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Dear Dr. Weir

We thank you very much for allowing us to revise our manuscript once again. We also appreciate the critical comments from editors on our manuscript entitled "Clinical and genetic markers associated with tuberculosis, HIV-1 infection and TB/HIV-immune reconstitution inflammatory syndrome outcomes" (INFD-D-19-00477R2). We have carefully examined the editor’s comments, and all of them were incorporated into the revised version of the manuscript. Besides, all raised points are answered below.

Thank you again for this opportunity, and we look forward to a decision.

Best regards,
Mariza Gonçalves Morgado

Editor Comments:
1. Please ensure there is only one corresponding author indicated on the title page and that it matches the name on the system (Mariza G Morgado).
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2. Please include a statement on consent to participate in the “Ethics approval and consent to participate” section of the Declarations.
Answer: We are very sorry for the omission of this information, inserted in the revised Declarations section, page 19, lines 451-456, as follows: "The present study was approved by the IOC/Fiocruz (CAAE 51959215.5.0000.5248), INI/Fiocruz (CAAE 51959215.5.3002.5262), and HGNI (CAAE 51959215.5.3001.5254) Ethical Boards. Written informed consent was obtained from all study participants after explanation of the study objectives by a clinical professional. The data of the clinical coordinator from each site was included in the informed consent to be contacted whenever necessary."

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Answer: We reviewed the entire manuscript, and the new submitted version is in a single clean file.