

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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Thank you for the opportunity to review this. There is a lot of interesting information and findings. As someone reading this without much prior knowledge of the methodologies used, there is a lot of information to digest. I wonder if a lot of the statements in the first sections of the article could be referenced, eg. about NPS use, etc. It would make those statements more impactful. Also, there are a lot of figures and tables. This might be normal for this field, which might be ok, but I wonder about reducing some of these- either removing any non-essential ones or combining some of them. Just some suggestions, otherwise great work- large sample. I was also wondering why there were so many more males in the sample- I would have assumed the population sampled would be fairly evenly spread. The conclusions from the study are clear and very useful.