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Title: A global approach to the management of EMR (Electronic Medical Records) of patients with HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa: the experience of DREAM Software

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**Document changes:**

**Abstract**
The abstract has been revised in order to follow the new structure of the article.

**Background**

**What dream is about**
This section has been extended to better explain about the DREAM project, and to underline the challenges

**Typology of patients, modality of intervention (MCPC, CCHC)**
This section is the same of the one in previous version

**Basic concepts and programme expansion**
In this section we added more information about the DREAM programme. In particular we added some figures of the project (in Table 1)

**Methods. DREAM Software: an overview**
We changed the name of this section. The new name is “breaking the digital divide: DREAM software”

**Basic concepts**
We expanded a little bit this section to better clarify the motivations of the computerised system

**Architecture of centres**
This section is no longer present

**Difficulties in the setting and proposed solutions**
This section is the same of the one in the previous version

**Installation of software**
This section is no longer present

**Assigning an ID to the patient**
This section is no longer present

**The DB**
We changed the name of this section. The new name is “Data management”.
We removed some technical issues present in the old version and discuss the challenges and the proposed solutions pertaining the data management.
A centralised DB for epidemiological investigations

This section in no longer present

Software – the main features

We changed the name to this section. The new name is “some of the software’s features”. We eliminated the specific descriptions of the software (together with illustrations) and show some features of the software that have been significant in our experience.

The Interface

This section in no longer present

Organisation of the centre with DREAMS

This section is no longer present

Results and discussion

This section has been moderately modify following the new structure of the paper

Conclusions

This section has been moderately modify following the new structure of the paper

Tables and figures

We added a new table (table I) with some figures about DREAM. We left only one figure (figure 1) (revised).