Abstract

Synthetic illicit drugs toxicology. Synthetic illicit drugs, also called designer drugs, are psychoactive drugs for recreational use made in clandestine laboratories. The production, variety, and number of consumers of these substances are progressively increasing in Europe. Also on the rise are the health problems they cause: secondary effects, acute toxic reactions, unknown long-term effects, additive substance toxicity, residual metabolites in drug production and simultaneous intake of other abuse drugs. Designer drugs include four groups of diverse substances: amphetamine derivatives, synthetic opioids, arylhexylamines and methacualone analogos. In this review article, these substances and their physical and psychological effects are described.

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Designer drugs, methamphetamine, MDA, PMA, PMMA, DOM, DOB, MFT, TMA-2, 5-Meo-DIPT, MDMA, MDEA, MBDB, methylphentanyl, MPPP, PEPAP, phencyclidine, ketamine, DMT, methacualone

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