Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalence and risk factors of syphilis infection among drug addicts

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This is an interesting paper that builds on work in the US regarding STIs in drug users. It appears methodologically sound and my comments are minor.

1) Reporting gonorrhea at some time is probably not reliable as a significant amount of gonorrhea is asymptomatic, especially in women. In the recommendations, the authors might want to suggest testing for gonorrhea and chlamydia as well as syphilis in people in drug treatment programs.

2) Rather than "promiscuity", the authors might want to use the expression "number of sexual partners", since "promiscuity" is a very value-laden term.

3) Since injecting drug users may inject in ways other than into veins (eg subdermal, intraperitoneal) it might be preferable to use the terms "injecting drug user" and "IDU".