Reviewer's report

Title: A structured review of reasons for ecstasy use and related behaviours: pointers for future research

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This article is a revision of a qualitative follow-up to a previously published meta-analysis by the same authors concerned with self-reported motives for using ecstasy, not trying ecstasy or ceasing ecstasy use. Ecstasy users are not a monolithic group and the motives for use are likely to vary between, say, dance party people and those who take MDMA for self-medication or self-exploration. Nevertheless the authors appear to have effectively summarized the relevant findings from journal articles to date. I would classify this article as one of interest limited to those specializing in motives for ecstasy use.

Minor Essential Revisions

p. 4, line 14: “portrait” should be “portray”
p. 5, line 9: “explorative” should be “exploratory”
p. 6, line 10: “demographical” should be “demographic”
p. 6, line 16: “recreative” should be “recreational”
p. 8, line 12: “each categories’” should be “each category’s”
p. 8, line 17: “then” should be “when”
p. 9, line 10: need comma after “perception”
p. 10, line 17: “SSRI’s” should be “SSRIs”
p. 13, line 2: delete “and”
p. 13, line 3: delete “and”, add comma after “weight”
p. 13, line 15: “addition” should be “addiction”
p. 14, line 23: delete comma after “50”

Declaration of competing interests:

I have no competing interests in this matter.