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Type of the Article	Original Research Article

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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Compulsory REVISION comments	<p>The manuscript would benefit from editing for English style and grammar. There were several instances of incorrect capitalization throughout the manuscript.</p> <p>The Introduction section provides a thorough overview of common issues in drug addiction and the interaction between other psychological disorders and substance abuse/dependence. Readers of International Neuropsychiatric Disease Journal, should have sufficient background knowledge of the major concerns in this field. The Introduction section would be strengthened with a revision to focus on the specific issues in Uganda (e.g., expanding and focusing on Lines 10-25 of the initial submission). For example, what are the socio-cultural differences between the North and Central of Uganda? These are important in the Results and Discussion section and a more-thorough introduction would help an international reader.</p> <p>Regarding the Methods, the authors should clarify how specific drug use was assessed (Lines 113-115). Were the students given a list of all substances or were they asked to list the substances they used? From the Results and Discussion section (3.2 and 4.1) and comments on heroin and cocaine use, this is not clear.</p>	<p>The whole manuscript has been carefully edited</p> <p>A sub section that describes the two contexts has been included in the introduction section from line 87 -137.</p> <p>A sentence has been inserted in line 114-115 reading: 'these substances were listed in the questionnaire'</p>



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<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments		
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	The manuscript provides interesting data on drug and alcohol use in different regions of Uganda. The manuscript would benefit from revision for English style and to clarify the methods; however, it should be of interest to readers of International Neuropsychiatric Disease Journal.	Thank you for these positive comments. We have included a section on the methods line 127-148. The English has been edited.