

# Prevalence of Human Papillomavirus, Human Immunodeficiency Virus, and Other Sexually Transmitted Infections Among Men Who Have Sex With Men in Togo: A National Cross-sectional Survey

V. M. Ferre, F. A. Gbeasor-Komlanvi, G. Collin, A. C. Dagnra, Q. Le Hingrat, Antoine Jaquet, M. Salou, D. Descamps, C. Charpentier, Didier K Ekouevi

#### ▶ To cite this version:

V. M. Ferre, F. A. Gbeasor-Komlanvi, G. Collin, A. C. Dagnra, Q. Le Hingrat, et al.. Prevalence of Human Papillomavirus, Human Immunodeficiency Virus, and Other Sexually Transmitted Infections Among Men Who Have Sex With Men in Togo: A National Cross-sectional Survey. Clinical Infectious Diseases, 2019, 69 (6), pp.109-1026. 10.1093/cid/ciy1012. hal-03211421

## HAL Id: hal-03211421

https://hal.science/hal-03211421

Submitted on 21 Dec 2021

**HAL** is a multi-disciplinary open access archive for the deposit and dissemination of scientific research documents, whether they are published or not. The documents may come from teaching and research institutions in France or abroad, or from public or private research centers. L'archive ouverte pluridisciplinaire **HAL**, est destinée au dépôt et à la diffusion de documents scientifiques de niveau recherche, publiés ou non, émanant des établissements d'enseignement et de recherche français ou étrangers, des laboratoires publics ou privés.



#### Prevalence of Human Papillomavirus, HIV and other sexually 1 transmitted infections among female sex workers in Togo: a 2 national cross-sectional survey 3 4 5 Valentine Marie Ferré, Didier Koumavi Ekouevi, 2,3,4 Fifonsi A. Gbeasor-Komlanvi, 2,3 6 Gilles Collin,<sup>1</sup> Quentin Le Hingrat,<sup>1</sup> Boris Tchounga,<sup>5</sup> Mounerou Salou,<sup>6</sup> 7 Diane Descamps, 1 Charlotte Charpentier, 1 and Anoumou Claver Dagnra<sup>6,7</sup> 8 9 10 1. INSERM, IAME, UMR 1137, Paris, France; Université Paris Diderot, Sorbonne Paris Cité, Paris, France; AP-HP, Hôpital Bichat-Claude Bernard, Laboratoire de 11 12 Virologie, Paris, France; 13 2. Université de Lomé, Faculté des Sciences de la Santé, Département de Santé 14 Publique, Lomé, Togo; 15 3. Centre Africain de Recherche en Epidémiologie et en Santé Publique (CARESP), 16 Lomé, Togo; 17 4. ISPED, Université de Bordeaux & Centre INSERM U1219 - Bordeaux Population 18 Health, Bordeaux, France; 19 5. Programme PACCI, site ANRS, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire; 20 6. Université de Lomé, Centre de Biologie Moléculaire et d'Immunologie, Lomé, 21 22 7. Programme national de lutte contre le sida et les infections sexuellement 23 transmissibles, Lomé, Togo. 24 25 26 Running title: HPV and STI among sex workers in Togo 27 28 Corresponding author: Dr Charlotte Charpentier, Hôpital Bichat-Claude Bernard,

Laboratoire de Virologie, 46 Rue Henri Huchard, 75018 Paris, France; Tel: + 33 1 40 25

61 50; Fax: + 33 1 40 25 67 69; E-mail: charlotte.charpentier@aphp.fr

31	ABSTRACT
32	
33	
34	Objectives: Sub-Saharan Africa is a region of both high HIV and cervical cancer
35	incidence. We conducted the first national study in Togo to assess HPV, HIV and
36	other Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) prevalence among Female Sex Workers
37	(FSW).
38	Methods: A multicentric cross-sectional study was conducted among FSW recruited
39	in hot spots (clubs, streets) in four Togolese cities. HPV and STIs were tested from
40	cervical and anal swabs. HIV and syphilis were screened with rapid tests.
41	<b>Results:</b> 310 FSW were recruited; HIV and cervical high-risk HPV (hrHPV)
42	prevalence were 10.6% (n=33/310) and 32.9% (n=102/310), respectively. The most
43	frequent hrHPV types were HPV58 (13.6%, n=19/140), HPV35 (12.9%, n=18/140),
44	HPV31 (12.1%, n=17/140) and HPV16 (10.7%, n=15/140). hrHPV prevalence and
45	multiple hrHPV infections showed higher rates in HIV-positive than in HIV-negative
46	FSW (48.5% vs 31.0%, p=0.04 and 21.2% vs 9.0%, p=0.03; respectively). Prevalence of
47	hrHPV was higher in cervical than anal swabs (34.1% vs 20.7%, p=0.0004). hrHPV
48	anal infections were more frequent among HIV-positive than HIV-negative FSW
49	(51.9% vs 17.3%, p=2.10 <sup>-5</sup> ). Concomitant anal and cervical hrHPV infections were
50	present in 43.2% (n=41/95) of hrHPV-positive FSW. Overall prevalence in the cervix
51	of N.gonorrhoeae, C.trachomatis, M.genitalium, and T.vaginalis were 4.2%, 6.1%, 5.5%
52	and 6.5%, respectively.
53	<b>Conclusions:</b> This first African study on paired cervical and anal samples showed a
54	high prevalence of genital HPV infections with a rather high rate of concomitant
55	HPV infections but low types concordance. We report an unusual distribution of
56	hrHPV types. These findings highlight the critical need of implementation of a
57	national HPV vaccination strategy.
58	
59	Key words: HPV, HIV, Togo, female sex workers, STIs

# INTRODUCTION

6	1

Human papillomavirus (HPV) is the most common sexually transmitted infection
(STI) worldwide. Some HPV are low-risk oncogenic (lrHPV), causing papilloma and
condyloma acuminata, mainly due to types 6 and 11. On the other hand, high-risk
oncogenic HPV (hrHPV) are involved in almost 100% of cervical cancer, in 88% of
anal cancer and in some head-and-neck cancer [1]. About 530.000 new female cancer
cases per year are attributable to HPV [1], cervix accounting for 83%. Two-thirds
occured in less-developed countries, representing 93.000 cases in Sub-Saharan Africa
[1]. Worldwide, the most prevalent types are HPV16 and HPV18, detected in 70% of
cervical cancers [1].
Togo is among the countries showing the highest cervical cancer incidence rate with
21.5 per 100.000 [2]. Female sex workers (FSW) have twice as much risk of genital
HPV infection as women from the general population [3], due to high number of
sexual partners, inconsistent sexual prevention, limited protected effect of condoms
against HPV and higher prevalence of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)
infection [4,5]. Only few studies have evaluated HPV prevalence among FSW in
Africa. In addition, to date, no data are available on concomitant cervical and anal
HPV carriage among African FSW and few worldwide.

The aim of this study was to assess HPV, HIV and other STIs prevalence and HPV types distribution among the FSW key population in Togo. We will also describe concomitant cervical and anal HPV prevalence and HPV types distribution among the two sites.

## **PATIENTS AND METHODS**

## Study design and participants

A population-based cross-sectional study was conducted among FSW in four cities of Togo (the capital city Lomé, Kpalimé, Atakpamé and Tsévié). Participants were recruited through the respondent-driven sampling method in hot-spots (bars, clubs and streets) or brothels. A participant was eligible if the following criteria were fulfilled: i) ≥18 years, ii) being engaged in prostitution at least once in the last 12 months, iii) living in Togo for more than three months and iv) being able to give a written-informed consent. Participants with sexual ambiguity or identified as transgender were excluded. Socio-demographic characteristics and sexual behavior patterns were collected using a face-to-face standardized questionnaire.

Ethical approvals were obtained from the national Bioethics Committee for Health Research in Togo (N°19/2017/CBRS) on June 22, 2017.

### HIV and syphilis screening

Blood samples were collected to test HIV and Syphilis in Togo using SD-BIOLINE HIV/Syphilis Duo® (Abbott, Santa Clara, CA, USA). HIV positive tests were confirmed with another rapid test (First Response® HIV 1-2-O Card Test; Premier Medical Corporation Pvt.Ltd., Maharashtra, India).

#### **HPV** and STIs testing

Cervical and anal swabs were collected with Cervex-Brush® Combi and Anex-Brush® respectively (Rovers Medical Devices B.V., Netherlands) on BDSurePath™ liquid-based Pap tests (Becton-Dickinson, Franklin Lakes, NJ, USA) between August and October 2017, stored at 4°C and sent at room temperature to France to be analyzed from December 2017 to February 2018. Nucleic acids were extracted using STARMag 96X4 Universal Cartridge kit (Seegene, Seoul, Korea) on the MICROLAB NIMBUS automat (Seegene). HPV typing was performed with Anyplex II™ HPV28 Detection test (Seegene) which detects 28 HPV types, 12 were defined as hrHPV following the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC): 16, 18, 31, 33, 35, 39, 45, 51, 52, 56, 58, 59; eight as intermediate risk HPV classified 2A or 2B by IARC: 26, 53, 66, 68, 69, 70, 73, 82 and eight as lrHPV or non-classified HPV: 6, 11, 40, 42, 43, 44, 54, 61. Other STIs detection was performed on cervical samples using Allplex™STI Essential Assay (Seegene).

### Statistical analyses

A sample of participants was calculated using a single proportion population formula with a 95% confidence level, 6% margin of error and 70% estimated prevalence of HPV among FSW [3,6]. A 10% non-response rate or non-exploitable swabs was considered and the minimum number of FSW was estimated at 241. Associations between HPV and other STIs or socio-demographic factors were assessed by the Chi-square test or by Fisher's exact test if appropriate. HPV concordance between anal and cervical swabs was assessed using the Kappa statistic (κ). Statistical analyzes were performed using STATA software (V14, StataCorp, College Station, TX, USA).

135 RESULTS

### Patients' characteristics

Among the 315 FSW recruited, HPV typing and/or STIs tests failed for five cervical swabs, due to lack of material for two, leading to a successful amplification for 310 samples (98.4%). The median age of the 310 participants was 25 years (Interquartile Range [IQR]=21-32), median ages at first sexual intercourse and at sex working initiation were 17 (IQR=15-18) and 19 years (IQR=17-23), respectively (Table 1).

(Supplementary Table 1). Concerning sexual behavior, 77% and 45% used condom at each sexual intercourse with clients and with partners other than clients, respectively (Supplementary Table 2).HIV prevalence was 10.6% (n=33/310; 95% Confidence Interval [95%CI]=7.2-14.1). Syphilis prevalence was 0.6% (n=2/310, upper limit of 95%CI=1.5%).

149

150

151

152

153

154

155

156

157

158

159

160

161

162

163

164

144

145

146

147

148

## HPV cervical prevalence and HPV types distribution

Prevalence of any type HPV and of hrHPV cervical infection were 45.2% (n=140/310, 95%CI=39.7-50.8) and 32.9% (n=102/310, 95%CI=27.7-38.1), respectively. Among HPV-positive FSW, the most common hrHPV types were HPV58 (13.6%, n=19/140), HPV35 (12.9%, n=18/140), HPV31 (12.1%, n=17/140). HPV16 was at the fourth rank with a frequency of 10.7% (n=15/140) and HPV18 at the eighth rank (7.1%, n=10/140).HPV6 and HPV11 frequencies were 7.1% (n=10/140) and 1.4% (n=2/140), respectively (Fig. 1). A proportion of 17.1% (n=24/140) of HPV-positve FSW harbored HPV16 and/or HPV18, which are covered by all available vaccines. This proportion rose to 23.6% (n=33/140) and 54.3% (n=76/140) of FSW harboring at least one HPV type included in the quadrivalent and in the nonavalent vaccines, respectively. However, among the hrHPV-positive FSW group (n=102), 53 women (52.0%) were infected by at least one hrHPV not covered by any vaccine. High-risk HPV prevalence was higher among HIV-positive than HIV-negative FSW (48.5% [n=16/33] vs 31.1% [n=86/277], p=0.04) (Table 2). HIV-positive FSW had more

frequently multiple hrHPV infections than HIV-negative FSW (21.2% [n=7/33] vs 9.0% [n=25/277], p=0.03).

167

168

169

170

171

172

173

174

175

176

177

178

179

180

181

182

183

## Anal HPV prevalence and HPV types distribution

Both anal and cervical swabs were collected for 295 FSW, HPV results were successfully obtained for 276 (Supplementary Table 3). Any type and hrHPV were detected in 96 and 57 anal samples, leading to a prevalence of 34.8% (95%CI=29.2-40.4) and 20.7% (95%CI=15.9-25.4), respectively. Among HPV-positive FSW, the most common anal hrHPV types were HPV59 (11.5%, n=11/96), HPV56 (10.4%, n=10/96) and HPV18, HPV52 and HPV58 (8.3%, n=8/96 for them all). HPV16 ranked sixth with a frequency of 7.3% (n=7/96). hrHPV prevalence was lower in anal than in cervical swabs (20.7% vs 34.1% [n=94/276], p=0.0004). hrHPV anal infections were more frequent among HIVpositive than among HIV-negative FSW (51.9% [n=14/27] vs 17.3% [n=43/249], p=2.10<sup>-5</sup>). Prevalence of anal hrHPV was relatively stable throughout the different age groups (from 25.0% for the <21 years [n=17/68] to 21.1% for the 31-55 years age group [n=15/71], p=0.73) (Fig. 2). Cervical hrHPV prevalence showed a trend to decrease over age from 43.8% for the <21 years (n=32/73) to 23.5% for the 31-55 years age group (n=20/85, p=0.05).

184

Anal hrHPV prevalence was higher among FSW having a cervical hrHPV infection than among FSW without cervical hrHPV infection (41.5% [n=39/94] vs 9.9% [n=18/182], p<10-5).

## Concordance between cervical and anal samples results

For 41 FSW, we detected at least one hrHPV or HPV6 or HPV11 both in cervical and anal samples (Fig. 3). Thus, concomitant anal and cervical HPV infections were present in 43.2% of hrHPV/HPV6/HPV11-positive FSW (n=41/95), with a higher frequency among HIV-positive than HIV-negative FSW (78.6% [n=11/14] vs 37.0% [n=30/81], p=0.004). Concordance between hrHPV types present at the two anatomical sites was fair with a kappa coefficient of 0.35. HIV-positive FSW had more frequently concordant hrHPV/HPV6/HPV11 types between the two sites than HIV-negative FSW (57.1% [n=8/14] vs 29.6% [n=24/81], p=0.04).

### Other STIs prevalence

Overall prevalence of *N.gonorrhoeae*, *C.trachomatis*, *M.genitalium*, and *T.vaginalis* were

4.2% (n=13/310, 95%CI=1.9-6.4), 6.1% (n=19/310, 95%CI=3.4-8.8), 5.5% (n=17/310,

95%CI=2.9-8.0) and 6.5% (n=20/310, 95%CI=3.7-9.2), respectively. No significant

differences in STIs prevalence were observed depending on HIV serological status.

However, prevalence of HIV and *N.gonorrhoeae* were higher among hrHPV-positive

than among hrHPV-negative FSW (15.7% [n=16/102] vs 8.2% [n=17/208], p=0.04 and

7.8% [n=8/102] vs 2.4% [n=5/208], p=0.03, respectively) and there was a trend for *M.genitalium* (8.8% [n=9/102] vs 3.9% [n=8/208], p=0.07) (Table 2). Prevalence of HPV any type, M.genitalium, and T.vaginalis were higher among FSW recruited in Lomé than those recruited in other cities: 51.1% (n=91/178) vs 37.1% (n=49/132, p=0.02), 7.9% (n=14/178) vs 2.3% (n=3/132, p=0.04), and 9.0% (n=16/178) vs 3.0% (n=4/132, p=0.04), respectively. In multivariate analysis, HIV and N.gonorrhoeae were the only independent factors associated with cervical hrHPV infection (aOR: 3.02 [95%CI: 1.39-6.58], p=0.005 and aOR: 3.27 [95%CI: 1.02-10.43], p=0.045, respectively).

## 218 DISCUSSION

In this study evaluating the global burden of STIs among 310 FSW in Togo, we showed HIV and hrHPV cervical infection prevalence of 10.6% and 32.9%, respectively; with an unusual distribution of hrHPV types. Assessment of both cervical and anal HPV infections reported a high rate of concomitant hrHPV infections but low concordance regarding HPV types.

Two previous studies conducted in Kenya have estimated prevalence of cervical hrHPV infection among FSW and showed infection rates of 29.0% and 57.7% [7,8].

Other studies have been conducted among FSW in various regions of the world

228 (Netherlands, Cambodia, Iran, Caribbean, Senegal), showing HPV cervical infection 229 prevalence ranging between 25.0% and 72.5% [9–14]. These studies differed 230 regarding: (i) HIV prevalence (from 1% to 31.2%); (ii) age of the participants, the FSW 231 of our study being rather young; (iii) number of sexual partners and (iv) HPV typing 232 assays [7–9]. 233 In the present study, HIV prevalence of 10.6% was comparable to that reported by 234 UNAIDS among FSW Togolese population in 2016 (11.7%) [15]. 235 Our study evidenced an unusual HPV types distribution with HPV58 being the most 236 common, while HPV16 was only at the fourth rank. Similar results were reported 237 among FSW in Amsterdam with HPV16 being also at the fourth rank [9]. In a meta-238 analysis of HPV types prevalence, based on 35 studies conducted among FSW, HPV16 was the most prevalent (38.9%) followed by HPV18 (23.1%) with no 239 240 differences depending on the study region [3]. The particular epidemiology we 241 describe has been reported at cervical cancer stage in a large retrospective study in 242 which HPV16 had the lowest attributable part in Africa (48%) compared to 72% in 243 North America and 66% in Europe [16]. Interestingly, HPV35 ranking second in our 244 study, has been reported as the most prevalent HPV type in studies conducted in 245 Africa among Men having Sex with Men (MSM) populations in Togo, Central Africa 246 Republic and in Nigeria [17,18]. In the current study, 52.0% of the hrHPV positive 247 FSW are infected by at least one hrHPV not covered by any currently available 248 vaccine. However, some evidence of cross protection have been recently described 249 [19]. Thus, studies conducted in Africa to evaluate the possible cross-protection with

the nonavalent vaccine against HPV35 and other hrHPV types should be warmly encouraged. Meanwhile, these findings should not be a hindrance to HPV vaccination program implementation. To our knowledge, the present study is the first assessing paired anal and cervical samples among FSW in Africa, reporting hrHPV anal and cervical infection prevalence of 20.7% and 34.1%, respectively. Contrary to these results, in two studies, one conducted among FSW in Amsterdam and the other carried out in a French HIVinfected antiretroviral treated women population, hrHPV prevalence reported were higher in anus than in cervix (55% vs 46% and 47.6% vs 26.4%, respectively) [9,20]. These different findings could be explained by differences in sexual practices, by different HIV prevalence and by different median age of participants, the population of our study being rather young may have not yet reached a complete cervical clearance [9,20]. Nevertheless, in all these studies hrHPV anal infection prevalence was higher in HIV-positive than in HIV-negative women. In addition, similarly to the French study, we showed that anal hrHPV infection was more frequent among women with concurrent cervical hrHPV infection [20]. Natural clearance of HPV is well-documented in cervical infection while it has been scarcely studied in anal infection and only in male populations, particularly among MSM. In the Hawaiian HPV cohort, anal HPV clearance among young women was quite rapid with 87.0% of infections cleared at one year, faster than cervical clearance [21]. However, in this same cohort, a steady prevalence of anal HPV infections alone (i.e. without concomitant cervical infection) was observed at all age groups, in

250

251

252

253

254

255

256

257

258

259

260

261

262

263

264

265

266

267

268

269

270

273 clearance [22]. However, a longer prospective study among female from general 274 population would be necessary to further examine anal HPV clearance. 275 We observed a higher rate of concomitant HPV shedding at both anatomical sites 276 among HIV-positive than HIV-negative FSW, in accordance with the results of a US 277 study [23]. The rate of concordance between hrHPV types was relatively low. 278 However, concordance rate was higher among HIV-positive than HIV-negative FSW, 279 similarly to the Hessol et al. study results [23]. 280 Regarding STIs prevalence, results are comparable to those described in a meta-281 analysis conducted in Sub-Saharan Africa showing C.trachomatis, N.gonorrhoeae and 282 T.vaginalis prevalence of 6.2%, 5.2% and 10.0%, respectively [24]; compared to 6.1%, 283 4.2% and 6.5% in our population. A lower prevalence of Syphilis was observed in the 284 present study than in the meta-analysis (0.6% vs 2.8%) [24], findings also observed in 285 another key population of MSM in Togo [25]. Regarding M.genitalium prevalence 286 among FSW in Africa, only two studies have been conducted before, reporting 287 prevalence of 26.3% and 12.9%, respectively [11,12]; much higher than the prevalence 288 of 5.5% found in the present study. However, in one of these studies, the recruitment 289 was carried out among FSW consulting for symptomatic STIs [26]. 290 291 Finally, we did not find any significant association between socio-demographic 292 characteristics or sexual behavioral markers and cervical hrHPV infection. Only HIV

accordance with our findings among FSW suggesting a relatively low rate of anal

and N.gonorrhoeae were found independently associated with hrHPV cervical

shedding.

This study has some limitations. Firstly, no cytological analysis was conducted, preventing cytological lesions detection. Secondly, no questions about detailed sexual practices (such as vaginal and anal sex practices) were included in the behavioral questionnaire, which limits the interpretation of the concomitant HPV shedding at the cervical and anal sites. Finally, this study was conducted among a high-risk population and should be widened to general female population so as to assess global HPV prevalence in Togo.

In conclusion, we reported a high prevalence of HIV and hrHPV with an unusual HPV types distribution. In addition, we observed a high prevalence of hrHPV anal shedding, especially among HIV-positive and among cervical hrHPV-positive women. Taking into account a recent modeling study, a rapid scale up of HPV vaccination and cervical lesion screening would avert three-quarter of around 13 million cases in low and medium Human Development Index countries [27]. As neither cervical lesion screening program nor HPV detection screening program are available in Togo for now, the implementation of a national HPV vaccination strategy is critical.

312	FUNDING
313	This work was supported by the "Centre Africain de Recherche en Epidémiologie et
314	en Santé Publique" (CARESP) in Togo; and Programme National de lutte contre le
315	VIH et les IST du Togo. All HPV typing kits and STIs detection kits were provided
316	by Seegene (Séoul, Korea).
317	
318	
319	CONFLICT OF INTEREST
320	The authors report no conflict of interest with the submitted work.
321	
322	
323	MEETINGS PRESENTATION
324	This work has been presented as an oral presentation at the EUROGIN International
325	Multidisciplinary HPV Congress 2018 (Abstract FC20-7) and at the French RICAI
326	2018 conference (Abstract P-274).

#### REFERENCES 327 328 1. de Martel C, Plummer M, Vignat J, Franceschi S. Worldwide burden of cancer 329 attributable to HPV by site, country and HPV type: Worldwide burden of cancer attributable to HPV. Int J Cancer 2017; 141:664-670. 330 331 2. ICO/IARC Information Centre on HPV and Cancer. Togo: Human 332 Papillomavirus and Related Cancers, Fact Sheet 2017. Fact Sheet 2017; :2. 333 3. Soohoo M. Cervical HPV Infection in Female Sex Workers: A Global Perspective. 334 Open AIDS J 2013; 7:58-66. 335 4. Vallès X, Murga GB, Hernández G, et al. High prevalence of human 336 papillomavirus infection in the female population of Guatemala. Int J Cancer 337 2009; 125:1161-1167. 338 5. Leung K, Yeoh GP, Cheung H, Fong FY, Chan K. Prevalence of abnormal 339 Papanicolaou smears in female sex workers in Hong Kong. Hong Kong Med J 340 2013; Available at: http://www.hkmj.org/abstracts/v19n3/203.htm. Accessed 3 341 December 2018. 342 6. Ebrahim S, Mndende XK, Kharsany ABM, et al. High Burden of Human 343 Papillomavirus (HPV) Infection among Young Women in KwaZulu-Natal, South 344 Africa. PLOS ONE 2016; 11:e0146603. 345 7. Menon S, van den Broeck D, Rossi R, Ogbe E, Mabeya H. Multiple HPV 346 infections in female sex workers in Western Kenya: implications for prophylactic 347 vaccines within this sub population. Infect Agent Cancer 2017; 12. Available at: 348 http://infectagentscancer.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s13027-016-0114-5. 349 Accessed 17 May 2018. 350 8. Cameron JE, Rositch AF, Vielot NA, et al. Epstein-Barr Virus, High-Risk Human 351 Papillomavirus and Abnormal Cervical Cytology in a Prospective Cohort of 352 African Female Sex Workers: Sex Transm Dis 2018; 45:666–672. 353 9. Marra E, Kroone N, Freriks E, et al. Vaginal and anal human papillomavirus 354 infection and seropositivity among female sex workers in Amsterdam, the 355 Netherlands: Prevalence, concordance and risk factors. J Infect 2018; 76:393–405. 356 10. Bui TC, Scheurer ME, Pham VT-T, et al. Intravaginal practices and genital human

papillomavirus infection among female sex workers in Cambodia: BUI ET AL. J

357

358

Med Virol 2018; 90:1765-1774.

- 359 11. Richards SD, Stonbraker S, Halpern M, Amesty S. Cervical cancer screening
- among transactional female sex workers in the Dominican Republic. Int J STD
- 361 AIDS **2018**; 29:1204–1214.
- 362 12. Shahesmaeili A, Karamouzian M, Shokoohi M, et al. Symptom-Based Versus
- 363 Laboratory-Based Diagnosis of Five Sexually Transmitted Infections in Female
- 364 Sex Workers in Iran. AIDS Behav **2018**; 22:19–25.
- 365 13. Hooi DJ, Quint WGV, Lissenberg-Witte BI, et al. Human papillomavirus (HPV)
- 366 types prevalence in cervical samples of female sex-workers on Curação. Prev
- 367 Med Rep **2018**; 11:120–124.
- 368 14. Diop-Ndiaye H, Beiter K, Gheit T, et al. Human Papillomavirus infection in
- senegalese female sex workers. Papillomavirus Res **2019**; 7:97–101.
- 370 15. Togo | UNAIDS. Available at:
- 371 http://www.unaids.org/en/regionscountries/countries/togo. Accessed 23 May
- 372 2018.
- 373 16. de Sanjose S, Quint WG, Alemany L, et al. Human papillomavirus genotype
- attribution in invasive cervical cancer: a retrospective cross-sectional worldwide
- 375 study. Lancet Oncol **2010**; 11:1048–1056.
- 376 17. Nowak RG, Gravitt PE, He X, et al. Prevalence of Anal High-Risk Human
- 377 Papillomavirus Infections Among HIV-Positive and HIV-Negative Men Who
- Have Sex With Men in Nigeria: Sex Transm Dis **2016**; 43:243–248.
- 379 18. Mboumba Bouassa R-S, Mbeko Simaleko M, Camengo SP, et al. Unusual and
- unique distribution of anal high-risk human papillomavirus (HR-HPV) among
- men who have sex with men living in the Central African Republic. PLOS ONE
- **2018**; 13:e0197845.
- 383 19. Kudo R, Yamaguchi M, Sekine M, et al. Bivalent Human Papillomavirus Vaccine
- 384 Effectiveness in a Japanese Population: High Vaccine-Type–Specific Effectiveness
- and Evidence of Cross-Protection. J Infect Dis **2018**; Available at:
- 386 https://academic.oup.com/jid/advance-article/doi/10.1093/infdis/jiy516/5115492.
- 387 Accessed 3 December 2018.
- 388 20. Heard I, Poizot-Martin I, Potard V, et al. Prevalence of and Risk Factors for Anal
- 389 Oncogenic Human Papillomavirus Infection Among HIV-Infected Women in
- France in the Combination Antiretroviral Therapy Era. J Infect Dis **2016**;
- 391 213:1455–1461.

<ul><li>392</li><li>393</li><li>394</li></ul>	21.	Shvetsov YB, Hernandez BY, McDuffie K, et al. Duration and Clearance of Anal Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Infection among Women: The Hawaii HPV Cohort Study. Clin Infect Dis <b>2009</b> ; 48:536–546.
395 396 397	22.	Hernandez BY. Anal Human Papillomavirus Infection in Women and Its Relationship with Cervical Infection. Cancer Epidemiol Biomarkers Prev <b>2005</b> ; 14:2550–2556.
398 399 400	23.	Hessol NA, Holly EA, Efird JT, et al. Concomitant anal and cervical human papillomavirusV infections and intraepithelial neoplasia in HIV-infected and uninfected women: AIDS <b>2013</b> ; 27:1743–1751.
401 402 403 404	24.	Torrone EA, Morrison CS, Chen P-L, et al. Prevalence of sexually transmitted infections and bacterial vaginosis among women in sub-Saharan Africa: An individual participant data meta-analysis of 18 HIV prevention studies. PLOS Med <b>2018</b> ; 15:e1002511.
405 406 407 408 409	25.	Ferré VM, Gbeasor-Komlanvi FA, Collin G, et al. Prevalence of Human Papillomavirus, HIV and other sexually transmitted infections among men having sex with men in Togo: a national cross-sectional survey. Clin Infect Dis <b>2018</b> ; Available at: https://academic.oup.com/cid/advance-article/doi/10.1093/cid/ciy1012/5231898. Accessed 9 December 2018.
410 411	26.	Pepin J. Mycoplasma genitalium: an organism commonly associated with cervicitis among west African sex workers. Sex Transm Infect <b>2005</b> ; 81:67–72.
412 413 414 415	27.	Simms KT, Steinberg J, Caruana M, et al. Impact of scaled up human papillomavirus vaccination and cervical screening and the potential for global elimination of cervical cancer in 181 countries, 2020–99: a modelling study. Lancet Oncol <b>2019</b> ; 20:394–407.

**TABLES** 

Table 1: Socio-demographic characteristics and sexual behavior patterns of female sex workers participants in Togo (n = 310)

sex workers participants		PV-positive FSW	hrHPV-	negative FSW		p-value	
	n		n		n		p varue
Median age, years (IQR)	102	24 (20-30)	208	26 (22-32)	310	25 (21-32)	p=0.011
Median age at first sexual intercourse, years (IQR)	99	17 (15-18)	197	17 (15-18)	296	17 (15-18)	p=0.38
Median age at first paid sexual intercourse, years (IQR)	99	19 (17-22)	202	20 (17-24)	301	19 (17-23)	p=0.29
Marital status, n (%)	94		192		286		
Married		6 (6%)		35 (18%)		41 (14 %)	p=0.007
Single		88 (94%)		157 (82%)		245 (86 %)	
Education, n (%)	102		208		310		
Never schooled		12 (12%)		29 (14%)		41 (13 %)	
Primary school		22 (21%)		50 (24%)		72 (23 %)	p=0.85
Secondary school		60 (59%)		116 (56%)		176 (57 %)	•
University		8 (8%)		13 (6%)		21 (7 %)	
Median number of sexual partners during the past seven days, n (IQR)	100	5 (3-10)	204	6 (3-9)	304	5 (3-9)	p=0.67
Use of condoms with clients, n (%)	97		205		302		
Each time		76 (78%)		157 (77%)		233 (77 %)	
Often		17 (18%)		33 (16%)		50 (17 %)	p=0.62
Rarely		2 (2%)		11 (5%)		13 (4 %)	
Never		2 (2%)		4 (2%)		6 (2 %)	
Use of condoms with sexual partners other than clients, n (%)	81		4.70				
	01		170		251		
Each time	01	35 (43%)	170	77 (45%)	251	112 (45 %)	p=0.27
Each time Often	01	35 (43%) 15 (19%)	170	77 (45%) 43 (25%)	251	112 (45 %) 58 (23 %)	p=0.27
	01	` '	170	` ′	251	` ,	p=0.27
Often		15 (19%)	170	43 (25%)	251	58 (23 %)	p=0.27
Often Rarely Never Healthcare worker consultation in		15 (19%) 12 (15%)		43 (25%) 26 (15%)		58 (23 %) 38 (15 %)	p=0.27
Often Rarely Never Healthcare worker consultation in case of sexually transmitted	76	15 (19%) 12 (15%)	170	43 (25%) 26 (15%)	246	58 (23 %) 38 (15 %)	
Often Rarely Never Healthcare worker consultation in		15 (19%) 12 (15%)		43 (25%) 26 (15%)		58 (23 %) 38 (15 %)	p=0.27

Table 2: Prevalence of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) according to HIV serological status or high-risk Human Papillomavirus (hrHPV) cervical shedding among Female Sex Workers (FSW) in Togo

	Overall (n = 310)	HIV+ FSW (n = 33)	HIV- FSW (n = 277)	p-value	hrHPV+ FSW (n = 102)	hrHPV- FSW (n = 208)	p-value
HIV	33 (10.6 %)	-	-	-	16 (15.7 %)	17 (8.2 %)	0.04
hrHPV	102 (32.9 %)	16 (48.5 %)	86 (31.1 %)	0.04	-	-	-
N.gonorrhoeae	13 (4.2 %)	0 (0.0 %)	13 (4.7 %)	0.37	8 (7.8 %)	5 (2.4 %)	0.03
C.trachomatis	19 (6.1 %)	0 (0.0 %)	19 (6.9 %)	0.24	8 (87.8 %)	11 (5.3 %)	0.37
M.genitalium	17 (5.5 %)	2 (6.1 %)	15 (5.4 %)	0.70	9 (8.8 %)	8 (3.9 %)	0.07
T.vaginalis	20 (6.5 %)	1 (3.0 %)	19 (6.9 %)	0.70	9 (8.8 %)	11 (5.3 %)	0.23
Syphilis	2 (0.6 %)	0 (0.0 %)	2 (0.7 %)	1.0	0 (0.0 %)	2 (1.1 %)	0.50

### FIGURE LEGENDS

Figure 1: Human Papillomavirus (HPV) types distribution in cervical specimens obtained from HPV-positive Female Sex Workers (FSW) participants in Togo

(A) HPV types distribution among HPV-positive FSW, n = 140. (B) HPV types distribution according to FSW HIV serological status.

hrHPV = high-risk Human Papillomavirus. lrHPV = encompassing low-risk Human
Papillomavirus and non-classified HPV types. HIV = Human Immunodeficiency Virus.

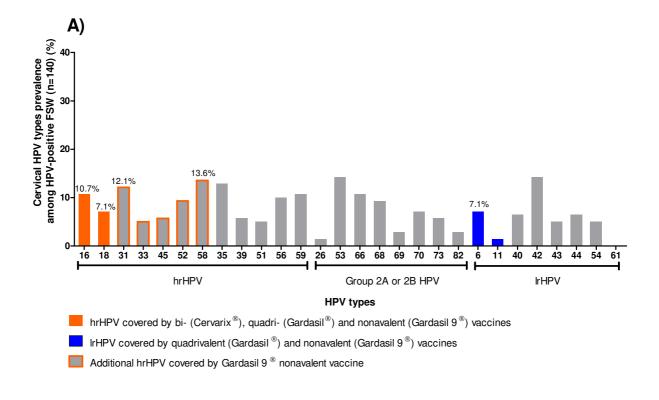
Figure 2: Prevalence by age groups of at least one high-risk Human Papillomavirus (hrHPV) at the cervical and at the anal site among Female Sex Workers (FSW) participants in Togo

Cervix samples are represented in blue and anal canal samples are represented in green.

Figure 3: Different types frequency of Human Papillomavirus (HPV) according to the anatomical site sampling and HIV serological status among HPV-positive Female Sex Workers (FSW) participants in Togo

(A) Among all FSW. (B) Among HIV-negative FSW. (C) Among HIV-positive FSW.

Figure 1





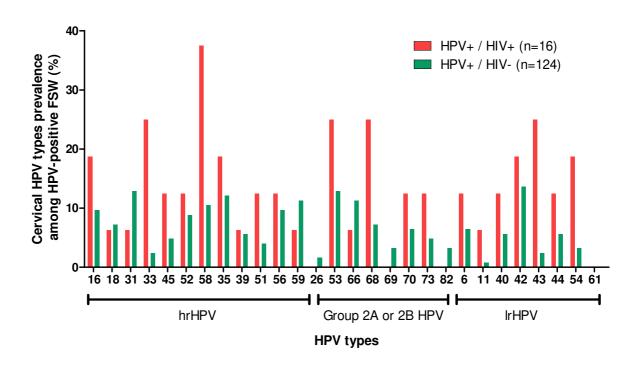


Figure 2

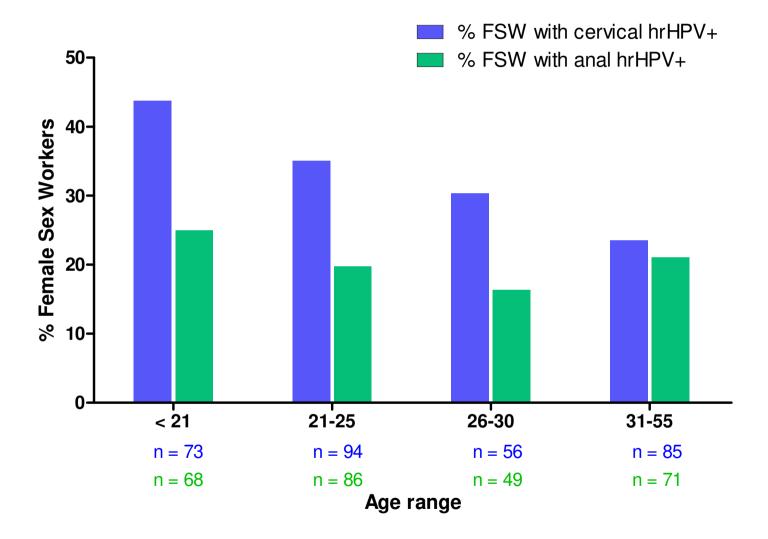
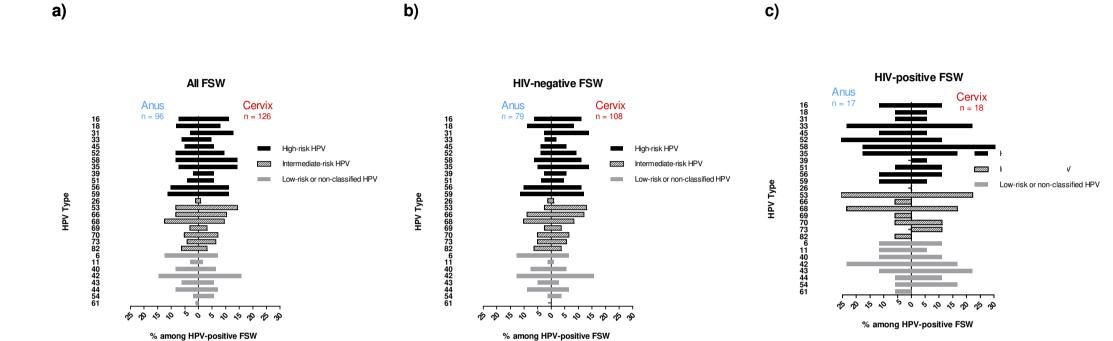


Figure 3



# **Supplementary Data**

Table 1: Educational background of Female Sex Workers (FSW) depending on their HIV-status

Educational background	HIV-posi	tive (n=27)	HIV-negative (n=277)		
Educational background	n	%	n	%	
Never schooled	6	18.2	35	12.6	
Primary school	13	39.4	59	21.3	
Secondary school	14	42.4	162	58.5	
University	0	0.0	21	7.6	

Table 2: Condom use by Female Sex Workers (FSW) depending on their educational background

Educational	Condom use with customer					Condom use outside of transactional sex				
Background	Total	Always	Often	Rarely	Never	Total	Always	Often	Rarely	Never
Never schooled	40	35 (87.5%)	5 (12.5%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	25	14 (56.0%)	7 (28.0%)	3 (12.0%)	1 (4.0%)
Primary school	71	55 (77.5%)	13 (18.3%)	2 (2.8%)	1 (1.4%)	61	30 (49.1%)	13 (21.3%)	9 (14.8%)	9 (14.8%)
Secondary school	171	129 (75.4%)	31 (18.1%)	6 (3.5%)	5 (2.9%)	144	62 (43.0%)	35 (24.3%)	20 (13.9%)	27 (18.8%)
University	20	14 (70.0%)	1 (5.0%)	5 (25.0%)	0	21	6 (28.6%)	3 (14.3%)	6 (28.6%)	6 (28.6%)

Table 3: HPV types detected in Female Sex Workers (FSW) anal and/or cervical samples.

FSW number	Cervical HPV type	Anal HPV type
	42	42
5102	42	
5109	42 52 25 22 50 45	6
5111	42,53,35,33,59,45	33
5112	70	45
5117	35	
5118	59	
5124	16	
5127	52	
5131	56	
5141	44	44
5143		44
5146	56	
5152	42,58	42
5155	16,59	51
5157		73
5163	16	16
4101		59
4104	53	
4108	56	11,56,39
4109		52,16
4112	44,53,59	44
4114	39	
4115	52	
4118	18	
4121	44,6,43,42,53,56,52,33,16,59	11,44,6,43,42,53,56,52,33,16,59
4122	58	
4123	45	

4130	40,66,56,18	56,18
4131		54
4132	6,68,58,45	6,58
4134	40,59,58	40
4135	82,35	82,35
4137	53	16
4142		66
4143		53,52
4144		66
4145	42	
4146	52	
4147	59	59
4148	35,52,58	
4153		44,6,59
4155		68
4156		6,52
4158	44,82,18	40,6,82,73,18
4164		68
1100	6,56,39,16,59	56
1102	53,68,31,52	52
1105	16,45	40
1106	31	
1107	68,16	68
1108	73,58	
1109	82,73,26,66,68	6,26,68,66
1111	82,69	
1112	42,35	42,56
1113		40,58
1114	73	

1115	73	
1116	70,42,53,52	
1118	6,53,66,39,51	39,51
1121		43
1122	54,42,58	
1127	70,66,31,16,51	70,66,16
1128	6,69,66,56,59	6,70,69,66,56,59
1200	31,58	58
1201	70	
1203	53	56
1205	39	70,42,53,58
1207	44,18,35	
1211	18,35,51	35
1214	42,73,51,58	42,51
1215	31,35	
1221	53,56,39	56
1224	44	
1225	70	70
1233	66	
1243	43	
1244	6,42,59	
1249	40,44,53,18,59,51	44,18
1251	39	40,70,69,68,31,45
1258	59	6,59
1262	58	
1264	42,31,59	42,31,59
1265		73
1268	43	68
1270	52,59	

1271	58	6
1276	6,66,31	6
1279	73,66,31,18,39,16	44,73,18
1281	54,56	
1283	66	66
1284	40,6,18,35	18
1291	42,66	42,66
1292	56	
1298	54,58	
1304	42,69,68,16	68
1305	70,42,18,35,45	42,68
1306	35	35
1317	69,56,16	
1319	43	82
1320		53,18
1325	42,68	42,68
1329	31,33	61,42,53,18,33
1330		82
1334	31	
1335	42	
1342	56	
1343	35	
1351	53,35,16	44,56,33
1622		59
1626	31	
1640	33	43
1644	18	
1647	54,31	
1653	66	

1661	53,56	
1669		68
1672	44,43,35,58	
1680	52	
1681	44,73,45	
1683		40,82
1725	40,35	40,52
1727	58	43
1741	11,58	
1758	70	
1762	66	
1771	53	59
1772	70,53	
1782	54,53,73,58	53,82,66,59,58
1823		45
1824	51	
1827	35	
1881	35	
1887	70,53,68,16	35,52
1889	68	68
1894		69,31
1896		53
1897	40,42	18
1940	68	
3106		16,58
3113	35	35
3115	31,52,58	59,58
3119	40	35,52,16
3121	11,54,43,53,68,56,33,58,	11,54,43,53,68,56,33,58

3122	43,68,31	43,35
3125		45
3132	6	
3133	54,42,66,31	42
3134	33	42,33
3135	42,16,51,45	51,45
3141		6
3145	52	
3150	42,68,31	42
3163		40
3164	40,52	