Table 1

Absolute amount and mean grams of each opioid prescribed over the study period, and the linear correlation between monthly total and time

Opioid	Total amount prescribed over study period (g)	Mean g/month prescribed in England	Increase or decrease over time (Spearman's r)
Buprenorphine	92,500.3	2,151.2	0.86
Codeine	27,922,622.7	649,363.3	0.89
Dihydrocodeine	22,190,184.3	516,050.8	-0.27
Fentanyl	2,489.5	57.9	0.18
Methadone	1,931,295.7	44,913.8	-0.97
Morphine	4,835,679.9	112,457.7	0.75
Oxycodone	2,719,720.2	63,249.3	0.86
Tramadol	139,222,060.4	3,237,722.3	0.80