Reviewer's report

Title: Multilevel analysis of HIV related risk behaviors among heroin users in a low prevalence population

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Major compulsory revisions

Some study interpretations appear unwarranted. Specifically, the authors conclude that larger clinics must have larger social networks among IDUs. I would like to see better justification for this claim.

Also, the comments about clinic size and HIV risk (top paragraph on page 11) also requires additional justification or removal.

Minor essential revisions

Page 8, last sentence of 1st partial paragraph. When reporting odds ratio and confidence intervals, please spell out the first time you use 'OR' and 'CI'. Please spell our AOR the first time it appears.

Tables 2 and 3, please use the age ranges labels reported in Table 1, when reporting age data in these two tables.

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: No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

Declaration of competing interests:

I declare that I have no competing interests.