**Table 1. Clinical status of the enrolled subjects**

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| Characteristics | SP  (n=30) | HESN  (n=30) | HC  (n=30) |
| Age, mean yrs. ± SD | 41.4±8.8 | 40.7±9.1 | 42.9±9.3 |
| Males, n (%) | 16 (53.3) | 14 (46.7) | 25 (50) |
| Viral load, median copies/mL (range) | 10,250  (<50–750000) | ... |  |
| CD4+ T cell/µL count, median (range) | 394  (71–927) | ... |  |
| Monthly unprotected sexual episodes, mean (range) | 3 (1.5 – 10) | |  |
| Previous history of sexually transmitted diseases and/or AIDS-defining illnesses (%) | 4 | ... |  |
| Heterosexual orientation (%) | 100 | 100 |  |
| HCV infection (%) | 3.33 | ... |  |
| HBV infection (%) | ... | ... |  |
| Ethnicity – Ancestry, % | European (Tuscan) ascendency: 100 | European (Tuscan) ascendency: 100 | European (Tuscan) ascendency: 100 |

SP: Seropositives, HESN: HIV-1 exposed seronegative; SD: Standard deviation; yrs: Years