

NPS and SCRA related overdoses in Hungary

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Bulletpoints

- Hungary has around 30-40 deaths per year, in around 2/3 of cases some **NPS are present** (cathinones as well as SCRAs), mostly in combinations
- Defining „**cause of death**” and attribute it to one „primary” substance is very difficult, although this is a must for **statistical or legal purposes** (it’s easier to tend to classical drugs in court trials or STs)
- Not only a specific NPS substance can be dangerous but **mid-level preparation** methods/mixtures lead to (fatal) intoxications (combinations or inhomogeneity) (eg. 4F-MDMB-BICA deaths)
- **Certified reference materials missing** or come late, police labs synthesize/purify NPS substances to make standards to forensic laboratories, **quantitative analyses scarce** (substance vs. bio sample analysis)
>> **coordinated efforts** (police), big picture vs. incidents
- EWS, police, forensics, ER, ambulance and DTS **networking** and timely DRD monitoring crucial to **trigger alarm** (SAE) and prevent DRD



Thank you for your attention!



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