Reviewer’s report

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General
I have reviewed the authors' responses. The manuscript is improved. Although some of the criticisms still apply (generalization of information, newness of information, etc), I would be in favor of moving forward with the manuscript assuming positive responses by the other reviewers. The authors should cite other studies looking at IE in injection drug users including Wilson et al, J Infect Dis 2002.

Major Compulsory Revisions (that the author must respond to before a decision on publication can be reached)

Minor Essential Revisions (such as missing labels on figures, or the wrong use of a term, which the author can be trusted to correct)

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