

# Search Results

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## Search History

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**1. Steroids, psychosis and poly-substance abuse**

**Citation:** Irish Journal of Psychological Medicine, September 2015, vol./is. 32/2(227-230), 0790-9667;2051-6967 (08 Sep 2014)

**Author(s):** Duffy R.M.; Kelly B.D.

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**Language:** English

**Abstract:** Objective. To review consequences of the changing demographic profile of anabolic-androgenic steroid (AAS) use. Method. Case report and review of key papers. Results. We report here a case of a 19-year-old Irish male presenting with both medical and psychiatric side effects of methandrostenolone use. The man had a long-standing history of harmful cannabis use, but had not experienced previous psychotic symptoms. Following use of methandrostenolone, he developed rhabdomyolysis and a psychotic episode with homicidal ideation. Discussion. Non-medical AAS use is a growing problem associated with medical, psychiatric and forensic risks. The population using these drugs has changed with the result of more frequent poly-substance misuse, potentially exacerbating these risks. Conclusion. A higher index of suspicion is needed for AAS use. Medical personnel need to be aware of the potential side effects of their use, including the risk of violence. Research is needed to establish the magnitude of the problem in Ireland.

**Country of Publication:** Ireland

**Publisher:** College of Psychiatry of Ireland

**CAS Registry Number:** 12794-10-4 (benzodiazepine); 8001-45-4 (cannabis); 8063-14-7 (cannabis); 9001-15-4 (creatine kinase); 439-14-5 (diazepam); 52-86-8 (haloperidol); 72-63-9 (metandienone); 132539-06-1 (olanzapine); 53663-61-9 (opiate); 8002-76-4 (opiate); 8008-60-4 (opiate)

**Publication Type:** Journal: Article

**Subject Headings:** [adult](#)  
[anxiety](#)  
[article](#)  
[auditory hallucination](#)  
[cannabis addiction](#)  
[case report](#)  
[fasciculation](#)  
[grandiose delusion](#)  
[homicide](#)  
[human](#)  
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["\\*psychosis/dt \[Drug Therapy\]"](#)  
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[visual hallucination](#)  
[weight lifting](#)  
[young adult](#)  
[benzodiazepine](#)  
[cannabis](#)  
["creatine kinase/ec \[Endogenous Compound\]"](#)  
[diazepam](#)  
["haloperidol/dt \[Drug Therapy\]"](#)  
["\\*metandienone/to \[Drug Toxicity\]"](#)

"olanzapine/dt [Drug Therapy]"  
opiate

**Source:** EMBASE

## 2. Sedation and analgesia for critically ill children

**Citation:** Paediatrics and Child Health (United Kingdom), May 2015, vol./is. 25/5(228-233), 1751-7222;1878-206X (01 May 2015)

**Author(s):** Gopiseti S.; Playfor S.D.

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**Language:** English

**Abstract:** Effective sedation and analgesia in the critically ill child ensures physical comfort and minimises psychological distress. In the UK the most commonly used sedative and analgesic agents for critically ill children are midazolam and either morphine or fentanyl. Consensus clinical practice guidelines for the provision of sedation and analgesia in critically ill children were published in 2006 by the UK Paediatric Intensive Care Society, but considerable variation in practice persists. It is important to treat pain, and in addition to the obvious immediate effects of untreated pain there is increasing evidence that pain experienced early in life may result in long-term changes in neurosensory function. There are however also concerns that sedative and analgesic agents may themselves be associated with developmental neurotoxicity, particularly amongst neonates, and adverse psychological outcomes in survivors of critical care. Withdrawal syndrome and delirium remain poorly understood, although we have emerging tools such as the Sophia Observation withdrawal Symptoms-scale (SOS) and the paediatric Confusion Assessment Method for the ICU (pCAM-ICU). The most important single factor in reducing avoidable psychological morbidity in survivors of PICU is to minimise the administered doses of sedative and analgesic agents.

**Country of Publication:** United Kingdom

**Publisher:** Churchill Livingstone

**CAS Registry Number:** 4205-90-7 (clonidine); 4205-91-8 (clonidine); 57066-25-8 (clonidine); 113775-47-6 (dexmedetomidine); 437-38-7 (fentanyl); 26675-46-7 (isoflurane); 1867-66-9 (ketamine); 6740-88-1 (ketamine); 81771-21-3 (ketamine); 59467-70-8 (midazolam); 52-26-6 (morphine); 57-27-2 (morphine); 53663-61-9 (opiate); 8002-76-4 (opiate); 8008-60-4 (opiate); 103-90-2 (paracetamol); 132539-07-2 (remifentanyl)

**Publication Type:** Journal: Review

**Subject Headings:** \*analgesia  
analgesic activity  
artificial ventilation  
child  
\*critically ill patient  
delirium  
distress syndrome  
human  
intensive care  
neurotoxicity  
"\*pain/dt [Drug Therapy]"  
pain assessment  
patient comfort  
\*pediatrics  
review  
\*sedation  
"withdrawal syndrome/si [Side Effect]"  
"\*analgesic agent/ae [Adverse Drug Reaction]"  
benzodiazepine derivative

clonidine  
 dexmedetomidine  
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 remifentanyl  
 "\*sedative agent/ae [Adverse Drug Reaction]"

**Source:** EMBASE

**Full Text:** Available from *Elsevier* in *Paediatrics and Child Health*

### 3. The tide is turning in favour of e-cigarettes

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**Citation:** Pharmaceutical Journal, December 2014, vol./is. 293/7839-7840(599), 0031-6873 (06 Dec 2014)

**Author(s):** Cunningham M.

**Institution:** (Cunningham) Horsham, West Sussex United Kingdom

**Language:** English

**Country of Publication:** United Kingdom

**Publisher:** Pharmaceutical Press

**Publication Type:** Journal: Letter

**Subject Headings:** clinical psychology  
 harm reduction  
 health practitioner  
 human  
 letter  
 medical society  
 nicotine replacement therapy  
 scientist  
 smoking  
 smoking ban  
 \*smoking cessation  
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 United Kingdom  
 "\*electronic cigarette/dt [Drug Therapy]"

**Source:** EMBASE

### 4. A bibliometric analysis of European versus USA research in the field of addiction. Research on alcohol, narcotics, prescription drug abuse, tobacco and steroids 2001-2011

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**Citation:** European Addiction Research, 2013, vol./is. 20/1(16-22), 1022-6877;1421-9891 (2013)

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**Language:** English

**Abstract:** Background: To compare the publication and citation rate within the areas of drug abuse and dependence research in Europe with that in the USA. Methods: This is a bibliometric study using the Thomson Reuters Web of Knowledge as data source, 40 key words were used as search terms, but certain scientific publications not concerning the issue were excluded. Scientific publications from Denmark, England, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, and the USA were studied. The number of publications in each country and in each year in addition to the citation indices for these publications was retrieved. Results: Approximately two thirds of the publications came from the USA. Both in absolute and relative figures, Europe lagged behind. The trend over the last decade was a greater gap between the amount of research performed in Europe versus the USA. There were thematic differences. Smaller European countries had a greater relative publication rate. The citations were relatively evenly distributed. Conclusions: It has been claimed that 85% of the world's research within the field of drug abuse and dependence is carried out in the USA. This study challenges this figure, but European research within this field is lagging behind.

**Country of Publication:** Switzerland  
**Publisher:** S. Karger AG  
**CAS Registry Number:** 64-17-5 (alcohol)  
**Publication Type:** Journal: Article  
**Subject Headings:** [article](#)  
[bibliometrics](#)  
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[Denmark](#)  
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[\\*drug dependence](#)  
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[priority journal](#)  
[publication](#)  
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[Web of Science](#)  
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[\\*narcotic agent](#)  
[\\*prescription drug](#)  
[\\*steroid](#)

**Source:** EMBASE

**Full Text:** Available from S. Karger AG in *European Addiction Research*; Note: ; Collection notes: Academic-License: Only available from an NHS networked computer

##### 5. Mortality related to novel psychoactive substances in Scotland, 2012: An exploratory study

**Citation:** International Journal of Drug Policy, May 2015, vol./is. 26/5(461-467), 0955-3959;1873-4758 (01 May 2015)

**Author(s):** McAuley A.; Hecht G.; Barnsdale L.; Thomson C.S.; Graham L.; Priyadarshi S.; Robertson J.R.

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**Language:** English

**Abstract:** Background: The growth of novel psychoactive substances (NPS) over the last decade, both in terms of availability and consumption, is of increasing public health concern. Despite recent increases in related mortality, the circumstances surrounding and characteristics of individuals involved in NPS deaths at a population level remain relatively unknown. Methods: The Scottish National Drug Related Death Database (NDRDD) collects a wide-range of data relating to the nature and circumstances of individuals who have died a drug-related death (DRD). We conducted exploratory descriptive analysis of DRDs involving NPS recorded by the NDRDD in 2012. Statistical testing of differences between sub-groups was also conducted where appropriate. Results: In 2012, we found 36 DRDs in Scotland to have NPS recorded within post-mortem toxicology. However, in only 23 of these cases were NPS deemed by the reporting pathologist to be implicated in the actual cause of death. The majority of NPS-implicated DRDs involved Benzodiazepine-type drugs (13), mainly Phenazepam (12). The remaining 10 NPS-implicated deaths featured a range of different Stimulant-type drugs. The majority of these NPS-implicated deaths involved males and consumption of more than one drug was recorded by toxicology in all except one case. NPS-implicated deaths involving Benzodiazepine-type NPS drugs appeared to involve older individuals known to be using drugs for a considerable period of time, many of whom had been in prison at some point in their lives. They also typically involved combinations of opioids and benzodiazepines; no stimulant drugs were co-implicated. Deaths where stimulant-type NPS drugs were implicated appeared to be a younger group in comparison, all consuming two or more Stimulant-type drugs in combination. Conclusion: This exploratory study provides an important insight into the circumstances surrounding and characteristics of individuals involved in NPS deaths at a population level. It identifies important issues for policy and practice, not least the prominent role of unlicensed benzodiazepines in drug-related mortality, but also the need for a range of harm reduction strategies to prevent future deaths.

**Country of Publication:** Netherlands

**Publisher:** Elsevier

**CAS Registry Number:** 12794-10-4 (benzodiazepine); 53663-61-9 (opiate); 8002-76-4 (opiate); 8008-60-4 (opiate); 51753-57-2 (phenazepam)

**Publication Type:** Journal: Article

**Subject Headings:** [adult](#)  
[age](#)  
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[data base](#)  
[demography](#)  
[descriptive research](#)  
[\\*drug fatality](#)  
[drug overdose](#)  
[female](#)  
[gender](#)  
[health care policy](#)  
[health care practice](#)  
[human](#)  
[male](#)  
[multiple drug abuse](#)

priority journal  
 United Kingdom  
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 "\*novel psychoactive substance/to [Drug Toxicity]"  
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 "phenazepam/to [Drug Toxicity]"  
 "\*psychotropic agent/to [Drug Toxicity]"  
 unclassified drug

**Source:** EMBASE

**Full Text:** Available from *Elsevier* in *International Journal of Drug Policy*

## 6. Debate over e-cigarettes heats up as European Parliament tightens rules

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**Citation:** Pharmaceutical Journal, March 2014, vol./is. 292/7799(223-224), 0031-6873 (01 Mar 2014)

**Author(s):** Sukkar E.

**Language:** English

**Country of Publication:** United Kingdom

**Publisher:** Pharmaceutical Press

**Publication Type:** Journal: Review

**Subject Headings:** consensus  
 \*drug approval  
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 drug legislation  
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 review  
 smoking cessation  
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 United Kingdom  
 world health organization  
 "\*electronic cigarette/dt [Drug Therapy]"  
 "\*electronic cigarette/pr [Pharmaceutics]"

**Source:** EMBASE

## 7. Cocaine-related health emergencies in Europe: A review of sources of information, trends and implications for service development

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**Citation:** European Addiction Research, 2013, vol./is. 19/2(74-81), 1022-6877;1421-9891 (2013)

**Author(s):** Mena G.; Giraudon I.; Alvarez E.; Corkery J.M.; Matias J.; Grasaasen K.; Llorens N.; Griffiths P.; Vicente J.

**Institution:** (Mena, Giraudon, Matias, Griffiths, Vicente) European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA), Cais do Sodre Lisbon PT-1249-289, Portugal; (Mena) Preventive Medicine and Epidemiology Unit, Barcelona Centre for International Health Research (CRESIB), Hospital Clinic, Universitat de Barcelona, Barcelona, Spain; (Alvarez, Llorens) Spanish Observatory on Drugs, Government Delegation for the National Plan on Drugs, Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality, Madrid, Spain;

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- Language:** English
- Abstract:** Methods: Thirty European countries submit an annual national report on the drug situation to the EMCDDA. All reports for the period 2007-2010 were analyzed, with particular attention given to auditing cocaine-related mentions. Analysis was also performed in order to identify sources and case definitions, assess coverage, audit cases and, where possible, to identify long-term trends. Results: Considerable heterogeneity existed between countries in their approach to recording drug-related emergencies, with only Spain and the Netherlands having established formal indicators. The highest annual numbers of cocaine-related episodes were reported by the UK (3,502), Spain (2,845) and the Netherlands (1,211). A considerable (2- to 3-fold) increase in the numbers of cocaine-related episodes has been reported since the end of the 1990s in these countries; these increases peaked in Spain and England around 2007/08. Conclusions: The analysis reported here suggests the need to develop more standardized approaches to monitoring drug-related emergencies. It points to the potential value of developing effective referral links between the emergency and specialized drug services working with cocaine users. Background: Cocaine-related health consequences are difficult to observe. Data on drug users in health-emergency settings may be a useful source of information on consequences that are not visible via other information sources.
- Country of Publication:** Switzerland
- Publisher:** S. Karger AG
- CAS Registry Number:** 50-36-2 (cocaine); 53-21-4 (cocaine); 5937-29-1 (cocaine)
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[article](#)  
[automutilation](#)  
[Belgium](#)  
[\\*cocaine dependence](#)  
[data analysis](#)  
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[drug intoxication](#)  
[drug surveillance program](#)  
[\\*emergency health service](#)  
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- Source:** EMBASE
- Full Text:** Available from S. Karger AG in *European Addiction Research*; Note: ; Collection notes: Academic-License: Only available from an NHS networked computer

**8. Benefits in reducing alcohol consumption: How nalmefene can help [French] Benefices de la reduction de la consommation d'alcool: Comment le faire avec nalmefene**

**Original Title:** Benefices de la reduction de la consommation d'alcool: Comment le faire avec nalmefene

**Citation:** Encephale, 2014, vol./is. 40/6(495-500), 0013-7006 (2014)

**Author(s):** Bendimerad P.; Blecha L.

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**Language:** French

**Abstract:** Alcohol consumption represents a significant factor for mortality in the world: 6.3% in men and 1.1% in women. Alcohol use disorder is also very common: 5.4% in men, 1.5% in women. Despite its high frequency and the seriousness of this disorder, only 8% of all alcohol dependants are ever treated. Recent meta-analyses have shown that if we can increase current figures by 40%, we could decrease alcohol-related mortality rates by 13% in men and 9% in women. Thus, it is important to motivate both physicians and patients to participate in treatment in alcohol use disorder. Recent epidemiological data from the National Epidemiological Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions (NESARC) are currently challenging the notion of alcohol use disorder as a fixed entity. Among a cohort of 4422 subjects initially diagnosed as having alcohol dependency, only 25% of these could still be diagnosed as alcohol-dependant one year later. Among the others, 27% were in partial remission, 12% had risk use, 18% low risk use and 18% were abstinent. Stable remission rates were observed in 30% of these subjects at 5 years. This study also argues in favour of the newer dimensional approach elaborated in the DSM 5. One potentially interesting treatment option is oriented toward reducing alcohol intake. In a study by Rehm and Roerecke (2013), they modelled the impact of reduced consumption in a typical alcoholic patient who drinks 8 glasses of alcohol per day (92 g of pure alcohol). If he decreases his alcohol intake by just one glass per day (12 g of alcohol per day), his one-year mortality risk falls from 180/100,000 to 120/100,000; if he decreases his intake by two glasses per day (24g), this risk falls to 95/100,000, roughly half his baseline risk. These observations have resulted in integrating reduced consumption as an option into the treatment guidelines of several national institutions such as the National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE, UK), European Medicines Agency, as well as the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA). Decreasing stigmatisation of alcohol use disorder through public service announcements, in addition to more flexible physician attitudes concerning personal alcohol intake objectives may be key in getting increased numbers of patients into treatment programmes. In one study in Great Britain, 50% of patients in treatment for alcohol use disorder would prefer an initial objective of reduced consumption. A recent addition to the pharmacotherapy arsenal is nalmefene, which has been recently released as a medication to aid in reducing alcohol consumption. It is a strong mu and delta opioid receptor antagonist and a partial kappa opioid receptor agonist. Opioid receptor antagonism is associated with reduced reward in relation to alcohol use, thus helping patients in reducing their consumption. Patients are instructed to take one nalmefene tablet two hours prior to each drinking occasion. Nalmefene therapy is to be accompanied by a specific psychosocial programme called BRENDA. BRENDA consists of a biopsychosocial evaluation, restitution of the evaluation to the patient, an empathetic approach that responds to patient needs, offering direct advice and adjusting goals and treatment programmes as the patient makes progress. Nalmefene has been associated with decreased heavy drinking days in two clinical trials. Overall, the treatment is well tolerated; adverse effects are fairly mild and short-lived. In conclusion, an approach that integrates reduced alcohol consumption makes sense from both a public and personal standpoint. Medications such as nalmefene have shown efficacy in association with a biopsychosocial approach to help patients attain their personal objectives with respect to alcohol use.

**Country of Publication:** France

**Publisher:** Elsevier Masson SAS (62 rue Camille Desmoulins, Issy les Moulineaux Cedex 92442, France. E-mail: [infos@masson.fr](mailto:infos@masson.fr))

**CAS Registry Number:** 55096-26-9 (nalmefene)

**Publication Type:** Journal: Article

**Subject Headings:** \*alcohol consumption  
alcohol use disorder  
"\*alcoholism/th [Therapy]"  
"\*alcoholism/dt [Drug Therapy]"  
article  
drinking behavior  
drug efficacy  
drug tolerability  
DSM-5  
European Medicines Agency  
human  
mortality  
national health organization  
physician attitude  
\*psychopharmacotherapy  
psychosocial care  
remission  
social stigma  
"unspecified side effect/si [Side Effect]"  
"\*nalmefene/ae [Adverse Drug Reaction]"  
"\*nalmefene/dt [Drug Therapy]"

**Source:** EMBASE

### 9. Social network support for individuals receiving opiate substitution treatment and its association with treatment progress

**Citation:** European Addiction Research, 2013, vol./is. 19/4(211-221), 1022-6877;1421-9891 (2013)

**Author(s):** Day E.; Copello A.; Karia M.; Roche J.; Grewal P.; George S.; Haque S.; Chohan G.

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**Language:** English

**Abstract:** Background/Aims: Social networks have been hypothesized to protect people from the harmful effects of stress, but may also provide dysfunctional role models and provide cues associated with drug use. This study describes the range, type and level of social support available to patients engaged in UK opiate substitution treatment (OST) programmes, and explores the association between network factors and continued use of illicit heroin. Methods: A cross-sectional survey of a randomly selected sample of OST patients (n = 118) utilised measures of current substance use and social network structure and support. Results: More than half of the participants had used heroin in the previous month, and most described networks that were both supportive and positive about treatment. Multivariate analysis showed that the substance use involvement of network members was higher in those patients still using heroin, even when other treatment factors were controlled for. Conclusion: There was a strong association between ongoing contact with other drug users and continued use of illicit heroin in this treatment sample. Whilst there is potential for the involvement of social networks in treatment, future research needs to ascertain the exact nature of the relationship between social support and drug use.

**Country of Publication:** Switzerland

**Publisher:** S. Karger AG

**CAS Registry Number:** 64-17-5 (alcohol); 52485-79-7 (buprenorphine); 53152-21-9 (buprenorphine); 8001-45-4 (cannabis); 8063-14-7 (cannabis); 50-36-2 (cocaine); 53-21-4 (cocaine); 5937-29-1

(cocaine); 1502-95-0 (diamorphine); 561-27-3 (diamorphine); 1095-90-5 (methadone); 125-56-4 (methadone); 23142-53-2 (methadone); 297-88-1 (methadone); 76-99-3 (methadone)

**Publication Type:** Journal: Article

**Subject Headings:** adult  
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 Black person  
 Caucasian  
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 drug dose reduction  
 drug withdrawal  
 educational status  
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 "methadone/do [Drug Dose]"

**Source:** EMBASE

**Full Text:** Available from *S. Karger AG* in *European Addiction Research*; Note: ; Collection notes: Academic-License: Only available from an NHS networked computer

#### 10. International validation of a behavioral scale in Parkinson's disease without dementia

**Citation:** Movement Disorders, April 2015, vol./is. 30/5(705-713), 0885-3185;1531-8257 (15 Apr 2015)

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**Language:**

English

**Abstract:**

The "Ardouin Scale of Behavior in Parkinson's Disease" is a new instrument specifically designed for assessing mood and behavior with a view to quantifying changes related to Parkinson's disease, to dopaminergic medication, and to non-motor fluctuations. This study was aimed at analyzing the psychometric attributes of this scale in patients with Parkinson's disease without dementia. In addition to this scale, the following measures were applied: the Unified Parkinson's Disease Rating Scale, the Montgomery and Asberg Depression Rating Scale, the Lille Apathy Rating Scale, the Bech and Rafaelsen Mania Scale, the Positive and Negative Syndrome Scale, the MacElroy Criteria, the Patrick Carnes criteria, the Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale, and the Mini-International Neuropsychiatric Interview. Patients (n=260) were recruited at 13 centers across four countries (France, Spain, United Kingdom, and United States). Cronbach's alpha coefficient for domains ranged from 0.69 to 0.78. Regarding test-retest reliability, the kappa coefficient for items was higher than 0.4. For inter-rater reliability, the kappa values were 0.29 to 0.81. Furthermore, most of the items from the Ardouin Scale of Behavior in Parkinson's Disease correlated with the corresponding items of the other scales, depressed mood with the Montgomery and Asberg Depression Rating Scale ( $\rho=0.82$ ); anxiety with the Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale-anxiety ( $\rho=0.56$ ); apathy with the Lille Apathy Rating Scale ( $\rho=0.60$ ). The Ardouin Scale of Behavior in Parkinson's disease is an acceptable, reproducible, valid, and precise assessment for evaluating changes in behavior in patients with Parkinson's disease without dementia.

**Country of Publication:**

United States

**Publisher:**

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**Publication Type:**

Journal: Article

**Subject Headings:**

adult  
 apathy  
 article  
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 DSM-IV  
 female  
 high risk behavior  
 Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale  
 human  
 hypersexuality  
 major clinical study  
 male  
 mini international neuropsychiatric interview  
 Montgomery Asberg Depression Rating Scale

\*Parkinson disease  
 pathological gambling  
 Positive and Negative Syndrome Scale  
 priority journal  
 rating scale  
 reproducibility  
 test retest reliability  
 Unified Parkinson Disease Rating Scale  
 United States

**Source:** EMBASE

**Full Text:** Available from *John Wiley and Sons* in *Movement Disorders*

### 11. Gamma hydroxybutyrate (GHB), gamma butyrolactone (GBL) and 1,4-butanediol (1,4-BD; BDO): A literature review with a focus on UK fatalities related to non-medical use

**Citation:** Neuroscience and Biobehavioral Reviews, June 2015, vol./is. 53/(52-78), 0149-7634;1873-7528 (June 01, 2015)

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**Language:** English

**Abstract:** Misuse of gamma hydroxybutyrate (GHB) and gamma butyrolactone (GBL) has increased greatly since the early 1990s, being implicated in a rising number of deaths. This paper reviews knowledge on GHB and derivatives, and explores the largest series of deaths associated with their non-medical use. Descriptive analyses of cases associated with GHB/GBL and 1,4-butanediol (1,4-BD) use extracted from the UK's National Programme on Substance Abuse Deaths database. From 1995 to September 2013, 159 GHB/GBL-associated fatalities were reported. Typical victims: White (92%); young (mean age 32 years); male (82%); with a drug misuse history (70%). Most deaths (79%) were accidental or related to drug use, the remainder (potential) suicides. GHB/GBL alone was implicated in 37%; alcohol 14%; other drugs 28%; other drugs and alcohol 15%. Its endogenous nature and rapid elimination limit toxicological detection. Post-mortem blood levels: mean 482 (range 0-6500; SD 758). mg/L. Results suggest significant caution is needed when ingesting GHB/GBL, particularly with alcohol, benzodiazepines, opiates, stimulants, and ketamine. More awareness is needed about risks associated with consumption.

**Country of Publication:** United Kingdom

**Publisher:** Elsevier Ltd

**CAS Registry Number:** 110-63-4 (1,4 butanediol); 591-81-1 (4 hydroxybutyric acid); 64-17-5 (alcohol); 96-48-0 (gamma butyrolactone); 1867-66-9 (ketamine); 6740-88-1 (ketamine); 81771-21-3 (ketamine); 53663-61-9 (opiate); 8002-76-4 (opiate); 8008-60-4 (opiate)

**Publication Type:** Journal: Review

**Subject Headings:** [accident](#)  
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[data extraction](#)  
[death](#)

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 drug elimination  
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 ingestion  
 medical literature  
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 United Kingdom  
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 benzodiazepine derivative  
 central stimulant agent  
 "\*gamma butyrolactone/to [Drug Toxicity]"  
 ketamine  
 opiate

**Source:** EMBASE

## 12. Prediction of treatment outcomes for personality disordered offenders

**Citation:** Journal of Forensic Practice, November 2014, vol./is. 16/4(281-294), 2050-8794 (04 Nov 2014)

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**Language:** English

**Abstract:** Purpose - Evidence has shown associations between personality disorder (PD) and poor treatment outcomes. The purpose of this paper is to: first, establish which risk assessment method (i.e. structured professional judgement or actuarial) is most reliable for predicting treatment outcomes for individuals with PD. Second, determine whether individuals identified as high risk are more likely to have poorer treatment outcomes. Third, determine if engagement in treatment helps to reduce risk assessment scores. Design/methodology/approach - In total, 50 patients were recruited from a medium secure forensic PD service. Their risk was assessed using one structured professional judgement instrument (the HCR-20) and one actuarial instrument (the RM2000). The study used a retrospective cohort design. Findings - Overall, the HCR-20 was a better predictor of treatment outcome than the RM2000. Personality-disordered offenders with high HCR-20 scores are at an increased risk of adverse treatment outcomes. Research limitations/implications - This investigation used a small, non-randomised sample of male patients with PD at one South East England medium secure unit. The data were over-represented by white British males. Future research should compare PD offenders with non-PD offenders to investigate what factors best predict poorer treatment outcomes. Originality/value - The findings indicate that structured professional judgement approaches are more effective predictors of risk than actuarial measures for assessing patients with PD. This study therefore adds value to forensic services and to the risk assessment debate.

**Country of Publication:** United Kingdom

**Publisher:** Emerald Group Publishing Ltd. (Howard House, Wagon Lane, Bingley BD16 1WA, United Kingdom)

**Publication Type:** Journal: Article

**Subject Headings:** adult  
antisocial personality disorder  
article  
assessment of humans  
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follow up  
Historical Clinical Risk Management 20  
human  
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male  
mental disease  
\*offender  
\*personality disorder  
prediction  
recidivism  
retrospective study  
risk assessment  
risk factor  
Risk Matrix 2000  
sexual crime  
\*treatment outcome

**Source:** EMBASE

### 13. The art of medicine: Drugs, alcohol, and the First World War

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**Citation:** The Lancet, November 2014, vol./is. 384/9957(1840-1841), 0140-6736;1474-547X (22 Nov 2014)

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**Language:** English

**Country of Publication:** United Kingdom

**Publisher:** Lancet Publishing Group

**CAS Registry Number:** 64-17-5 (alcohol); 50-36-2 (cocaine); 53-21-4 (cocaine); 5937-29-1 (cocaine); 52-26-6 (morphine); 57-27-2 (morphine); 53663-61-9 (opiate); 8002-76-4 (opiate); 8008-60-4 (opiate)

**Publication Type:** Journal: Review

**Subject Headings:** addiction  
advisory committee  
alcohol abstinence  
alcohol intoxication  
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China  
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clergy  
drawing  
drinking  
drug control

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#### 14. Smoking cessation intervention for severe mental ill health trial (SCIMITAR): A pilot randomised control trial of the clinical effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of a bespoke smoking cessation service

**Citation:** Health Technology Assessment, 2015, vol./is. 19/25(1-148), 1366-5278;2046-4924 (2015)

**Author(s):** Peckham E.; Man M.-S.; Mitchell N.; Li J.; Becque T.; Knowles S.; Bradshaw T.; Planner C.; Parrott S.; Michie S.; Shepherd C.; Gilbody S.

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**Language:** English

**Abstract:** Background: There is a high prevalence of smoking among people who experience severe mental ill health (SMI). Helping people with disorders such as bipolar illness and schizophrenia to quit smoking would help improve their health, increase longevity and also reduce health inequalities. Around half of people with SMI who smoke express an interest in cutting down or quitting smoking. There is limited evidence that smoking cessation can be achieved for people with SMI. Those with SMI rarely access routine NHS smoking cessation services. This suggests the need to develop and evaluate a behavioural support and medication package tailored to the needs of people with SMI.

**Objective:** The objective in this project was to conduct a pilot trial to establish acceptability of the intervention and to ensure the feasibility of recruitment, randomisation and follow-up. We also sought preliminary estimates of effect size in order to design a fully powered trial of clinical effectiveness and cost-effectiveness. The pilot should inform a fully powered trial to compare the clinical effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of a bespoke smoking cessation (BSC) intervention with usual general practitioner (GP) care for people with SMI. **Design:** A pilot pragmatic two-arm individually randomised controlled trial (RCT). Simple randomisation was used following a computer-generated random number sequence. Participants and practitioners were not blinded to allocation. **Setting:** Primary care and secondary care mental health services in England. **Participants:** Smokers aged > 18 years with a severe mental illness who would like to cut down or quit smoking. **Interventions:** A BSC intervention delivered by mental health specialists trained to deliver evidence-supported smoking cessation interventions compared with usual GP care. **Main outcome measures:** The primary outcome was carbon monoxide-verified smoking cessation at 12 months. Smoking-related secondary outcomes were reduction of number of cigarettes smoked, Fagerstrom test of nicotine dependence and motivation to quit (MTQ). Other secondary outcomes were Patient Health Questionnaire-9 items and Short Form Questionnaire-12 items to assess whether there were improvements or deterioration in mental health and quality of life. We also measured body mass index to assess whether or not smoking cessation was associated with weight gain. These were measured at 1, 6 and 12 months post randomisation. **Results:** The trial recruited 97 people aged 19-73 years who smoked between 5 and 60 cigarettes per day (mean 25 cigarettes). Participants were recruited from four mental health trusts and 45 GP surgeries. Forty-six people were randomised to the BSC intervention and 51 people were randomised to usual GP care. The odds of quitting at 12 months was higher in the BSC intervention (36% vs. 23%) but did not reach statistical significance (odds ratio 2.9; 95% confidence interval 0.8% to 10.5%). At 3 and 6 months there was no evidence of difference in self-reported smoking cessation. There was a non-significant reduction in the number of cigarettes smoked and nicotine dependence. MTQ and number of quit attempts all increased in the BSC group compared with usual care. There was no difference in terms of quality of life at any time point, but there was evidence of an increase in depression scores at 12 months for the BSC group. There were no serious adverse events thought likely to be related to the trial interventions. The pilot economic analysis demonstrated that it was feasible to carry out a full economic analysis. **Conclusions:** It was possible to recruit people with SMI from primary and secondary care to a trial of a smoking cessation intervention based around behavioural support and medication. The overall direction of effect was a positive trend in relation to biochemically verified smoking cessation and it was feasible to obtain follow-up in a substantial proportion of participants. A definitive trial of a bespoke cessation intervention has been prioritised by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and the SCIMITAR pilot trial forms a template for a fully powered RCT to examine clinical effectiveness and cost-effectiveness.

<b>Country of Publication:</b>	United Kingdom
<b>Publisher:</b>	NIHR Journals Library
<b>CAS Registry Number:</b>	31677-93-7 (amfebutamone); 34911-55-2 (amfebutamone); 630-08-0 (carbon monoxide); 59729-33-8 (citalopram); 5786-21-0 (clozapine); 54910-89-3 (fluoxetine); 56296-78-7 (fluoxetine); 59333-67-4 (fluoxetine); 30909-51-4 (flupentixol decanoate); 5002-47-1 (fluphenazine decanoate); 74050-97-8 (haloperidol decanoate); 554-13-2 (lithium carbonate); 54-11-5 (nicotine); 96055-45-7 (nicotine gum); 132539-06-1 (olanzapine); 61869-08-7 (paroxetine); 58-38-8 (prochlorperazine); 1508-76-5 (procyclidine); 77-37-2 (procyclidine); 111974-72-2 (quetiapine); 106266-06-2 (risperidone); 144-11-6 (trihexyphenidyl); 52-49-3 (trihexyphenidyl); 249296-44-4 (varenicline); 375815-87-5 (varenicline); 53772-83-1 (zuclopenthixol)
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**15. Alcohol and the developing adolescent brain: Evidence review**

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**Citation:** Journal of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, 2015, vol./is. 45/1(12-14), 1478-2715 (2015)

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**Language:** English

**Country of Publication:** United Kingdom

**Publisher:** Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

**Publication Type:** Journal: Editorial

**Subject Headings:** \*adolescence  
age distribution  
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alcohol intoxication  
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brain size  
drinking behavior  
editorial  
emotion  
executive function  
genetic susceptibility  
hippocampus  
human  
impulsiveness  
memory disorder  
nerve cell  
nerve cell plasticity  
neurotransmission  
nonhuman  
prefrontal cortex  
prepuberty  
sexually transmitted disease  
social cognition  
United Kingdom  
unplanned pregnancy  
upregulation  
white matter

**Source:** EMBASE

**16. Do maternal opioids reduce neonatal regional brain volumes: A pilot study**

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**Citation:** Journal of Perinatology, January 2014, vol./is. 34/12(909-913), 0743-8346;1476-5543 (01 Jan 2014)

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**Language:**

English

**Abstract:**

**Objective:** A substantial number of children exposed to gestational opioids have neurodevelopmental, behavioral and cognitive problems. Opioids are not neuroteratogens but whether they affect the developing brain in more subtle ways (for example, volume loss) is unclear. We aimed to determine the feasibility of using magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) to assess volumetric changes in healthy opioid-exposed infants. **Study design:** Observational pilot cohort study conducted in two maternity hospitals in New South Wales, Australia. Maternal history and neonatal urine and meconium screens were obtained to confirm drug exposure. Volumetric analysis of MRI scans was performed with the ITK-snap program. **Result:** Scans for 16 infants (mean (s.d.) gestational age: 40.9 (1.5) weeks, birth weight: 3022.5 (476.6) g, head circumference (HC): 33.7 (1.5 cm)) were analyzed. Six (37.5%) infants had HC <25th percentile. Fourteen mothers used methadone, four used buprenorphine and 11 used more than one opioid (including heroin, seven). All scans were structurally normal whole brain volumes (357.4 (63.8)) and basal ganglia (14.5 (3.5)) ml were significantly smaller than population means (425.4 (4.8), 17.1 (4.4) ml, respectively) but lateral ventricular volumes (3.5 (1.8) ml) were larger than population values (2.1(1.5)) ml. **Conclusion:** Our pilot study suggests that brain volumes of opioid-exposed babies may be smaller than population means and that specific regions, for example, basal ganglia, that are involved in neurotransmission, may be particularly affected. Larger studies including correlation with neurodevelopmental outcomes are warranted to substantiate this finding.

**Country of Publication:**

United Kingdom

**Publisher:**

Nature Publishing Group (Houndmills, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG21 6XS, United Kingdom)

**CAS Registry Number:**

64-17-5 (alcohol); 52485-79-7 (buprenorphine); 53152-21-9 (buprenorphine); 8001-45-4 (cannabis); 8063-14-7 (cannabis); 1502-95-0 (diamorphine); 561-27-3 (diamorphine); 1095-90-5 (methadone); 125-56-4 (methadone); 23142-53-2 (methadone); 297-88-1 (methadone); 76-99-3 (methadone); 52-26-6 (morphine); 57-27-2 (morphine); 54-11-5 (nicotine); 53663-61-9 (opiate); 8002-76-4 (opiate); 8008-60-4 (opiate); 124-90-3 (oxycodone); 76-42-6 (oxycodone)

**Publication Type:**

Journal: Article

**Subject Headings:**

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[birth weight](#)  
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[\\*cerebellum](#)  
[child growth](#)  
[controlled study](#)  
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#### 17. Lack of attentional retraining effects in cigarette smokers attempting cessation: A proof of concept double-blind randomised controlled trial

**Citation:** Drug and Alcohol Dependence, April 2015, vol./is. 149/(158-165), 0376-8716;1879-0046 (01 Apr 2015)

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**Language:** English

**Abstract:** Background: Observational studies have shown that attentional bias for smoking-related cues is associated with increased craving and relapse. Laboratory experiments have shown that manipulating attentional bias may change craving. Interventions to reduce attentional bias could reduce relapse in smokers seeking to quit. We report a clinical trial of attentional retraining in treatment-seeking smokers. Methods: This was a double-blind randomised controlled trial that took place in UK smoking cessation clinics. Smokers interested in quitting were randomised to five weekly sessions of attentional retraining (N= 60) or placebo training (N= 58) using a modified visual probe task from one week prior to quit day. Both groups received 21. mg nicotine patches (from quit day onwards) and behavioural support. Primary outcomes included change in attentional bias reaction times four weeks after quit day on the visual probe task and craving measured weekly using the Mood and Physical Symptoms Scale. Secondary outcomes were changes in withdrawal symptoms, time to first lapse and prolonged abstinence. Results: No attentional bias towards smoking cues was found in the sample at baseline (mean difference = 3. ms, 95% CI = -2, 9). Post-training bias was not significantly lower in the

retraining group compared with the placebo group (mean difference = -9. ms, 95% CI = -20, 2). There was no difference between groups in change in craving ( $p=0.89$ ) and prolonged abstinence at four weeks (risk ratio = 1.00, 95% CI = 0.70, 1.43). Conclusions: Taken with one other trial, there appears to be no effect from clinic-based attentional retraining using the visual probe task. Attentional retraining conducted out of clinic may prove more effective.

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**Source:** EMBASE

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#### 18. Sex work amongst people who inject drugs in England, Wales and Northern Ireland: Findings from a national survey of health harms and behaviours

**Citation:** International Journal of Drug Policy, April 2015, vol./is. 26/4(429-433), 0955-3959;1873-4758 (01 Apr 2015)

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 "Human immunodeficiency virus antibody/ec [Endogenous Compound]"

**Source:** EMBASE

**Full Text:** Available from *Elsevier* in *International Journal of Drug Policy*

#### 19. Risky species: Prevalence of synthetic cannabinoids and unexpected outcomes

**Citation:** Fundamental and Clinical Pharmacology, April 2015, vol./is. 29/(27), 0767-3981 (April 2015)

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**Institution:** (Debruyne, Coquerel, Le Boisselier) Centre D'Addictovigilance, Service De Pharmacologie, CHU, Caen, France

**Language:** English

**Abstract:** Introduction: Since the first probes of use in 2008, the prevalence of synthetic cannabinoids (SC) increased constantly. This is mainly due to the high prevalence of cannabis use combined with the non illegal status of SC, and to the spread of other new "designer drugs" consumption, that are more and more in fashion, making SC more available. During the past five years, prevalence data about the use of SC and their unexpected effects were published. We propose a focus. Material and methods: Review of the international literature was performed using keywords such as "synthetic cannabinoids", "epidemiology", "prevalence". Literature data mainly come from poisoning centers, toxicological centers, and epidemiology centers. Results: From most of reports, typical SC user is a male (72 to 77%), with a mean age of 22 y-o only (median 20, range 13-59 yo), based on over 200 acute intoxications cases. The prevalence varies from 1.4% (n = 290/20 017) based on a study exploring US military urine specimens up to 17% of at least one consumption of SC (n = 2513/14 966) in an online questionnaire in UK in 2011. Following a study based on Texas poison control centers, which included 464 reports of SC use in 2010, adverse clinical effects are essentially neurological (61.9%), cardiovascular (43.5%), gastrointestinal (21.1%), respiratory (8.0%), ocular (5.0%), dermal (2.6%), renal (0.9%), hematological (0.4%). The most frequently adverse effects were: tachycardia (37.3%), agitation (18.5%), drowsiness (18.5%), vomiting (15.7%), hallucinations (10.8%), nausea (9.9%). Discussion / Conclusion: This is a global view of SC users profile and the most frequent unexpected effects that can occur. Nevertheless, these data are probably underestimated considering the great difficulties to detect SC in samples. Using SC is not rare, especially considering young men population of drug users. The more potent pharmacological activity lead to more serious outcomes than cannabis use. In France, the French addictovigilance centers detect more and more

frequently the use of these products, but some studies should be performed to evaluate the national prevalence.

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**Source:** EMBASE

**Full Text:** Available from *John Wiley and Sons* in *Fundamental and Clinical Pharmacology*

## 20. Assessment of risks associated with SLAM practice: Survey from the French network of addictovigilance centers

**Citation:** *Fundamental and Clinical Pharmacology*, April 2015, vol./is. 29/(19), 0767-3981 (April 2015)

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**Language:** English

**Abstract:** Introduction: The SLAM phenomenon is an increasingly popular practice, in Paris and London gay scene, defined by three characteristics: injection, sexual party and psychostimulant drugs. Users report to practice slam to put them into the good mood and desinhibition state. The French Medical Agency requested a risk assessment of SLAM by the analysis of complications related to this practice notified to the French network of addictovigilance centers. Material and methods: All cases of complications related to SLAM practice, including cases of abuse and/or dependence, and somatic and psychiatric complications, were analysed. Among the three criteria that define slam (psychostimulants consumption, in sexual context and intravenous route) only cases with at least two criteria were included in the analysis. Results: Between January 2008 and

December 2013, 51 cases were collected. Users were exclusively men, with a mean age of 40 years, having psychostimulants exposure in sexual context, mainly in men having sex with men (MSM) context (100%, n = 35). The prevalence of HIV infection was 82% (n = 32) with a high level of HIV/Hepatitis C virus (VHC) co-infection (50%, n = 16). Main psychostimulants reported are synthetic cathinones (89.5%). Cathinones users tended to be polydrug users: near the twice reported use also other psychoactive substances (GBL, ketamine, MDMA, cannabis, LSD. . .). Route of administration was intravenous in 60.8% of cases. The main complications were psychiatric disorders in 50% (psychotic symptoms, agitation, anxiety, suicidal ideas or attempt and two cases presented forensic problem, acute intoxication in 25% (including three deaths), dependence and abuse in 17% and infectious complications in 8% (with two cases of VHC seroconversion and one case of VIH/VHC seroconversion). Discussion/Conclusion: Health professionals as well as users should be aware of the physical (cardiovascular) and behavioural (psychic, fast dependence syndrome) toxicity of cathinones. This practice of SLAM is associated with poor adherence to antiretrovirals, and consequently an increase of the infectious risk. It is urgent to inform users of the practice of the associated risks and implement risk mitigation procedures. Risk reduction policy must be targeted to the population of MSM with specific interventions both on risky sexual behavior and substance use.

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**Source:** EMBASE

**Full Text:** Available from *John Wiley and Sons* in *Fundamental and Clinical Pharmacology*

## 21. The health needs of young people in prison

**Citation:** British Medical Bulletin, December 2014, vol./is. 112/1(17-25), 0007-1420;1471-8391 (01 Dec 2014)

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**Language:** English

**Abstract:** Introduction There has been an unprecedented reduction in the number of young people in prison; however, questions remain about the appropriateness and effectiveness of custody, given the high prevalence of health needs, self-inflicted deaths while in custody and high reoffending rates. Sources of data Articles relating to the health needs of young people, aged 10-17 years in prison in England and Wales were sourced through PubMed and ISI Web of Knowledge, plus additional key reports were included if deemed relevant. Areas of agreement Young people in prison have much higher rates of multiple and complex health problems compared with young people in the general population. However, many of their health-care needs are unrecognized and unmet. Areas of uncertainty/research need There is an urgent need for up-to-date and robust prevalence data of all health needs across the age ranges in England and Wales. Research has neglected physical health and neurodevelopmental disorders and the quality of research for females and Black and Minority Ethnic group's requires improvement. There is a dearth of high-quality evaluations of health interventions with robust and sensitive short- and long-term outcome measures.

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**Publisher:** Oxford University Press

**Publication Type:** Journal: Review

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**Source:** EMBASE

**Full Text:** Available from *Oxford University Press* in [British Medical Bulletin](#)

## 22. The globalization of addiction research: Capacity-building mechanisms and selected examples

**Citation:** Harvard Review of Psychiatry, March 2015, vol./is. 23/2(147-156), 1067-3229;1465-7309 (18 Mar 2015)

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**Language:** English

**Abstract:** Over the past decade, the amount and variety of addiction research around the world has increased substantially. Researchers in Australia, Canada, United Kingdom, United States, and western Europe have significantly contributed to knowledge about addiction and its treatment. However, the nature and context of substance use disorders and the populations using drugs are far more diverse than is reflected in studies done in Western cultures. To stimulate new research from a diverse set of cultural perspectives, the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) has promoted the development of addiction research capacity and skills around the world for over 25 years. This review will describe the programs NIDA has developed to sponsor international research and research fellows and will provide some examples of the work NIDA has supported. NIDA fellowships have allowed 496 individuals from 96 countries to be trained in addiction research. The United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia have recently developed funding to support addiction research to study, with advice from NIDA, the substance use disorder problems that affect their societies. Examples from Malaysia, Tanzania, Brazil, Russian Federation, Ukraine, Republic of Georgia, Iceland, China, and Vietnam are used to illustrate research being conducted with NIDA support. Health services research, collaboratively funded by the U.S. National Institutes of Health and Department of State, addresses a range of addiction service development questions in low- and middle-income countries. Findings have expanded the understanding of addiction and its treatment, and are enhancing the ability of practitioners and policy makers to address substance use disorders.

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**Publication Type:** Journal: Review

**Subject Headings:** [\\*addiction](#)  
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### 23. Electronic cigarettes: Reasons to be cautious

**Citation:** Thorax, April 2015, vol./is. 70/4(307-308), 0040-6376;1468-3296 (01 Apr 2015)  
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 United Kingdom  
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#### 24. The relation between number of smoking friends, and quit intentions, attempts, and success: Findings from the international tobacco control (ITC) four country survey

- Citation:** Psychology of Addictive Behaviors, 2014, vol./is. 28/4(1144-1152), 0893-164X;1939-1501 (2014)
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- Language:** English
- Abstract:** Smokers who inhabit social contexts with a greater number of smokers may be exposed to more positive norms toward smoking and more cues to smoke. This study examines the relation between number of smoking friends and changes in number of smoking friends, and smoking cessation outcomes. Data were drawn from Wave 1 (2002) and Wave 2 (2003) of the International Tobacco Control (ITC) Project Four Country Survey, a longitudinal cohort survey of nationally representative samples of adult smokers in Australia, Canada, United Kingdom, and United States (N = 6,321). Smokers with fewer smoking friends at Wave 1 were more likely to intend to quit at Wave 1 and were more likely to succeed in their attempts to quit at Wave 2. Compared with smokers who experienced no change in their number of smoking friends, smokers who lost smoking friends were more likely to intend to quit at Wave 2, attempt to quit between Wave 1 and Wave 2, and succeed in their quit attempts at Wave 2. Smokers who inhabit social contexts with a greater number of smokers may be less likely to successfully quit. Quitting may be particularly unlikely among smokers who do not experience a loss in the number of smokers in their social context.
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- Publisher:** Educational Publishing Foundation
- Publication Type:** Journal: Article
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- Source:** EMBASE

## 25. Pilot randomized controlled trial of an internet-based smoking cessation intervention for pregnant smokers ('MumsQuit')

<b>Citation:</b>	Drug and Alcohol Dependence, July 2014, vol./is. 140/(130-136), 0376-8716;1879-0046 (01 Jul 2014)
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<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Abstract:</b>	Background: Internet-based Smoking Cessation Interventions could help pregnant women quit smoking, especially those who do not wish to, or cannot, access face-to-face or telephone support. This study aimed to preliminarily evaluate the effectiveness and usage of a fully automated smoking cessation website targeted to pregnancy, 'MumsQuit', and obtain an initial effect-size estimate for a full scale trial. Methods: We recruited 200 UK-based pregnant adult smokers online to a two-arm double-blind pilot RCT assessing the effectiveness of MumsQuit compared with an information-only website. MumsQuit was adapted from a generic internet smoking cessation intervention, 'StopAdvisor'. The primary outcome was self-reported continuous 4-week abstinence assessed at 8 weeks post-baseline. Secondary outcomes were automatically collected data on intervention usage. Results: Participants smoked 15 cigarettes per day on average, 73% were in the first trimester of their pregnancy, 48% were from lower socioeconomic backgrounds, and 43% had never used evidence-based cessation support. The point estimate of odds ratio for the primary outcome was 1.5 (95% CI. = 0.8-2.9; 28% vs. 21%). Compared with control participants, those in the MumsQuit group logged in more often (3.5 vs. 1.3, p<. 0.001), viewed more pages (67.4 vs. 5.7, p<. 0.001) and spent more time browsing the website (21.3. min vs. 1.0. min, p<. 0.001). Conclusions: MumsQuit is an engaging and potentially helpful form of support for pregnant women who seek cessation support online, and merits further development and evaluation in a full-scale RCT.
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<b>Publisher:</b>	Elsevier Ireland Ltd
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**Source:**

EMBASE

**Full Text:**Available from *Elsevier* in *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*