Reviewer's report

**Title:** Determinants of hospitalization for cutaneous injection-related infections among injection drug users: a cohort study

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**Reviewer:** Sharon Stancliff

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The paper addresses an important question about health care services at a SIF. The methods are rigorous and clearly reported.

The conclusions are based on the data and appropriately raise other questions for research.

The limitations are clear and the work has excellent references.

It is well written and the abstract is accurate.

Two minor points- the dollars and pounds should all be in one currency- not clear if it is Canadian, US or a mix of both.

In results it states that "99 patients were admitted to St. ..." It should be a bit more clear that these admissions were limited to those with CIRI as no doubt many others were admitted. It would be interesting to know what percent of admissions were for CIRI vs other diagnoses.

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Acceptable

**Statistical review:** Yes, but I do not feel adequately qualified to assess the statistics.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

I declare I have no competing interests