

among women and it is even higher in HIV-infected women. Our goal was to determine the prevalence rate of High-risk (HR) HPV and associated factors among HIV-infected women attending referral care centres for HIV/AIDS in different regions of Brazil.

**Methods** Cross-sectional study conducted among HIV-infected women attended at referral care centres for HIV/AIDS in nine states of Brazil. Women from 18 to 49 years that accept to participate and were not pregnant at the time of the approach were recruited for the study. The HPV screening was realised using qPCR in closed system, *In vitro* Diagnostic, COBAS-HPV Roche. The cytology results were available by the Bethesda System.

**Results** A total of 802 (89.1%) women participated. Median age was 39 (Inter quartile range (QR34-46)) years and median education was 9 (IQR6-11) years. The general prevalence of HR-HPV was 28.4% (228/802). The prevalence rate of HPV-16 was 8.1% (65/802), HPV 18 was 3.7% (30/802) and other types of HR-HPV were 23.6% (189/802). The factors associated with HR-HPV in the multivariate logistic regression analysis were: age ranging from 18 to 34 years [OR=1.43 (95% CI:1.18–1.75)], drug abuse [OR=1.61 (95%CI:1.10–2.42)] and abnormal cervical cytology [OR=1.56 (95%CI:1.34–1.81)].

**Conclusion** Results showed high prevalence of high-risk HPV infection in women living with HIV in Brazil. The infection was significantly associated with age less than 35 years old, illicit drug use and abnormal cervical cytology. HR-HPV test in HIV-seropositive women is a useful procedure to implement cervical cancer screening.

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### P3.14 PREVALENCE OF CHLAMYDIA TRACHOMATIS AND NEISSERIA GONORRHOEA AND ASSOCIATED FACTORS AMONG WOMEN LIVING WITH HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS IN BRAZIL: A MULTICENTER STUDY

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**Introduction** *Chlamydia trachomatis* (CT) and *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (GC) cause infections in the female genital tract, increasing susceptibility to and infectiousness of HIV. Our objectives were to determine prevalence and associated factors of CT and GC among HIV-infected women in Brazil.

**Methods** Cross-sectional study, including HIV-infected women attending nine referral centres in nine states of Brazil, aged 18 to 49 years, not pregnant. An interview was conducted including sociodemographic, epidemiological and clinical characteristics. After the interview, gynaecological examination was conducted to collect cervical cytology and vaginal secretion to

*Chlamydia trachomatis*, *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* and HPV tests through molecular biology.

**Results** A total of 802 (89.1%) women participated. The prevalence of CT was 17 cases (2.1%) and GC was 7 cases (0.9%). The prevalence of a positive test for both CT and/or GC was 2.7%. The factors associated with positive CT/GC test in the multivariate logistic regression analysis were abnormal papanicolaou smear [OR 4.1 (95% CI:1.54–11.09)] and the presence of abnormal cervical discharge [OR=2.6 (95% CI:1.02–6.71)]. Among the 377 women that reported previous STI: 245 (65.0%) reported using condom more frequently after being diagnosed. Regarding how they discovered the STI, 62 (16.4%) the partner told he was infected by an STI; 157 (41.6%) had STI symptoms and looked for care and 158 (41.9%) discovered it in a routine consultation for another reason.

**Conclusions** The control of STI represents a unique opportunity to improve reproductive health of women living with HIV. This diagnostic can change their behaviour and reduce the sexual transmission of HIV and bacterial STI. Controlling STI and identifying factors associated with such diseases continues to be an important element in the design of interventions targeting STI and as a result, HIV prevention in Brazil.

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### P3.15 UNPROTECTED SEX WITH NON-COMMERCIAL PARTNERS AS THE MAIN RISK FACTOR TO GET STI FOR FEMALE SEX WORKERS IN ARMENIA

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**Introduction** HIV Biological and Behavioural Surveillance surveys (BBSS) were conducted among female sex workers (FSW) in Armenia in 2010, 2012, and 2014. These surveys used respondent driven sampling (RDS), an effective method for recruiting hidden populations.

**Methods** In 2016 the BBSS using RDS among FSW were conducted in Yerevan the capital of Armenia. The sample size was 300. Prevalence of HIV, syphilis, Trichomoniasis, *Neisseria gonorrhoeae* (NG) and *Chlamydia trachomatis* (CT) were measured and knowledge and sexual risk behaviours were assessed.

**Results** HIV prevalence was low at 0.1% among FSW in Yerevan. NG prevalence was 4%, 29% of FSW were positive for Trichomoniasis. The prevalence of CT was 12%, syphilis prevalence was 4%. 34% of FSW in Yerevan reported having had genital ulcers or sores in the past 12 months.

More than 95% of FSW in all survey locations reported using condoms the last time they had sexual intercourse with a client. 89% of FSW in Yerevan reported sex with non-commercial partners in the past 12 months and 38% reported not using condoms during their last sex with them.

**Conclusion** There was a significant increase from 90.2% in 2012 to 99.6% in 2016 in the use of condoms with the most recent client among FSW. But there was no overall significant change in STI prevalence among FSW between 2012 and 2016. Many FSW reported having sex with non-commercial

partner, and condom use with them is significantly lower than with clients. Therefore, we can conclude that unprotected sex with non-commercial partners is the main risk factor to get STI for FSW in Armenia. These findings highlight the need for HIV prevention interventions that engage both FSW and their sex partners, especially non-commercial. Improvement of condom negotiation skills, provision of HIV/AIDS risk and transmission education should be the focus of interventions targeting FSW. Additionally, health care and other service providers should encourage routine HIV testing and STI screening for FSW and their partners.

### P3.16 IMPACT OF RAPID SUSCEPTIBILITY PROFILING ON THE EMERGENCE AND SPREAD OF ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE IN GONORRHOEA

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**Introduction** Increasing antibiotic resistance limits treatment for gonorrhoea. We examined the extent to which a hypothetical point-of-care (POC) test reporting antibiotic susceptibility profiles could delay emergence of resistance and prolong effectiveness of existing antibiotics.

**Methods** We developed a deterministic compartmental model describing gonorrhoea transmission in a risk-stratified single-sex population with three different antibiotics available to treat infections. Probabilities of resistance emergence on treatment and fitness costs associated with resistance were based on characteristics of fluoroquinolones, azithromycin, and ceftriaxone, as inferred from a previous phylogenomic analysis. We compared strategies in which a POC test was used to guide therapy in varying proportions of cases against the current empiric approach (dual treatment with azithromycin plus ceftriaxone).

**Results** Based on current estimates of gonococcal susceptibility patterns in the United States, the model indicated that continued empiric dual antibiotic treatment without POC testing resulted in >5% of isolates being resistant to both azithromycin and ceftriaxone within 15 years. When POC testing was used in 10% of identified cases, this time was delayed by 4 years, while time to reach a 1% prevalence of triply-resistant strains was delayed by 5 years. With POC testing in >55% of identified cases, it took over 100 years for dual and triple resistance to exceed 1%, and with POC testing in ≥75% of cases, strains resistant to azithromycin and/or ceftriaxone did not persist in the population. Results were sensitive to assumptions about fitness costs and test sensitivity only when POC test deployment was relatively low (<25%).

**Conclusion** Rapid diagnostics that indicate antibiotic susceptibility have the potential to extend the usefulness of existing antibiotics for treatment of gonorrhoea. More broadly, integration of evidence on fitness costs associated with resistance can enhance strategies for rational antibiotic selection and further delay emergence of resistance.

### P3.17 QUALITY OF LIFE IN HIV/AIDS PATIENTS- AN EXPLORATION

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**Introduction** HIV/AIDS impacts heavily on the infected individual and the society at large, there is therefore a need to evaluate the quality of life of HIV-infected individuals.

**Objectives:** To assess the impact of HIV/AIDS on the Health related quality of life (HRQOL) of people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA), and to investigate the determinants of the QOL of PLWHA.

**Methods** A descriptive cross-sectional study design was used. One hundred and three (103) PLWHA accessing healthcare were consecutively selected. A questionnaire, containing data on socio-demographic and medical profiles, on the WHO-QOL-HIV Bref was used to assess each study participant. HRQOL was evaluated to assess quality of life domains that included physical and physiological health, level of independence, social relationships, environment, and spirituality/religion/personal beliefs. Means, standard deviations, and statistical tests for differences were performed.

**Results** The mean age of the respondents was 41.0 (range 21–73); 48 (46.6%) of the participants were males. The QOL mean scores were highest for the spirituality/religion/personal beliefs domain ( $16.88 \pm 2.83$ ) and lowest for the environment domain ( $14.08 \pm 1.95$ ). The overall QOL mean scores in the other four domains were similar: physical health ( $15.92 \pm 3.05$ ), psychological health ( $15.35 \pm 3.20$ ), level of independence ( $15.90 \pm 3.52$ ), social relationships ( $15.11 \pm 2.26$ ). Significant differences were observed in all domains among respondents with family support compared to those without family support. Similarly, asymptomatic patients had significantly higher QOL scores compared to symptomatic patients. Improved QOL was influenced by higher educational levels in all domains except the spirituality/religion/personal beliefs domain.

**Conclusion** The impact of HIV on the HRQOL was highest in the environment and social relationships domains. Also, HIV serostatus, presence of family support, and educational levels had significant effects on the QOL of PLWHA.

### P3.18 MONITORING CHLAMYDIA TRACHOMATIS INFECTIONS AFTER TREATMENT FOR TEST OF CURE PURPOSES

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**Introduction** Performing a test of cure (TOC) could demonstrate success or failure of antimicrobial treatment of *C. trachomatis* (CT) infection, but the value of using a nuclear acid amplification test (NAAT) based TOC after treatment is subject to discussion, as the presence of CT nucleic acids after treatment may be prolonged and intermittent without the presence of infectious bacteria. We used cell culture to assess if a NAAT positive TOC indicates the presence of viable CT.