

Type-specific HPV prevalence in Kigali, Rwanda

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Relevance of HPV research

- **Causal association of persistent HPV infection with cervical cancer**
 - Persistent HPV16/18 infection: 70% of cervical cancer cases
- **Largest burden of cervical cancer in developing countries**
 - It is the most important factor in the development of cervical cancer that kills 200,000 women a year worldwide
 - Lack of (cytology-based) screening programs
 - HPV-based screening programs may be feasible (*CareHPV* test)
 - **Primary prevention possible: two prophylactic vaccines**
 - Gardasil (Merck): quadrivalent (HPV6/11/16/18)
 - Cervarix (GSK): bivalent (HPV16/18)

Relevance of HPV research

- **Limited data on HPV infections from developing countries**
 - Geographical differences in HPV distribution
- **Knowledge about transmission dynamics important to define disease control strategy and to model/measure population impact of preventive measures**
 - Risk factors for persistent infections relatively well established; risk factors for incidence infections not

HPV prevalence

Women with normal cytology:

- Any HPV worldwide: 10.4% (10.2-10.7)*
 - Top 5: HPV 16, 18, 58, 52^{\$}
- Any HPV Africa: 22.1% (20.9-23.4)
 - Top 5: HPV 16, 52, 18, 58, 31
 - (EUROGIN2008 update: HPV 16, 52, 58, 18, 31)[#]
 - Any HPV East Africa: 31.6% (29.5-33.8)
- Any HPV Europe: 8.1% (7.8-8.4)
 - Top 5: HPV 16, 18, 31, 33, 58

* Age-adjusted

* De Sanjose et al, *Lancet Infect Diseases* 2007;7(7):453-9; \$ X.Bosch et al *Vaccine* 26S(2008) (K1-16); # Bruni et al
EUROGIN 2008 abstract SS3-6

Updated meta-analysis on the HPV distribution in women with normal cytology

Bruni et al. EUROGIN2008 (abstract SS3-6)

51% of data from European women

→14% of world population

2.1% of data from African women

→12 % world population

Lack of HPV prevalence data from African countries

Objectives

- To estimate the prevalence, incidence, and persistence of type-specific HPV infection
- To determine relationships between HPV and other STIs, vaginal flora (especially BV) and genital inflammation
- To compare the type-specific prevalence of HPV in HIV-negative and HIV-positive women

Design

Kigali HIV Incidence Study (KHIS)

- Cross-sectional survey among high risk women (n=800)
- Follow-up cross-sectional survey among HIV positive high risk women (approx 15-18 months after first survey)
- **Prospective cohort study among HIV negative high risk women (n=400)**

Period: October 2006 – June 2009

Design – sample collection & processing

Sample collection:

Endocervical brush stirred in PreservCyt medium
Storage at -80°C

Laboratory processing:

Roche Linear Array PCR (Identifies 37 high and low risk HPV types)
In-house PCR for mixed-probe HPV52/33/35/58

Baseline characteristics

Population characteristics	n (%)
Age at enrollment (n=364) (median, IQR)	25 (23-30)
Education (n=367)	
no education	74 (20.2%)
primary school	246 (67.2%)
secondary school	46 (12.2%)
Relationship at enrollment (n=367)	
married	2 (0.5%)
divorced	42 (11.4%)
widowed	39 (10.6%)
never married	284 (77.4%)
Age at sexual debut (n=364)(mean, S.D)	17 (2.8)
Sex worker (n=364)	359 (98.6%)
# sexual intercourse (last month) (n=) (median, IQR)	30 (16-56)
# clients (last 3 months) (N=) (median, IQR)	96 (48-168)

HPV prevalence

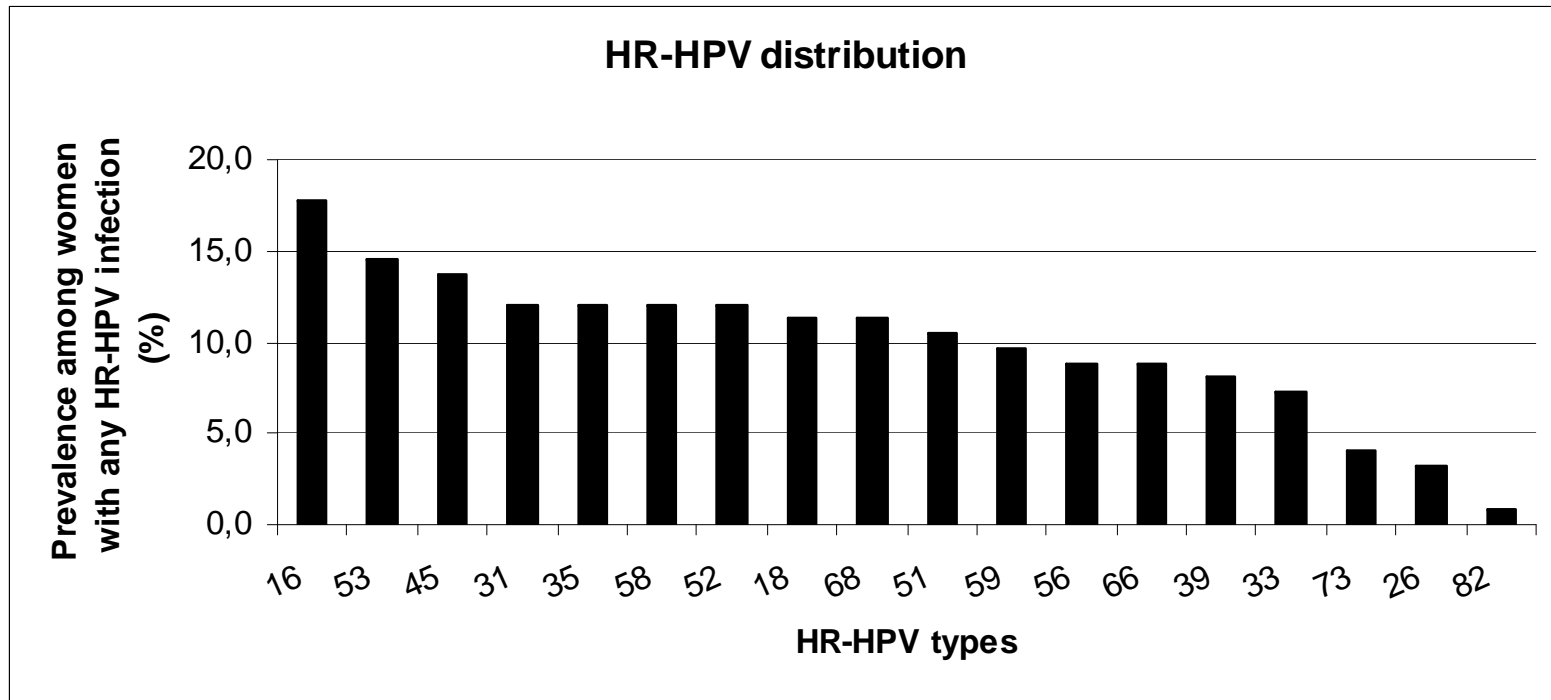
- N=366

N=366	% (N)	95% C.I.
Any HPV	48.1% (176)	43.0-53.2
HR-HPV	33.9% (124)	29.1-38.7
HPV 16/18	9% (36)	6.9-11.9
LR-HPV	32.8% (120)	28.0-37.6

Multiple infection: 27,9%

Classification of HPV acc to Munoz et al (2003)

HR HPV distribution



East African top-10: 16, 52, 58, 45, 18, 35, 66, 31, 53, 42*

*www.who.int/hpvcentre (accessed 13-11-2009)

HPV distribution: women with cervical lesions

Nr	Cytology result	HPV type detected
1	ASCUS	Neg
2	ASCUS	Neg
3	ASCUS	Neg
4	ASCUS	18 , 56, 61, 66
5	ASCUS	18 , 33, 39, 51, 53, 62, 67
6	ASCUS	66, CP6108, 84
7	LSIL	Neg
8	LSIL	16 , 31, 61, 62, 68
9	HSIL	Neg
10	HSIL	16
11	HSIL	33, 71
12	HSIL	16 , 71
13	HSIL	18 , 31, 39, 56, 59, 66
14	HSIL	31, 56, 66
15	HSIL	33
16	SCC	58

Association with STIs

Association between HPV and other STIs

	HR-HPV* (n=124)	LR-HPV (only) (n=52)	No HPV (n=189)	<i>P</i> -value
Gonorrhea #	14/124 (11.3%)	5/52 (9.6%)	9/189 (4.8%)	0.089
Chlamydia #	6/124 (4.9%)	0/52 (0%)	10/189 (5.3%)	0.245
Trichomonas #	19/122 (15.6%)	7/50 (14.0%)	29/189 (15.3%)	0.965
Syphilis #	10/123 (8.1%)	4/52 (7.7%)	12/188 (6.4%)	0.832
HSV-2 \$	79/114 (69.3%)	28/48 (58.3%)	102/181 (56.4%)	0.079

*Includes HR-HPV positive women with and without LR-HPV; # missing gonorrhoea (n=1), chlamydia (n=1), trichomonas (n=5) and syphilis (n=3) results excluded;\$ missing (n=12) or equivocal (n=11) HSV-2 results excluded

Conclusions

- High overall HPV prevalence in high-risk women in Kigali
- Infections with HR-HPV more prevalent than LR-HPV
- Type specific distribution differs from earlier publications
 - Small sample
 - High-risk population
 - Results from women from general population pending
- Need for data on HPV type-specific distribution among women with intraepithelial lesions/SCC as this may have implication for the effectiveness of prophylactic HPV vaccines based on HPV16 and 18 in this population.



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