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Paragraph 3 in the discussions has been revised in the light of the comments by reviewer 1, from

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to:

'The clinical utility of CD4 counts in this population is limited, yet, measurement continues. We propose that where patients or healthcare providers prefer knowing a CD4 value, this study provides a simple and accurate method of estimating it. The reassurance of this estimate may facilitate implementation of recent guidelines to reduce the frequency of testing and achieve anticipated cost savings.'