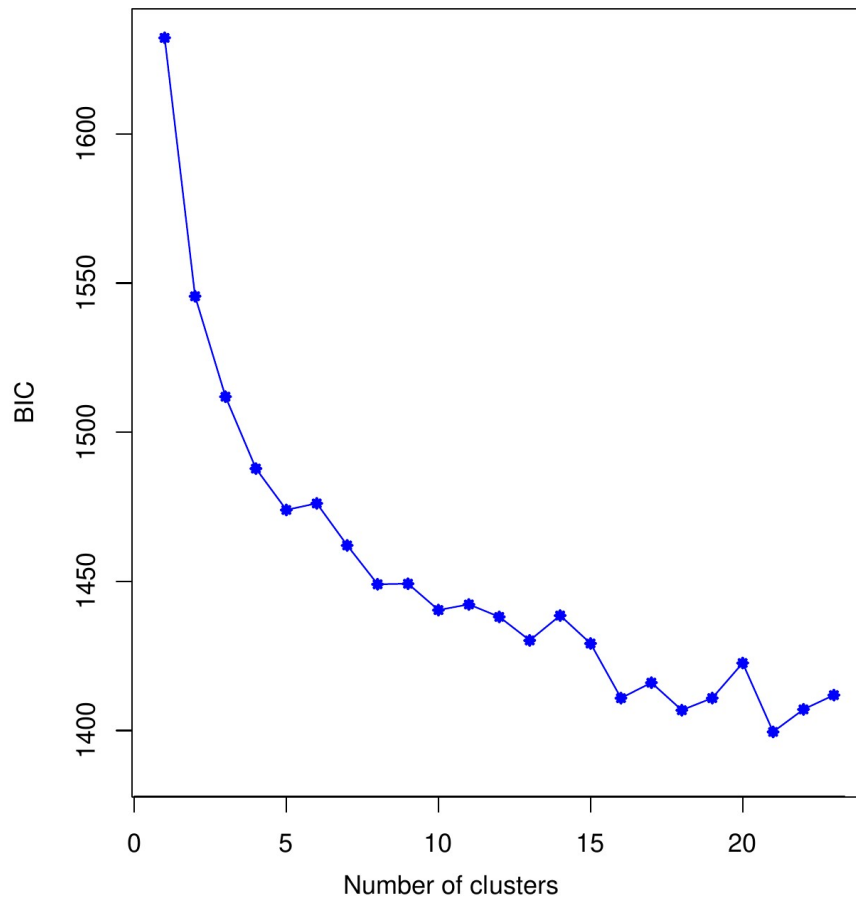
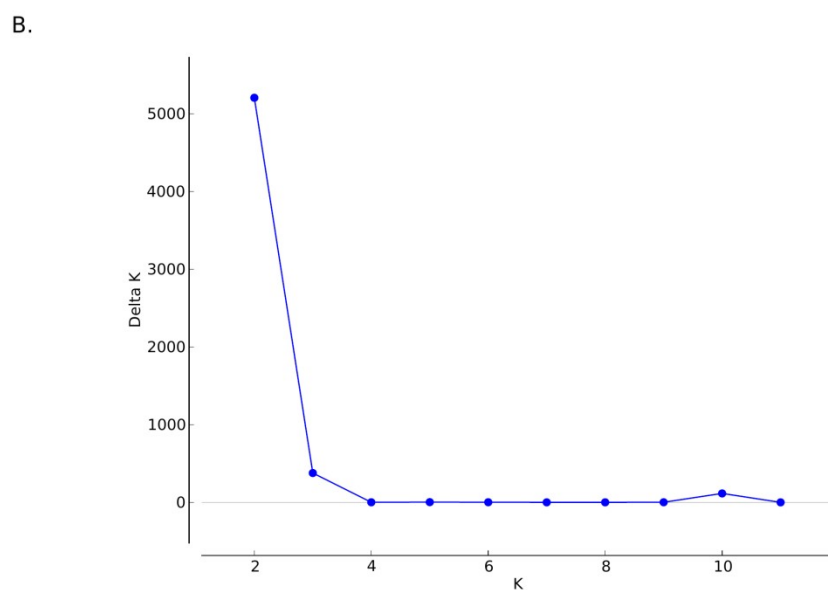
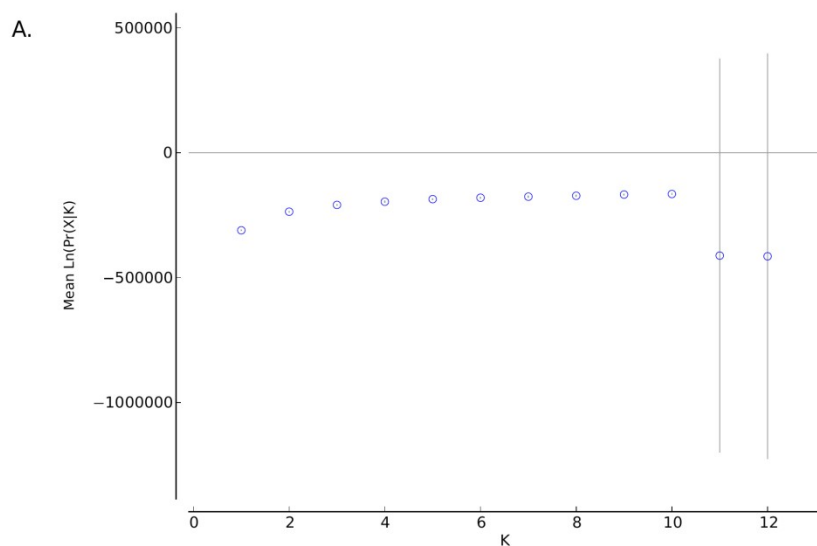


## Supplementary Material

**Figure S1. DAPC cluster selection.** Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC) values versus number of clusters.

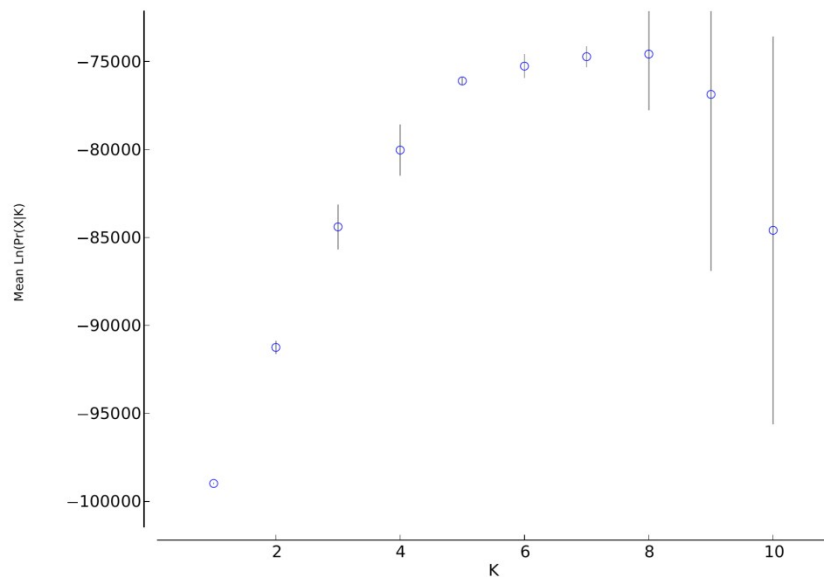


**Figure S2. Population structure of LASV in West Africa.** Analysis of optimal K for STRUCTURE analysis. **A.** Mean and variance of  $\ln(\Pr(X|K))$  for K values from 1 to 12. **B.**  $\Delta K$  for values of K from 2 to 11.  $\Delta K$  is calculated as  $\Delta K = \text{mean}(|L''(K)|) / \text{sd}(L(K))$ . Plots were generated with STRUCTURE HARVESTER [1].

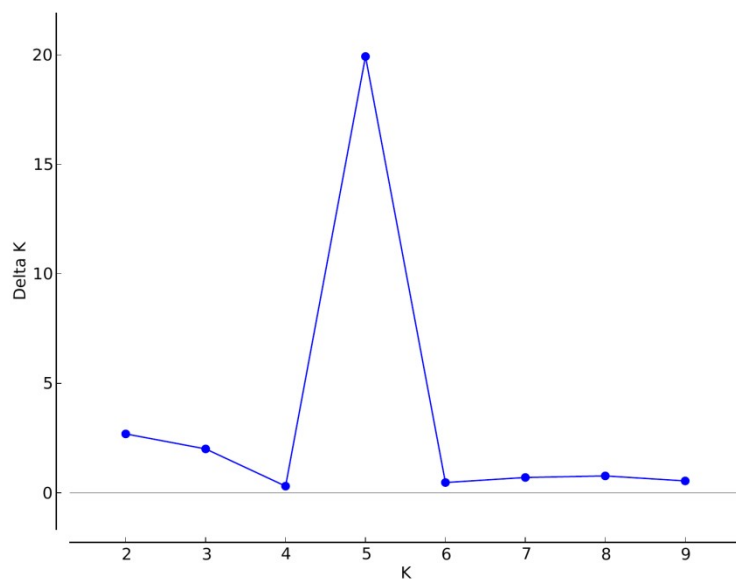


**Figure S3. Population structure of lineage IIg.** Analysis of optimal K for STRUCTURE analysis. **A.** Mean and variance of  $\ln(\Pr(X|K))$  for K values from 1 to 10. **B.**  $\Delta K$  for values of K from 2 to 9.  $\Delta K$  is calculated as  $\Delta K = \text{mean}(|L''(K)|) / \text{sd}(L(K))$ . STRUCTURE HARVESTER [1].

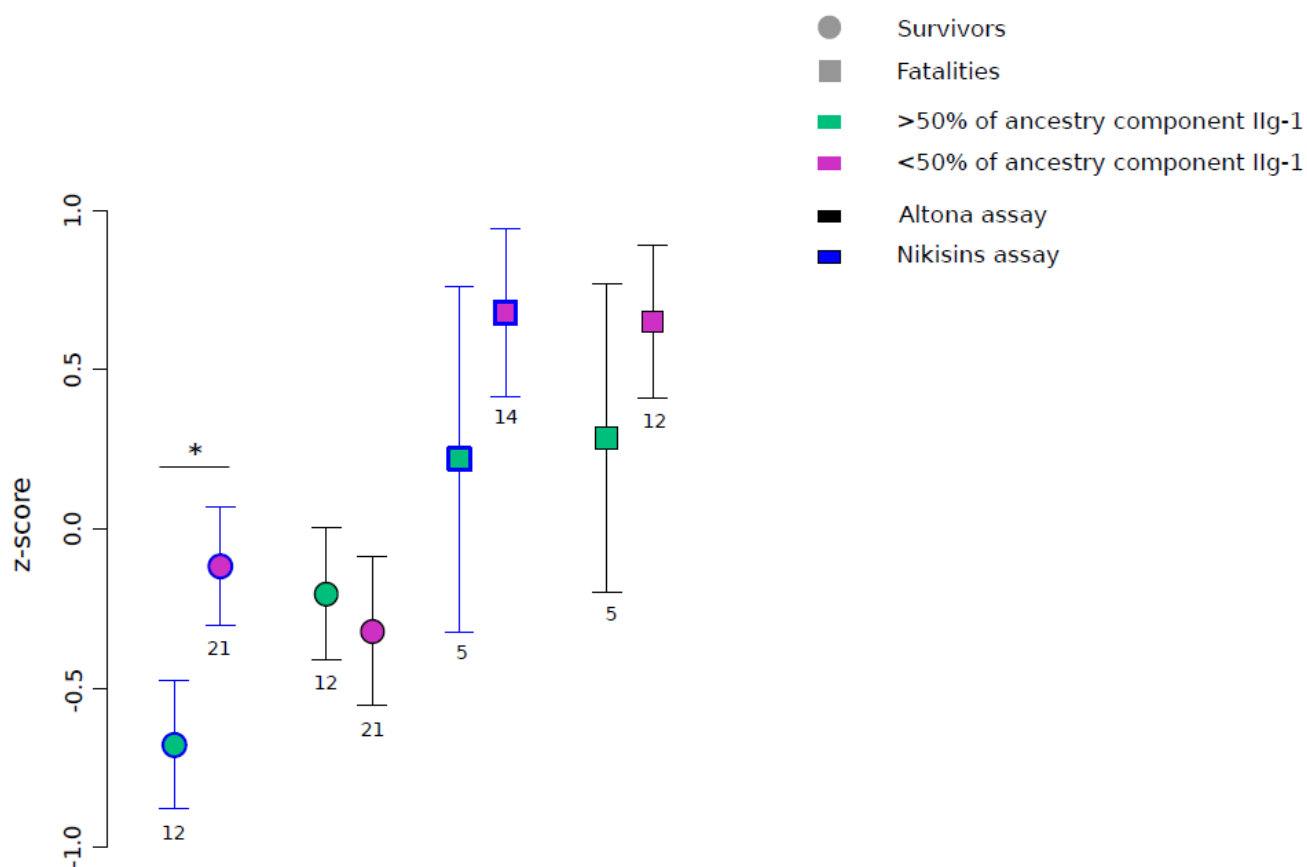
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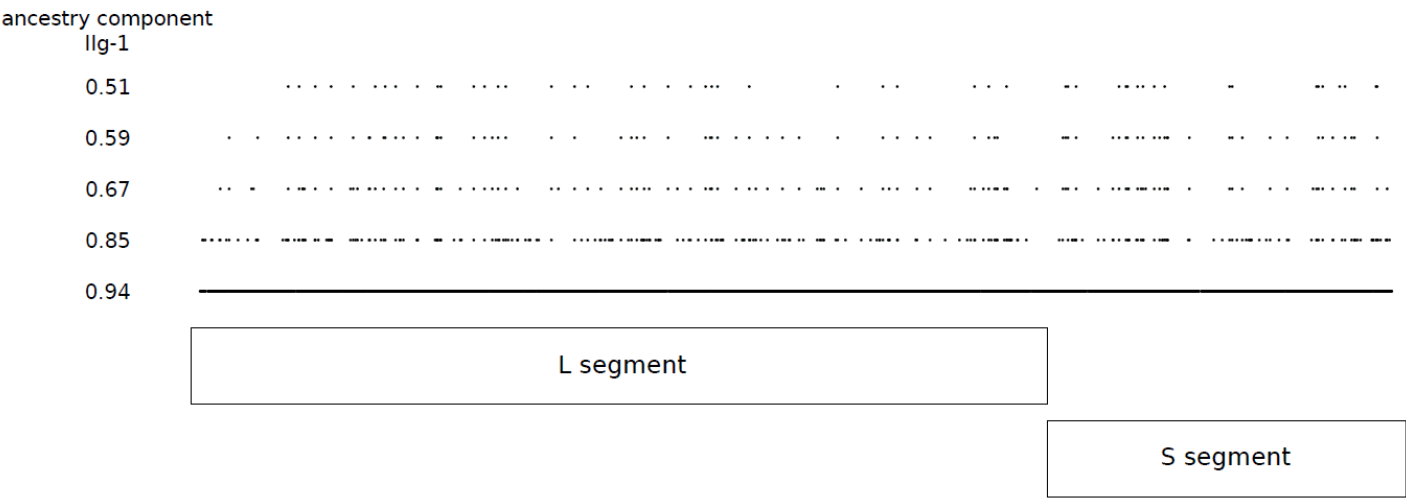
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**Figure S4. Plasma viral loads in clade IIg strains.** Comparisons of plasma viral loads (z-scores) for patients infected with viruses having more or less than 50% of ancestry from component IIg-1. Values are reported as mean and standard error. The asterisk denotes a significant difference (t-test, two-tailed,  $p = 0.05$ ).



**Figure S5. Variant distribution of IIg-1 component.** Site by site probability for a few representative II-g strains having at least 50% of ancestry component IIg-1. Each line represents a genome and each dot represents a SNP with a probability >0.90 to derive from the component IIg-1. A schematic representation of a LASV genome is also shown.



**Table S3.** Recombination events detected with RDP4.

Event	Begin	End	Recombinant	Minor Parental	Major Parental	Notes	Detection Methods (p values)			
							RDP	GENECONV	Max chi	Chimæra
1	8214	12232	LM774-SLE-2012	LM778-SLE-2012	LM776-SLE-2012	Already described [2]	4.18E-19	6.58E-18	1.65E-09	4.15E-10
2	8509	12165	G2363-SLE-2012*	G1529-SLE-2011	Unknown		1.16E-18	NS	1.16E-08	1.09E-06
3	8582	12150	LM779-SLE-2012	G692-SLE-2009	G502-SLE-2009		1.31E-15	NS	1.04E-08	2.16E-10
4	7838	12165	807978-LBR-1981*	LF17019	Unknown	Already described [3]	1.05E-14	NS	1.28E-04	7.80E-05
5	8300	11649	LASV/NGA/2018/IRR_091	LASV/NGA/2018/IRR_023	LASV/NGA/2018/IRR_036		3.08E-03	NS	1.54E-11	6.10E-11
6	7868	12161	LASV/NGA/2018/IRR_052	LASV/NGA/2015/IRR_011	LASV/NGA/2018/IRR_048		6.67E-09	NS	5.49E-07	1.07E-08
7	8280	12075	LASV/NGA/2018/IRR_075	ISTH2016-NIG-2012	Nig08-A41		5.94E-05	NS	1.77E-05	2.07E-06

NOTES: positions refer to genomic alignment

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