

Reviewer's report

Title: Molecular and phylogenetic analysis of HIV-1 variants circulating in Italy

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The manuscript of Buonaguro et al "molecular and phylogenetic analysis of HIV-1 variants circulating in Italy" describes the identification of recombinant forms of HIV found in a representative group of italian seropositive subjects. The authors conclude that the italian HIV epidemic is still mostly attributable to the B subtype, regardless of the transmission route. In my opinion, the conclusions are supported by the data, the manuscript is well written and of interest for the broad readership of Infectious Agents and Cancer.

Level of interest: An article of outstanding merit and interest in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.