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Alex is Professor of Medicine, Psychiatry and Addictions at the University of St Andrews and Consultant Psychiatrists with NHS Fife Addiction Services, Scotland, United Kingdom. He has been principal investigator in biological, neuropsychological, neuroimaging, clinical and policy related research portfolios when working with the Universities of London, Cambridge, Dundee and St Andrews for the last 25 years. In the last 15 years he has been the UK principal investigator to several European Union funded projects. These include looking at barriers and challenges faced by individuals with substance misuse related problems accessing treatment (IATPAD Study), a cross-cultural multicentre study to determine the nature, extent and management of drug related mental health problems in Europe (Drugs and Psychosis and ISADORA Studies), internet and drug addiction (Psychonaut 2002) and Overdose Risk Information Project (ORION) amongst others. His research portfolio have a common thread of understanding the comorbid conditions (physical and psychological) arising as a result of chronic abuse of pharmacological agents with dependence potential especially opioids, nicotine and alcohol. He has around 150 peer reviewed publications

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