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Dear Editor

Herewith, we are pleased to submit a manuscript entitled „Accuracy of Antibiotic Treatment in Intravenous Drug Users“ by Mertz et al for your kind consideration. This study describes the results of 344 hospitalizations for infectious diseases among 216 intravenous drug users during 6 years. The study demonstrates that the majority of infectious disease episodes in these patients can be treated successfully by following international guidelines or protocols adapted from these standard guidelines. In a minority of cases, alternative treatments may be indicated, although they are associated with a higher risk of failure. In addition, complications encountered are described. We believe that our study adds to the knowledge about the treatment of intravenous drug users.

We thank you in advance for kindly considering our manuscript for review.

Yours sincerely,

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