Marijuana and alcohol increase crash avoidance reaction time in a driving simulator test at blood concentrations below commonly-used per se ‘Cut-offs’ for Intoxication

Published On: March 27, 2020 | Pages: 009 - 015

Author(s): Kawthar Alali, Jessica Stewart, Rimzim Taneja, Edison Nwobi, Brianna Murdock, Tyiesha Head, Ki-Jana Malone, Mohammed B Mohammed, MaryAnne Stewart, Jamie McQueen, Doreen Head and Randall Commissaris*

The present study demonstrates marijuana- and alcohol-induced impairment of a driving-relevant measure in a driving simulator task at (estimated) blood alcohol and THC concentrations that are below the per se cut-off for impaired driving in several states. The subject was an adult male with a history of occasional alcohol use (2-3 times/week for the past 6 months) and ...

Trihexyphenidyl abuse in psychiatric outpatient clinic of a general hospital in Northern Nigeria

Published On: March 26, 2020 | Pages: 003 - 008

Author(s): Raji Saheed Olanrewaju* and Abba Mannir

Background: Concomitant prescription of anticholinergics with first generation antipsychotic medications is widely practiced in psychiatry to avert or abort extrapyramidal side effect resulting from the latter. Trihexyphenidyl (Benzhexol) is the most commonly prescribed and the most likely to be abused amidst the anticholinergics in Nigeria. Objectives: To explore ...

Opinion
Addiction

Addiction is usually linked to psychoactive drugs. This is only approximately true, since one can be addicted to common objects such as starch and to abstract items such as some habits, such as attachments to certain objects, often known as fetishism. Moreover, the common use of such drugs, especially alcohol and opium, are seldom addictive. Hence, addiction is a stat ...