

Case Series: *Salvia divinorum* as a Potential Addictive Hallucinogen

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Background and Objective: Recreational use of *Salvia divinorum* (salvia), a potent, naturally occurring hallucinogen, is on the rise internationally. Despite the paucity of information about its long-term health effects, salvia is readily available and generally portrayed as a safe non-addictive substance.

Methods and Results: We report on two patients who presented with an enduring and pervasive pattern of salvia use.

Discussion and Conclusions: Evaluating patients for salvia use during clinical assessment is strongly encouraged, especially among young polysubstance users.

Scientific Significance: Clinicians should be mindful of the multifaceted psychiatric effects of salvia, including the potential for a use disorder. (*Am J Addict* 2018;27:163–165)