Reviewer's report

Title: Prevalences and associated risk factors of HCV/HIV co-infection and HCV mono-infection among injecting drug users in a methadone maintenance treatment program in Taipei, Taiwan

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Minor Essential Revisions

1. Results-description of the study population. Last line, ‘chi square test for p<0.0001’: something is missing after the word for. It is not clear what you are testing here with this chi square.

2. Results- Covariates of infections: In backward-stepwise multinomial regression, after controlling for study subjects' socio-demographic and substance use histories... It is not again clear which one of these variables (in Table 1, there is a list of socio-demographic and substance use variables) remained statistically significant and controlled for in the multivariate analysis. It would be advisable to state in specific, for example after controlling for age or sex etc.

3. Page 10, line 2. In bivariate analysis: I believe descriptive analysis would be more appropriate here (instead of bivariate analysis)

4. Table 1: Replace this symbol '# ' with '#'. In addition, add, where it is not clear, the reference group (For example: For ‘Year admitted, 2009-2010’, add also: ‘Year admitted, 2009-2010 (ref : 2006-2008 or whatever the reference group is’ (I mean add the reference group in the first column as an explanation and not add an extra line with numerical values). I think this should be done also for Education level, married status, Age at first injection)

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