

Review of: "[Perspective] The possibility of a silent methamphetamine catastrophe in Bangladesh"

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1. In the first paragraph, mentioning the total population is helpful for grasping the next raw numbers.
2. The sentence "by the age of 15, 65% of them were drug abusers (Star Online Report 2020)." is not understandable.
Do you mean that 65% of the pupils under the age of 15 were drug abusers?
3. In the second paragraph, this order is preferable: first, a report about the prevalence of substance use disorders in the general population of Bangladesh, and then mentioning the composition of this whole regarding different ages, two sexes, different SES layers, different drugs, etc..
4. Again, the sentence below cannot be understood well: "Young people between the ages of 16 and 35 are drug abusers, accounting for about 77%". Are you telling that about 70% of young people in Bangladesh are drug abusers?!
5. What's the meaning of this sentence: "It is now a glaring omission in Bangladesh..."?
6. The sentence "one gram of crystal meth is equal to 10 Yaba pills (Staff Correspondent. 2019), which is stronger and more addictive than the Yaba pill" should be corrected as "Crystal meth is stronger and more addictive than the Yaba pill. One gram of crystal meth is equal to 10 Yaba pills (Staff Correspondent. 2019)".
7. Generally, the argumentative power of the author's perspective is too weak. Adding more evidence is definitely necessary. Mentioning some consequences of the ice epidemic, especially its social harms, supported by relevant statistics, may make it more convincing for policymakers.