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As requested, we completed the information about the Ethics Committee and patients consent in the Methods section, as outlined below:

"All patients provided written consent to participate in Icona Foundation Study and in the observational cohort study of CUSH, following procedures in accordance with the ethical standards of the responsible committee on human experimentation and the Helsinki Declaration. The consent of both cohort includes a specification for use of patients samples for further research on HIV. No specific consent for inclusion in the current analysis was therefore needed. The studies and the respective informed consents were approved by the Ethics Committees of the different ICONA centers and of the Catholic University."