

# Review of: "Factors Influencing Youth Drug Abuse: A Review Study"

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The article provides a brief overview of this important topic. While easy to read, The article would gain from making a number of changes.

1. The topic of drug use is heterogenous. A clearer definition of what the authors mean by “drug abuse” would be helpful, in order to clarify the scope of this review. Do the authors refer to specific substance use disorders, or to general misuse? Opiate use disorder, cannabis use disorder, alcohol use disorder etc. are different disorders.
2. The methodology section would gain from being more developed, with more information on the selection process of the included articles, which databases were used, what age groups were included, how did the authors define youth?
3. In the paragraph on aggression as a risk factor, it would be helpful to clarify if the referenced studies accounted for other variables, how they explained this relationship, and if the relationship between aggression and substance use might be mediated by other variables.
4. It would be helpful for references to be incorporated in a clearer way throughout the text
5. Some of the material seems redundant (e.g family factors as risk factors, genetics as risk factor, biology as risk factor).
6. The introduction section would benefit from more cohesion and from being more developed.
7. Overall, there is no clear elaboration on data of included the studies and their findings. Rather, the authors list risk factors in a brief narrative way