Reviewer's report

Title: Frequency, 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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Reviewer: Edward L. L. Murphy

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The authors have responded to my previous comments. Although they disagreed with my suggestion to eliminate the cost analysis, they've made modifications so that this is now acceptable. I recommend publication with the following two remaining suggestions:

Minor essential revisions:

1) With regard to my previous minor essential revision #4 re: the paucity of clinical information about each abscess diagnosis, the authors say in their response letter that they've added a comment regarding the limitations of their survey instrument in this regard. I was unable to find such a comment and suggest they either tell me or the editor where it is, or add the comment to the "limitations" paragraph at the end of the Discussion.

2) Apparent spelling error, Background section second paragraph "Meticillin" should be "Methicillin" (unless there is a different name for this drug in the UK).

Level of interest: An article of importance in its field

Quality of written English: Acceptable

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