a sustained low prevalence of TDR to the PIs, recent accumulation of resistance associated to the NRTIs and reduction to NNRTIs over the years. The time trend of TDR observed, seem to reflect changes in antiretroviral therapy in Brazil over time. HIV-1 subtype B was the most prevalent in the study, but the increasing prevalence of subtype C and the identification of others non-B and recombinants infections, suggest the recent introduction and spreading of these viruses, respectively south Brazil and African countries in Rio de Janeiro.

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HEPATOTOXICITY AND ANAEMIA CO-MORBIDITY IN TREATED AIDS PATIENTS IN FUNDONG SUB DIVISION IN THE NORTHWEST REGION OF CAMEROON

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Introduction Hepatotoxicity and anaemia are relevant adverse effects of ART and can cause interruption of therapy and death. However, there is dearth of information on hepatotoxicity and anaemia co-morbidity especially in rural areas. The aim of the study was to identify the prevalence of Hepatotoxicity and Anaemia co-morbidity among HIV treated patients. Methods A total of 150 drug naïve patients visiting the day hospital in Fundong District Hospital were recruited into the study from January-March 2015 and follow up for 18 months. Baseline and 18 months levels of CD4 counts, alanine transaminase(ALT), and aspartate transaminase(AST) and Haemoglobin concentration(Hb) were determined. HIV was diagnosed using Alere determine HIV rapid test kit and Bioline or Oral Quick test kit for the confirmatory test. CD4 counts were determined using the Alere Pima CD4 cartridge machine. Hb, ALT and AST counts were determined by colometric enzymatic reaction using the urit 3300 machine and classified based on age and sex.

Results The majority of patients were female 115 (76.7%) and belonged to the <30 years age range 48 (32%). The prevalence of anaemia decreased from 86 (57.3%) to 69 (45.6%) at the end of the study period. In all 46 (30.7%) patients had hepatotoxicity and anaemia co-morbidity which was higher in the age group <30 years 30 (41.7%) and in female 37 (32.2%). A total of 1 (0.7%) and 10 (6.7%) patients develop severe hepatotoxicity using ALT and AST respectively. The prevalence of hepatotoxicity was higher in male (31.4% and 62.9%) and in the age group 30–39 years (29.5% and 68.2%) for ALT and AST, respectively. The prevalence of anaemia and elevated AST and ALT were higher in persons with CD4 <200 cells/µl. There was a significant correlation between CD4 and Hb (r=0.193), CD4 and ALT(r=-0.149) and CD4 and AST(r=-0.193).

Conclusion Hepatotoxicity especially Grades 1–2 and not anaemia is a significant adverse effect of ART upon time.

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AWARENESS AND INTEREST IN PRE-EXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS (PREP) AMONG PATIENTS RECEIVING SERVICES AT A PUBLIC SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES (STD) CLINIC IN A HIGH PREVALENCE URBAN SETTING

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Introduction HIV rates in Baltimore City are among the highest in the United States, with the majority of new infections attributed to male-to-male sexual contact. In 2016, the Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) implemented a Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) program at their sexually transmitted diseases (STD) clinics. We assessed awareness, interest, and sources of knowledge about PrEP among patients served at these clinics.

Methods We surveyed a convenience sample of 1675 patients who attended BCHD clinics between 4/12/2016 and 10/3/2016. Participants were provided a self-administered survey that assessed awareness, interest, and sources of knowledge about PrEP, as well as age, race, sex, and sexual preference. Univariate and multivariable logistic regression analysis examined predictors of awareness and interest. Data collection will continue in 2017 to determine if awareness and interest change over time.

Results Mean age of participants was 32.1 (SD=11.8) and 61.0% were male. 91.1% of participants self-identified as African American, 5.7% as white, and 3.2% as "Other." 20.0% of the participants were aware of PrEP and 42.2% were interested in PrEP. Less than 1% of all participants and 9.2% of men who have sex with men (MSM) reported current PrEP use. White participants were more likely to be aware of PrEP than African Americans (OR=1.76, p=0.026), but there was no significant difference in interest between these groups (p=0.122). By univariate analysis men were more likely to be aware of PrEP than women (OR=1.38, p=0.013), but multivariable analysis eliminated this significant difference (p=0.081). MSM were significantly more likely to be aware (OR=14.29, p<0.001) and interested (OR=1.59, p=0.024) in PrEP. Sources of knowledge included healthcare providers (40.0%), friends (24.7%), and television (16.4%).

Conclusion MSM receiving care at the Baltimore City STD Clinics are significantly more likely to be aware and interested in PrEP, but few are taking PrEP, highlighting a need to improve access and promote uptake in this high risk population.

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PULMONARY RHODOCOCCOSIS WITH BACTEREMIA AS AN AIDS DEFINING INFECTION: CASE REPORT

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Introduction In endemic countries for tuberculosis (TB), HIV-TB coinfection is very common. However, other bacteria such as *Rhodococcus* produce similar clinical and radiological

changes. Our objective is to report a case of *Rhodococcus* pneumonia in a HIV patient.

Methods 29 year old male, from Rio de Janeiro, cocaine user. Presented in Mar/16 with productive cough and hemoptysis, high fever, weight loss, sweating, right pleuritic pain and dyspnea. In Apr/16, he was treated for bacterial pneumonia. Symptoms persisted and by the end of May/16, pulmonary TB was suspected. AFB were detected in sputum. GeneXpert test was negative. Chest x-ray showed multiple cavitations in right upper lober. In June/16 RHZE was started. Three days later, he presented with abdominal pain, vomiting and diarrhoea and was hospitalised. RHZE was suspended and HIV diagnosis was made at this time. On admission, he was febrile (38.1°C), tachypneic and pale; crackling rales in the upper 1/3 of the right lung. Liver function tests were normal. RHZE was reintroduced. FBC showed mild anaemia and leukocytosis; normal renal function. Chest x-ray revealed abscesses with thickened walls and an air-fluid level, and extensive consolidation in RUL. Because of the dissociation between sputum smear microscopy and GeneXpert results, rhodococcus infection was suspected and levofloxacin was started. Blood cultures showed growth in 3 samples and Gram staine was suggestive of corynebacteria. Rhodococcus was identified by Coryne API. Chest CT showed ground-glass infiltrate, and sulfamethoxazole-trimethoprim for PCP was initiated. The patient was afebrile after 72 hours of levofloxacin and rifampicin. He was discharged and is currently well, followed at the outpa-

Discussion and conclusion The case was suggestive of TB but was confirmed as *Rhodococcus*. Because it is rare, it can lead to delayed diagnosis, inadequate therapy and increased mortality. It is important to investigate rodhococcosis in HIV patients with TB criteria, especially in case of dissociation between smear microscopy and GeneXpert.

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EXOTIC MYCOBACTERIA IN A PAKAREN MACHADO GOMESIENT WITH HIV IMMUNOSUPPRESSION

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Introduction: Mycobaterium colombiense, a slow-growing mycobacterium, belongs to the complex of Mycobaterium avium (MAC). It was isolated for the first time in Colombia, in 2006, in an HIV patient. To report the first case of a brazilian HIV/AIDS patient in whom M. colombiense was identified.

Methods 51 year old male, heavy drinker and smoker, COPD, waste picker. HIV+, poorly adherent to ART, CD4 count of 14 and VL 3,960 in 2015. He was treated for *M. kansasii* infection from 2007 to 2009, when ART was also started. In 2015, he had several sputa collected, and results were intermittently positive for AFB testing. GeneXpert was negative in all of samples. He had a positive culture for *M. intracellulare* in January; but sputum culture was positive for atypical mycobacteria in September and November. BAL in November had a positive culture for MAC, later identified as *M. colombiense*. The clinical specimen was treated by the NALC-NaOH method, and was seeded in LJ medium. Growth of smooth, creamy colonies with yellow pigment was observed after 30

days of incubation. Sequencing of the rpoB gene for identification showed similarity of 99% with the CIP 108962 strain *M. colombiense*. The gene sequence was analysed by BLAST V2.0. All blood cultures for fungus, mycobacteria and bacteria were negative in the same time.

Discussion and conclusion This patient with advanced AIDS, COPD and alcoholism had been treated years before for *M. kansasii* and for *M. avium*. Six years later, due to respiratory and consumptive syndrome, he was hospitalised for investigation and there was growth of *M. colombiense* in bronchoalveolar lavage - BAL. To our knowledge, this is the first isolate of this species in Brazil. In 2015, *M. intracellulare* and MAC were grown in sputum culture; these mycobacteria, being closely related, are very difficult to distinguish, with the possibility that *M. colombiense* was the etiological agent early on. Due to the unavailability of modern moleculares tools to describe emerging MAC species, the true prevalence of *M. colombiense* in Brazil is probably underestimated.

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HIGH SATISFACTION WITH AND LOYALTY TO GETCHECKEDONLINE.COM AMONG FIRST-TIME USERS OF AN ONLINE STI TESTING SERVICE IN BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

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Introduction Positive user experiences are key to trust and repeated use of online services (known as e-Loyalty). GetCheckedOnline (GCO) is an online testing service for HIV/STI where clients complete a risk assessment, print lab forms, submit specimens at a lab, and retrieve results online (if negative) or by phone. We surveyed GCO clients on their perceptions of using the service.

Methods We invited first-time GCO users (who consented to be contacted for research) to complete an anonymous online survey 2 weeks following reporting of test results. Survey questions were analysed descriptively and included demographics, reason for test, and how participants heard about GCO. Satisfaction, convenience, ease of use, and e-Loyalty (intention to use again, recommend to others) were measured using 5-point Likert scales and collapsed (low to neutral vs high responses).

Results Between July 2015-Sept 2016, 23% of 1099 first-time GCO users consented to be contacted for research and 136/ 208 (65%) of users contacted agreed to participate in the survey. Participants had a median age of 33 years, 80% were white, 67% male, 43% straight, and 43% men who have sex with men. The most common testing reasons were: routine test (64%), risk event/exposure (44%) and new relationship (22%). Participants heard about GCO from clinics/health providers (38%), campaigns (26%), social media (18%), and friends or partners (13%). Almost all participants were satisfied with GCO overall (93%) and with their experience of receiving results (96%), 92% agreed GCO was convenient, 87% found GCO easy to use, and 83% rated the experience of submitting specimens as good or excellent. E-Loyalty was also high: 97% intended to use GCO again and 96% would recommend GCO to others.