missing. We show that this bias can result in upward confounding. 2) As HSV2 is more infectious than HIV we expect HSV2 to be acquired from coinfected partners first followed by HIV. 3) As coinfection increases HIV viral load HSV2 infection may act as a proxy for a partner’s elevated infectiousness with HIV. Both of these mechanisms result in upward bias, the magnitude of which depends on the prevalence of coinfection. 4) Between subject heterogeneity in the risk of disease has been shown to attenuate estimates for any risk factor. We show that this bias can result in significant attenuation of the HR and that it depends on the prevalence of HSV among subjects’ partners and their sexual behaviour. We show that if HIV serodiscordant couples are enrolled all four biases can be removed see Abstract P1-S4.04 Table 1.

Conclusions The standard design is affected by at least four biases that preclude causal interpretations of all such HSV2-HIV studies performed to date. Use of a serodiscordant couple study design can remove these biases. It is impossible to correct previous results as the biases are not all in the same direction and their magnitudes depend on the unknown prevalence and transmissibility of both HSV2 and HIV among partners. These findings are expected to generalise to other STI-HIV risk factor studies and can help inform the decision to test HPV vaccination as an HIV prevention measure.

Abstract P1-S4.05 Table 1  Reported condom use in last act by type of act for FSW surveys in the three districts where all surveys were carried out

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Discussion There is a substantial difference in reported condom use in last act with occasional and regular partner for FSWs and clients. However, the samples of FSW and clients may not be comparable because low-risk clients may be undersampled in hot spots. FSWs report lower condom use with occasional clients in the more anonymous PBS, suggesting this method may reduce social desirability bias more than FTFIs and ICVIs. Based on FSW data only and using a conservative estimate from the largest difference, the FSW IBBA may over-estimate condom use with occasional clients by up to 26% (mean 17%) and with regular clients by 15% (mean 2%).

Abstract P1-S4.06 WHAT IMPACT DOES MISSING QUEBEC DATA HAVE ON NATIONAL HIV SURVEILLANCE DATA?

Objective To quantify the difference in the exposure category breakdowns of national HIV surveillance figures if exposure data from the Institut national de Santé Publique du Québec (INS PQ) were included in national datasets.

Background National HIV/AIDS surveillance is coordinated by the Public Health Agency of Canada’s (PHAC) Surveillance and Risk Assessment Division’s (SRAD). HIV is reportable in all provinces and territories, although the degree of epidemiologic information collected and submitted varies. Quebec’s case reports to PHAC come from their laboratory-based surveillance system, which contains positive test reports, by age and sex. All Quebec cases are classified in SRAD’s dataset as Not Reported, which contributes to the large proportion of cases at the national level with no known exposure category.

Methods Quebec’s provincial HIV surveillance system “Programme de surveillance de l’infection par le VIH au Québec” collects further epidemiological information, including exposure category and risk factor information, although recorded separately from the HIV laboratory test results file. This provincial system’s exposure category data was added to existing national surveillance data, and the exposure category breakdowns recalculated, in order to assess change in the proportion of unknown/not reported cases and to quantify the resulting difference in exposure category breakdowns at the national level.

Results With inclusion of Quebec data for 2009, there is a 50% decrease (from 45.5% to 23.1%) in the proportion of national HIV cases with unknown exposure category. There are also differences in the overall national exposure category breakdowns. For 2009, proportional increases were observed in the men who have sex with men (MSM) and heterosexual-endemic categories (5.4% and 2.8% respectively), while proportional decreases were observed in the exposure categories of injection drug use (−4.1%), heterosexual-risk (−2.0%), and non-identified-risk heterosexual (−2.2%).

Background As part of the Avahan HIV initiative in Southern India, surveys were carried out in female sex workers (FSWs) and their clients to quantify the effect of social desirability bias. We examine reported condom use measured using different survey methodologies, and consistency of response between FSWs and clients to quantify the effect of social desirability bias.

Methods We use data from 15 districts with IBBA face-to-face interviews (FTFIs) for FSWs and clients. Three of these districts also had special behavioural survey (SBS) FTFIs, informal confidential voting interviews (ICVIs), and polling booth surveys (PBSs) for FSWs. ICVI/ PBS survey methodologies increase desirability bias more than FTFIs and ICVIs. Based on FSW data only and using a conservative estimate from the largest difference, the FSW IBBA may over-estimate condom use with occasional clients by up to 26% (mean 17%) and with regular clients by 15% (mean 2%).

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Conclusions Inclusion of Quebec’s risk exposure data in the national HIV dataset is significant; the dataset becomes more complete and the proportion of cases with unknown exposure category is reduced. This analysis demonstrates that inclusion of exposure category data, from the provincial HIV surveillance system of Quebec’s INSPQ can alter the exposure category breakdowns at the national level, thereby offering a more accurate picture of HIV diagnoses in Canada.

**THE USE OF THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES SURVEILLANCE DATABASE TO IDENTIFY DISCORDANT SYPHILIS TREPONEMAL LABORATORY RESULTS, ARIZONA**

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**Background** In March of 2010 a large commercial lab performing STD testing in Arizona implemented the reverse algorithm for syphilis testing with the use of the syphilis treponemal enzyme immunoassay (EIA).

**Methods** Per the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) Sexually Transmitted Disease Control Program protocol, manual review of positive syphilis lab results is performed by one epidemiologist. During May through October 2010, this epidemiologist recorded negative syphilis EIA results identified among reported syphilis cases with a prior history of positive treponemal tests (TP-PA, FTA-ABS).

**Results** From 6 May 2010 to 29 October 2010 78 syphilis EIA tests were reported as negative in individuals with a previously positive treponemal test. Fifty of these tests were completed among males and 28 among females. This discrepancy was brought to the attention of the reporting lab in May and again in October 2010. In November, a coordinated investigation between the reporting laboratory, the ADHS public health lab, and the ADHS Sexually Transmitted Disease Control Program (ADHS STDCP) was undertaken. This investigation resulted in the identification and correction of a specimen transfer procedure at the local laboratory level. All providers of patients with possible incorrect lab results completed during this time period were notified of the problem and advised to retest their patients, if indicated. The ADHS STDCP continues to monitor syphilis lab results for this particular error and has not identified any further discordant results since the corrections were implemented in November 2010.

**Conclusions** Discrepancies in syphilis EIA results have been reported from other regions. The detailed manual review of all reported syphilis lab results by an epidemiologist at the ADHS STDCP aided in the detection of this particular issue. Upon implementation of electronic lab reporting, this program and others, should continue routine, manual quality assurance checks of syphilis laboratory results. Such practices are imperative to ensure that these errors do not go undetected and that syphilis patients do not go undiagnosed.

**VALIDATION OF THE HEDIS MEASURE OF SEXUAL ACTIVITY IN ADOLESCENTS**

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**Background** The proportion of sexually active young women who are screened annually for chlamydia is a Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set (HEDIS) performance measure. The accuracy of this measure, however, depends critically on how the denominator is calculated (ie, how many sexually active young women for whom screening is indicated). Few studies have assessed whether the screening is indicated. Few studies have assessed whether the measure is valid. Validating is difficult because sexual activity may not be routinely captured in the chart or other administrative data sources. Our objective was to determine the sensitivity and specificity of the HEDIS measure of sexual activity; by comparing it to a self-reported measure, and assess whether these vary by age, age of first sex, and prior sexually transmitted infection (STI) or pregnancy.

**POPULATION SIZE ESTIMATES FOR MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN IN GUATEMALA CITY USING TIME LOCATION SAMPLING AND RESPONDENT DRIVEN SAMPLING**

Estimates of MSM population size using the TLS survey resulted in a significantly lower estimate than that obtained through RDS survey, probably due to the fact that TLS targets MSM who attend venues. The estimate obtained through RDS may better reflect the size of the larger MSM population in Guatemala City, since this itRDS reaches MSM attending and not attending publicmeeting venues. Integrating capture-recapture methods in probability-based surveys among MSM is a simple and fast approach for providing the population sizes needed to inform and evaluate programs for MSM in Guatemala.