

## SUPPLEMENTARY.

### Appendix 1. Consent to participate in the research interview

#### Use of new psychoactive substances by young people in Uzbekistan (working title)

I agree to participate in the research project conducted by the independent researcher at Bukhara Medical Institute.

The purpose of this research project is to study the use of new psychoactive substances by young people in Uzbekistan. The study is aimed at identifying the prevalence, reasons for, and consequences of using new psychoactive substances among young people, the social and cultural factors that explain the use of new psychoactive substances, as well as developing recommendations for the prevention and treatment of the abuse of new psychoactive substances.

Your participation in the research project means having a conversation with the physician-investigator. It will be conducted in the form of an interview. With your permission, the investigator will make an audio recording of this interview.

You have the right to withdraw from the survey at any time without any consequences. You have the right not to answer questions if you feel uncomfortable.

The confidentiality of your personal identifiers will be closely protected. Your name and personal identifiers will not be recorded in the reports. Personal identifiers will be processed in accordance with Law No. 3PY-547 "On personal data" of the Republic of Uzbekistan dated July 02, 2019<sup>1</sup>.

Your participation in the survey does not pose any risks to your health or well-being.

Your participation in the survey is voluntary and does not come with any remuneration. As a result of your participation in the survey, the scientific community will gather valuable information that will allow us to provide better care to other users of new psychoactive substances in the future.

I have received sufficient information about this research project and understand my role in it. The purpose of my participation as an interviewee in this project and the information about the confidentiality of my personal identifiers are clear to me.

1. My participation as an interviewee in this project is entirely voluntary. There is no explicit or implicit compulsion to participate.
2. I allow the investigator to take notes during the interview. I also allow the interview to be recorded on a voice recorder. It is clear to me that if I do not want the interview and for the conversation to be recorded on a voice recorder, I have every right to refuse to participate.
3. I understand that I have the right not to answer questions. If I feel uncomfortable during the interview, I have the right to refuse to partake in the conversation and ask for the data collected prior to my refusal to be deleted.
4. I have been given a guarantee that the investigator will not identify me by name or position in any reports using information obtained during this interview, and that my confidentiality as a participant in this study will be respected. Personal identifiers (sex, age, education, marital status, employment) will be processed in full compliance with the current law of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Law No. 3PY-547 "On personal data" dated July 02, 2019<sup>1</sup>.
5. I understand that excerpts from my interview that do not contain personal information may be cited in a scientific dissertation, conference presentations, published articles, and other public materials.
6. I have carefully read and fully understand the paragraphs and statements in this form. All my questions have been answered to my satisfaction, and I voluntarily agree to participate in this survey.
7. I have received a copy of this consent form signed by the interviewer.

Printed name \_\_\_\_\_

Participant's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Investigator's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> <https://lex.uz/docs/4396428>