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Title: HIV, Hepatitis B and C among People who Inject Drugs: High prevalence of HIV and Hepatitis C RNA positive infections observed in Delhi, India

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To
The Editor
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Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like to re-submit our manuscript titled “HIV, Hepatitis B and C among People who Inject Drugs: High prevalence of HIV and Hepatitis C RNA positive infections observed in Delhi, India” (previously submitted as “Prevalence of HIV and Hepatitis B and C in a Cohort of Injection Drug Users in Delhi, India: High HIV and Hepatitis C co-infection observed”).

We have made the following changes in our manuscript as per the instructions from Journal Editorial Office:

1. Email address of all authors provided in the Title page.
2. Line numbers included.
3. Changed Introduction to Background.
4. Consent statement added: “All participants provided written informed consent for participating in the behavioral survey and collection of blood samples” in line no. 112.
5. Formatted Authors’ Contribution section.

In addition to the above, we have carried out some more changes which we thought should be appropriate for the manuscript. They are as follows:

6. Changed the title to: “HIV, Hepatitis B and C among People who Inject Drugs: High prevalence of HIV and Hepatitis C RNA positive infections observed in Delhi, India”. (Previous title was: “Prevalence of HIV and Hepatitis B and C in a Cohort of Injection Drug Users in Delhi, India: High HIV and Hepatitis C co-infection observed”)
7. Changed the first sub-title in the Results section to “Prevalence of HIV, HCV and HIV-HCV co-infection” (line no. 186).
8. Added a sentence “HCV antibody tests were positive for 70.94% (1626/2294) of the participants; of those 75.65% (1230/1626) participants tested positive on HCV RNA PCR test, and were considered HCV positive” in line no. 187.
9. Changed the second sub-title under Results section to “Prevalence of HBV, HIV-HBV and HBV-HCV co-infections” (line no. 201).
10. Added a sentence “Our finding that a quarter of the PWID with a positive HCV antibody test were negative for HCV RNA, suggests that existing studies, which predominantly used antibody test to report HCV prevalence, overestimate infections substantially” in line no. 245.
We hope the revisions will suffice the journal requirements, and you will find our paper suitable for publication in your journal. Please do not hesitate to contact me in case of any more queries or need for revisions.

Sincerely,

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