Reviewer's report

Title: Variation in Hepatitis C services may lead to inequity of heath-care provision: a survey of the organisation and delivery of services in the United Kingdom.

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Reviewer: David Goldberg

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I am happy for it to be accepted for publication subject to the following:

* On Page 6, the authors indicate that ".............three CsP were managing over 1000 patients in total". This data relates to question 14 - "What are the total number of patients with known Hepatitis C currently under your care?" Much, of course, depends on what the definition of "under your care" is. Clearly, the authors do not have any information on this; accordingly, I would like them to make reference to the uncertainty surrounding the interpretation of "under your care". Some clinicians, might argue that individuals seen several years before and who had defaulted were still under their care while others might have a tighter eligibility criterion.

* On Page 13, there is text relating to data from France and Germany but there are no references. I hear a lot about how successful the French and Germans are in treating patients with Hepatitis C but we really need to have this properly referenced. I am not convinced that they are doing any better with their injecting drug user (current and former) population than we are in the UK though I do accept that they are probably doing much better with other populations.