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A study investigating the consumption-patterns within the German party-scene
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Abstract

Background. With the number of new psychoactive substances having tripled between 2009 and 2012, the population that primarily consumes these substances is of growing interest. In cooperation with prevention projects involved in harm-reduction targeted towards young people involved in the party-scene, the following study succeeded in gathering information on the pattern of substance use within this notoriously hard to reach population at dance events.

Methods. Data was collected via pen and paper questionnaires at 14 events in Munich, Münster and Erfurt between April 2013 and October 2013. A total of 667 party-goers answered questions regarding their own substance use as well as their perception of new psychoactive substances, new combinations of or new ways of consuming known substances and their estimation regarding the most popular substances amongst the party-scene.

Results. Preliminary descriptive results on the consumption rates of various substances as well as the estimate of popular/new substances given by participants will be presented.

Discussion. The data represents an interesting and important addition to population surveys. However, it also gives way to questions of further analyses of the data, implications of the findings and various methodological issues.