

and the male trends were reversed by October 2020. The total number of patients treated for violent suicide attempts increased significantly ($p < 0.05$) during the first two years of the pandemic (Image 2). There was a slight increase in violent attempts in men and a small decrease in women, but these changes are not statistically significant.

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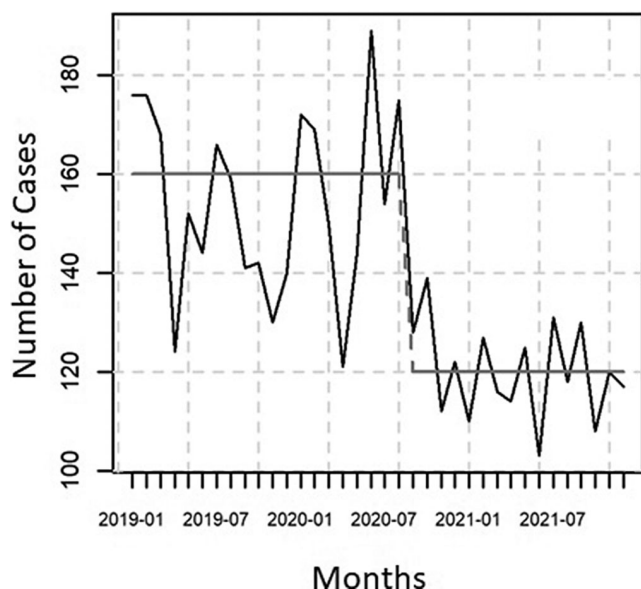
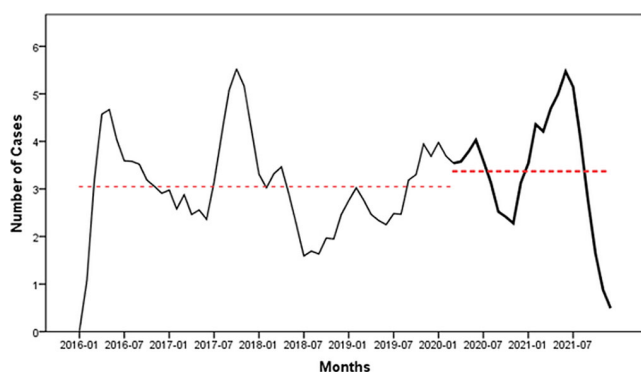


Image 2:



Conclusions: We hypothesize that those who tried to end their life through non-violent drug use were less inclined to seek assistance because they were concerned about being hospitalized during the COVID-19 outbreak. The surge in violent attempts is striking, as it correlates with the rise in suicide fatalities documented in Hungary during the initial year of the outbreak. Our data was obtained from two prominent public hospitals in Budapest, enabling us to conduct a more concentrated and thorough examination of the circumstances in the capital.

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EPP0075

Suicidal thoughts and behaviors (STB) among psychiatric emergency patients at the emergency unit of a university hospital in Belgium (UZ Leuven). A twenty year perspective using cross-sectional data.

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Introduction: Suicidal thoughts and behaviors (STB) are a serious public health problem. Suicide prevention programs have been established over the years, but many people who are suicidal do not seek treatment, and when they do, they end up in low-threshold sectors such as the Emergency Department in general hospitals. Previous studies about STB at the ED are mostly narrative, rather than a data-driven approach and limited in sample size.

Objectives: This study describes the prevalence and evolution over time of suicidal ideation (SI) and suicidal attempts (SA) in terms of sociodemographic, clinical and service use variables of the psychiatric patient referred to the Emergency Department of the University Hospital Gasthuisberg (Leuven, Belgium) over a 20 year period. **Methods:** During a 20 year period (2002-2022), all patients with a psychiatric referral to the Psychiatric Emergency Department (PED) of the University Hospital Gasthuisberg (Leuven) were included ($N \sim 18.000$). We use descriptive statistics to summarize the data set, focusing on STB in terms of sociodemographic, clinical and service use variables.

Results: Around 1/10 patients presents with SA; another 1/5 with SI. Despite several reforms, SI and SA have remained relatively stable over the years. Notably, there is a higher prevalence of referrals for females in both SI and SA compared to males. However, there has been a notable increase in male SA cases over time. In the age group 36-49, both sexes exhibit the highest percentages of SI and SA cases, with exception for women in SI, where the age category 18-25 has the most referrals. Approximately one-third of male patients referred with STB have never accessed outpatient care, underscoring a critical gap in mental health services for this demographic.

Conclusions: Despite several reforms in mental health care, the PED remains a major entry point into mental healthcare for large proportions of STB patients.

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Addictive Disorders

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Alcohol and Sedative Use Disorders in the Lebanese Population: Role of Sleep and Psychiatric Factors

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Introduction: Alcohol and sedative substance use disorders are escalating global public health challenges. Lebanon has grappled with multiple crises, including economic, healthcare, and social issues.

Objectives: This study aimed to assess the correlates of the alcohol and sedative substance use risk scores with sociodemographic and clinical factors, including sleep disorders, chronotype, anxiety, and depression.

Methods: A cross-sectional study was conducted among the Lebanese population using several validated scales to assess the risk of alcohol and sedative substance use, including the Alcohol, Smoking, and Substance Involvement Screening Test (ASSIST). Other tools evaluated chronotype, sleep, and mood disturbances. Bivariate and multivariable analyses were then performed, taking the alcohol and sedative scores as dependent variables.

Results: A total of 646 participants were included. Multivariate analysis revealed positive and significant correlations between higher ASSIST-alcohol scores and personal history of alcohol abuse (B=4.61), family history of prescription substance abuse (B=1.763), psychiatric disorders (B=2.898), and worse Insomnia Severity Index scores (Beta=0.14). Conversely, ASSIST-alcohol scores negatively correlated with weight (B= -0.39) and morning chronotype (B=-0.084). Positive correlations were identified between higher ASSIST-alcohol scores and personal history of illicit substance abuse (B=2.834), prescription substance abuse (B=2.252), sleep quality (B=0.130), and sleep severity (B=0.082), while negatively correlating with cigarette smoking (B=-0.038).

Conclusions: This study elucidates the role of several predisposing factors to alcohol and sedative use disorders in Lebanon, including history of substance abuse, psychiatric disorders, sleep disorders, and chronotype. These findings advocate, in particular, for the integration of sleep disorder assessment and management into addiction rehabilitation programs.

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Changing drinking patterns among Italians: 7 out of 10 students experience Binge Drinking

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Introduction: The expression Binge Drinking (BD) refers to dysregulated alcohol consumption, characterized by the intake of large

quantities of alcohol, regardless of their nature, consecutively in a limited period of time. BD is a significant public health problem in many European countries, including Italy. According to data from the *Istituto Superiore di Sanità*, dated 2020, over 4 million Italians exhibit episodic excessive alcohol consumption (compared to 2019 data, there was an increase of approximately 5,3%).

Objectives: This study aims to examine alcohol consumption habits in the Italian population, evaluating psychopathological correlations that can explain its diffusion.

Methods: Between January and May 2023, an anonymous online questionnaire was randomly sent to the general population. Alongside with tests to evaluate psycho-social features, to estimate the presence of alcohol abuse or dependence the AUDIT scale (Saunders *et al.* Addict Abingdon Engl. 1993; 88:791–804) was used. It included two specific questions to frame the phenomenon of BD (Cranford *et al.* Alcohol Clin Exp Res. 2006; 30:1896–905). No other study conducted in Italy has so far used the aforementioned validated questions.

Results: The sample consists of 308 people (189 F, 119 M), with an average age of 32 years (*sd* 14). The AUDIT indicates a state of chronic alcohol consumption in 11,7% (95% confidence interval 8,5%-15,7%), of the recruited sample, positively correlating with the element of impulsivity ($p < 0,005$) confirming what has already been reported in literature. BD prevalence reaches 56% (M 57%, F 55%) without any significant correlation with impulsivity, personality disorders, emotional dysregulation, or sensitivity to rejection. Among university students the prevalence of BD exceeds 70% (95% confidence interval 60%-76%), with a number of drinks reported for a single occasion reaching up to 25 units and a reported number of binge episodes, in a two-week span, ranging from 2 to 10.

Conclusions: Despite possible *biases*, this study raises the relevant issue of the extremely high prevalence of BD disorder, which is particularly alarming in light of the numerous issues related to the behavior itself. A direct correlation with reduced school performance, an increase in risky sexual behavior, and an increase in cases of drunk driving have been evaluated. Considering these consequences, it is of primary importance on a medical, but even more social level, to best characterize this phenomenon in such a way as to be able to implement awareness-raising and prevention interventions.

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A preliminary analysis of clinical characteristics of patient with alcohol use disorder and suicidal ideation

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Introduction: Suicidal behaviors are frequently observed among patients with substance use disorder, including suicidal ideation (SI) (1). Alcohol use disorder (AUD) is one of the most prevalent addictions and may be related to suicidal behaviors (2,3). However,