

Review of: "Substance use disorder and associated factors at an opioid de-addiction clinic in Western Kenya"

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Thank you very much for the opportunity to review your research write up in an important area of inquiry.

In your opening paragraph, I would advise offering a DSM definition of SUD.

Could you define deviancy also as this could mean several things to different people.

In the second paragraph, I'd say that opioid drugs are implicated in the majority of deaths rather than blamed. Also, I think you have a typo of 'uses' instead of 'users'.

In paragraph four can you explain what "The total cost of drug addiction has been largely driven by substance users' aggressive participation in social vices" means please.

Under section 2.3

Why was the WHO core questionnaire unsuitable for your study?

Can you include the questionnaire items in appendix please.

I see you present descriptive results, I would like to see you split up the negative reinforcers of use from the positive reinforcers to see if either grouping makes up greater or lesser proportion of the factors maintaining drug use.

In table 6 you summarize various comorbid problems, and obstacles to treatment adherence, and obstacles to treatment seeking. There's no breakdown of these factors by proportion of respondents reporting each one however. That would be interesting to know.

Many thanks for your work and I hope my comments are helpful.