Reviewer's report

Title: Factors and costs associated with injection site infections: findings from a national multi-site survey of injecting drug users in England.

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Major compulsory revisions - none
Minor essential revisions - none
Discretionary revisions.

1) The authors may wish to include frequency or a similar term in the title as this is included in the aims of the study

2) The authors may wish to shorten some of the sentences to improve comprehensibility. For example, for line seven on page eleven, with the sentence beginning, “Whilst in this” could be split up.

3) The article successfully highlights the importance of injecting site infections in England, in terms of frequency and potential cost to the health service and establishes the need for further more detailed research into a previously neglected field. With this in mind the article might benefit from being shortened, particularly by excluding some of the speculative elements of the discussion.

Level of interest: An article whose findings are important to those with closely related research interests

Quality of written English: Acceptable

Statistical review: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.