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Interpretation: trends in new heroin clients

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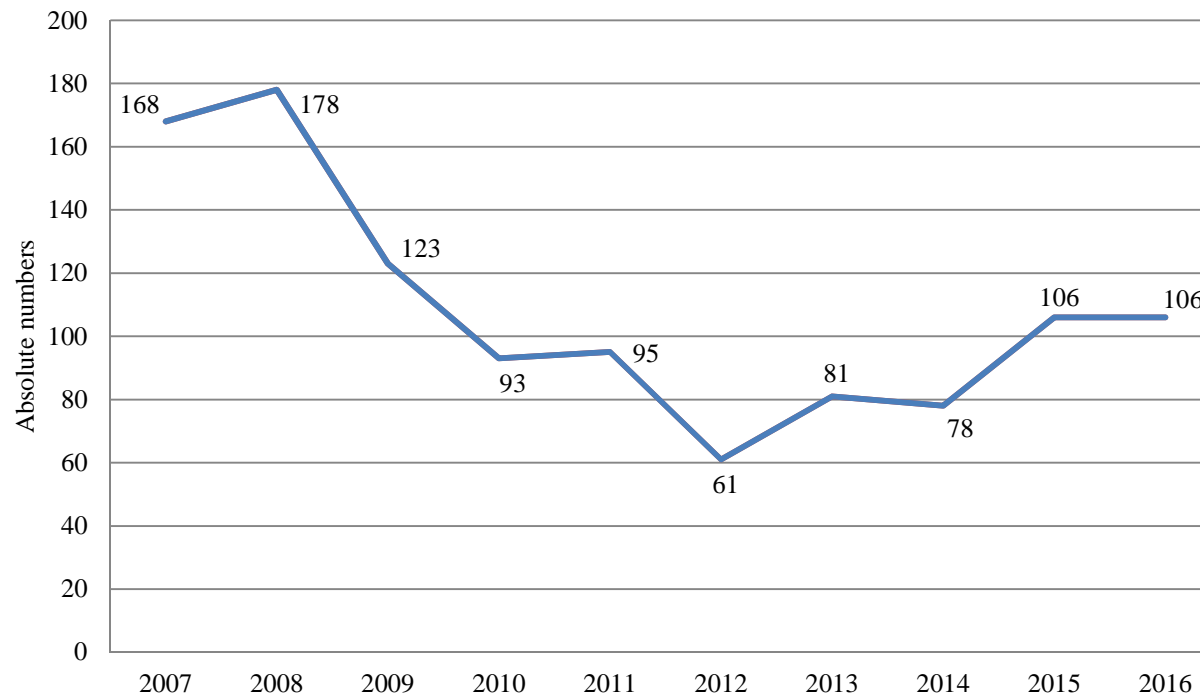
TDI/Treatment expert meeting
Lisbon, 20-21/09/2017





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Never previously treated clients who have entered treatment for primary heroin use





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Possible causes that may affect data

- Change s in case definition? ✓
- Increase in reporting health structures? ✓
- Concomitant use of other opioids? ✓
- Coding error? ✓



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Changes in case definition

In 2013 the data collection system PREDA was updated in line with new treatment definitions and scope according to the Treatment Demand Indicator (TDI) v.3.:

- before – outpatient treatment centres, after – outpatient + inpatient centres;
- a lot of work and communication with treatment centres and doctors during and after changes – informed about all changes in definitions and Registry structure.



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Coding error

The main drug – patient himself or reported from other person

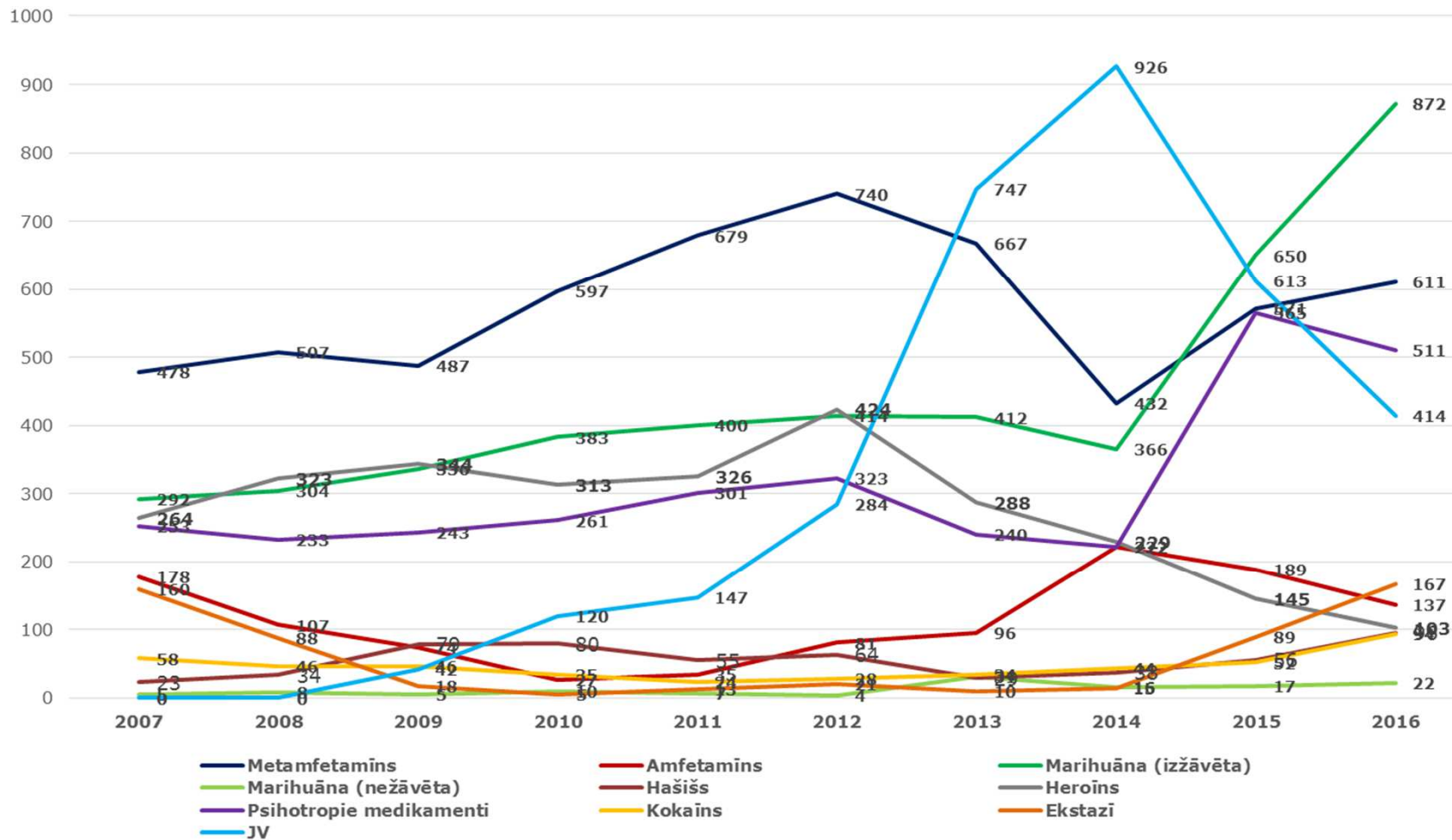


Other opioids
(especially some new synthetic opioid instead heroin)



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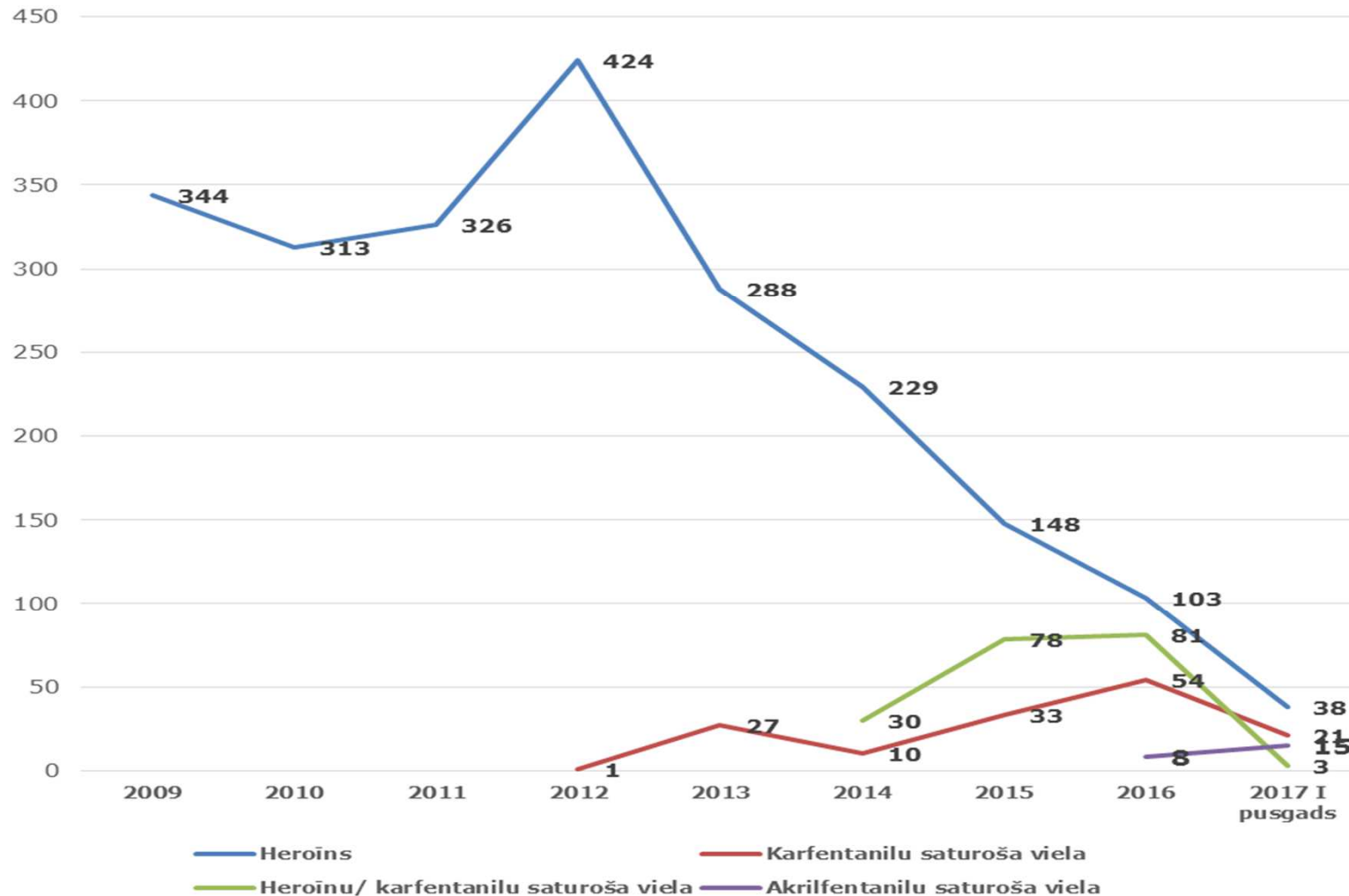
Drug seizure data 2007-2016





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Heroin/new synthetic opioids seizures, 2009-2017 (I half of the year)





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Thank you!

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