

Use Disorder (CUD) hold significant epidemiological and health implications. Emerging evidence suggests a co-occurrence between cannabis abuse, dependence and depression, though studies remain limited.

Objectives: To estimate the percentage of individuals with CUD who have comorbid MDD and those with MDD who have comorbid CUD.

Methods: PubMed, SciELO, and Google Scholar were searched using keywords: ((abuse, cannabis[MeSH Terms]) OR (cannabis dependence[MeSH Terms])) AND ((depressive disorder, major [MeSH Terms]) OR (depressive disorder[MeSH Terms])). Original articles in English or Portuguese were included. Data collection followed PRISMA, MOOSE guidelines, and JBI critical appraisal. The final sample included 53 articles: 36 for the first meta-analysis and 17 for the second. A heterogeneity test (Q test) and "leave-one-out meta-analysis" were used. Prevalence rates were aggregated using random-effects models. Meta-regression and sensitivity analyses were conducted.

Results: MDD showed a high prevalence among individuals with CUD, at 31.12% (95% CI: 25.71% to 36.80%). Prevalence was not significantly influenced by year, age, gender, population type, assessment period, region, or diagnostic criteria. CUD prevalence among those with MDD was 10.95% (95% CI: 7.08% to 15.53%), with higher rates in men and younger individuals. CUD prevalence appears to be increasing over time, though population type and assessment period did not significantly affect overall prevalence.

Conclusions: This meta-analysis reveals a high prevalence of MDD among individuals with CUD and a significant prevalence of CUD among those with MDD, confirming a strong comorbidity. Cannabis use may exacerbate depressive symptoms, while those with MDD are at higher risk of developing CUD. Age, gender, and geographical factors influence this relationship. With increasing cannabis use, particularly among younger populations, the CUD-MDD comorbidity presents a growing public health issue. Further research is needed to explore the longitudinal link between these disorders.

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EPV0005

Prevalence of depression and anxiety symptoms among first-generation medical students

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Introduction: Medical students face high demands in college, which may cause significant psychological stress and mental health problems, such as depression and anxiety. Several studies worldwide have shown that such individuals are more likely to experience anxiety. However, few studies have examined how generational status and being a first-generation medical student lead to mental health issues.

Objectives: In this study, we aimed to estimate the prevalence of depression and anxiety in first-generation medical students (FGMS) compared with non-FGMS and to determine the correlation between socioeconomic factors and other variables with depression and anxiety in FGMS.

Methods: This cross-sectional study was conducted among medical students at the College of Medicine. A self-administered questionnaire was distributed to the students using convenience sampling. The questionnaire comprised socio-demographic information (e.g. age, gender, marital status), a General Anxiety Disorder (GAD-7) scale to assess anxiety, and a Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9) to assess depression among medical students.

Results: Among the 309 medical students who completed the questionnaire, 65.4% were female and 75.7% were FGMS. The prevalence of anxiety and depression among medical students was 36.2% and 39.5%, respectively, and was higher among FGMS, but not significantly different ($p < 0.05$). Independent risk factors for anxiety and depression among FGMS included a previous history of mental disorders and lack of social and emotional support, while fair sleep quality was identified as a significant independent preventive factor for anxiety and depression. The prevalence rates of anxiety and depression among patients with FGMS were 39.3% and 41.9%, respectively. A previous diagnosis of mental disorder was a significant risk factor for anxiety and depression, whereas fair sleep quality was a significant protective factor. Further research is needed to identify the factors that influence anxiety and depression among FGMS in our region.

Conclusions: Anxiety and depression are common among first-generation medical students. FGMS with a history of mental disorders tended to exhibit symptoms of both anxiety and depression compared to the rest of the FGMS. However, satisfactory sleep quality could result in better mental condition in FGMS. Institutional measures should be adopted to help students improve their living conditions. Furthermore, institutional leaders should spearhead the destigmatisation of psychological disorders and advocate help-seeking behaviours when students need mental help, particularly when they are anxious or depressed.

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Is there a place for Psychosocial Rehabilitation in Alcohol Use Disorders? – A Retrospective Analysis of the profile of frequent Users of an Inpatient Alcohol Unit in Lisbon

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Introduction: Alcohol dependence is a chronic condition associated with multiple relapses, leading to recurrent admissions to inpatient units. The success of treatment is closely tied to the psychosocial rehabilitation of these patients, as a means to ensure long-term abstinence.

Objectives: We aim to characterize the psychosocial profile of frequent users of an Inpatient Alcohol Detoxification Unit in Lisbon and to reflect on the need for psychosocial interventions to prevent relapse risk.

Methods: A retrospective analysis of data collected from the clinical records of patients admitted two or more times within one year to

an Alcohol Detoxification Unit in Lisbon, during the period between January 2022 and December 2023.

Results: During the study period, 37 patients with two or more admissions in a year were identified. The average age was 51.9 years, and 67.6% were male. It was found that 48.6% of the patients were divorced or separated; more than half of the patients were unemployed at the time of admission (62.2%), and nearly half were experiencing financial hardship (48.6%). In terms of integration into rehabilitative and abstinence maintenance structures, 40.5% had attended the Day Care Center of the Hospital Center, and only 5.4% had been part of a Therapeutic Community (TC). Before their last admission, 8.1% of the patients had been referred to a TC, 10.8% to the Day Care Center, and 51.4% to outpatient care, while 24.3% left against medical advice. In contrast, during the last admission in the study period, 13.5% were referred to the Day Care Center, and 35.1% to a TC.

Conclusions: The results highlight the need for psychosocial intervention and rehabilitation in patients with alcohol use disorder. Treatment should include a multidisciplinary approach that takes into account socioeconomic support and integration into rehabilitative structures, as these promote long-term abstinence and therapeutic success.

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Psilocybin: Systematic review of its use in the treatment of depression

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Introduction: Psilocybin, a psychedelic compound, has shown potential in treating depression, especially in cases resistant to conventional treatments. This study systematically reviews the scientific literature to assess its efficacy and safety.

Objectives: The main objective of this study is to evaluate the therapeutic effects of psilocybin for the treatment of depressive disorder through a systematic review of the current scientific literature.

Methods: An exhaustive search was conducted in databases such as PubMed and Web of Science, using specific MeSH term and selecting studies published between 2019-2024 that investigated the effects of psilocybin in treating depression.

Results: The included studies demonstrated significant improvements in depressive symptoms with psilocybin compared to standard treatments. Studies reports a rapid and sustained symptom reduction, with few adverse effects.

Conclusions: Psilocybin could be an effective and safe alternative for treating depression, providing symptomatic relief with fewer treatment sessions and a favorable safety profile. However, further research is needed to overcome current limitations and fully understand its therapeutic potential and underlying mechanisms.

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Wernicke's encephalopathy in patient with alcohol dependence

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Introduction: The worldwide prevalence of Wernicke-Korsakoff syndrome is thought to range from 0-2%. Those at greatest risk include the homeless, the elderly, and psychiatric patients (1). In treatment, typical regimens include high doses of intravenous thiamine, three times daily for at least three days. Electrolyte abnormalities should be corrected and fluids replaced.

Objectives: We are interested in studying the evolution of a patient with alcohol withdrawal syndrome progressing to wernicke's encephalopathy.

Methods: We conducted a literature review by searching for articles in Pubmed.

Results: A 40-year-old male, with no medical or surgical history of interest, alcohol consumer, was admitted to the hospital ICU for an episode of ataxia and agitation in the context of four days of alcohol abstinence. He was sedated and orotracheal intubation was performed and treatment was started with thiamine, tiapride and diazepam. After hemodynamic and respiratory stability, the patient was transferred to the Internal Medicine ward where he presented clinical symptoms compatible with Wernicke's Encephalopathy (cerebellar ataxia and nystagmus). Psychiatry was consulted to adjust treatment and to carry out a psychosocial approach for discharge (alcohol withdrawal center).

The patient's evolution has been favorable with the adjustment of psychopharmacological treatment. In the neurological examination we observed nystagmus and cerebellar ataxia. In the psychopathological examination the suspicious contact, psychomotor restlessness, mild generalized tremor in both MMSS are remarkable. Speech difficult to understand due to language barrier. Traits of impulsivity in the foreground. Unstructured biological rhythms. Partial insight. Intellectual functions and volitional abilities preserved. In the complementary tests without significant remarkable alterations. In the treatment adjustment, a de-escalation of diazepam has been carried out for discharge. Treatment with pregabalin, tiaprizal, thiamine and vitamins B1-B6-B9 was also prescribed. Recommendation of absolute cessation of alcohol consumption and follow-up by internal medicine, psychiatry and social work.

Conclusions: Wernicke-Korsakoff syndrome is a clinical diagnosis and Wernicke's encephalopathy should be suspected in any person at risk of thiamine deficiency presenting oculomotor findings, ataxia or confusion (1). Thus, in our patient presenting ataxia and nystagmus in the context of alcohol abstinence and some malnutrition, an early approach with thiamine can be performed to prevent progression to Korsakoff's syndrome.