

## Classification of Experience of Acute Cannabis Intoxication: Clinical Connections with Drug Career

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**Abstract:**

This article summarizes partial results of sub-study of longitudinal project CANLONG, concerning to effects of acute marijuana intoxication. Research was realized by means of qualitative approach with 17 long-term cannabis users. Semi-structured interviews and focus groups were employed for data collection and inductive analysis based on the grounded theory was applied for their processing. The main result consists of description of phenomenology and course of experience of acute intoxication and suggestion of typology of cannabis intoxication (the laughs, thoughtfulness and the lows). Predominant type of acute intoxication is changing during drug career, therefore can be referred from the clinical point of view to diagnostic criteria for other disorders from F12.0 (ICD10) – harmful use and dependence syndrome on marijuana. Connections between phenomenology and dynamics of acute intoxication on the one side, and drug career and some other characteristics of users including their motivation for use on the other side can be important predictor of dependence.