



Hepatitis C and HIV coinfection in central region of Argentina: prevalence, genotype characterization and risk factors

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RESUMEN

BACKGROUND. This is the first study reporting the epidemiological and molecular characterization of HCV/HIV coinfection in the central region of Argentina. **METHOD.** Cross-sectional, epidemiological study (2003-2004). **Statistics:** multivariate logistic regression analysis. **RESULTS.** The incidence of HCV/HIV coinfection was 12.3%. HCV genotype 1 was the most prevalent (73%). Intravenous drug use was the main independent risk factor for acquiring HCV infection. However, an alternative route (sexual) for viral transmission was suggested. **CONCLUSIONS.** These results underscore the potential public health impact of HCV/HIV coinfection in our region.

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