



Fentanyl Analogues in the Drug Supply

WHAT DID WE DO?

We looked at fentanyl analogues in the drug supply using samples collected at drug checking services in Vancouver and Surrey between May 2018 and July 2021.

WHAT WE USED:



WHAT WE FOUND:



The FTIR doesn't consistently distinguish between fentanyl and its analogues at point of care



of samples submitted for confirmatory testing contained a fentanyl analogue

WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

Some fentanyl analogues, like carfentanil, are extremely potent and can increase the risk of overdose. Limitations of drug checking technologies must be communicated to service users who use community drug checking.

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