

P-41 - THE PSYCHOLOGICAL REPERCUSSION OF SALVIA DIVINORUM, LEGAL ACID: CASE REPORTS

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Salvia is a plant which contains an active ingredient Salvinorin A which strongly is powerful selective Kappa agonist and activates vision inducing Kappa receptors. Its easy availability has resulted in deaths by suicide. It is banned in most of Europe except UK and is available in head shops as well as plant nurseries.

We aimed to investigate subjective experiences of Salvia intoxication and outcome after psychiatric assessment.

A small sample who came in contact with psychiatric services using Salvia more than five times a week were identified during the period September 2010 and February 2011. They were admitted in an assessment unit for up to a period of 72 hours for assessment and collection of data by completing a designed questionnaire. The questionnaire was completed on thirteen cases, 11 males and 2 females falling in 17-35 years range.