 4657 4774 5010 5119 5788 5936 6515 6580 6799 7429 7835 8267 8474	 Fig. (13)	+ strand, position 2204 And + strand, position 2297

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27.	>gj 112497920 gb DQ676884.1	HIV-1 isolate PS3002_Day199, complete genome	Australia	Start site: 16 384 443 546 893 1137 1192 1888 1997 2670 2706 2779 2992 3143 3283 3843 3889 3963 4046 4067 4321 4570 4720 4954 5060 5999 6452 6465 6514 6733 7307 7779 8183	 Fig. (17)	+ strand, position 2162 And + strand, position 2254
28.	>gj 86277646 gb DQ358812.1	HIV-1 isolate 02BR034, complete genome	Brazil	Start site: 337 436 633 692 796 1148 1401 1451 2178 2288 2937 2964 3000 3073 3286 3451 3579 4020 4142 4188 4262 4345 4366 4873 5025 5260 5369 5511 5603 5790 6063 6166 6269 6330 6575 6852 6909 7044 8110 8176 8433 8480 8560 8940	 Fig. (18)	+ strand, position 2547

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33.	>gi 18643009 gb AY074891.1	HIV-1 isolate 00BWMO35.1, complete genome	Botswana	Start site: 256 355 540 599 703 1055 1307 1355 2038 2150 2196 2400 2799 2826 2862 2924 2935 3148 3441 3882 4004 4050 4105 4188 4219 5005 5103 5212 5354 5518 5890 5960 6054 6095 6112 6350 6574 6631 6847 7456 7910 8206 8333	 Fig. (22)	+ strand, position 2316

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36.	>gi 7321133 emb AJ276595.1	HIV-1 proviral gag gene, pol gene, vif gene, vpr gene, vpu gene, env gene, nef gene, tat gene and rev gene, isolate V11035, genomic RNA	NA	Start site: 296 484 543 999 1248 1296 2017 2127 2776 2803 2901 2912 3125 3297 3859 3981 4027 4101 4184 4215 4470 4897 5099 5208 5350 5406 5545 6008 6166 6428 6685 6907 7516 8266 8772	 Fig. (25)	+ strand, position 2293
37.	>gi 110347746 gb DQ672626.1	HIV-1 clone 5 nonfunctional envelope glycoprotein (env) gene, complete sequence	Italy	NONE	Not found	
38.	>gi 47680175 gb AY530889.1	HIV-2 isolate 96FR12034, complete genome	France	Start site: 190 283 752 795 1349 1697 1868 2248 2449 2470 2667 2884 2951 3404 4174 4515 4561 4741 4977 5341 5894 5981 6446 7056 7562 7632 7898 8023 8155 8935 9128	 Fig. (26)	+ strand, position 8823
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41	>gi 114801193 gb DQ853438.1	HIV-1 isolate 14300.1, complete genome	USA	Start site: 215 266 341 646 705 809 1124 1159 1461 2167 2200 2277 2323 2926 2953 2989 3062 3275 4008 4130 4176 4250 4333 4354 5249 5358 6109 6279 6544 6736 6804 7041 7056 7560 8149 8293	 Fig. (29)	+ strand, position 2443 And + strand, position 2536
42.	>gi 108860394 db AB231893.1	Human immunodeficiency virus 1 proviral DNA, complete genome, isolate: GHNJ175	NA	Start site: 1212 1271 1375 1690 1825 2030 2727 2837 3087 3549 3835 4000 4050 4128 4691 4737 4811 4894 4915 5422 5918 6060 6162 6879 7372 7404 7602 7617 7648 8173 8250 8668 8964	 Fig. (30)	+ strand, position 3003 And + strand, position 3096