

Review of: "Measuring the harms of psychotropic substance use and poly-use in the nightlife scene: a pilot application of poly-drug use indicators on Italian data collected within the ALAMA study"

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An interesting research about polydrug patterns consumption in specific populations, in this case people with nightlife activities. There is an important effort to update the indicators for evaluating the consumption of new psychotropic substances, which may be of interest for subsequent research and in different countries.

The conclusions show the persistence of the consumption of the most traditional drugs (alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, ecstasy, cocaine). It also points out that sociodemographic variables do not discriminate between consumption patterns. Although it must be taken into account that the bias of the analyzed sample can minimize this discriminatory heat, it is true that the latest studies place more emphasis on the weight of other factors like the psychological profile, family situation and values and lifestyles

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