Reviewer’s report

Title: Limited access to HIV prevention in French prisons (ANRS PRI2DE): implications for public health and drug policy.

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minor essential revisions, mostly in the text and revise some language. i.e. in
abstract: last sentence ‘to motive priosn staff’ should address ‘those in charge of prison health’ rather than or in addition to the staff.
in background: reference to sexual promiscuity should be changed to sexual violence or non-consensual sex. and 'continuity of care for priosners' should be 'continuity of care between the community and prisons and back to the community'.
in results: under OST numbers and percentages are given on prisoners on OST, but this does not tell us the percentage of those depdendent on opioids, which would be more appropriate. under HBV vaccination last sentence is not correct. there is guidance from WHO on this, but perhaps not in the particular guidance of 2007. this is a general problem, there is much more developed by WHO on health in prisons that is not included here.

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

Quality of written English: Needs some language corrections before being published

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

Declaration of competing interests:

I am the co-authro of the WHO guidelines that the paper refers to.