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We thank the reviewers for revision of the manuscript and the opportunity to improve the manuscript.

Comment 1: Could you clarify the timeframe between last negative test and hospital admission within the manuscript? It has been highlighted that it may be secondary syphilitic osteitis, depending on the timescales

Reply: The patient was tested negative for syphilis at initiation of HAART and 7 months prior to admission. Following sentence has been added:

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Syphilis testing was performed at treatment initiation and 7 months before admission to the hospital, both serology tests were found to be negative.

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