

# Evaluation of an internet-based one-time counselling intervention for young cannabis- or alcohol-users

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## Plain English summary of protocol

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Scientific

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### Protocol serial number

N/A

## Study information

### Scientific Title

Evaluation of an internet-based one-time counselling intervention for young cannabis- or alcohol-users: an online randomised controlled trial

**Study objectives**

A one-time professional chat-based intervention for problematic cannabis- and alcohol-users is more effective than a chat-based interaction solely dealing with general addiction issues.

**Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

**Ethics approval(s)**

Ethics committee of the University of Applied Sciences Magdeburg approved on the 9th September 2010 (ref: AZ-4973-14)

**Study design**

Randomised controlled trial

**Primary study design**

Interventional

**Study type(s)**

Treatment

**Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied**

Alcohol abuse or addiction, cannabis abuse or addiction

**Interventions**

Participants in the experimental condition receive a one-time brief intervention delivered via internet-chat. During the intervention, Motivational Interviewing (MI) is applied by trained psychologists.

Participants in the control condition receive information about addiction in general and about the results in the self-test.

Each arm involves a one-time chat-based intervention with a duration of approximately 30 minutes, with follow-up online surveys at one month and three months.

**Intervention Type**

Other

**Phase**

Not Applicable

**Primary outcome(s)**

Alcohol users:

1. Mean weekly alcohol consumption: consumed amount of pure alcohol in the past 7 days
2. Mean number of consumption days in the past 30 days
3. Proportion of subjects not drinking hazardously: i.e., not drinking more than 24 grams of pure alcohol (men) or 12 grams (women) on any day during the last week

Cannabis users:

4. Mean number of consumption days in the past 30 days

Both alcohol and cannabis users:

5. Allocation on the Stages of Change (Transtheoretical Model) measured by the "Readiness to Change Questionnaire" (RTCQ)

Measured using follow-up online surveys at one month and three months.

**Key secondary outcome(s)**

Satisfaction with the received intervention, measured using follow-up online surveys at one month and three months.

**Completion date**

31/03/2011

## **Eligibility**

**Key inclusion criteria**

The study aims at participants of two automated internet-based self-tests for cannabis- or alcohol-users installed on the prevention website [www.drugcom.de](http://www.drugcom.de). In order to be eligible for the study, those users have to meet the following criteria:

1. Problematic alcohol use defined as:

1.1. Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test (AUDIT) score of 16 or more, or

1.2. Alcohol consumption of more than 60 g per day (men)/40 g per day (women), or

1.3. Binge drinking (i.e. at least 5 units of alcohol per occasion) at least once per week

2. Problematic cannabis use defined as 4 or more points in the Severity of Dependence Scale (SDS) (men) or 2 points or more (women)

3. Aged 18 - 35 years, either sex

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Healthy volunteers allowed**

No

**Age group**

Adult

**Lower age limit**

18 years

**Sex**

All

**Key exclusion criteria**

Participants who currently receive professional help or participate at a self help group.

**Date of first enrolment**

30/09/2010

**Date of final enrolment**

31/03/2011

# Locations

## Countries of recruitment

Germany

## Study participating centre

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# Sponsor information

## Organisation

Federal Centre for Health Education (BZgA) (Germany)

## ROR

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# Funder(s)

## Funder type

Government

## Funder Name

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Federal Centre for Health Education, BZgA

## Funding Body Type

Government organisation

## Funding Body Subtype

National government

## Location

Germany

# Results and Publications

## Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan

IPD sharing plan summary  
Not provided at time of registration

## Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Participant information sheet</a>	Participant information sheet	11/11/2025	11/11/2025	No	Yes