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Title: A systematic review of post-migration acquisition of HIV among migrants from countries with generalised HIV epidemics living in Europe: implications for effectively managing HIV prevention programs and policy

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Dear Victorino Silvestre,

Please accept our apologies for the delay in responding. Your response came over the Easter break when many of our co-Authors were away.

Thank you for this further opportunity to revise our paper. We are very grateful to your associate editor for the feedback which we feel has improved the paper substantially. We have addressed this final point in the text under implications for policy.

Approximately half of the EU/EEA countries surveyed report that they do not provide ART to irregular/undocumented migrants, that is, to persons that cannot legally reside in the country [34]. Treatment as a means of reducing sexual transmission of HIV now forms a key part of the prevention paradigm, like other conditions of paramount public health importance such as tuberculosis [35]. However, policy responses such as mandatory screening contravene the WHO policy framework for HIV testing in Europe which states mandatory HIV testing for migrants and asylum seekers upon arrival violates basic rights and ethical principles and cannot be justified on public health grounds.

Yours sincerely

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