

Increasing of new CA-MRSA infections detected in PLWH who engage in chemsex in Barcelona: An ambispective study

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Table 2. Chemsex characterization		
Sexual behaviors		
Sexual partners		
	<i>Median (IQR) [n]</i>	
Sexual partners, last 3 months (N=19)	12 (5; 21)	
Sexual partners, last 12 months (N=5)	40 (20; 60)	
Sexual practices		
		n (%)
Anal sex (N=23)	Unprotected	17 (74%)
	Protected	1 (4%)
	Sometimes	5 (22%)
Oral sex (N=25)	Unprotected	19 (76%)
	Protected	1 (4%)
	Sometimes	5 (20%)
Double penetration (N=11)	Unprotected	9 (82%)
	Sometimes protected	2 (18%)
Fisting (N=5)	Unprotected	4 (80%)
	Sometimes protected	1 (20%)
Sexual toys (N=8)	Unprotected	3 (38%)
	Protected	2 (25%)
	Sometimes protected	3 (38%)
	Shares sexual toys	6 (76%)
Drug use characterization		
Drug		
		n (%)
Cocaine (N=25)	3 (12%)	
Ketamine (N=25)	3 (12%)	
GHB/GBL (N=25)	23 (92%)	
Methamphetamine (N=25)	24 (96%)	
Mephedrone (N=25)	10 (40%)	
Speed (N=25)	3 (12%)	
MDMA (N=25)	4 (16%)	
Alkyl nitrites (N=25)	12 (48%)	
ED agents (N=25)	15 (60%)	
Cannabis (N=25)	4 (16%)	
Route of drug administration		
Oral (N=24)	19 (79%)	
Inhaled (N=24)	21 (88%)	
Snorted (N=24)	7 (29%)	

Sublingual (N=24)	4 (17%)
Rectal (N=24)	3 (13%)
Endovenous or <i>slamming</i> (N=24)	12 (46%)
Sharing venipuncture material if <i>slamming</i> (N=12)	1 (8%)
Use of sterile materials if <i>slamming</i> (N=8)	8 (73%)
Frequency of drug use	
Every day (N=23)	6 (26%)
Every week (N=23)	11 (48%)
Every month (N=23)	5 (21%)
< 1 time per month (N=23)	3 (13%)
Number of drugs used	
1 drug (N=25)	2 (8%)
2 drugs (N=25)	15 (60%)
Polydrug use* (N=25)	8 (32%)
* <i>consumption of ≥3 drugs</i>	