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# Correction to: Deep sequencing of the HIV-1 polymerase gene for characterisation of cytotoxic T-lymphocyte epitopes during early and chronic disease stages

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Following publication of the original article [1], the authors informed us that many epitopes from Table 3 have gross alignment issues, which were probably caused

by formatting of this table before publication. The correct table is given below.

The original article has been corrected.

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**Table 3** Frequently targeted Pol CTL epitopes and their predicted HLA alleles

Early HIV infection				
Epitope position	Wild type and variant epitope sequences	Subtype identified for epitope	Predicted HLA	Participants
PR (68-76)	GKKAIGTVL E..... .....R..... .....M.....	Subtype B and C	<b>B*15:03; B*13:02; C*02</b>	3469, 8047, 6743
RT (139-149)	TPGIRYQYNVL .....I..... .....F	Subtype C	<b>B*81:01; B*81</b>	6737, 261, 9049
RT (243-251)	PIQLPEKDS .....E..... .....N	Subtype C	Not reported	6737, 6743
RT (268-277)	SQIYPGIKVR .....S..... .....N	Subtype C	<b>A*74:01</b>	6743, 6638
RT (485-493)	ALQDSGLEV .....N..... .....N.....	Subtype B	<b>A*02:01; A*02</b>	8047, 6743
RT (516-525)	ELVNQIIEQL .....K..... .....V..... .....K.....	Not reported	<b>A*02</b>	9049, 8047, 6743
IN (20-28)	RAMASDFNL K..... .....V.....	Not reported	<b>A*02:01; A*02</b>	6582, 3469, 6743
IN (123-131)	SAAVKAACW ..T..... .....M..... .....S.....	Subtype C	<b>B*58:01</b>	7084, 9049, 8047, 6743
IN (135-146)	IQQEFGIPYNPQ .H..... .....H.....	Subtype C	<b>B*15:03</b>	2504, 8047
IN (213-220)	LQKQITKI .....V..... .....I.....	Subtype B	B*52:01	9049, 8047, 8575
IN (263-271)	RKAKIHKDY .....R..... .....R.....	Subtype C	<b>B*15:03</b>	9049, 8047, 8575
Chronic HIV infection				
Epitope position	Wild type and variant epitope sequences	Subtype identified for epitope	Predicted HLA	Participants
PR (11-20)	VTIKIGGQLK .....D..... .....M.....	Subtype B and C	<b>A*03:01; A*11:01</b>	6990, 641, 3253, 3910, 3912, 3920,
PR (30-38)	DTVLEEMNL .....D.....	Subtype A and B	<b>A*68:02; A*28; A*68</b>	3253, 6565, 9986
PR (34-42)	EEINLPGKW .....V.....	Subtype A, C and D	<b>A*11; A*68; B*08</b>	843, 3880
PR (42-50)	WKPKMIGGI ..R..... .....R.....	Subtype B	Cw3	6649, 6990, 1121, 1475, 3253
PR (56-66)	VRQYDQPIEI F..... .....A.....	Subtype B	<b>B*13</b>	6649, 3253, 3920, 3935, 6565
PR (68-76)	GKKAIGTVL .....Q..... .....V.....	Subtype B and C	<b>B*15; B*15:03; B*13:02; C*02</b>	3253, 3910, 3869, 5054, 9986
PR (80-90)	TPVNIIGRNML .....L..... .....M.....	Subtype C	<b>B*81:01; B*81</b>	1475, 3253, 3910, 3920, 5054, 6596

**Table 3** (continued)

PR (91-99)	TQIGCTLNF ...L..... .....G.....	Subtype B and C	<b>B*15:01; B*15:03</b>	639, 1475, 3253, 9986
PR (99)-RT (8)	FPISPIETVP .....T..... .....R..... .....I.....	Subtype B	B*54:01	6649, 641, 843, 1121, 1475, 3253, 3935, 2678
RT (57-66)	NTPVFAIKKK .....T.....	Subtype B and C	<b>A*11; A*68; B*08</b>	6649, 3253
RT (73-82)	KLVDRELNK E.....	Subtype A, B, C and D	<b>A*03:01; A*34; A*29; B*18; B*80</b>	641, 3910, 3869, 6565
RT (105-113)	SVTVLDVGD ..A.....	Subtype B	Not reported	843, 3920, 3935
RT (113-120)	DAYFSVPL .....C..... .....S.....	Subtype C	A*24; <b>B*51:01</b> ; B*51	1475, 3253
RT (118-127)	VLPDEGFRKY .....S.....	Subtype C	<b>B*35:01</b> ; B*35:02; <b>B*42:01</b>	1121, 8828
RT (136-144)	NNETPGIRY ..E..... .....L..... .....K.....	Subtype C	<b>B*18:01; B*18</b>	6649, 1475, 3869, 3920
RT (149-159)	LPQGWKGSPI .....R..... .....S.....	Subtype C	<b>B*39:10; B*42:01</b>	3253, 3910, 9986
RT (159-167)	IFQSSMTKIL .....F.....	Subtype A, B and C	Not reported	843, 5054
RT (171-181)	FRAQNPEIVY .....H..... .....H..... .....K..... .....D..... .....T.....	Not reported	Not reported	6649, 843, 1475, 3253, 3474, 3869, 3920, 3935, 5054
RT (181-189)	YQYMDDLIV .....I.....	Subtype A, B, C and D	<b>A*02:01; A*02</b>	641, 6565
RT (192-202)	DLEIQHRTKI G..... .....P..... .....V..... .....V.....	Subtype B	<b>A*03</b>	6649, 6990, 1121, 3920, 3935, 6596, 8828
RT (203-212)	EELREHLLKW K..... ..K..... .....K..... .....R.....	Subtype C	<b>B*44:03</b>	6990, 1121, 3253, 3474, 3869, 3920, 3935, 6565, 6509, 7959
RT (233-241)	ELHPDRWTV .....N..... .....K.....	Subtype B and C	Not reported	641, 1121, 3912, 3935, 6565
RT (240-248)	TVQPVLPE .....A..... .....Q.....	Subtype B	Not reported	6649, 3474
RT (304-312)	AENREILKE .....K..... .....T.....	Subtype B	Not reported	843, 3253, 3910
RT (317-327)	VYYDPSKDLIA .....S..... .....S..... .....T..... .....E..... .....V.....	Subtype C	Not reported	6990, 1121, 1475, 3253, 3910, 3935
RT (329-339)	IQKQGQGWTY K..... .....N.....	Subtype B	B*39:01	5054, 6565, 3387, 6509
RT (340-352)	QIYQEPFKNLKTG ..V..... .....S..... .....R.....	Subtype B	<b>A*11; A*11:01</b>	641, 843, 1475, 3474, 3910, 6380

**Table 3** (continued)

RT (356-366)	KMRTAHTNDVK ...R..... ...K..... ...E..... .....A..	Subtype B	<b>A*03:01; A*03</b>	6649, 6990, 641, 1121, 1475, 3253, 3920, 5054, 9986
RT (367-375)	QLTEAVHKI ...V..... .....R...	Subtype C	Not reported	3880, 6565, 8828
RT (375-383)	IAMESIVIW ...I..... ...G..... .....M...	Subtype B and C	<b>B*53:01; B*35:08; B*57:02; B*57:03; B*58:01; C*12</b>	6990, 639, 3912, 3935
RT (379-388)	SIVIWGKTPK .....G... .....R	Subtype B	<b>A*11:01</b>	3880, 6990, 843, 1121, 3474, 3920, 3935, 9986
RT (397-406)	TWETWTEYW ...G.....	Subtype B	<b>B*44</b>	6640, 1121, 3912, 3920
RT (416-425)	FVNTPLVKL ...I..... .....T..	Subtype C	<b>B*07</b>	641, 3253, 3935, 7959
RT (432-441)	EPIAGAETFY ..L..... ...M..... ...V..... .....Y.	Subtype C	<b>B*35:01</b>	641, 843, 3910, 3869, 5054, 6509, 7959
RT (448-457)	RETKIGKAGY ...R..... ...V..... .....R.....	Subtype B	<b>A*29</b>	843, 1121, 3253, 3869, 3920, 3935, 9986
RT (461-469)	KGRQKIVTL R..... .....M..... .....I..... .....A..	Subtype B	<b>B*08:01</b>	1121, 1475, 3910, 3920, 3935, 9986, 6509, 7959, 9854
RT (468-476)	SLETTNQK .....R	Subtype C	<b>A*74:01</b>	6640, 6990, 1475, 6509, 7959
RT (477-486)	TELQAIQLAL ...R.....	Subtype C	<b>B*18:01</b>	641, 843, 3910
RT (491-501)	SEVNIIVTDSQY .....V..... .....M.....	Subtype C	<b>B*44:03</b>	3880, 6649, 6565
RT (509-518)	QPKSESELV .....G.....	Subtype A, B, C and D	<b>B*07</b>	1121, 3869
RT (519-527)	NQIIEQLIKK S..... .....Q...	Subtype B	Not reported	6640, 6649, 843, 3869, 5054, 8828, 9986
RT (526-534)	IKKEKIYLA ...K..... .....V..... .....T	Subtype B	Not reported	6649, 641, 3920, 3935, 9986
RT (550-559)	KLVSQGIRKV R..... ...N.....	Subtype A, B, C and D	<b>A*02:01</b>	639, 1121, 3869, 9986
IN (22-31)	MASDFNLPIV ...E..... .....S..... .....M..... .....E	Not reported	<b>A*02</b>	6649, 641, 843, 1121, 1475, 3910, 3869, 3920, 3935, 4351, 5054, 6565
IN (33-43)	AKEIVASCDKC ...K..... .....R	Not reported	Not reported	6649, 6990, 3253, 3920, 2678
IN (68-76)	LEGKILVA .....I.....	Subtype B	<b>B*40:06</b>	6990, 639, 3253
IN (78-86)	HVASGYIEA E..... ...T..... ...T.....	Subtype B	<b>B*54:01</b>	1121, 3935, 6565
IN (101-105)	ILKLAGRWPVK A..... ...A.....	Subtype C	<b>A*03:01</b>	1121, 1475, 3474, 3869, 5054, 2678

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RT (375-383)	IAMESIVIW ...I..... .....G..... .....M...	Subtype B and C	<b>B*53:01; B*35:08; B*57:02; B*57:03; B*58:01; C*12</b>	6990, 639, 3912, 3935
RT (379-388)	SIVIWGKTPK .....G... .....R	Subtype B	<b>A*11:01</b>	3880, 6990, 843, 1121, 3474, 3920, 3935, 9986
RT (397-406)	TWETWTEYW .....G.....	Subtype B	<b>B*44</b>	6640, 1121, 3912, 3920
RT (416-425)	FVNTPLVKL ..I..... .....T..	Subtype C	<b>B*07</b>	641, 3253, 3935, 7959
RT (432-441)	EPIAGAETFY ..L..... ...M..... .....V..... .....Y.	Subtype C	<b>B*35:01</b>	641, 843, 3910, 3869, 5054, 6509, 7959
RT (448-457)	RETKIGKAGY .....R..... .....V..... .....R.....	Subtype B	<b>A*29</b>	843, 1121, 3253, 3869, 3920, 3935, 9986
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IN (22-31)	MASDFNLPIV .....E..... .....S..... .....M..... .....E	Not reported	<b>A*02</b>	6649, 641, 843, 1121, 1475, 3910, 3869, 3920, 3935, 4351, 5054, 6565
IN (33-43)	AKEIVASCDKC .....K..... .....R	Not reported	Not reported	6649, 6990, 3253, 3920, 2678
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IN (114-123)	.....R HTDNNGSNFTS .....I.....	Subtype B	Cw*05	1121, 3869
IN (123-132)	SAAVKAACWW ..T..... ...T..... .....R.....	Subtype C	<b><u>B*58:01</u></b>	3880, 641, 843, 3935, 8828
IN (135-143)	IQQEFGIPYNPQ .....C..... .....Y.....	Subtype C	<b>B*15:03</b>	1475, 6565
IN (164-172)	QVRDQAEHL ...M..... ...L..... .....E.....	Subtype C	<b>A*02:05</b>	3869, 3920
IN (185-194)	FKRKGIGGY ...K..... .....R.....	Subtype A, B and C	<b>B*15:03; B*27:05; C*01</b>	3920, 3935
IN (206-213)	TDIQTKEK ...E..... ...T..... .....D..	Subtype B	<b>B*40:02</b>	3935, 6380, 6565
IN (213-220)	LQKQITKI .....H..... .....L.....	Subtype B	<b>B*52:01</b>	843, 1475
IN (241-250)	LLWKGEGAVV .....M..	Not reported	<b>A*02:01</b>	6640, 641
IN (259-268)	VPRRKVKII .....G..... .....A.....	Subtype B and C	<b>B*08:01</b>	843, 3253, 3910, 3912, 5054
IN (278-288)	DDCVAGRQDED .....S..... .....D.. .....N	Not reported	Not reported	3253, 3910, 3935, 8828

HLA alleles in boldface are those that have been identified (reported) in South Africa or southern Africa [11,28–30]. Alleles underlined are those that were reported to be protective [11,28–29,49,50]. PR = protease; RT = reverse transcriptase; IN = integrase; HLA = human leukocyte antigen

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