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Dear Editor,

Thank you for taking into consideration our manuscript before the peer review process.

The responses to your comments are below.

- A study is considered to be externally funded if the authors have been awarded a grant for the study by a major funding body (e.g. governmental funding/ award from a charitable foundation).

This trial has been externally funded by the French AIDS agency (934 123 euros) and the Ministry of Health (467 062.20 euros). The documents that certify this statement are attached to the re-submission. Also we are sending the agreement of the Institutional Review Board (CPP).

- If a study has received funding/assistance from a commercial organization, this should be clearly stated in the 'competing interests' section of your manuscript, and the study protocol will be sent for peer-review.

This study did not receive any funding or assistance from a commercial company.

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As explained before, this study received some funding from two governmental institutions.

- BioMed Central requires all controlled clinical trials to be registered in a suitable publicly accessible registry prior to consideration for publication.

This trial has been already registered to ClinicalsTrials.gov before the first patient was included. It can be found at: http://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT00657397?term=methaville&rank=1

2. Please add your TRN at the end of the Abstract in the submission system.

As requested, we added the TRN at the end of the abstract online.

Best wishes,

Dr Perrine Roux