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Level of Depression, Criminogenic Cognition, Relapse Risk, and Quality of Life among Patients with Substance Use Disorders

ABSTRACT

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INTRODUCTION

Substance use problems (SUDs) have been noted in the literature throughout the ages [1]. Opioid use disorder (OUD) is a major public health concern because of its destructive effects on physical and mental health[2-4]. An individual who uses opioids develops tolerance and it is a person's response to a medicine diminishes with time demand for a higher dose to attain the same effect as it did at first[5]. Relapse is a common and formidable challenge in SUD treatment. Approximately 60% of patients with OUD relapse after inpatient psychological treatment because of their signs and symptoms [6]. The most common signs and symptoms are loss of control over opioid use, continual opioid use, disdain attempt to cut down, and having

ongoing social, physical, psychological, interpersonal, tolerating, and withdrawal issues are all signs of (OUD) [7, 8]. Patients with OUD reported high issues of psychiatric comorbidity in the healthcare system [9]. Preceding studies showed a history of psychiatric disorders is associated with opioid overuse). Previous clinical research concluded that people in treatment for heroin or opiate addiction also commonly suffer from psychological illnesses [10, 11]. Low tolerance for unpleasant feelings and heightened emotional and physiological reactions to stressors are linked to both opioid use disorder and depression [12, 13]. Opioid resistance and opioid overuse may both contribute to depression [14, 15]. These co-

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individual continues taking despite its negative effects. Patients with opioid use disorder (OUD) and other substance use disorders (O-SUDs) experience psychosocial problems that affect their quality of life (QOL). Objective: To determine the difference in depression, criminogenic cognition, relapse risk, and quality of life between patients with OUD and O-SUDs. Methods: In this cross-sectional study, the sample was collected from different rehabilitation centres in Faisalabad and Lahore. A purposive sampling technique was used to collect data from individuals with OUD (150) and O-SUDs (150) with relapse conditions through Alcohol, Smoking, and Substance Involvement Screening Test (ASSIST), Criminogenic Cognition Scale (CCS), Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9), Relapse Risk Scale (RRS) and WHO Quality of Life (WOOL). The collected data were prepared for statistical analysis using SPSS, Version-26. Results: The finding shows a significant difference between patients with OUD and with O-SUDs on the variables of PHQ-9, short-term orientation, negative attitudes toward authority, notions of entitlement, failure to accept responsibility, insensitivity to the impact of crime, and criminogenic cognition. In addition, a significant difference was found between patients with OUD and with O-SUDs on anxiety problems, positive expectancies and compulsivity, abstinence violation effect, low self-efficacy, relapse risk and QOL. Conclusions: It is concluded that depressive symptoms, criminogenic cognition, relapse risk conditions, and quality of life were higher among patients with OUD than patients with O-SUDs.

Substance use disorders (SUDs) involve symptoms caused by using a substance that an

occurring conditions can create a synergistic effect, leading to adverse consequences such as Criminogenic cognition and behavior. Criminal behaviors associated with using opioids can take various forms, including drug trafficking, theft, and fraud to obtain funds for purchasing drugs [16, 17]. These legal consequences can have a lasting impact on one's OOL. Criminal behaviors affect physical health and have profound implications for mental, emotional, and social well-being [18]. However, this study showed that opioid use disorder encompasses a diverse range of conditions, each with its unique impact on variables such as depression, criminogenic cognition, relapse risk, and quality of life. By understanding these distinctions is effective for developing effective strategies and support systems that cater to the specific needs of individuals struggling with various types of substance use disorders. By considering these differences, we can work towards more compassionate, evidence-based approaches to addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery, ultimately aiming for improved outcomes and well-being for those affected by OUD.

METHODS

In this study, cross-sectional research design was used. The sample was collected from different rehabilitations centres and we used purposive sampling technique to collect the data. Initially, the sample of N=300 participants were diagnosed with OUD (150) and O-SUDs (150) with relapse conditions we recruited after getting consent from the participants. Participants they have history of drug addiction with relapse condition and currently they are under treatment were investigated from the different hospitals, rehabilitation centres, and primary care clinics of Faisalabad and Lahore in 06 months through purposive sampling technique. The patient's age range was between 20 to 65 years. Patients were taken from any marital status and socioeconomic status. Participants would be diagnosed according to the DSM-V-TR. Participants with more than 4-time history of relapse and more than 5 years of history of illness were omitted from the study. Participants with different medical and psychological conditions were excluded. Demographic form: A demographic form would be used to take information, i.e., patient age, education, family system, socioeconomic status, marital status, total number of family members, employment status, etc. The Alcohol, Smoking, and Substance Involvement Screening Test (ASSIST)[19]. It's a quick quiz to see if someone has ever experimented with or **DOI:** https://doi.org/10.54393/pjhs.v4i09.1030

used psychoactive drugs. The ASSIST collects data on a user's lifetime substance use, recent substance use (within the past three months), substance-related difficulties, risk of harm (both immediate and long-term), dependency, and injectable drug usage. It consists of 8 items. Item 1 is further with 10 items which are based on the answers of yes or no [20]. Construct validity of this scale is (r = 0.76). Criminogenic Cognition Scale (CCS): CCS is a 25-item selfreport measure designed to tap five dimensions: Notions of entitlement; Failure to Accept responsibility; Short-Term Orientation; Insensitivity to Impact of Crime; and Negative Attitudes Toward Authority. Items ranged on a 4point scale with 1-4 as strongly disagree to agree strongly. Items 10, 17, and 20 are reversed scoring. All five subscales were significantly correlated with full-scale scores (r = .65 to .43). Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9: It is a depression screening instrument that can be selfadministered [21]. The PHQ-9 includes all 9 diagnostic symptom criteria, including the two cardinal signs of depression: anhedonia and depressed mood subjects are asked to rate how often they have "been affected by any of the following difficulties in the past two weeks" using the PHQ-9. The scoring showed four categories of depression, such as None, mild, moderate, severe and extreme (20-27) depression are indicated by the scores. The PHQ-9 had a Cronbach's alpha of 0.91. Relapse Risk Scale (RRS): Relapse Risk Scale (RRS), is a 44-item self-report measure to identify relapse risk among individuals with substance use disorder [22]. This scale has four dimensions: First: Low Self Efficacy. Second: Abstinence Violation Effect (items: 3, 5, 8, 9, 12,15,18,22,24,28,29), Third: Anxiety Problems. Fourth: Positive Expectancies and Compulsivity to use drugs, containing. It is a 5-point Likert-type rating scale from 'strongly agree' (5), 'agree' (4), 'undecided' (3) to 'disagree'(2) and 'strongly disagree'(1). The scale showed an alpha coefficient of .95. World Health Organization Qualityof-Life Scale (WH000L): Patients with SUDs have verified its efficacy [23]. The WHOQOL-BREF is a self-reported scale with a total of 26 items. Items 3 through 26 cover the four domains of quality of life: physical, mental, social and environmental. These are graded on a Likert scale from 1 (completely unsatisfied) to 5 (completely satisfied), with item 3 being backwards coded. All areas of the instrument showed a reliability between.67 and.86. In this study, all procedures were approved by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) of Government College University, Faisalabad. In this study, a Sample of N=300 participants diagnosed with opioid use disorder and poly-drug users with relapse conditions from the different hospitals, rehabilitation centres, and primary care clinics of Faisalabad and Lahore were taken to investigate the differences in the variables on depression, criminogenic cognition, relapse risk and

quality of life between opioid use disorder and other substance use disorders [24, 25]. After completion of the data, all data were scrutinized and scored according to the manuals and measurement guidelines. The data were transferred to SPSS, and all the computation was calculated through SPSS-version 26.0.

Table 1: Demographic characteristics of the sample

Variables	Categories	Patients with OUD	Patients with 0-SUDs	Total
Marital Status	Single	136(38.1%)	79(22.1%)	215(58.3%)
Marital Status	Married	71(19.9%)	71(19.9%)	142(39.8%)
	Primary	8(2.2%)	10(2.8%)	18(5.0%)
	Middle	26(7.3%)	28(7.8%)	54(15.1%)
Education	Matric	49(13.7%)	72(20.2%)	121(33.9%)
Eucation	FA FA	34(9.5%)	48(13.4%)	82(23.0%)
	Graduation	23(6.4%)	28(7.8%)	51(14.3%)
	Postgraduate	10(2.8%)	21(5.9%)	31(8.7%)
	Unemployed	46(12.9%)	73(20.4%)	119(33.3%)
Occupation	Employed	56(12.9%)	76(21.3%)	132(37.0%)
	Businessmen	48(13.4%)	58(16.2%)	106(29.7%)
	Nuclear	70(19.6%)	127(35.6%)	197(55.2%)
E	Joint	80(22.4%)	80(22.4%)	160(44.8%)
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The finding shows a significant difference between patients with OUD and with O-SUDS on the variable of PHQ-9. Similarly, a significant difference was estimated between patients with OUD and with O-SUDS on the variables of Criminogenic Cognition, Relapse Risk Scale and QOL (Table 2).

Table 2: Mean difference in the variable of depression, criminogenic cognition, relapse risk, and quality of life between patients with opioid use disorder and other substance use disorders

Variables	Patients with OUD N=207	Patients with 0-SUDs N=150	т	p-value	Standard Error	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference		
	Mean ± SD Mean ± SD			Difference	Lower	Upper		
PHQ9	11.17±7.45	9.37±7.06	-2.29	.022	.78175	-3.3350	26015	
NOE	12.04±2.98	13.41±2.26	4.73	.000	.28968	.80314	1.94256	
FAR	11.40±3.05	13.26±2.65	6.01	.000	.30975	1.25469	2.47304	
STO	11.74±2.53	12.60±2.18	3.38	.001	.25580	.36262	1.36878	
lic	11.37±2.76	12.28±2.77	3.07	.002	.29715	.32845	1.49725	
NAT	11.36±2.74	12.21±2.74	2.84	.005	.29564	.25809	1.42095	
CSS	57.90±10.91	63.76±8.57	5.46	.000	1.07143	3.74763	7.96194	
PEC	56.96±24.38	50.14±24.45	-2.60	.010	2.61827	-11.970	-1.67208	
AVE	31.49±13.90	28.92±14.73	-1.68	.093	1.52832	-5.5784	.43294	
ANP	22.24±9.75	19.01+9.27	-3.16	.002	1.02370	-5.2481	-1.22160	
LSE	11.52±5.19	9.55±4.85	-3.61	.000	.54142	-3.0235	89395	
RRS	122.21±50.53	107.62±50.61	-2.69	.007	5.42180	-25.250	-3.92485	
PHY	19.45±6.48	21.91±4.95	3.90	.000	.63106	1.22114	3.70330	
PSY	17.54±5.64	20.29±5.02	4.76	.000	.57713	1.61541	3.88546	
SOC	9.69±3.14	12.00±4.39	5.80	.000	.39848	1.53034	3.09768	
ENV	23.62±8.82	27.14±8.38	3.80	.000	.92616	1.69836	5.34125	
	70.28±21.51	81.33±17.44	5.17	.000	2.13394	6.84971	15.24323	

Note: p<.001; OUD= Opioid Use Disorder; O-SUDs= Other-Substance Use Disorders; PHQ: Patient Health questionnaire; CCS: Criminogenic Cognition Scale; NOE; Notions of entitlement; FAR: Failure to Accept Responsibility; IIC: Insensitivity to Impact of Crime; NAT; Negative Attitudes Toward Authority; STO; Short term Orientation; RRS: Relapse Risk Scale; PEC: Positive Expectancies and Compulsivity; AVE: Abstinence Violation Effect; ANP: Anxiety Problems; LSE: Low Self Efficacy; QOL: Quality of life; PHY: Physical; PSY: Psychological; ENV: Environment; SOC: Social Findings show significant mean difference was investigated between single and married individuals in the variable of PHQ, RRS and QOL and insignificant difference was found on the scale CSS(Table 3).

Table 3: Mean difference in the variable of depression, criminogenic cognition, relapse risk, and quality of life between single and married patients with opioid use disorder and other substance use disorders

Scales	Single Married N=215 N=142		т	Sig.	Std. Error	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
	Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD		(z-talled)	Difference	Lower	Upper
PHQ	12.32±7.58	7.51±5.89	6.391	.000	.75214	3.3276	6.28605
CCS	60.88±10.96	59.56±9.44	1.176	.240	1.12286	88795	3.52863
RRS	120.4±46.53	109.51±56.65	1.987	.038	5.49280	.10904	21.71408
QOL	71.96±19.43	79.40±21.59	-3.381	.001	2.19670	-11.747	-3.10675

Note: p<.001, PHQ: Patient Health questionnaire; CCS: Criminogenic Cognition Scale, RRS: Relapse Risk Scale, QOL: Quality of life Findings showed significant mean difference was investigated between patients with nuclear and joint family system in the variable of PHQ and CCS and insignificant difference was found on the scale RRS and QOL (Table 4).

Table 4: Mean difference in the variable of depression, criminogenic cognition, relapse risk, and quality of life between nuclear and joint family system patients with opioid use disorder and other substance use disorders

Scales	Nuclear N=197	Nuclear Joint N=197 N=160		Sig.	Std. Error	95% Confidence Interval of the Difference	
	Mean ± SD	Mean ± SD		(z-talleu)	Difference	Lower	Upper
PHQ	12.11±7.76	8.32±6.19	5.015	.000	.75536	2.30231	5.27339
CCS	61.83±10.16	58.55±10.16	2.997	.003	1.09349	1.12689	5.42794
RRS	117.15±51.89	114.76±50.89	.439	.661	5.43434	-8.30284	13.0722
QOL	74.07±20.33	75.96±20.97	860	.391	2.19417	-6.20157	2.42885

Note: p<.001, PHQ: Patient Health questionnaire; CCS: Criminogenic Cognition Scale, RRS: Relapse Risk Scale, QOL: Quality of life Findings reported that significant difference was found among all groups on the scale of PHQ, CCS, RRS and QOL among patients with substance disorders. Furthermore, group comparison statistics showed that unemployed participants were found significantly different from employed and businessmen while insignificant difference was calculated between employed and businessmen on the scale of PHQ, CCS, QOL and RRS(Table 5).

Table 5: ONE-ANOVA statistics on the scale of PHQ, CCS, RRS and QOL among unemployed, employed and businessmen in patients with opioid use disorder and other substance use disorders

Scales	Categories	N	Mean ± SD	MS	F	р	Tucky
PHQ-9	Unemployed	119	14.47 ± 7.58	1520.87	77 / 0	000	U=E=.001
	Employed	132	8.90 ± 6.28	45.50	33.42	.000	U=B=.001
	Businessmen	106	7.70 ± 6.27	-	1		B=E=.173
CCS	Unemployed	119	65.40 ± 10.92	2303.05	2/, 10	000	U=E=.001
	Employed	132	57.73 ± 9.49	95.53	24.10	.000	U=B=.001
	Businessmen	106	57.93 ± 8.67		-		B=E=.871
RRS	Unemployed	119	129.07 ± 48.09	15249.36	0.00	0.07	U=E=.004
	Employed	132	110.65 ± 47.22	2530.05	6.02	.003	U=B=.002
	Businessmen	106	108.23 ± 56.10	-	-		B=E=.712
	Unemployed	119	74.47 ± 15.29	1743.53	(17	010	U=E=.290
	Employed	132	71.73 ± 23.09	417.30	4.1/	.016	U=B=.072
	Businessmen	106	79.39 ± 21.87	-	-		B=E=.004

Note: p<.001, M= Mean, SD= Standard Deviation, MS= Mean Square, U=unemployed, E= Employed, B= Businessmen, PHQ: Patient Health questionnaire; CCS: Criminogenic Cognition Scale, RRS: Relapse Risk Scale, QOL: Quality of life

DISCUSSION

The study aimed to determine the difference in depression, criminogenic cognition, relapse risk, and quality of life

between OUD and O-SUD. The current study's finding showed a significant difference between patients with OUD and with O-SUDs on the variable of PHQ-9. It is concluded

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that patients with OUD experienced more depression than patients with O-SUDs. The result of the present study is supported by the literature that depression is associated with people who are with OUD and experience negative outcomes towards treatment [26]. Other research also concluded that individuals with OUD are more likely to be depressed than O-SUDs [27]. Depression may be associated with opioid resistance [14]. Additionally, this current study also showed a significant correlation between criminogenic cognition and O-SUDs. The results also align with previous studies' findings suggesting that violent behavior increases among substance users [28, 29]. Similarly, other research also concluded that there is a clear association between substance abuse and criminal behavior [30]. Furthermore, it was also revealed that people with OUD experienced relapse risk. Prior studies have also provided evidence that the risk of relapse to OUD is high [31]. Other research also concluded that individuals with OUD relapse due to nonmedical use of opioids [32-34]. Relapse was more likely when more than one of these risk variables was present, as was a history of relapse [35]. Moreover, this study concluded that QOL affect those individuals who use all substances other than OUD. Consistent with previous findings that physical QOL is affected by opioid use disorder [36, 37]. Reduced QoL is recognized as a negative result connected with SUDs and both sleep issues and SUDs can have detrimental effects on one's physical and mental health [38]. As well, the finding of the current study also showed that marital status, family system and economic status are critical factors in the development of maladaptive behaviours such as drug addiction. The result supported that higher rates of SUDs for unemployed people, as compared to employed people [1, 39]. Other study also confirmed that substance related deaths were more frequently found among the unemployed [40]. The result is similar to previous literature that unmarried people are significantly high than married individuals to develop SUDs [41]. Among the participants, 83.38% reported being single when they first started using drugs, 12.14% were married [42]. Similar study, conducted being single may influence continued heavy alcohol use and moderate and heavy marijuana use [43].

CONCLUSIONS.

It is concluded that depressive symptoms and relapse risk conditions were higher among patients with OUD than patients with O-SUDs. Moreover, the level of criminogenic cognition and quality of life were higher in O-SUDs as compared to patients with OUD. Additionally, the level of depressive symptoms, criminogenic cognition and relapse risk were higher among patients with single marital status, nuclear family system and unemployed social economic status of OUD than O-SUDs.

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