

Methadone treatment in Taiwan: Current status and future challenge

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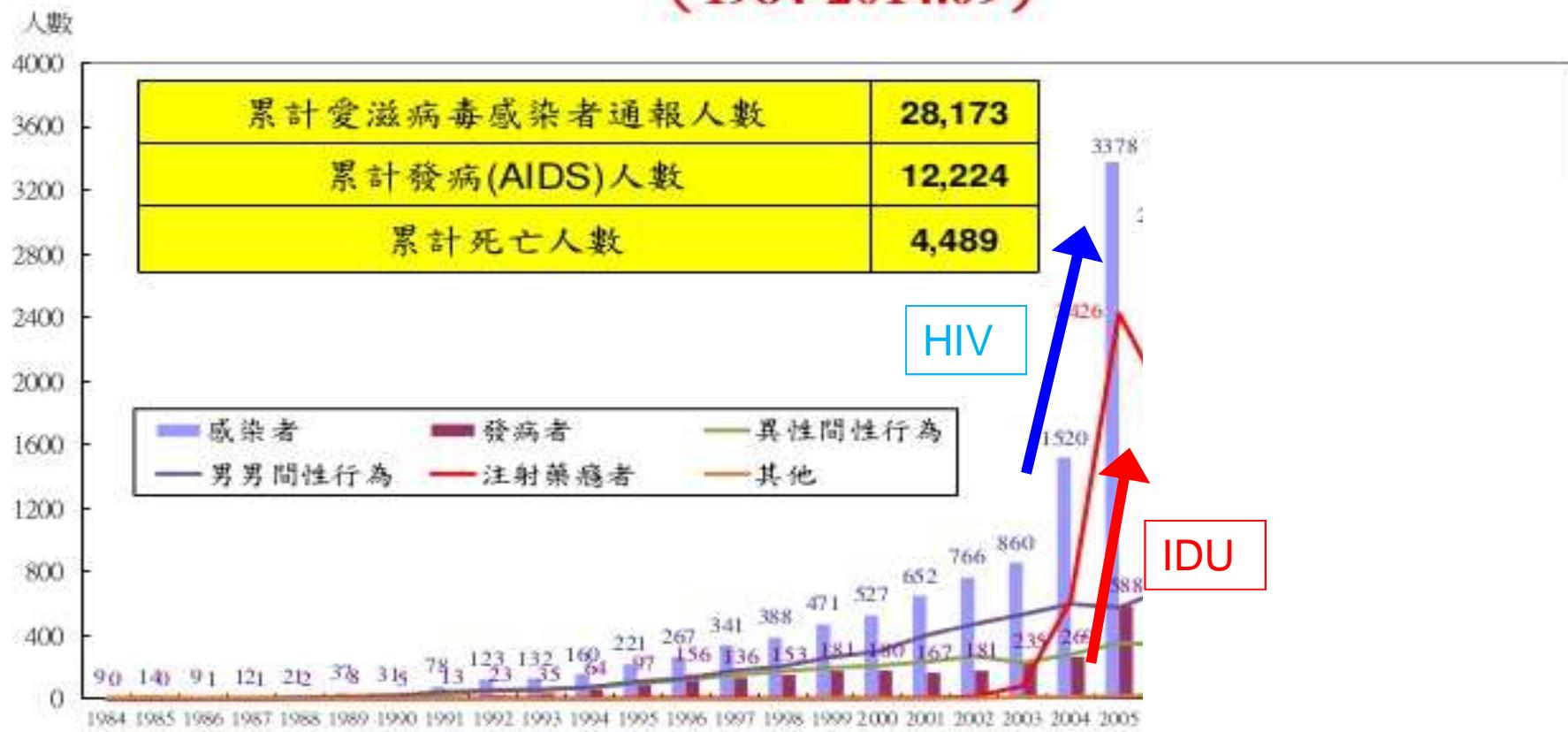
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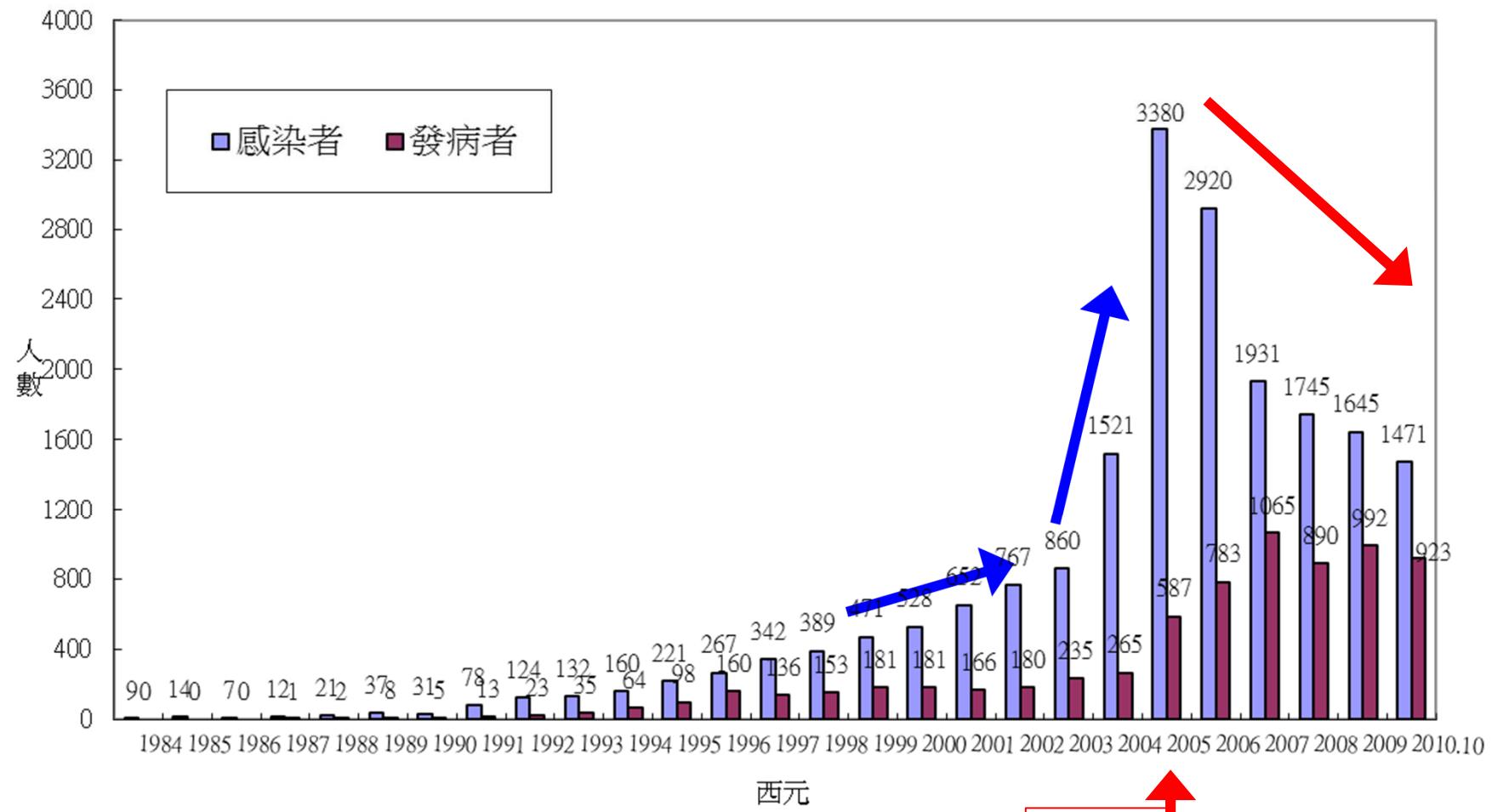
Spreading of HIV in IDU

台灣感染人類免疫缺乏病毒者趨勢圖
(1984-2014.09)



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台灣地區本國籍感染人類免疫缺乏病毒者趨勢圖
1984年至2010年10月(依診斷日分析)



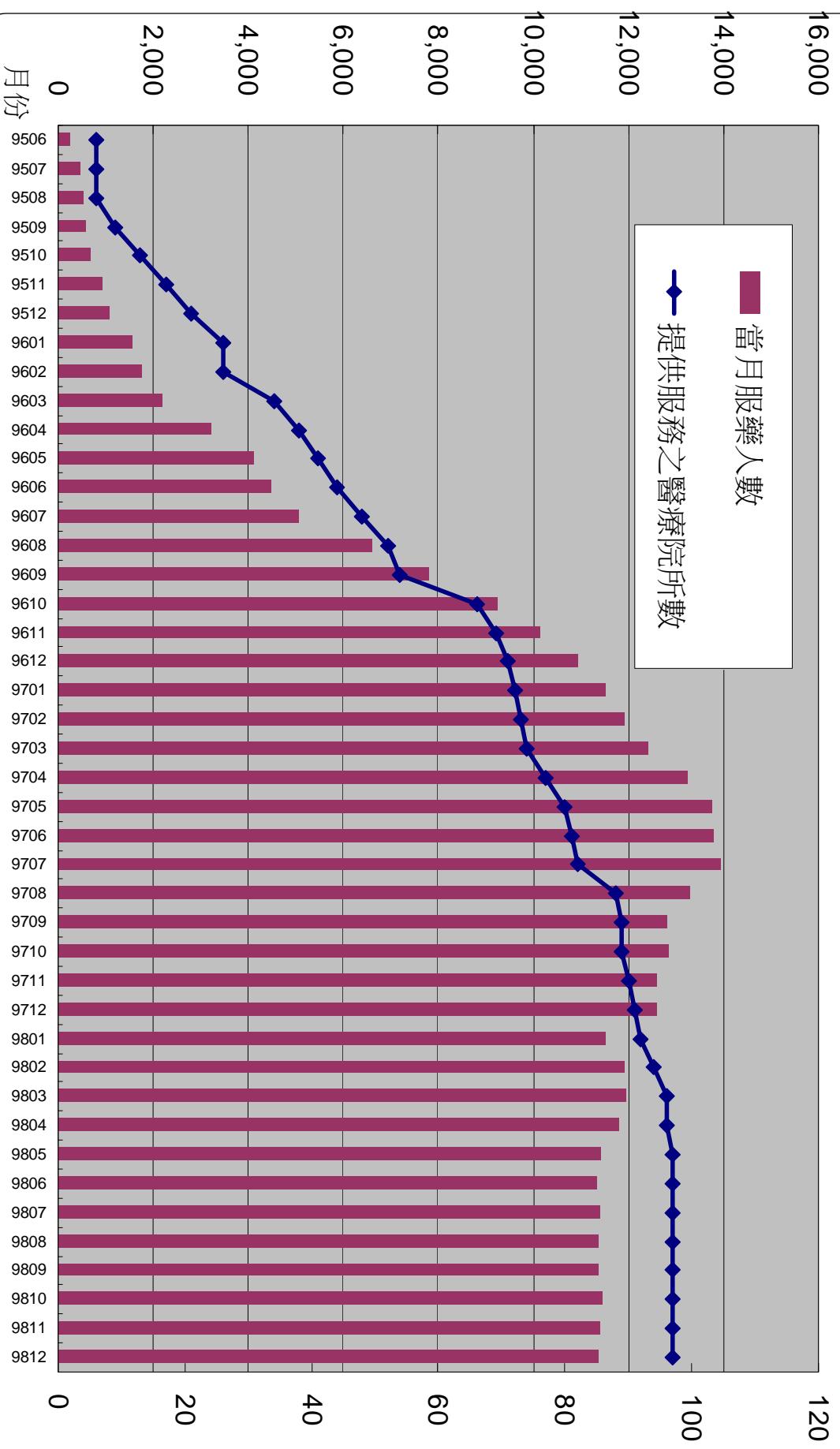
Methadone treatment history in Taiwan

- 2004~2005: Preparation
 - Refer to other countries' experiences , e.g. Australia, Hong Kong
 - Initiated by Center for Disease Control ,Taiwan
- 2005: pilot
 - 4 sites of hospital located in Taipei City,Taipei County,Taoyuan County,Tainan County
 - Refer to other countries' experiences , e.g. Australia
- 2006, July
 - Whole Taiwan

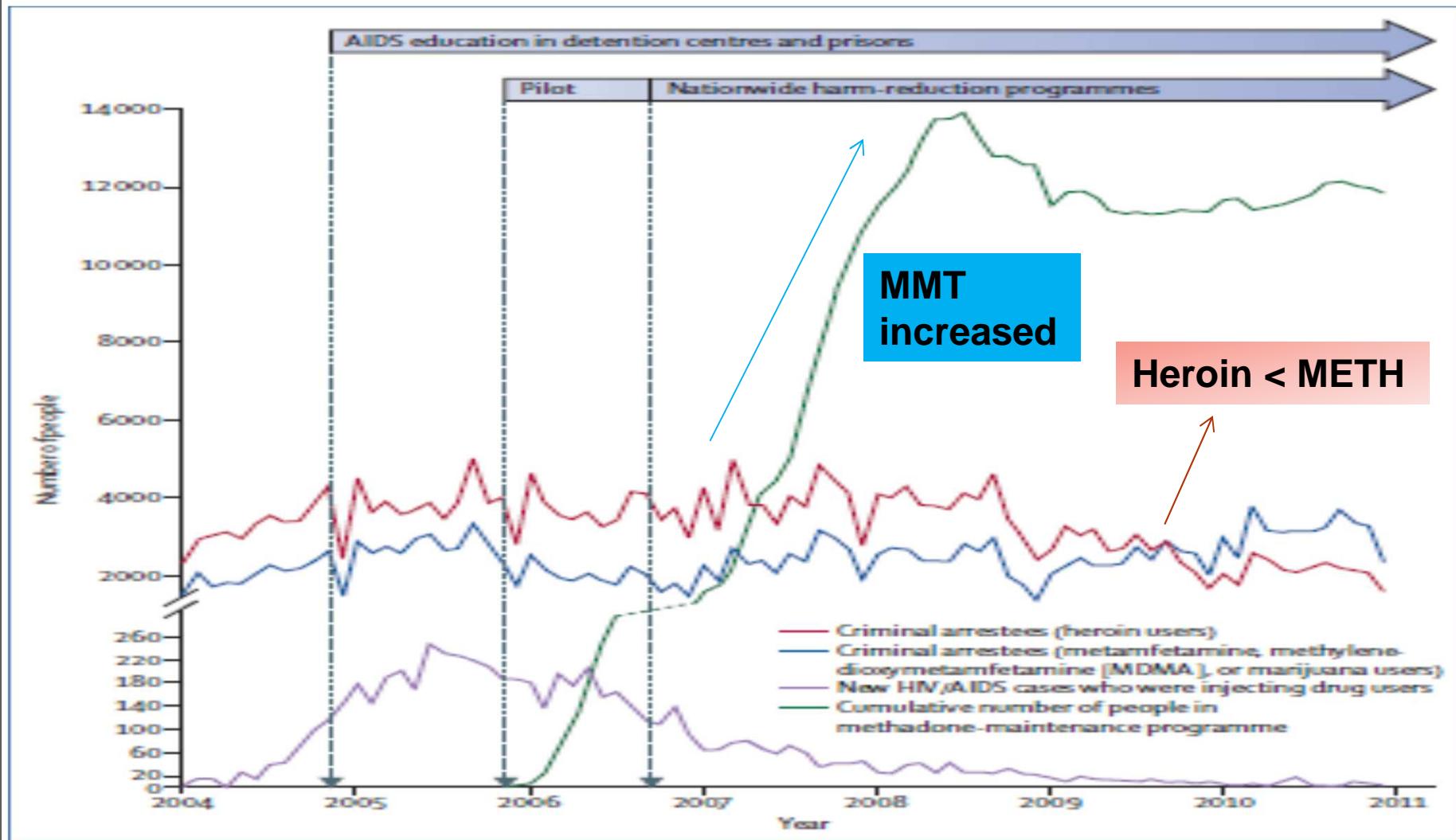
MMT case and Hospital number :

From 2006.06 to 2009.12

MMT
case
Hospital
no.

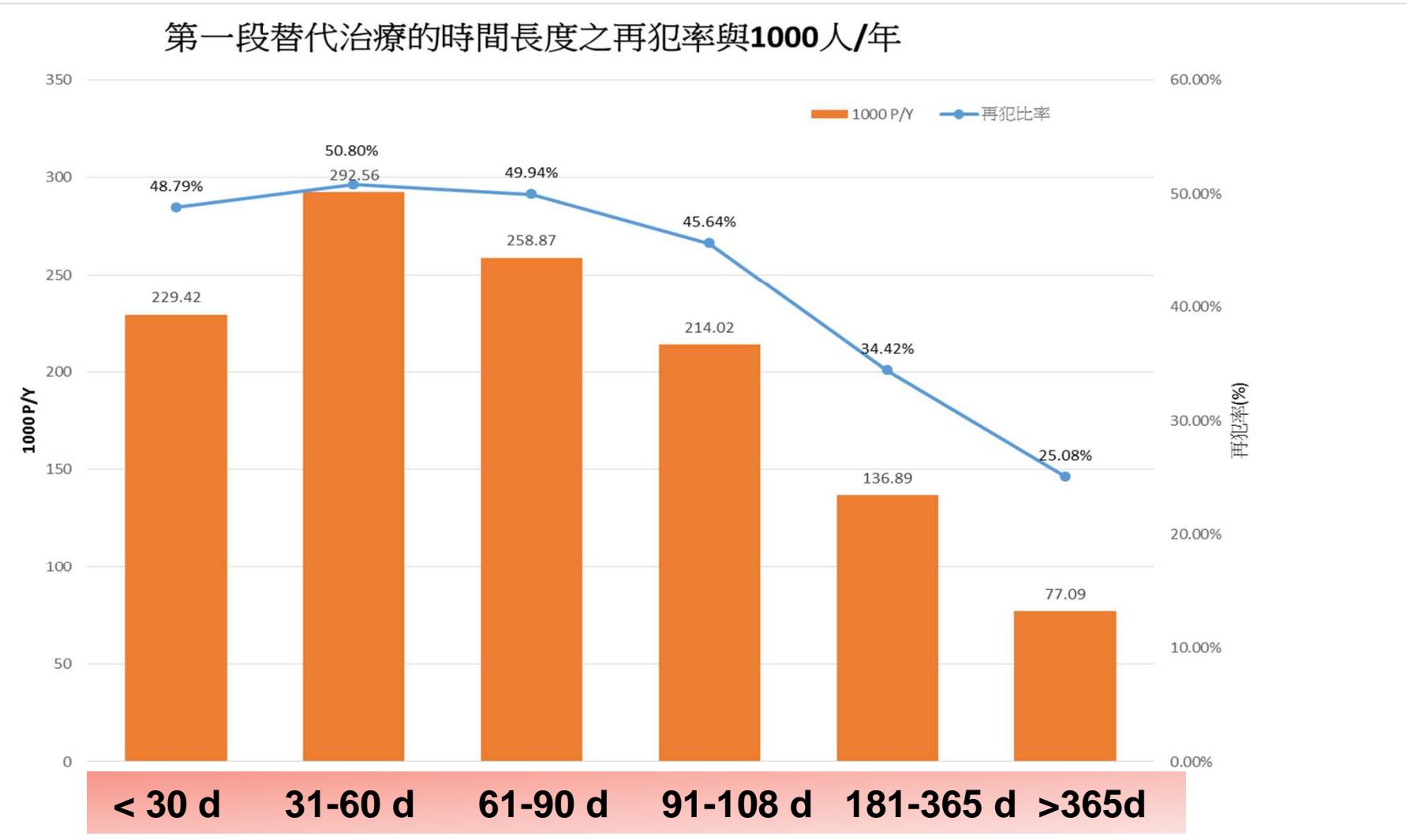


Effect of MMT



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Effect of MMT: MMT duration and heroin relapse rate

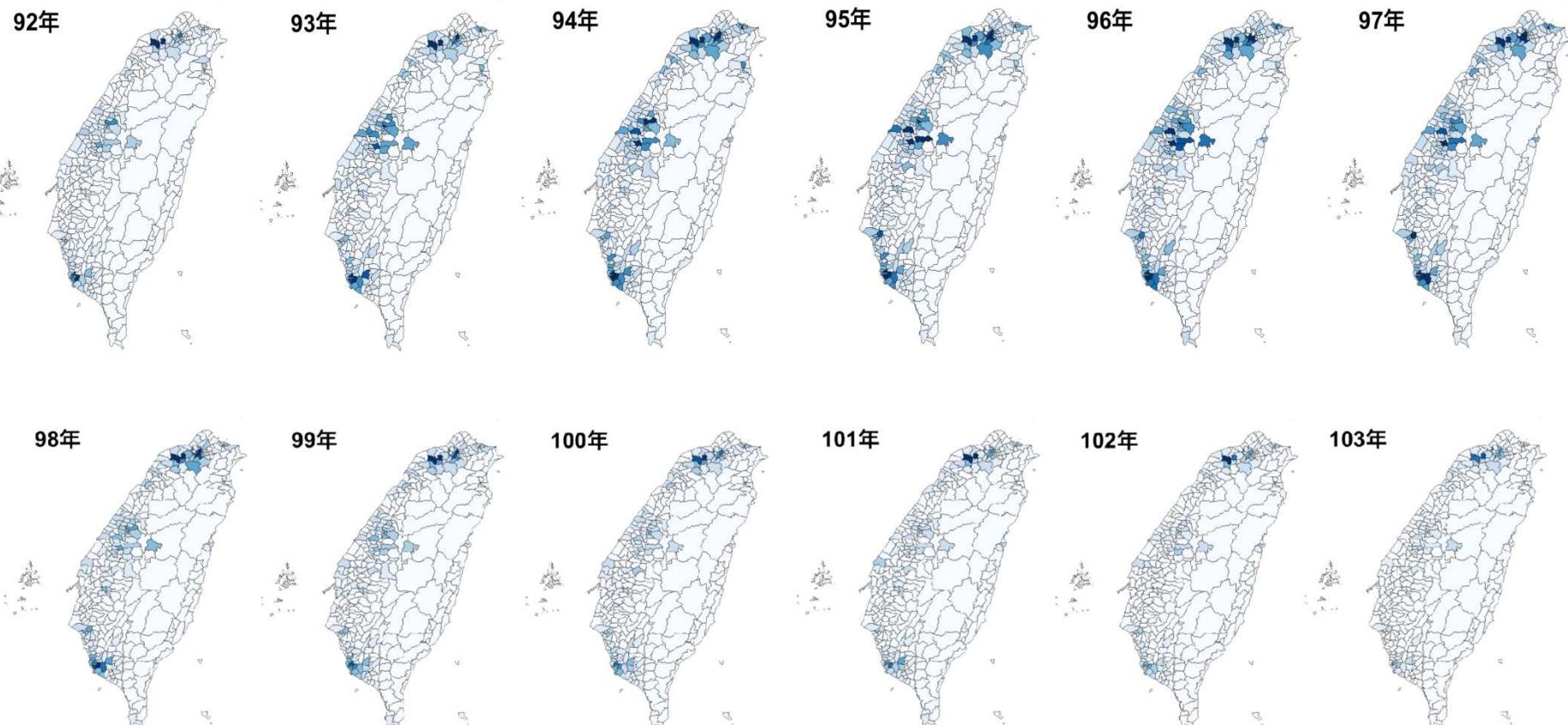


Heroin user decrease: location data from police arrest record

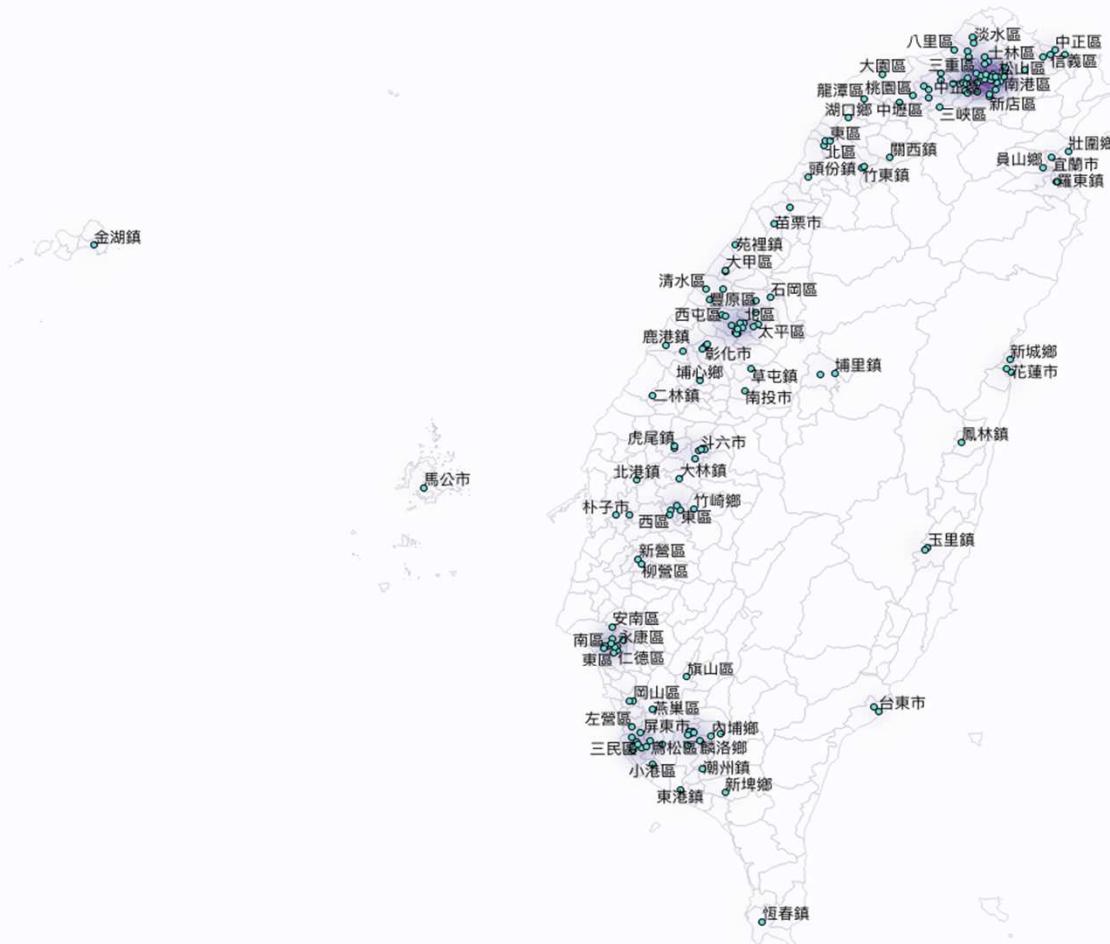
圖例

台灣鄉鎮鴉片類犯罪累積人數分布

< 50
50 - 100
100 - 150
150 - 200
200 - 250
250 - 300
300 - 350
350 - 400
400 - 450
> 450

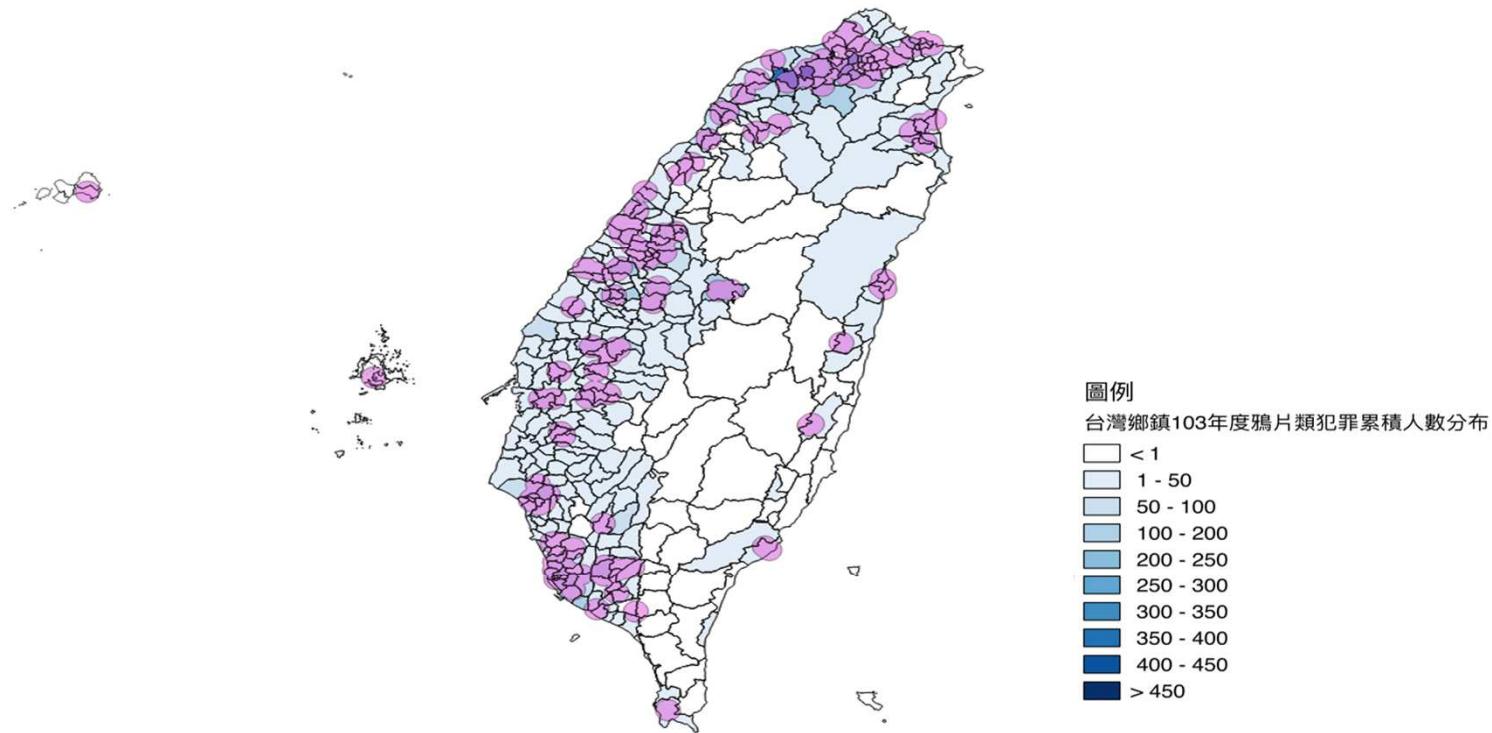


MMT hospital location in Taiwan



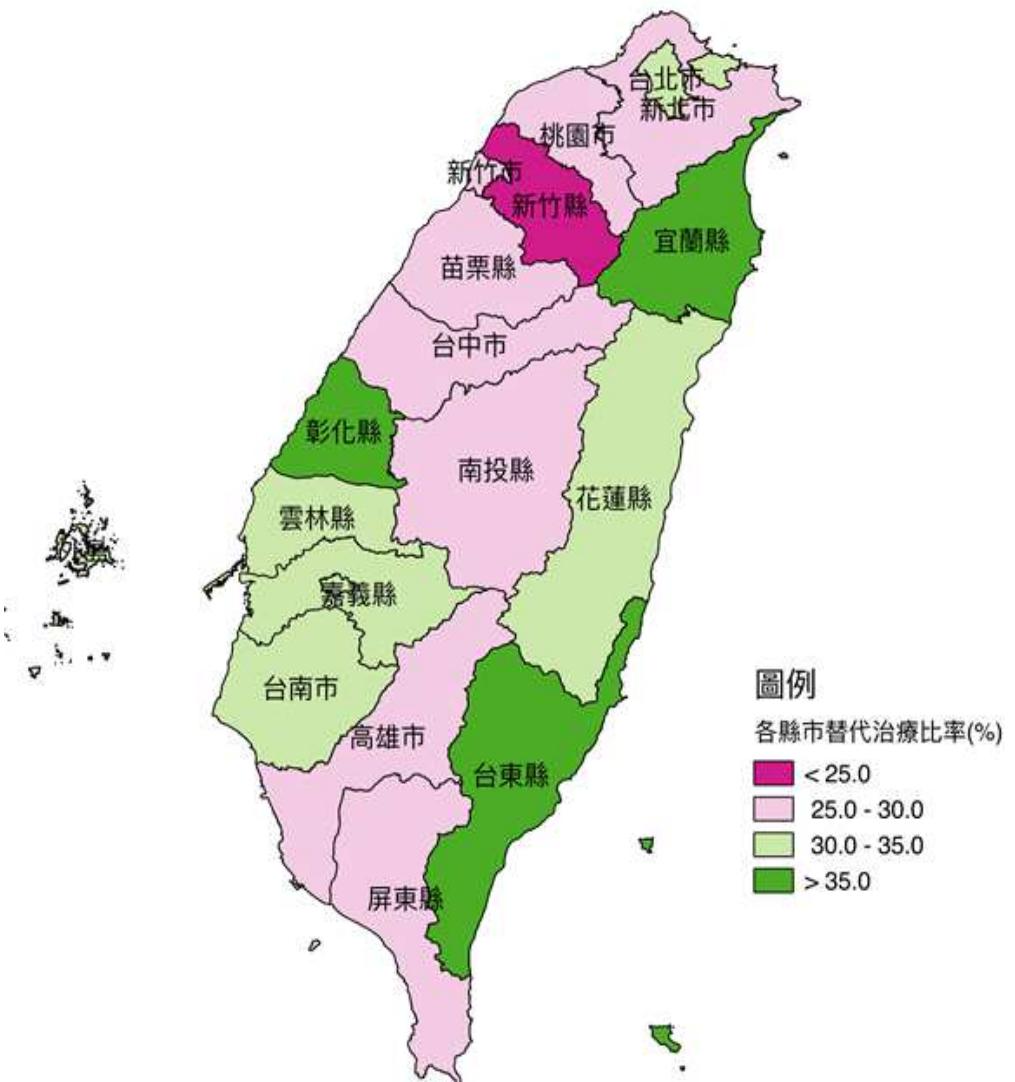
5 Km Service area from MMT hospital

Taiwan MMT covered 17.45% area
(6,831KM²/36,575KM²)



Taiwan MMT service: MMT participate ratio in each county

- In most areas, 25% heroin users had received MMT
- Some areas (Eastern TW) with higher treatment rate ($>35\%$) may due to less cases.



Next challenge of methadone treatment

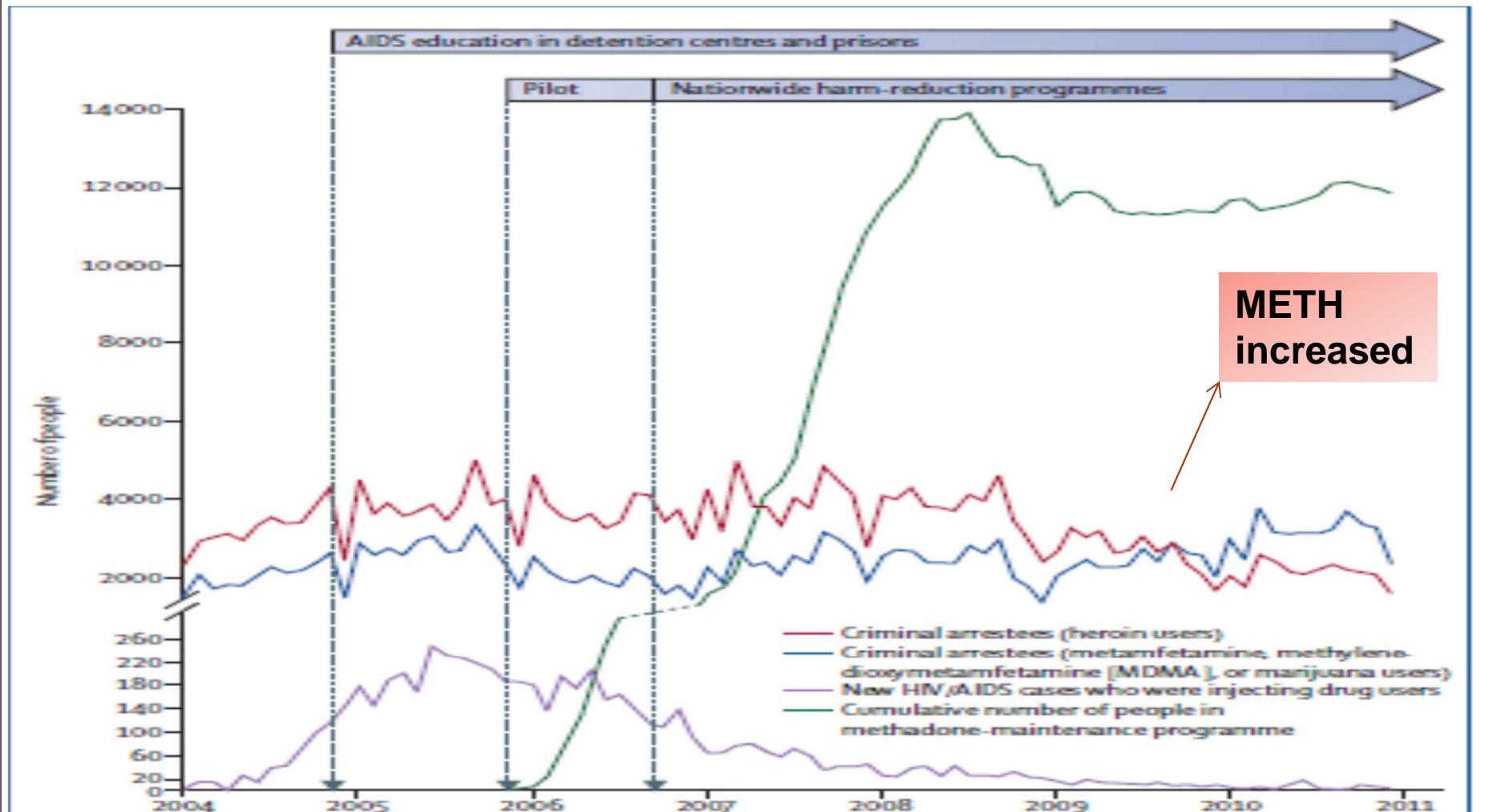
1. Methadone case problems

- The number of methadone cases seem to reach the ceil and even decrease slowly.
- Unequal case service in different sites.
 - There was more than 1,000 cases of MMT in one site, however only 3 cases in the other site.
 - No maximum case service limitation.
 - Maintenance fee

2. Extending programs

- Traveling dose
- Take home dose ?
- Quality enhancement programs
 - Cooperation with HIV program
 - Engaged with suicidal prevention program
 - Alcohol and hypnotics issues
 - others ...

3. Heroin problems controlled? Addiction problems controlled?



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To fight the unbeatable foe ...

Or

To live the survivors ...

The answer is blowing

In the wind ...

Thanks!

