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Dear Editor

We thank the reviewers for their helpful suggestions.

We have attempted to follow most of the suggested revisions. We tried to better discuss the limitations of the study and contextualizing it in the current reality of the Brazilian AIDS national programme.

Other changes are summarized as following:

1- Clarifying the allocation of resources of the Brazilian AIDS national programme.
2- Providing examples in order to better explaining the indicators used and the methodology for scoring services sites.
3- Discussing the possible response bias
4- Discussing some of police implications
5- Correcting the description of statistical procedures and adding the reference method for k-means clustering.
6- Making clearer the relation of the study with the findings of a posterior study on adherence
7- Dropping out one redundant data table and some number figures
8- Adding references
9- Clarifying the method we asked to managers to answer the primary data
10- Simplifying the Title
11- Reviewing the English language.

Yours sincerely,

Elen Rose Lodeiro Castanheira, on behalf of all authors.