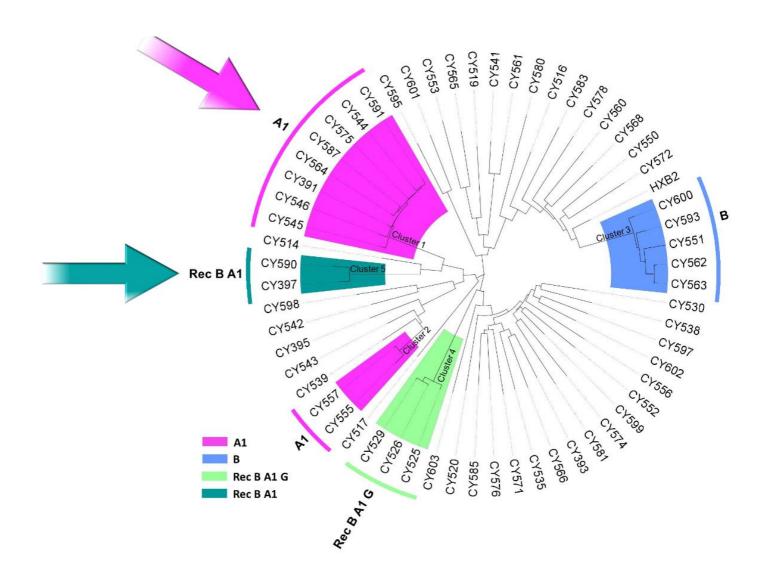
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Remarks:

- 1. There are **five** transmission clusters .
- 2. The recently active subtype A1 HIV-1 transmission hotspot (Cluster 1, indicated by the arrow on the phylogenetic tree) has expanded by two additional Cypriot MSM who reported to be infected in Cyprus.
- 3. The previously identified subtype A1 HIV-1 molecular cluster consisting of heterosexual individuals of foreign nationalities (Cluster 2) remained unchanged.
- 4. The subtype B HIV-1 transmission hotspot consisting of MSM (Cluster 3) expanded by two Cypriot MSM and now mostly consists of Cypriots who reported to be infected in Cyprus.
- 5. The new recombinant (Rec B, A1,G) HIV-1 transmission hotspot of MSM of foreign nationalities (Cluster 4) remained unchanged.
- 6. A new cluster (Cluster 5, indicated by the arrow on the phylogenetic tree) was identified since the April 2019 Report of a new recombinant (Rec B,A1) strain.