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### The association between non-medical prescription drug use, depressive symptoms, and suicidality among college students

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#### Abstract

##### Purpose

Studies have substantiated a relationship between drug use, depression, and suicidality. However, little research has examined this relationship with prescription drugs. Given the prevalence of non-medical prescription drug use (NMPDU) among college students, this study explored the association between general and specific NMPDU, depressive symptoms, and suicidality.

##### Methods

Data from the Fall 2008 National College Health Assessment (NCHA) was utilized (N = 22,783). Five separate logistic regression models were employed, with the first combining any NMPDU (antidepressants, painkillers, sedatives, and stimulants) followed by four additional regressions for each

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