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Towards Better Resistance Surveillance: Clinical Performance of Short- and Long-Read NGS in HIV-1 Whole Genome Sequencing

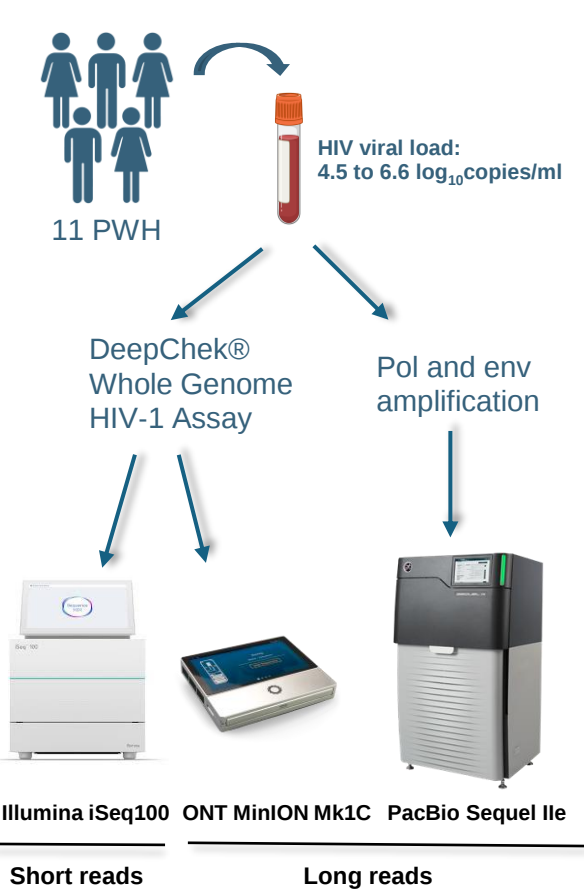
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Introduction

Next-generation sequencing (NGS) is a powerull approach for detecting drug-resistant variants across the HIV-1 genome, including those present at very low abundance. However, these approaches need to be well evaluated. In a previous study, we compared a short-read (DeepChek® Whole Genome HIV-1 Assay) with a long-read (PacBio SMRT) approach and observed some discrepancies, particularly in the detection of minor drug resistance mutations (DRMs)¹. To extend this analysis, we sequenced the HIV-1 Whole Genome of 11 plasma samples using an additional long-read method: nanopore sequencing on the MinION Mk1C platform (Oxford Nanopore Technologies, ONT).

Materials and methods



Results

ID	Viral load ^a	subtype	PR ^b			RT ^c			INT ^d			ENV ^e		
			DeepChek® WG HIV-1	PacBio SMRT	ONT	DeepChek® WG HIV-1	PacBio SMRT	ONT	DeepChek® WG HIV-1	PacBio SMRT	ONT	DeepChek® WG HIV-1	PacBio SMRT	ONT
1	5.9	B	33V (99%), 62V (99%)	33V + 62V (100%)	33V (93%) 62V (92%)	None	None	None	None	None	None	43K (23%)	43K (68%)	43K (23%)
2	6.6	F1	10I (99%), 20M (98%), 36I (99%), 89M (99%)	10I + 20M + 36I + 89M (100%)	10I (97%), 20M (93%), 36I (96%), 89M (98%)	None	None	None	None	None	None	375M (99%)	375M (99%)	375M (94%)
3	5.8	CRF02_AG	20I (99%), 36I (99%), 63P (99%), 69K (99%), 89M (99%)	20I + 36I + 63P + 69K + 89M (100%)	20I (90%), 36I (97%), 63P (83%), 69K (96%), 89M (95%)	103R (95%), 106I (99%)	103R + 106I (100%)	103R (92%), 106I (97%)	None	138K (13%)	None	None	None	None
4	6.4	CRF06	16E (98%), 20I (99%), 36I (98%), 69K (99%), 77I (6%), 89M (99%)	16E + 20I + 36I + 69K + 89M (95%) 16E + 20I + 36I + 69K + 89M + 77I (5%)	16E (93%), 20I (90%), 36I (92%), 69K (90%), 77I (6%), 89M (94%)	None	None	101E (8%)	None	None	None	None	None	None
5	5.6	CRF02_AG	20I (99%), 36I (70%), 64L (99%), 69K (99%), 82A (5%), 89M (99%)	20I + 36I + 64L + 69K + 89M (65%) 20I + 64L + 69K + 89M (35%)	20I (86%), 36I (68%), 64L (94%), 69K (92%), 82A (5%), 89M (99%)	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
6	5.0	CRF02_AG	10V (99%), 16E (99%), 20R (70%), 20T (29%), 36I (97%), 69K (99%), 89I (99%)	10V + 16E + 20R + 36I + 69K + 89I (100%)	10V (97%), 16E (82%), 20R (61%), 20T (28%), 36I (93%), 69K (96%), 89I (90%)	None	65E (5%), 101E (5%)	65E (9%), 101E (9%)	None	None	None	None	None	None
7	5.5	B	60E (99%), 63P (99%), 71T (12%), 77I (25%)	63P + 60E (64%) 63P + 71T (14%) 63P + 60E + 77I (9%) 63P + 71T + 77I (8%) 63P (5%)	60E (60%), 63P (93%), 71T (13%), 77I (25%)	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
8	5.0	CRF06	16E (99%), 20I (18%), 36I (87%), 69K (99%), 89I (100%)	16E + 36I + 69K + 89I (100%)	16E (93%), 20I (19%), 36I (81%), 69K (94%), 89I (64%)	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
9	5.8	CRF02_AG	20I (99%), 36I (100%), 69K (99%), 89M (99%)	20I + 36I + 69K + 89M (100%)	20I (93%), 36I (93%), 69K (94%), 89M (93%)	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
10	4.5	CRF02_AG	10V (8%), 20I (100%), 36I (99%), 69K (99%), 77I (11%), 89M (99%)	20I + 36I + 69K + 89M (100%)	10V (8%), 20I (88%), 36I (87%), 69K (93%), 77I (13%), 89M (95%)	108I (100%)	108I (100%)	108I (96%)	None	None	None	None	None	None
11	5.5	CRF02_AG	20I (100%), 36I (100%), 63P (99%), 69K (99%), 89M (99%)	20I + 36I + 63P + 69K + 89M (100%)	20I (90%), 36I (97%), 63P (93%), 69K (91%), 89M (94%)	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None

bold: mutation with drug resistance, italic: difference between the three approaches, red: differences in drug resistance, green: differences in frequencies, + haplotype covariations. ^a log10 copies/mL, ^b protease, ^c reverse transcriptase, ^d integrase, ^e envelope.

Conclusion

Our findings indicate that the DeepChek® Whole Genome HIV-1 Assay (Illumina), PacBio SMRT, and ONT sequencing offer overall good performance for HIV-1 subtyping and DRMs detection. These preliminary findings are promising but need to be confirmed on a larger cohort of samples to assess their robustness and clinical insights.

¹ C Vellas C et al. Comparison of short-read and long-read next-generation sequencing technologies for determining HIV-1 drug resistance. J Med Virol. 2024;96(10):e29951.