Introduction

This issue of *The Yale Journal* presents a series of contributions on cocaine research. These articles were assembled because of a long-standing interest in cocaine scholarship by persons affiliated with the Yale University School of Medicine, which had become a center for cocaine research long before the current concern about cocaine abuse developed. For each of the papers on cocaine in this issue, at least one of the authors is, or has been, affiliated with the School of Medicine. Drs. Allen, Gawin, Gradman, Jatlow, and Kleber are currently on the Yale faculty, and Dr. Gold received some of his training at Yale. The scope of these articles suggests some area of Yale faculty research in cocaine but is not representative of all of their contributions to this subject, which include studies by others on the history, pharmacology, epidemiology, anthropology, clinical aspects, and anesthetic uses of the drug.

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