

**Review Template for
Hepatitis C Research Studies, Tools, and Surveillance Systems**

Research Study/Tool or Surveillance System:				
Date of Review:	February 12, 2011			
Reviewers:	Rosie Thein			
	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
<i>In general:</i>				
Title and reference of the research study/tool/data dictionary				Changes in Blood-borne Infection Risk Among Injection Drug Users. The Journal of Infectious Diseases 2011;203:587–594.
The research study/tool/data dictionary is easily accessed/available electronically	YES			Accessible through PubMed or from the Journal website: The Journal of Infectious Diseases.
Translation:				
The research study/tool/data dictionary is available in English	YES			
The research study/tool/data dictionary has been translated into other languages		NO		
Are there increased costs (infrastructure, manpower, skills/training, analysis of data) to using the research study/tool/data dictionary?	YES			This study is based on a longitudinal cohort established since 1988-1989 with new recruits in 1994-1995, 1998, and 2005-2008. Cohort studies are costly but are useful in monitoring risks of blood-borne virus infections and their risk behaviors for public health policy.
Cost effectiveness:				
Is there evidence of cost effective analysis with regard to interventions, diagnosis, treatment, or surveillance methodologies?		NO		
If so, what does the evidence say? (Please go to comments section)				
Evidence of sustainability:				
How is the research study/tool funded? (Please got to comments section)				This study was supported by Public Health Service Grants from the National Institute on Drug Abuse

Is it dependent on external funds?				It is not stated in the paper.
Has the data/information been used for decision-making (e.g. program funding developments, policies, treatment guidelines, defining research priorities and funding)?				It is not stated in the paper.
<i>Within the surveillance system put forward for review:</i>				
Are these data regularly collected?				
Are these data regularly collected at and/or below a national level?				
Are these data collected manually or electronically?				
<i>On research reports:</i>				
Has this research been published in a juried journal?				
Does the evidence utilize the existing data/surveillance information or has it generated new data and/or information?				