Table Z: Drug-related deaths, on the basis of the Office for national Statistics (ONS) 'wide' definition, by how they relate to the Drug Strategy 'baseline' definition, and deaths from some causes which may be associated with present or past drug misuse, 2000 to 2009

Cause of death	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
All drug-related deaths (on the 'wide' definition)	495	551	566	493	546	480	577	630	737	716
of which:										
on the basis used for this report's statistics (i.e. the Drug Strategy 'baseline' definition, as implemented by GROS)	292	332	382	317	356	336	421	455	574	545
deaths within the Drug Strategy 'baseline' definition, but excluded from this report's statistics because ... [1]										
(a) cause of death was a secondary infection or a related complication [2]	22	9	10	9	6	12	13	10	23	22
(b) controlled substance was present only as part of a compound analgesic or a cold remedy	3	4	6	0	0	1	2	8	10	3
other deaths counted as 'drug-related' by the 'wide' definition - but not on the basis used for this report [3]	178	206	168	167	184	131	141	157	130	146
Deaths from some causes which may be associated with present or past drug misuse [4]										
Underlying cause of death, with its ICD10 [5] code(s):										
Hepatitis C (B18.2)	1	2	3	5	5	10	14	12	18	21
HIV (B20-24)	23	33	33	33	16	31	19	21	18	27
Total all deaths from the specified causes	24	35	36	38	21	41	33	33	36	48

1. Paragraph A3 of Annex A in Drug related Death in Scotland in 2009, explains why these kinds of deaths are excluded from the standard definition of 'drug-related death' figures produced by the General Register Office for Scotland (GROS)
2. including (e.g.,) deaths caused by infections that resulted from the use of heroin which was contaminated by, say, anthrax
3. including (e.g.,) accidental deaths which were caused by the use of drugs which were not controlled at the time, such as those before 16 April 2010 which resulted from using mephedrone (assuming that no controlled drugs were found in the body)
4. only a proportion of deaths from these causes can be attributed to drug misuse - further information can be found in paragraph B8 of Annex B in Drugs related Deaths in Scotland in 2009
5. 'ICD10'is the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision