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All names of medical institution which participated in this retrospective study. Cliniques Universitaires Saint- Luc, Brussels, Belgium, Beaujon Hospital, Clichy, France, Geneva University Hospital, Geneva, Switzerland, Gemelli University Hospital, Roma, Italy, Mother and Children Hospital, Lyon, France, La Croix-Rousse Hospital, Lyon, France, Necker Hospital, Paris, France, Henri Mondor Hospital, Creteil, France, Michallon Hospital, Grenoble, France, Claude Huriez Hospital, Lille, France, Dijon University Hospital, Dijon, France, Saint Antoine Hospital, Paris, France, Edouard-Herriot Hospital, Lyon, France, Rennes University Hospital, Rennes, France, Conception Hospital, Marseille, France, Bicetre Hospital, Paris, France, Louis Mourier Hospital, Colombes, France, Robert Debré Hospital, Reims, France, Nancy University Hospital, Nancy, France, Negrar University Hospital, Verona, Italy, Paul-Brousse Hospital, Paris, France, Amiens University Hospital, Amiens, France, Ghent University Hospital, Ghent, Belgium, Le Parc Hospital, Colmar, France, Bordeaux University Hospital, Bordeaux, France, Sainte Camille Hospital, Bry-sur-Marne, France, Pierre et Marie Curie Hospital, Alger, Algeria, UZ Leuven University Hospital, Leuven, Belgium, Mauriziano University Hospital, Torino, Italy, Vaudois University Hospital, Lausanne, Switzerland, Jolimont Hospital, La Louvière, Belgium, Modena University Hospital, Modena, Italy, Habib Boughefta Hospital, Bizert, Tunisia, La Timone Hospital, Marseille, France.

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