

Prevalence of Illicit Drugs Related to Punishable Acts that Occurred in Paraguay †

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Abstract: Drug abuse is a public health problem. The various drugs of abuse are toxic to most body tissues. This study aimed to determine the frequency of illicit drug use related to criminal offenses. It was a descriptive cross-sectional observational study. The samples (urine, stomach contents, from the scene) related to punishable acts were processed in the forensic laboratory of the National Police during the years 2013 to 2015. The total number of samples analyzed was 1265, of which 14.3% (n= 181) were positive for drugs of abuse, mainly cocaine and marijuana. It is recommended to complete this study with updated data describing the socio-demographic characteristics and criminal offenses of the subjects involved.

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