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Ricardo Sobhie Diaz earned his MD in 1986, received his training on Infectious Diseases from 1997 to 1999, his MSc in infectious diseases in 1991, and his PhD in 1993 at the Federal University of Sao Paulo, Brazil. He received his three years post-doctoral training in Laboratory Medicine at the Blood Centers of Pacific, San Francisco, California, focusing on research related to the genetic diversity of HIV and its relationship with pathogenesis. He is a Professor of Medicine at the Infectious Diseases Division of the Paulista School of Medicine, Federal University of Sao Paulo. Dr. Diaz is the head of the Retrovirology Laboratory at the Federal University of Sao Paulo conducting translational research in HIV/AIDS. He is also a member of the Brazilian Guidelines for Antiretroviral Use in Adults, and a consultant for the STD/AIDS and Viral Hepatitis Division of the Brazilian Ministry of Health in the areas of laboratory, and vaccine. He actively worked in the design and implementation of the Brazilian National Network of HIV Viral load and the Brazilian Network for HIV genotypic resistance testing. Dr. Diaz has been an author on over 80 peer-reviewed research articles on HIV/AIDS subjects. He is the author of two editions of the manual "Guide for the management of HIV antiretroviral resistance", and the Editor in chief of the Brazilian journal "Trends in HIV and AIDS", which reviews treatment strategies and related subjects to Brazilian attending physicians.