

## Letter to Editor

# Notes on the Social Effects of Drug and Alcohol Use in the Journal of Drug and Alcohol Research

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Since this journal was published in 2012, there has been concern on material about the impact of using illegal drugs and alcohol on humans and animals. Initially presented an article about the results of research on the use of illegal drugs and alcohol in the human body. So this theme can be classified as a biological effect. However, since 2013 volume 2, the Journal of Drug and Alcohol Research has expanded its interest beyond just biological effects. Marked by the writings of Kenneth W Griffin, Jose P Espada, and Tamera R Schneider which analyzes the effects of driving a car after consuming alcohol in excess of doses among teenagers in the United States and Spain [1]. The effect of social behavior also attracts alcohol consumption to animals such as rats it is assumed that the characteristics of the motor nerves of humans and animals are similar when they get certain stimuli, so laboratory studies that want to know the impact of certain chemicals are often carried out to save money before being given to humans [2]. The goal is to reduce the risk that may occur. In other editions we find many articles discussing the results of experimental research on the behavior of rats when consuming alcohol and illegal drugs. Some of the names that contributed to these themes include: Amir H Rezvani, Edward D Levin, Marty Cauley, Bruk Getachew, and Yousef Tizabi, Olubukola Kalejaiye, Bruk Getachew, Clifford L Ferguson, Robert E Taylor and Yousef Tizabi, Jacqueline Acosta-García, Juan C Jiménez and Florencio Miranda, and others.

The scope of analysis in the article above tends to present a variety of individual social behavior of humans and animals in their habitats. Alcohol and liquor are no longer seen only as chemical substances that have biological implications when consumed in excess of the recommended dose. The article has introduced the impact of social behavior

that can damage oneself and the environment.

The diversification of the contents of this journal makes the discussion of alcohol and illicit drugs even more interesting. Many new paradigms and perspectives are emerging. One of them concerns the local government of Manggarai (one of the provinces in the Republic of Indonesia) in regulating the circulation of alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs. By the author, local government policies are considered controversial [3].

One of the writers, Frans Salesman is a lecturer in East Nusa Tenggara, who thanks to this article has become a Professor, while Stefanus Rodrick Juraman is increasingly becoming a tourism photo contributor for an international magazine.

The article on social effects in this journal was led by Stevi Deschler, Alla Sawatzky, Kathrin Wendler and Erich Kas ten who examined behavioral differences between people who have tattoos and those who do not consume alcohol [4].

I myself ventured to submit an article to this journal discussing the motives for using Dumolid among Indonesian artists and published in 2019 [5]. The perspective I use is from a communication point of view, which is to analyze the confessions of artists on social media who were caught by the police for using Dumolid narcotics. After that, many Indonesian writers published their works in this journal, such as Rahma Sugihartati and Daniel Susilo, Maria Heny Pratiknjo and Rully Mambo, Rr. Herini Siti Aisyah, Heru Irianto, M Saleh, Tatiek Djatmiati and Minola Sebayang, Iwan Joko Prasetyo, Sanhari Prawiradiredja and R. Ayu Erni Jusnita, Wira Yudha Alam, Kacung Marijan, Siti Aminah, Teguh Dwi Putranto, Herini Siti Aisyah, Ahmad Munir, Rizky Putra Zulkarnain, Tatiek Sri Djatmiati, Muham-

mad Mazhuri and Heru Irianto, Bastian Lubis, Aznan Lelo, Akhyar Hamonangan Nasution, Tasrif Hamdi and Putri Amelia, and many more.

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These are my brief notes regarding the diversification of research themes and perspectives used in this journal.

### Conflict of Interest

None

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