Reviewer’s report

Title: High prevalence of HIV, HBsAg and anti-HCV positivity among people who injected drugs: Results of the first bio-behavioral survey using respondent-driven sampling in two urban areas in Mozambique

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Reviewer: Eva Matiko

Reviewer's report:

The manuscript is clear and shares important findings on the topic. I noted a few issues that could be resolved through additional proofreading and minor edits. I am also proposing one suggestion for additional comparison.

Line 85-86 (page 4) has a sentence that repeats information in line 84

Line 92 (page 4) citation referenced does not have the information provided (data as of 2017 while the citation was published in 1999)

Line 140-141 (page 7) provides a prevalence estimate, please indicate time period for that estimate

Line 184 (page 9) please indicate whether this applied for self-reported positive as well

Line 194-201 (page 9) is repeated in line 201-208

Line 280 (page 13) indicates ...(up to three... This should be corrected to state ...(up to five...

Line 348 (page 19) data cited in text is different from that in table 4 (170 vs 179)

Line 392 (page 22) statement that "the majority of PWID with HIV were also coinfected with HBV and HCV" is inaccurate from the data presented (data indicates this "majority" is only for HIV-HCV in Maputo). Suggest using a different term such as "many PWID..."

Line 397 (page 22) Prevalence value from citation is missing

Line 416 (page 23) citation referenced provided for data on Tanzania

I recommend consider including a comparison and comment on the differences found between the two cities.
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