

1 **Chronic lung disease in HIV-infected children established on antiretroviral**  
2 **therapy**

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## 26 **ABSTRACT**

### 27 **Objective**

28 Respiratory disease is a major cause of morbidity and mortality in HIV-infected children. Despite  
29 antiretroviral therapy (ART), children suffer chronic symptoms. We investigated symptom  
30 prevalence, lung function, and exercise capacity among older children established on ART, and an  
31 age-matched HIV-uninfected group.

### 32 **Design**

33 A cross-sectional study in Zimbabwe of: 1) HIV-infected children aged 6-16 years receiving ART  
34 for over six months; 2) HIV-uninfected children attending primary health clinics from the same  
35 area.

### 36 **Methods**

37 Standardised questionnaire, spirometry, Incremental Shuttle Walk Testing (ISWT), CD4 count,  
38 HIV viral load, and sputum culture for tuberculosis were performed.

### 39 **Results**

40 202 HIV-infected and 150 uninfected participants (median age 11.1 years in each group) were  
41 recruited. Median age at HIV diagnosis and ART initiation was 5.5 (IQR 2.8-7.5) and 6.1 years  
42 (IQR 3.6-8.4) respectively. Median CD4 count was 726 cells/ $\mu$ l, and 79% had HIV viral  
43 load < 400 copies/ml. Chronic respiratory symptoms were rare in HIV-uninfected children (n=1  
44 [0.7%]), but common in HIV-infected participants (51 [25%]), especially cough (30 [15%]) and  
45 dyspnoea (30 [15%]). HIV-infected participants were more commonly previously treated for  
46 tuberculosis (76 [38%] versus 1 [0.7%],  $p < 0.001$ ), had lower exercise capacity (mean ISWT  
47 distance 771m versus 889m respectively,  $p < 0.001$ ), and more frequently abnormal spirometry (43  
48 [24.3%] versus 15 [11.5%],  $p = 0.003$ ) compared to HIV-uninfected participants. HIV diagnosis at

49 an older age was associated with lung function abnormality ( $p=0.025$ ). No participant tested  
50 positive for *M. tuberculosis*.

## 51 **Conclusions**

52 In children, despite ART, HIV is associated with significant respiratory symptoms and functional  
53 impairment. Understanding pathogenesis is key, as new treatment strategies are urgently required.

## 54 **KEYWORDS**

55 HIV, Sub-Saharan Africa, Lung Function, Chronic lung disease, Antiretroviral therapy (ART)

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57 **INTRODUCTION**

58 Respiratory disease is the most common manifestation of HIV/AIDS among children, accounting  
59 for more than 50% of HIV-associated mortality.[1-4] The use of antiretroviral therapy (ART) and  
60 co-trimoxazole prophylaxis has contributed to a reduction in the rate of acute respiratory tract  
61 infections and mortality among HIV-infected children in both high- and low-resource settings.[5] In  
62 the pre-ART era, 30-40% of HIV-infected children also developed chronic lung disease, most  
63 commonly due to lymphoid interstitial pneumonitis (LIP), but this condition responds well to ART  
64 and is now uncommon in clinical practice, except in children under 5 years old.[6-8]

65 Nevertheless, recent studies in southern Africa have demonstrated that about 30% of African HIV-  
66 infected older children have chronic respiratory symptoms, classically a chronic cough (often  
67 leading to presumptive treatment for tuberculosis (TB)) and reduced exercise tolerance.[3, 4] In  
68 these studies, even participants with pronounced respiratory impairment looked well at rest, not all  
69 had cough, and plain radiological abnormalities were subtle, and not consistent with LIP.[9]  
70 However, these studies did not include HIV-uninfected controls, and included a mix of children  
71 who were ART naïve as well as those taking ART. The aim of this study was to investigate the  
72 burden and features of chronic lung disease among HIV-infected children established on ART and  
73 in an age-matched HIV-uninfected group.

74 **METHODS**

75 The study was carried out between September 2014 and June 2015 at the Harare Children's  
76 Hospital HIV clinic in Harare, Zimbabwe, a public sector clinic that provides HIV care for more  
77 than 4000 children. Children were eligible for the study if they were aged between 6 and 16 years,  
78 had been taking ART for at least 6 months, were not acutely unwell and were not taking TB  
79 treatment. We consecutively recruited up to five eligible participants per day, restricted to this  
80 number due to logistical constraints. A comparison group of HIV-uninfected children in the same

81 age group was also recruited from 7 clinics which provided HIV testing and counselling to all  
82 attendees regardless of the reason for attendance, and which served the same population as that of  
83 Harare Hospital (high population density suburbs, with small dwellings being typical). We enrolled  
84 children who had tested HIV-negative and who were not acutely unwell and who were not receiving  
85 treatment for respiratory infection or tuberculosis. A sample size of 200 HIV-1 infected children  
86 was selected to provide a precision of  $\pm 6\%$  around an estimated 25% prevalence of chronic lung  
87 disease (CLD), defined as any one of: unexplained chronic cough for  $\geq 3$  months; hypoxaemia  
88 ( $\text{SpO}_2 < 90\%$ ) at rest or desaturation on exertion by more than 4% from baseline; abnormal  
89 spirometry without another medical explanation e.g. asthma; chronic dyspnoea (MRC  
90 breathlessness score  $> 1$ )[10].

## 91 **Data collection**

92 A nurse-administered questionnaire was used to collect details of socio-demographic indices,  
93 clinical history and current symptoms. A standardised examination was performed including WHO  
94 staging of HIV infection, measurement of height and weight, spirometry and exercise testing.

95 Spirometry was performed according to ATS standards using EasyOne World spirometers (ndd  
96 Medical Technologies, Inc., Andover, MA, USA).[11] Up to 8 forced exhalations were recorded  
97 while sitting. We analysed only data from individuals who produced three consistent traces which  
98 met ATS quality criteria. The highest  $\text{FEV}_1$  and FVC measurements for each individual were used,  
99 with other indices recorded from the best trace (largest total of  $\text{FEV}_1$  and FVC). Obstruction was  
100 defined as a reduced  $\text{FEV}_1:\text{FVC}$ . For clarity, we use the term "reduced FVC" where FVC was low  
101 with a normal  $\text{FEV}_1:\text{FVC}$ . We avoided the term "restriction" as we were unable to measure lung  
102 volumes. Where any spirometric abnormality was found, participants underwent repeat spirometry  
103 15 minutes after administration of 2.5mg nebulised salbutamol. An improvement in  $\text{FEV}_1$  of  $\geq 12\%$   
104 was considered to represent significant reversibility.

105 An incremental shuttle walk test was performed as a measure of cardiorespiratory fitness. This was  
106 devised for adults,[12] but has been validated for use in children with chronic respiratory  
107 disease.[13] Participants were not tested if, at rest: SpO<sub>2</sub> <88%; heart rate >110; respiratory rate  
108 >30 breaths/min. On flat ground, participants were instructed to walk between two markers placed  
109 10 metres apart. A pre-recorded series of "bleeps" were played, which determined how quickly each  
110 10 metre segment should be completed. The standardised protocol demanded that the participant  
111 walked 30 metres in the first minute, with each subsequent minute escalating the distance by 10  
112 metres (i.e. 40, 50 and 60 metres in the 2nd, 3rd and 4th minutes respectively). The test was  
113 terminated when participants were unable to reach the next marker by the time the beep was issued.  
114 The respiratory rate, heart rate and oxygen saturations were measured before and immediately after  
115 the end of the test. Only the first 82 participants in the HIV-uninfected group underwent SWT due  
116 to limited staffing. Predicted maximal heart rates were calculated by the Tanaka equation:  $208 -$   
117  $0.7 * \text{age}$ . [14]

## 118 **Laboratory investigations**

119 Where possible, all HIV positive participants had sputum samples obtained by spontaneous  
120 expectoration or by induction using nebulised hypertonic saline. Sputum smears were examined by  
121 Ziehl-Neelson stain microscopy and a single mycobacterial culture was performed on Lowenstein-  
122 Jensen media. Sputum from HIV uninfected participants was sought only if the WHO TB symptom  
123 screen was positive.[15] HIV viral load was measured with COBAS Ampliprep/Taqman 48 Version  
124 2.0 and CD4 count was measured using an Alere PIMA™ CD4 machine (HIV-positive participants  
125 only).

## 126 **Data Analysis**

127 Data were extracted from paper forms using optical character recognition software (Cardiff  
128 TELEFORM Intelligent Character, Version 10.7). Data analysis was carried out using Stata v12

129 (StatCorp, TX) and GraphPad Prism v6 (GraphPad, CA). Height-for-age and BMI-for-age z-scores  
130 were calculated using the WHO reference standards.[16] Normal spirometric ranges were defined  
131 using the GLI 2012 equation which determines race and sex specific reference values, taking  
132 account of height and age.[17] The lower limit of normal (LLN) is defined as 1.64 standard  
133 deviations below the mean expected value (which describes the lowest 10 centiles as "abnormal").  
134 Shuttle walk and CD4 results were treated as parametric data, with Student t test used to compare  
135 means between HIV-infected and non-infected groups. Other continuous variables were non-  
136 parametric: central tendency was reported by the median and interquartile range (IQR), using the  
137 Mann-Whitney U test for equivalence testing between groups. Frequencies of categorical data -  
138 symptoms, past medical complaints and rates of abnormal spirometry and growth indices - were  
139 compared between HIV-infected and non-infected by chi squared test. Results were considered  
140 statistically significant at  $p < 0.05$ . The association of abnormal lung function with a priori defined  
141 clinical data were investigated using univariable logistic regression, and reporting Odds ratios with  
142 a Wald 95% confidence interval. Stepwise backward multivariate logistic regression was then used;  
143 this incorporated age and sex, and those variables with individual  $p < 0.1$  on univariate testing.  
144 Ethical approval was granted by the Medical Research Council of Zimbabwe, the Harare Hospital  
145 Ethics Committee, the Biomedical Research and Training Institute Institutional Review Board and  
146 the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine Ethics Committee. All guardians gave  
147 written consent and participants gave assent to participate in the study.

## 148 **RESULTS**

### 149 **Participant characteristics**

150 A total of 202 HIV-infected participants were recruited: median age 11.1 years (IQR 9.0 – 12.9),  
151 and 55% male. Summary statistics are given in Table 1, and a flow diagram of participation and  
152 testing is given in Figure 1. Of the 150 HIV-uninfected participants recruited as a comparison  
153 group, 42% were male and the median age was 11.0 (IQR 9.0-13.9). All but one HIV-infected  
154 participants were vertically-infected and the median age at HIV diagnosis was 5.5 (IQR 2.8 – 7.5)

155 years. The median duration of ART was 4.7 (IQR 2.6 – 6.4) years, with 161 (80%) taking non-  
156 nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor-based (first-line) ART and the remainder taking a protease  
157 inhibitor based regimen (

158 Table 3). The median CD4 count at HIV diagnosis (available for 105 participants) was 353 (IQR  
159 134 – 696) cells/ $\mu$ l and the CD4 count at enrolment was 726 (IQR 476 – 941) cells/ $\mu$ l. The majority  
160 of participants (79%) had an HIV viral load <400copies/ml (Table 1), and 194 (96%) were taking  
161 co-trimoxazole.

162 None of the HIV-uninfected participants screened positive using the WHO TB symptom screen.  
163 Within the HIV infected group, 153 participants produced samples for mycobacterial culture, 35  
164 could not despite sputum induction, and 16 were too ill or did not return for the procedure. None  
165 grew *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, but 3 grew non-tuberculous mycobacteria (not speciated).

166 A significantly higher proportion of HIV-infected participants were stunted than HIV-uninfected  
167 participants (35.8% vs. 7.3%,  $p < 0.001$ ), but prevalence of wasting was similar in the two groups  
168 (Table 1). Seventy-six HIV-infected children had been previously treated for tuberculosis,  
169 compared with one from the HIV-uninfected group.

170 The proportion treated for asthma was similar in both groups. Chronic respiratory symptoms  
171 (breathlessness, cough or wheeze) were reported by 25.3% of HIV-infected children but only by  
172 one (0.7%) HIV-uninfected child. Wheeze was infrequently reported in either group (Table 1).

173 Incremental Shuttle Walk Test (ISWT) could not be performed in 15 HIV infected participants due  
174 to resting hypoxaemia (n=2), resting dyspnoea (n=9), or loss to follow-up (n=4). One HIV-  
175 uninfected participant had tachypnoea at rest. The distance attained during ISWT was significantly  
176 reduced in the HIV-infected group (mean 771m [SD 216] compared with 889m [SD 227] in the  
177 HIV-uninfected group,  $p < 0.001$ ). Shortly after completion of the test, mean heart rate was not  
178 significantly difference at 62% (SD 12.0) and 67% (SD 10.5) of their predicted maximal heart rates  
179 for the HIV infected and non-infected groups respectively.

180 One hundred and seventy-seven (88%) HIV-infected and 130 (87%) HIV-uninfected participants  
181 had high-quality spirometry traces. Quality grading according to ATS standards did not differ  
182 between groups either before or after reversibility testing. Of those high quality (interpretable)  
183 traces, a quarter of all HIV-infected participants had abnormal lung function on spirometry. This  
184 was significant higher than among HIV-uninfected participants (24.3% vs 11.5%,  $p=0.01$ ). This  
185 was reflected in lower FEV<sub>1</sub>, FVC and FEF<sub>25-75</sub> indices in the HIV-infected group ( $p<0.05$ )  
186 (Figure 2). There was no significant difference in the FEV<sub>1</sub>:FVC ratio ( $p=0.08$ ) between the two  
187 groups, although those with a history of lung infection had a lower FEV<sub>1</sub>:FVC than those without  
188 ( $p=0.03$ ). For those with spirometric abnormality, post bronchodilator reversibility traces were  
189 complete and adequate in 31 HIV-infected and 6 HIV-uninfected participants, demonstrating  
190 reversibility in 11 (35.4%) and 2 (33.33%) respectively.

191 Predictors of abnormal lung function are summarised in Table 4. When subdivided into restrictive  
192 and obstructive types, numerators were insufficient to draw robust conclusions: data are therefore  
193 presented as “normal” or “abnormal”. The presence of any respiratory symptom, except wheeze,  
194 was significantly associated with abnormal lung function. Older age at HIV diagnosis was  
195 positively associated with abnormal lung function ( $p=0.025$ ), as was wasting (OR 8.1, 95% CI 2.3-  
196 31.7). After fitting a multivariate model, wasting was the only independent predictor: OR 4.7 (95%  
197 CI 1.2 – 18.6).

198 We investigated the potential for prior respiratory infection to impact on lung function by stratified  
199 analysis (Figure 2 and Supplemental Table S1). Among those with previous infection (any of: TB;  
200 PCP; NTM by sputum culture; hospitalisation for chest infection), those with later presentation and  
201 ART initiation were more likely to have abnormal lung function ( $p<0.05$ ). Dyspnoea, tachypnoea,  
202 oxygen desaturation and wasting were also disproportionately apparent ( $p<0.05$  for each). However,

203 among those without previous infection, cough and sputum production were more commonly seen  
204 in those with abnormal spirometry ( $p < 0.05$ )

## 205 **DISCUSSION**

206 A quarter of HIV infected children experienced chronic respiratory symptoms, despite being treated  
207 with ART and with good virological control in the majority. In contrast, only one HIV-uninfected  
208 participant reported respiratory symptoms. More than one third of the HIV-infected children in our  
209 study had been previously treated for TB, although we were unable to determine how the diagnosis  
210 of TB had been made due to a lack of robust records. As noted in other cohorts, where background  
211 TB rates are high, over-treatment is likely in those with chronic respiratory symptoms due to a lack  
212 of diagnostic and alternative therapeutic strategies for chronic respiratory symptoms.[18, 19]

213 Notably, no TB was found in our study on microbiological investigation.

214 We found much higher rates of abnormal lung function among HIV-infected compared to HIV-  
215 uninfected children. Development of airways disease in early life has been described in the context  
216 of HIV infection: airway resistance measurements indicate that abnormalities of airway calibre are  
217 established in those as young as one year old.[20] However, in resource limited settings, no  
218 longitudinal studies have been conducted to define how such abnormalities change over time, or  
219 how they respond to ART. Interestingly, in our current study, obstructive lung disease was less  
220 common than in a study conducted in Malawi (4% vs 26%).[21] In the Malawi study, however,  
221 31% of individuals were ART-naïve or had been taking ART for a relatively shorter duration  
222 (median 20 months).[2]

223 In the pre-ART era, the most common cause of CLD was lymphocytic interstitial pneumonitis (LIP)  
224 found in 30-40% of HIV-infected children.[7, 22] LIP responds well to ART and the prevalence has  
225 significantly declined with increased availability of ART.[23] We found low rates of wheeze and  
226 bronchodilator response which would suggest that the chronic respiratory symptoms are not likely

227 to be due to asthma. Similarly, although household air pollution is detrimental to lung function and  
228 can cause these symptoms, rates of biomass as the main fuel for cooking or lighting are lower in our  
229 cohort (less than 1 in 5) than other reported peri-urban series in sub-Saharan Africa, due to access to  
230 mains electricity.[24]

231 In the ART era, multiple aetiological factors may contribute to lung disease, including long-term  
232 sequelae of repeated bacterial and viral respiratory tract infections and possibly HIV-induced  
233 chronic inflammation and immune senescence caused by dysregulated immune activation.[25, 26]  
234 Such processes account for the high prevalence of bronchiectasis in this population, and may also  
235 contribute to obliterative bronchiolitis (OB).[18, 22] The latter has been described in a previous  
236 study from Zimbabwe. It seems to represent, as in non-HIV related OB, a final common pathway of  
237 lung injury typified radiologically by air trapping and mosaic attenuation of the lung  
238 parenchyma.[2, 9] The features on plain chest radiography are subtle and non-specific, and high  
239 resolution CT is the definitive imaging modality. The lack of HRCT facilities may explain why OB  
240 is not recognised in Africa, despite the high prevalence of chronic respiratory symptoms.[27-30]  
241 Clinically, OB usually presents as an obstructive lung disease with minimal response to inhaled beta  
242 agonists. However, the pattern of spirometry abnormalities observed in our study was mainly  
243 restrictive. This might be explained by chronic immune activation causing scarring and fibrosis,  
244 resulting in a restrictive lung function abnormality.[31-33] We found a reduced FEV<sub>1</sub>/FVC ratio - a  
245 more obstructive pattern - in those with a previous history of infection. This would be consistent  
246 with unrecognised OB which has been treated as TB or other infection. However, TB in adults is  
247 itself known to leave evidence of airway obstruction, even in those cured of disease.

248 . our finding that later diagnosis is associated with abnormal spirometry suggests that early  
249 diagnosis and treatment of HIV may prevent development or progression of chronic lung disease.  
250 Established disease appears to persist despite otherwise effective ART. This was apparent children

251 with a history of infection, where later initiation of ART, and signs of reduced gas-exchange  
252 capacity (oxygen desaturation and tachypnoea) predicted lung function abnormality. Wasting, also a  
253 predictor of lung function abnormality, could represent by association many risk factors for lung  
254 disease, including nutrition and chronic inflammatory disease.

255 In our cohort, there was no significant correlation between lung function abnormality and SWT  
256 distance. The Incremental Shuttle Walk Test (ISWT) is a valid and reproducible predictor of  
257 aerobic exercise capacity (VO<sub>2</sub> peak). As a maximal test, it is less variable than self-paced protocols  
258 such as the six-minute walk test.[13] VO<sub>2</sub> peak is determined by both respiratory and cardiovascular  
259 fitness. It is possible that the reduced exercise capacity in HIV infected children might be partly due  
260 to cardiac disease. Previously noted echocardiographic abnormalities in Zimbabwean children  
261 include LV hypertrophy and diastolic dysfunction, seen in 74/110 (67%) and 27/110 (24%)  
262 respectively.[34] We are further investigating this possibility using echocardiography in our cohort.

263 The strengths of this study was that it was prospectively conducted, recruitment was unselective  
264 (i.e. not based on presence of respiratory symptoms) and from a general HIV clinic. It included an  
265 HIV-uninfected comparison group recruited from the same geographical area. Study limitations  
266 include self-report of illness which may result in recall bias. Spirometry was not available for all  
267 participants due to exclusion of poor quality traces and ISWT was not universally performed in  
268 HIV-uninfected participants due to staff shortages. Furthermore, we were unable to measure lung  
269 volumes. Our HIV-uninfected group were not matched by sex, resulting in females being slightly  
270 more frequently represented compared to in the HIV-infected group. However, this should not  
271 affect interpretation for spirometry data as lung function indices use sex-specific normal ranges. For  
272 exercise capacity, male children tend to outperform females, but sub-analysis of our data stratified  
273 by sex revealed no difference in findings (data not shown).[35]

274 Our study demonstrates that there is a large burden of chronic respiratory morbidity among HIV-  
275 infected children established on ART. Despite efforts to eliminate mother to child transmission,  
276 300,000 infants were newly infected with HIV in 2011, and a record number (630,000) were  
277 receiving ART in low income countries.[36, 37] Thus, HIV will continue to place a heavy burden  
278 on paediatric clinical services in sub-Saharan Africa, where 90% of the world's HIV-infected  
279 children live.[38] Delay in diagnosis of HIV infection and initiation of ART may increase the risk  
280 of developing chronic lung disease. The WHO until 2015 had recommended that children aged over  
281 five years should be treated with ART once CD4 count drops to 500cells/ $\mu$ l or Stage 3 or 4 disease.  
282 The recent START and TEMPRANO trials in adults demonstrated that treating HIV infection  
283 irrespective of immunological status reduces the risk of AIDS and non-AIDS events.[39, 40] In  
284 children, earlier HIV recognition, may reduce the risk of developing chronic lung disease by  
285 preventing recurrent respiratory tract infection and by reducing chronic pulmonary inflammation.  
286 Adoption of universal treatment of all HIV-infected individuals regardless of disease stage may  
287 therefore be advantageous, and some additional benefit might be expected from co-trimoxazole  
288 prophylaxis by lowering the rates of lower respiratory tract infection. However, once established,  
289 chronic lung disease appears to persist despite ART. Hitherto the main focus of HIV programs has  
290 been on meeting the need for massive scale-up of paediatric antiretroviral therapy (ART) and on  
291 improving infant survival. There is now a pressing need to address the long term complications of  
292 HIV infection among the increasing numbers of children growing up with HIV, and novel  
293 diagnostic and therapeutic strategies for chronic lung disease are urgently required.

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301 The authors confirm that they have no competing interests.

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412 **Table 1: Summary characteristics of study participants by HIV status**

|  | <b>HIV uninfected<br/>(n=150)</b> | <b>HIV infected<br/>(n=202)</b> | <b>p-value</b> |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Age, median years (IQR)                        | 11.1 (9.0 – 12.8)                 | 11.1 (9.0 – 12.9)               | 0.77           |
| Sex, female, n (%)                             | 63 (42.0)                         | 111 (55.0)                      | 0.018          |
| Orphan, n (%)                                  | 20 (13.5)                         | 102 (51.0)                      | < 0.001        |
| Mother known to be HIV infected                | 13 (8.7)                          | 202 (100)                       | < 0.001        |
| Active smoker, n (%)                           | 0 (0)                             | 0 (0)                           | -              |
| Passive smoke exposure at home, n (%)          | 27 (18.0)                         | 42 (20.9)                       | 0.18           |
| Any respiratory complaint*, n (%)              | 1 (0.7)                           | 51 (25.3)                       | < 0.001        |
| Dyspnoea (MRC grade>1), n (%)                  | 0 (0)                             | 30 (14.9)                       | < 0.001        |
| Daily cough for >1 month, n (%)                | 1 (0.7)                           | 30 (14.9)                       | < 0.001        |
| Sputum production, n (%)                       | 1 (0.7)                           | 20 (10.0)                       | < 0.001        |
| Wheeze, n (%)                                  | 0 (0)                             | 9 (4.5)                         | 0.007          |
| Resting tachypnoea: rate >25, n (%)            | 9 (6.0)                           | 28 (14.1)                       | 0.016          |
| Hospital admission for RTI in last year, n (%) | 3 (2.0)                           | 4 (2.0)                         | 0.96           |
| Antibiotics for RTI in last year, n (%)        | 3 (2.0)                           | 45 (22.3)                       | < 0.001        |
| <b>Previously diagnosed or treated</b>         |                                   |                                 |                |
| Asthma, n (%)                                  | 3 (2.0)                           | 7 (3.5)                         | 0.37           |
| PCP, n (%)                                     | 0 (0)                             | 6 (3.0)                         | 0.029          |
| Tuberculosis ever, n (%)                       | 1 (0.7)                           | 76 (37.8)                       | < 0.001        |
| Tuberculosis more than once, n (%)             | 0 (0)                             | 5 (2.5)                         | 0.10           |
| Stunted (HFA z score <2), n (%)                | 12 (7.9)                          | 72 (35.8)                       | < 0.001        |
| Wasting (BFA z score <2), n (%)                | 10 (6.7)                          | 18 (9.0)                        | 0.42           |
| <b>Incremental Shuttle Walk Test (ISWT)</b>    |                                   |                                 |                |
| Desaturates during test, n (%)                 | 5 (6.1)                           | 22 (11.1)                       | 0.16           |
| ISWT distance, metres mean (SD)                | 889 (227)                         | 771 (216)                       | < 0.001        |
| <b>Spirometry interpretation</b>               |                                   |                                 |                |
| Normal, n (%)                                  | 115 (88.5)                        | 134 (75.7)                      | 0.003          |
| Obstruction, n (%)                             | 1 (0.8)                           | 7 (4.0)                         | 0.052          |
| Reduced FVC, n (%)                             | 14 (10.8)                         | 36 (20.3)                       | 0.012          |
| <b>Bronchodilator response</b>                 |                                   |                                 |                |
|  | <b>(n=6)</b>                      | <b>(n=31)</b>                   |                |

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| Reversibility demonstrated, n (%) | 2 (33.3) | 11 (35.5) | 0.92 |
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413 \* wheeze, chronic cough or dyspnoea; IQR interquartile range; SD standard deviation; HFA height  
414 for age; BFA body mass for age; RTI respiratory tract infection; missing data on n=2.  
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416 **Table 2 HIV-specific summary characteristics**

|                                     | <b>HIV infected (n=202)</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Age at diagnosis, median (IQR)      | 5.5 (2.8 – 7.5)             |
| Age at ART initiation, median (IQR) | 6.1 (3.6 – 8.4)             |
| Mode of HIV transmission, n (%)     |                             |
| Mother to child                     | 201 (99.5)                  |
| Sexual                              | 1 (0.5)                     |
| Reason for HIV testing              |                             |
| Chronic cough                       | 113 (55.9)                  |
| Hospital admission                  | 41 (20.3)                   |
| Repeated illness                    | 32 (15.8)                   |
| Other ‡                             | 16 (7.9)                    |
| CD4 at diagnosis, median (IQR) †    | 353 (134 – 696)             |
| CD4, median (IQR) at recruitment    | 726 (476 – 941)             |
| HIV VL <400 copies/ml, n (%)        | 155 (78.7)                  |

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418 † Data available for 105 participants from health records; ‡ Other reasons were: testing in elective  
419 male circumcision (n=6); spontaneous healthcare worker initiated (n=2); TB diagnosed (n=1);  
420 sexual debut prompted testing (n=1); don't recall (n=6).

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422 **Table 3 HIV treatment regimes**

|          | NNRTI based |            | PI based      |              |
|----------|-------------|------------|---------------|--------------|
|          | <i>NVP</i>  | <i>EFV</i> | <i>ATAZ/r</i> | <i>LPV/r</i> |
| AZT/3TC* | 72          | 23         | 7             | 2            |
| TDF/3TC  | 32          | 32         | 25            | -            |
| ABC/3TC  | -           | 1          | 2             | -            |
| ABC/DDI  | -           | 1          | 2             | 1            |
| Total †  | 161         |            | 39            |              |

423 AZT = zidovudine; 3TC = stavudine; TDF = tenofovir; ABC = abacavir; DDI = didanosine; NVP =  
 424 nevirapine; EFV = efavirenz; ATAZ/r = ritonavir boosted atazanavir; LPV/r = ritonavir boosted  
 425 lopinavir.

426 \*1 individual unknown NNRTI or PI. 1 individual DDI/ATAZ/r with 2<sup>nd</sup> NRTI unrecorded

**Table 4: Association of factors with abnormal lung function in HIV-infected children**

|  | <b>Normal<br/>n=134</b> | <b>Abnormal<br/>n=43</b> | <b>OR (95% CI)</b>  |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Age at diagnosis†, n (IQR)                           | 4.6 (2.7 – 6.7)         | 5.8 (3.8 – 8.8)          | 1.15 (1.02 – 1.29)* |
| Age at ART initiation†, n (IQR)                      | 5.8 (3.5 – 8.3)         | 6.3 (4.3 – 8.8)          | 1.05 (0.95 – 1.17)  |
| Years on ART, n (IQR)                                | 4.6 (2.3 – 6.4)         | 5.1 (3.4 – 6.4)          | 1.08 (0.95 – 1.23)  |
| Any symptom, n (%)                                   | 25 (18.7)               | 20 (46.5)                | 3.8 (1.7 – 8.5)*    |
| Dyspnoea, n (%)                                      | 13 (9.7)                | 14 (32.6)                | 4.5 (1.7 – 11.5)*   |
| Daily cough, n (%)                                   | 12 (9.0)                | 13 (30.2)                | 4.4 (1.7 – 11.7)*   |
| Sputum production, n (%)                             | 7 (5.2)                 | 9 (20.9)                 | 4.8 (1.5 – 16.2)*   |
| Wheeze, n (%)  | 6 (4.5)                 | 3 (7.0)                  | 1.6 (0.2 – 7.9)     |
| Passive smoker                                       | 33 (24.6)               | 9 (20.9)                 | 0.8 (0.3 – 2.0)     |
| Biomass fuel used for cooking                        | 21 (15.7)               | 8 (18.6)                 | 1.2 (0.4 – 3.2)     |
| Biomass fuel or candles used for lighting            | 18 (13.4)               | 6 (14.0)                 | 1.0 (0.3 – 3.0)     |
| Previous TB treatment, n (%)                         | 49 (36.6)               | 18 (41.9)                | 1.2 (0.6 – 2.7)     |
| Stunting (HFA<-2), n (%)                             | 45 (33.6)               | 19 (44.2)                | 1.6 (0.7 – 3.3)     |
| Wasting (BFA <-2), n (%)                             | 5 (3.7)                 | 10 (3.8)                 | 8.1 (2.3 – 31.7)*   |
| Abnormal SpO <sub>2</sub> at rest or exercise, n (%) | 11 (8.5)                | 9 (23.1)                 | 3.2 (1.1 – 9.4)*    |
| Resting tachypnoea (rate >25), n (%)                 | 16 (12.1)               | 8 (19.1)                 | 1.7 (0.6 – 4.7)     |
| Viral load suppressed <400 copies/ml <sup>a</sup>    | 105 (80.2)              | 32 (78.1)                | 0.9 (0.4 – 2.4)     |
| ISWT distance, metres (SD) <sup>b</sup>              | 765 (212)               | 771 (241)                | 1.00 (1.00 – 1.00)  |
| CD4 at recruitment <sup>c</sup>                      | 774 (342)               | 688 (344)                | 1.00 (1.00 – 1.00)  |

428 \* Significant at p<0.05

429 <sup>a</sup> n=131 and n=41 respectively; <sup>b</sup> n=131 and n=38 respectively; <sup>c</sup> n=134 and n=42 respectively

430 **Figure 1 Flowchart of participant recruitment and testing**

431 Diagram showing recruitment of HIV-infected participants.

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433 n=4 did not attend for follow-up appointment, and therefore did not undergo SWT

434 NTM: non-tuberculous mycobacteria

435 **Figure 2 Spirometric abnormalities in HIV infected and uninfected participants**

436 Dot plots of all participants with spirometry results, presented as z-scores compared with GLI 2012  
437 reference ranges. Bars illustrate the mean and standard deviations of each group. Dotted horizontal  
438 bars show the limits of normality. P values derive from t-tests. HIV infected individuals are further  
439 shown by stratification by “Prior lung infection”. This is a compound definition, including  
440 individuals with any of: TB; PCP; NTM by sputum culture; hospitalisation for chest infection.

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## 455 Supplementary Table S1

456 Stratified analysis of the associations of pre-selected clinical and physiological characteristics with abnormal lung function.

|  | No prior infection (n=105) |                  |                     | Prior infection (n=72) |                  |                     |
|--|----------------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
|  | Normal<br>n=82             | Abnormal<br>n=23 | OR (95% CI)         | Normal<br>n=52         | Abnormal<br>n=20 | OR (95% CI)         |
| Age at diagnosis†, n (IQR)                           | 4.6 (2.2 – 6.7)            | 4.4 (3.7 – 7.5)  | 1.05 (0.90 – 1.23)  | 4.6 (3.3 – 6.7)        | 7.9 (5.0 – 9.0)  | 1.30 (1.07 – 1.59)* |
| Age at ART initiation†, n (IQR)                      | 6.1 (3.2 – 8.4)            | 5.4 (3.7 – 7.9)  | 0.96 (0.83 – 1.10)  | 5.3 (3.6 – 8.3)        | 8.0 (5.7 – 9.9)  | 1.19 (1.00 – 1.41)* |
| Years on ART, n (IQR)                                | 4.3 (2.1 – 6.4)            | 5.4 (3.7 – 6.7)  | 1.05 (1.00 – 1.42)* | 4.6 (3.0 – 6.5)        | 4.5 (2.7 – 6.4)  | 0.94 (0.76 – 1.15)  |
| Any symptom, n (%)                                   | 14 (17)                    | 7 (30)           | 2.1 (0.7 – 6.1)     | 11 (21)                | 13 (65)          | 6.9 (2.2 – 21.5)*   |
| Dyspnoea, n (%)                                      | 9 (11)                     | 5 (22)           | 2.3 (0.7 – 7.5)     | 4 (8)                  | 9 (45)           | 9.8 (2.6 – 37.8)*   |
| Daily cough, n (%)                                   | 4 (5)                      | 6 (26)           | 6.9 (1.7 – 27.1)*   | 8 (15)                 | 7 (35)           | 3.0 (0.9 – 9.7)     |
| Sputum production, n (%)                             | 2 (2)                      | 4 (17)           | 8.4 (1.4 – 49.3)*   | 5 (10)                 | 5 (25)           | 3.1 (0.8 – 12.3)    |
| Wheeze, n (%)  | 4 (5)                      | 1 (4)            | 0.9 (0.1 – 8.3)     | 2 (4)                  | 2 (10)           | 2.8 (.04 – 21.2)    |
| Passive smoker, n (%)                                | 22 (27)                    | 6 (26)           | 1.0 (0.3 – 2.8)     | 11 (21)                | 3 (15)           | 0.7 (0.2 – 2.6)     |
| Biomass fuel used for cooking, n (%)                 | 12 (15)                    | 5 (22)           | 1.6 (0.5 – 5.2)     | 9 (17)                 | 3 (15)           | 0.8 (0.2 – 3.5)     |
| Biomass fuel or candles used for lighting, n (%)     | 11 (13)                    | 3 (13)           | 1.0 (0.2 – 3.9)     | 7 (13)                 | 3 (15)           | 1.1 (0.3 – 4.9)     |
| Stunting (HFA<-2), n (%)                             | 22 (27)                    | 7 (30)           | 1.2 (0.4 – 3.3)     | 23 (44)                | 12 (60)          | 1.9 (0.7 – 5.4)     |
| Wasting (BFA <-2), n (%)                             | 3 (4)                      | 3 (13)           | 4.0 (0.7 – 21.2)    | 2 (4)                  | 7 (37)           | 14.6 (2.7 – 79.3)*  |
| Abnormal SpO <sub>2</sub> at rest or exercise, n (%) | 7 (9)                      | 4 (19)           | 2.5 (0.6 – 9.3)     | 4 (8)                  | 5 (28)           | 4.4 (1.0 – 18.9)*   |
| Resting tachypnoea (rate >25), n (%)                 | 13 (16)                    | 3 (14)           | 0.8 (0.2 – 3.2)     | 3 (6)                  | 5 (25)           | 5.3 (1.1 – 25.0)*   |

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|---|-----------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|
| Viral load suppressed <400 copies/ml <sup>a</sup>     | 60 (75)   | 18 (86)   | 2.0 (0.5 – 7.5)    | 45 (88)   | 14 (70)   | 0.3 (0.1 – 1.1)    |
| ISWT distance, metres (SD) <sup>b</sup>               | 803 (223) | 804 (254) | 1.00 (1.00 – 1.00) | 704 (180) | 730 (223) | 1.00 (1.00 – 1.00) |
| CD4 at recruitment <sup>c</sup> , cells/ $\mu$ l (SD) | 761 (343) | 658 (259) | 1.00 (1.00 – 1.00) | 794 (342) | 721 (423) | 1.00 (1.00 – 1.00) |

457 “Prior infection” uses a compound definition of any of the following: previous TB treatment; previous PCP treatment; admitted to hospital with

458 infection in the preceding 12 months; mycobacteria isolated in sputum culture

459 a: No prior infection - normal n=80, abnormal n=21; Prior infection - normal n=51, abnormal n=20

460 b: No prior infection - normal n=80, abnormal n=21; Prior infection - normal n=51, abnormal n=17

461 c: No prior infection - normal n=82, abnormal n=22; Prior infection - normal n=52, abnormal n=20

462 \* significant at p<0.05

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