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Association of Sexual Dysfunctions and Substance Use Related Factors among Married Couples

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Received: 08 March 2024 Revised: 22 April 2024 Accepted: 7 May 2024 Published: 30 June 2024 **Abstract**

Background: Sexual dysfunction is a significant health issue that can be exacerbated by substance use, affecting both individual well-being and marital relationships. This study aims to explore the association between substance use and sexual dysfunction among married couples in Sylhet, Bangladesh, and to identify the sociodemographic factors that influence this relationship. Material & Methods: This cross-sectional study was conducted at the Addiction Clinic, Outpatient and Inpatient Department of Psychiatry, Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital, from September 2020 to August 2022. A total of 49 married patients with substance use disorders were selected through purposive sampling. Data were collected using a pre-designed structured questionnaire, the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th Edition (DSM-5), and the Bangla version of the Arizona Sexual Experience Scale (ASEX). Statistical analysis was performed using SPSS version 25, with Chi-square tests to assess the significance of associations. Results: The study found that 37% of participants reported sexual dysfunction. Among these, 61.11% had low sexual desire, 50.00% had arousal problems, 66.67% had difficulty in vaginal lubrication, 55.56% had difficulty reaching orgasm, and 83.33% had problems with orgasmic satisfaction. Duration of substance use was significantly associated with sexual dysfunction (p=0.002), with 66.67% of participants using substances for more than 10 years experiencing dysfunction. The type of substance used also showed a significant association (p=0.01), with higher prevalence among poly substance users (66.67%). Age, gender, and education level were significantly associated with sexual dysfunction, while occupation, monthly income, habitat, and family history of psychiatric illness were not. Conclusions: The study underscores the complex interplay between substance use and sexual dysfunction, influenced by various sociodemographic factors. These findings highlight the need for integrated treatment approaches that address both substance use and sexual health. Targeted interventions and public health policies are essential to improve the sexual health and overall well-being of individuals with substance use disorders.

Keywords:- Substance use, Sexual dysfunction, ASEX, Marital relationships, Bangladesh.



INTRODUCTION

dysfunctions Sexual are prevalent debilitating conditions that significantly impact the quality of life and relationship satisfaction among affected individuals. These dysfunctions encompass a range of issues, including erectile dysfunction, inhibited orgasm, premature ejaculation, and lack of sexual desire. Erectile dysfunction refers to the inability to achieve or maintain an erection sufficient for satisfactory sexual performance, while inhibited orgasm involves a delay or absence of orgasm following a normal sexual excitement phase. Premature ejaculation is characterized by ejaculation that occurs sooner than desired, either before or shortly after penetration. Lack of sexual desire, or hypoactive sexual desire disorder, involves a persistent or recurrent deficiency or absence of sexual fantasies and desire for sexual activity. These conditions are not only physical but also psychological, affecting both men and women across various age groups.[1,2] Substance use involves the consumption of psychoactive substances that can alter normal brain function and lead to dependency. Commonly abused substances include alcohol, marijuana, and opioids. Alcohol is a central nervous system depressant that, when consumed in excess, can lead to addiction, liver disease, and various other health problems. Marijuana, often used for its psychoactive effects, can cause dependency and cognitive impairments. Opioids, which include prescription painkillers like oxycodone and illegal drugs like heroin, are highly addictive and associated with significant morbidity and mortality. Substance use disorders (SUDs) are characterized by the compulsive use of these substances despite adverse consequences. SUDs are a major public health globally, contributing concern significantly to the burden of disease. [3,4,5] The prevalence of sexual dysfunctions worldwide is substantial. According to the Global Study of Attitudes and Behaviors, prevalence rates of sexual dysfunctions, such as early ejaculation and erectile difficulties in men and lack of sexual interest, inability to achieve orgasm, and lubrication difficulties in women, have been reported across 29 countries.[1] A systematic review and meta-analysis further highlighted significant rates of female sexual dysfunction (FSD) in premenopausal women, including hypoactive sexual desire disorder, orgasmic disorder, and sexual pain disorders.[2] Substance use disorders are also widespread. The Global Burden of Disease Study 2010 found that mental and substance use disorders accounted for 7.4% of all disability-adjusted life years (DALYs) worldwide and were a leading cause of years lived with disability (YLDs).[6] Another global analysis reported a prevalence of substance-use disorders at 2.2%, with alcohol-use disorders being the most prevalent at 1.5%.[7] In Bangladesh, the prevalence of sexual dysfunctions and substance use is a growing concern. Studies on the mental health and functioning of female sex workers in Chittagong, Bangladesh, highlighted the high prevalence of sexual dysfunction and related mental health issues among this vulnerable population. [8] Additionally, substance use among college students in Bangladesh has been reported at significant levels, indicating a public health issue that requires urgent attention. [9,10] The societal perception of substance use varies, but it is generally stigmatized, leading to underreporting and challenges in addressing the issue effectively. Research has highlighted the association between sexual dysfunctions



and substance use in Bangladesh. Studies have shown that substance use significantly impacts sexual health, with high prevalence rates of various sexual dysfunctions among individuals with substance use disorders.[11] Moreover, gender differences in the impact of substance use on sexual health have been documented, with women often facing more severe consequences due to societal and cultural factors.[12] Globally, the link between sexual dysfunctions and substance use is wellestablished. Substance use is associated with a range of sexual dysfunctions, including erectile dysfunction, inhibited orgasm, and decreased sexual desire. These associations are influenced by various factors, including the type and duration of substance use, underlying health conditions, and psychological factors.[13] Marital dynamics significantly influence sexual health. Studies have shown that trust, communication, and decision-making are crucial for marital satisfaction and sexual function. For instance, research on the impact of methadone maintenance treatment on marital relationships highlighted the broader impact of substance use on family dynamics and the importance of supportive marital relationships for sexual health.[14,15] Additionally, violence against wives, sexual risk behaviors, and sexually transmitted infections among Bangladeshi men have been linked to marital dynamics, emphasizing the need for addressing these within the context of marital relationships.[16] Understanding these complex interactions is essential for developing effective public health interventions. This study aims to explore the prevalence and types of sexual dysfunctions among married couples in Sylhet, investigate the relationship between substance use and sexual dysfunctions, and understand the influence of marital dynamics on these associations. By addressing these issues, the study seeks to contribute to the development of effective public health policies and interventions to improve sexual health and relationship satisfaction in the Bangladeshi population.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

This cross-sectional study was conducted at the Addiction Clinic, Outpatient and Inpatient Department of Psychiatry, Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital, Sylhet, from 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2022. The study was divided into two phases: the first phase involved problem identification, literature protocol review. writing, questionnaire preparation, and pre-testing, while the second phase focused on data collection, analysis, and report writing. The study population included married patients with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) who attended the Addiction Clinic. Purposive sampling was used to select 49 participants. Inclusion criteria were a diagnosed case of SUD of any duration, married patients living with their partner for at least the last six months, and aged between 18 to 65 years. Exclusion criteria included sexual dysfunction prior to SUD, co-morbid severe mental illness, co-morbid medical and previous surgical endocrine diseases like conditions (e.g., diabetes mellitus. thyroid disease, hyperprolactinaemia; hypogonadism, neurological diseases like spinal cord lesions, pelvic autonomic neuropathy; urological diseases like Peyronie's disease; sexually transmitted diseases; and history of previous pelvic surgery), and patients taking medication that causes sexual dysfunction. Data were collected using a pre-designed structured



questionnaire for socio-demographic and other relevant information. Substance Use Disorder was diagnosed using the DSM-5 criteria by a psychiatrist. Sexual functioning was measured using the Bangla version of the Arizona Sexual Experience Scale (ASEX), which assesses sexual drive, arousal, penile erection or vaginal lubrication, ability to reach orgasm, and satisfaction with orgasm over the past week.[17] Total ASEX scores range from 5 to 30, with indicating greater higher scores dysfunction. Sexual dysfunction is defined as a total score of 19 or more, a score of 5 or more on any item, or a score of 4 or more on three items. Data were processed and analyzed using SPSS version 25. All data were systematically recorded, checked, verified, edited, coded, and entered into the computer. Categorical data were expressed as frequency and percentage, and comparisons among variables were made using cross-tabulation and Chi-square (χ 2) test. The level of significance was set at 5%, with a pvalue < 0.05 considered significant. Ethical considerations followed the Helsinki Declaration for Research Involving Human Subjects (1964, last amended in 2013). The research protocol was approved by the ethical review committee of Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College, and permission was obtained from the appropriate authority. Informed obtained from all written consent was participants, who were informed about the nature, purpose, procedure, risks, and benefits of the study, and their right to withdraw at any time. Participants were assured that the information provided would be used solely for research purposes and would not be disclosed otherwise. They were also informed that they would not face any physical, psychological, or social risks from participating in the study.

RESULTS

The age distribution of the participants showed that 18.37% were under 25 years old, 59.18% were between 25 to 40 years old, and 22.45% were over 40 years old. A significant majority of the participants were male, accounting for 93.88%, while females represented 6.12% of the sample. Regarding religious affiliation, 73.47% of the participants were Muslim, and 26.53% were Hindu. Educational background varied among the participants, with 8.16% being illiterate, 36.73% having completed primary education, and equal percentages (18.37%) having completed secondary education, higher secondary education, and graduate-level education. In terms of occupation, 16.33% were farmers, 10.20% were in service jobs, 28.57% were involved in business, 4.08% were students, 28.57% were unemployed, and 12.24% had other types of employment. Monthly income levels showed that 32.65% of participants earned less than 3000 BDT, 46.94% had an income between 3000 to 20000 BDT, and 10.20% each earned between 20000 to 40000 BDT and 40000 to 60000 BDT. The habitat distribution indicated that 55.10% of the participants lived in urban areas, while 44.90% resided in rural areas. Lastly, a family history of psychiatric illness was present in 10.20% of the participants, whereas 89.80% had no such family history.

The substance use-related characteristics of the 49 participants revealed varied patterns. Regarding the duration of substance use, 26.53% of participants had been using substances for 1 to 5 years, while 36.73% had been using for 5 to 10 years, and another 36.73% for more than 10 years. In terms of the substances used, 34.69% of participants reported using cannabis, 4.08% used heroin,



16.33% used Yaba, and 8.16% consumed alcohol. Notably, 36.73% of the participants were involved in poly substance use. When examining the history of treatment for substance use, 48.98% of participants had previously sought treatment, while 51.02% had not.

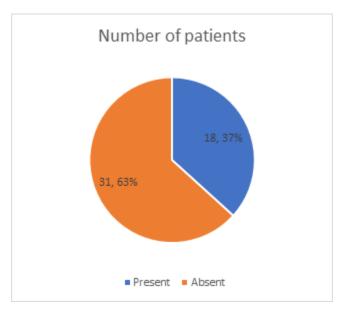


Figure 1: Distribution of participants by incidence of sexual dysfunction (N=49)

As depicted in Figure 1, 37% of the participants (18 individuals) reported the presence of sexual dysfunction, whereas 63% (31 individuals) did not report any sexual dysfunction.

Among the 18 participants who reported sexual dysfunction, various types of sexual dysfunction were assessed using the Arizona Sexual Experiences Scale (ASEX). Low sexual desire (Dom-1) was reported by 61.11% of the participants. Arousal problems (Dom-2) were experienced by 50.00% of the participants. Difficulty in vaginal lubrication (Dom-3) was the most common issue, affecting 66.67% of the participants. Difficulty reaching orgasm (Dom-

4) was reported by 55.56%, and problems with orgasmic satisfaction (Dom-5) were the most prevalent, affecting 83.33% of the participants.

A total of 61.11% of the participants had an ASEX total score of 19 or more. Additionally, 27.78% of the participants had a score of 4 on three domains but a total score of less than 19. Finally, 11.11% of the participants had a score of 5 on one domain while still having a total score of less than 19.

The age distribution indicated a significant association with sexual dysfunction, with 22.22% of participants under 25, 44.44% between 25 to 40, and 33.33% over 40 reporting sexual dysfunction, compared to 16.13%, 67.74%, and 16.13% respectively among those without sexual dysfunction (p=0.025). Gender showed a significant association, with 83.33% of males and 16.67% of females experiencing sexual dysfunction, while all participants without sexual dysfunction were male (p=0.04). Religion was not significantly associated with sexual dysfunction, although 61.11% of participants with sexual dysfunction were Muslim and 38.89% were Hindu, compared to 80.65% and 19.35% respectively among those without sexual dysfunction (p=0.12).Educational background revealed a significant association, with 16.67% of those with sexual dysfunction being illiterate, 50.00% having primary education, 22.22% higher secondary, and 11.11% graduate-level education, compared to 3.23%, 29.03%, 16.13%, and 22.58% respectively among those without sexual dysfunction. None of the participants with sexual dysfunction had secondary education, compared to 29.03% among those without (p=0.04). Occupation did not show a significant association with sexual dysfunction (p=0.18).



Among those with sexual dysfunction, 33.33% were farmers, 11.11% in service, 16.67% in business, 27.78% unemployed, and 11.11% in other occupations, compared to 6.45%, 9.68%, 35.48%, 29.03%, and 12.90% respectively among those without sexual dysfunction. Monthly income also showed no significant association (p=0.18). Participants with sexual dysfunction had incomes of <3000 BDT (27.78%), 3000-20000 BDT (61.11%), and 20000-40000 BDT (11.11%), compared to 35.48%, 38.71%, 9.68%, and 16.13% respectively among those without sexual dysfunction. None of the participants with sexual dysfunction had an income of 40000-

60000 BDT, while 16.13% of those without did. The habitat of the patients did not significantly influence the presence of sexual dysfunction, with 55.56% of participants with sexual dysfunction living in urban areas and 44.44% in rural areas, compared to 54.84% and 45.16% respectively among those without sexual dysfunction (p=0.6). Family history of psychiatric illness also showed no significant association, with 11.11% of participants with sexual dysfunction having a family history of psychiatric illness, compared to 9.68% among those without (p=0.61).

Table 1: Sociodemographic characteristics distribution among the participants (N=49)

Variables	Number of patients	Percentage (%)
Age range of the patients		
<25	9	18.37
25 - 40	29	59.18
>40	11	22.45
Sex of the patients		
Male	46	93.88
Female	3	6.12
Religion of the patients		
Muslim	36	73.47
Hindu	13	26.53
Education of the patients		
Illiterate	4	8.16
Primary	18	36.73
Secondary	9	18.37
Higher secondary	9	18.37
Graduate and above	9	18.37
Occupation of the patients		
Farmer	8	16.33
Service	5	10.20
Business	14	28.57
Student	2	4.08
Unemployed	14	28.57
Others	6	12.24
Monthly income of the patients		



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<3000	16	32.65	
3000 - 20000	23	46.94	
20000 - 40000	5	10.20	
40000 - 60000	5	10.20	
Habitat of the patients			
Urban	27	55.10	
Rural	22	44.90	
Family H/O psychiatric illness			
Present	5	10.20	
Absent	44	89.80	

Table 2: Distribution of substance use related characteristics among participants (N=49)

Variables	Number of patients	Percentage (%)	
Duration of substance use			
1 - 5 year	13	26.53	
5 - 10 years	18	36.73	
>10 years	18	36.73	
Name of the substance use	•	•	
Cannabis	17	34.69	
Heroin	2	4.08	
Yaba	8	16.33	
Alcohol	4	8.16	
Poly substance	18	36.73	
H/O treatment for substance	use	·	
Yes	24	48.98	
No	25	51.02	

Table 3: Types of Sexual Dysfunction according Arizona Sexual Experiences Scale (ASEX) (n=18)

Domain	Number of patients	Percentage (%)
Low desire	11	61.11
Arousal problem	9	50.00
Difficulty in vaginal lubrication	12	66.67
Difficulty to reach orgasm	10	55.56
Problem in orgasmic satisfaction	15	83.33

Table 4: Cut of score of Arizona Sexual Experiences Scale (ASEX) among SD patients (n=18)

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Cut off scores of ASEX	Number of patients	Percentage (%)
ASEX total score ≥ 19	11	61.11
ASEX score of 4 on 3 domains but total score < 19	5	27.78
ASEX score of 5 on 1 domain but total score < 19	2	11.11



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Table 5: Association of Sexual dysfunction with sociodemographic characteristics (N=49)

Variables	Sexual Dysfunction present (n=18)		Sexual Dysfunction Absent (n=31)		p-value
	n	%	n	%	_
Age range of the pati	ents				
<25	4	22.22	5	16.13	0.025
25 – 40	8	44.44	21	67.74	
>40	6	33.33	5	16.13	
Sex of the patients					
Male	15	83.33	31	100.00	0.04
Female	3	16.67	0	0.00	
Religion of the patier	nts				
Muslim	11	61.11	25	80.65	0.12
Hindu	7	38.89	6	19.35	
Education of the pati	ents				
Illiterate	3	16.67	1	3.23	0.04
Primary	9	50.00	9	29.03	
Secondary	0	0.00	9	29.03	
Higher secondary	4	22.22	5	16.13	
Graduate and above	2	11.11	7	22.58	
Occupation of the pa	tients				
Farmer	6	33.33	2	6.45	0.18
Service	2	11.11	3	9.68	
Business	3	16.67	11	35.48	
Student	0	0.00	2	6.45	
Unemployed	5	27.78	9	29.03	
Others	2	11.11	4	12.90	
Monthly income of the	he patients				
<3000	5	27.78	11	35.48	0.18
3000 - 20000	11	61.11	12	38.71	
20000 - 40000	2	11.11	3	9.68	
40000 - 60000	0	0.00	5	16.13	
Habitat of the patient	cs				
Urban	10	55.56	17	54.84	0.6
Rural	8	44.44	14	45.16	
Family H/O psychiat	ric illness				
Present	2	11.11	3	9.68	0.61
Absent	16	88.89	28	90.32	1



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Table 6: Association of Sexual dysfunction with substance use related factors (N=49)

Variables	Sexual Dysfunction present (n=18)		Sexual Dysfunction Absent (n=31)		p-value
	n	%	n	%	
Duration of subst	ance use				
1 - 5 year	1	5.56	12	38.71	0.002
5 - 10 years	5	27.78	13	41.94	
>10 years	12	66.67	6	19.35	
Name of the subs	tance use				
Cannabis	2	11.11	15	48.39	0.01
Heroin	0	0.00	2	6.45	
Yaba	3	16.67	5	16.13	
Alcohol	1	5.56	3	9.68	
Poly substance	12	66.67	6	19.35	
H/O treatment for substance use					
Yes	10	55.56	14	45.16	0.34
No	8	44.44	17	54.84	

The duration of substance use showed a significant association with sexual dysfunction (p=0.002). Among participants with sexual dysfunction, 5.56% had been using substances for 1-5 years, 27.78% for 5-10 years, and 66.67% for more than 10 years. In contrast, among those without sexual dysfunction, 38.71% had been using substances for 1-5 years, 41.94% for 5-10 years, and 19.35% for more than 10 years. The type of substance used was also significantly associated with sexual dysfunction (p=0.01). For participants with sexual dysfunction, 11.11% used cannabis, 16.67% used Yaba, 5.56% used alcohol, and 66.67% used multiple substances. There were no heroin users among those with sexual dysfunction. In comparison, among participants without sexual dysfunction, 48.39% used cannabis, 6.45% used heroin, 16.13% used Yaba, 9.68% used alcohol, and 19.35% used multiple substances. The history of treatment for substance use did not show a significant association with sexual dysfunction (p=0.34). Among those with sexual dysfunction, 55.56%

had a history of treatment for substance use, while 44.44% did not. For those without sexual dysfunction, 45.16% had a history of treatment, whereas 54.84% did not.

DISCUSSION

The current study examined the association between substance use and sexual dysfunction married couples attending among Addiction Clinic at Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital. The findings revealed significant correlations between the duration and type of substance use and the prevalence of sexual dysfunctions, as well as sociodemographic highlighted the characteristics of the participants. The age distribution of participants showed that a majority (59.18%) were between 25 to 40 years old. This is consistent with the findings of Kessler et al., who reported that substance use disorders typically onset in young adulthood, with the median age of onset being 20 years.[18] This similarity supports the current study's



findings that substance use disorders are prevalent in this age group. The gender distribution indicated a higher prevalence of substance use among males (93.88%) compared to females (6.12%), which aligns with the global trends reported by Lev-Ran et al., who found that men have a higher prevalence of substance use disorders compared to women.[19] This consistency suggests that the gender disparity observed in substance use disorders in Sylhet is reflective of broader global patterns. Regarding religious affiliation, 73.47% of the participants were Muslim and 26.53% were Hindu. This demographic distribution mirrors the composition of the region and highlights the need for culturally sensitive approaches in programs. Educationally, treatment significant proportion of participants had primary education (36.73%) or higher. This with finding contrasts the study Steingrímsson et al., which indicated that lower educational levels are associated with higher prevalence of substance use disorders.[20] The difference may be due to the specific socioeconomic and educational context of Sylhet. Occupational status indicated that a substantial number of participants were businessmen or unemployed (28.57% each). This is comparable to the findings of Merline et al., who noted that substance use prevalence varies with occupational status and income levels.[21] The similarity supports the notion that economic factors influence substance use patterns in both settings. The habitat distribution showed a slight majority of participants living in urban areas (55.10%), indicating a potential urban-rural divide in substance use prevalence and access to treatment facilities. Wu & Blazer's review highlighted findings, similar

significant differences in substance use patterns between urban and rural populations.[22] A significant 37% of participants reported the presence of sexual dysfunction, with various types of dysfunctions identified. Low sexual desire was reported by 61.11%, arousal problems by 50.00%, difficulty in vaginal lubrication by 66.67%, difficulty reaching orgasm by 55.56%, and problems with orgasmic satisfaction by 83.33%. These findings are consistent with previous studies such as those by Ghadigaonkar & Murthy, who documented high rates of sexual dysfunction among individuals with substance use disorders.[11] This agreement highlights the widespread nature of sexual dysfunction in this population. The ASEX scores indicated that 61.11% of participants with sexual dysfunction had a total score of 19 or more, highlighting severe dysfunction. This aligns with the findings of Mcgahuey et al., who confirmed the reliability **ASEX** in quantifying sexual dysfunction.[17] This similarity supports the validity of the ASEX as a tool for assessing sexual dysfunction in the current study. Sexual dysfunction was significantly associated with age (p=0.025), with higher prevalence in participants aged over 40 years. This is consistent with the findings of Vasilenko et al., who reported that sexual dysfunction increases with age.[23] The consistency across studies underscores the impact of aging on sexual health. Gender differences were also significant (p=0.04), with a higher prevalence among females. This finding is supported by the study by Lev-Ran et al., which reported higher rates of sexual dysfunction among women.[19] The agreement suggests that gender disparities in sexual dysfunction are a common issue in substance use disorders. Education level was



another significant factor (p=0.04), with higher prevalence among those with primary education or lower. This contrasts with the findings of Steingrímsson et al., who indicated that lower educational levels are associated with higher prevalence of substance use and related dysfunctions.[20] The difference could be attributed to variations in educational systems and socio-economic factors in different regions. The duration of substance use was significantly associated with sexual dysfunction (p=0.002), with 66.67% of participants using substances for more than 10 years experiencing dysfunction. This finding aligns with the study by Johnson et al., which highlighted the negative impact of prolonged substance use on sexual function.[13] The consistency suggests a strong link between long-term substance use and sexual health issues. The type of substance used was also significantly associated with sexual dysfunction (p=0.01), with higher prevalence among poly substance users (66.67%). This finding supports the results of Martinotti et al., who found that substance use exacerbates sexual polv dysfunction.[24] The agreement underscores the compounded effects of multiple substance use on sexual health. Interestingly, there was no significant association between the history of treatment for substance use and the presence of sexual dysfunction. This finding is supported by the study by Mattoo et al., which indicated that treatment for substance use does not necessarily alleviate sexual dysfunction.[25] The consistency suggests the need for integrated treatment approaches that address both substance use and sexual health. In conclusion, the findings of this study underscore the complex interplay between dysfunctions, substance use and sexual by sociodemographic influenced various

factors. These insights are crucial for developing targeted interventions to address sexual health issues in individuals with substance use disorders. Future research should continue to explore these associations to inform better clinical practices and public health policies.

Limitations of The Study

The study was conducted in a single hospital with a small sample size. So, the results may not represent the whole community.

CONCLUSIONS

The present study highlights the significant association between substance use and sexual dysfunction among married couples attending the Addiction Clinic at Sylhet MAG Osmani Medical College Hospital. The findings demonstrate that longer duration and poly substance use are strongly correlated with higher rates sexual dysfunction. Additionally, sociodemographic factors such as age, gender, and education level also influence the prevalence of sexual dysfunction in this population. While males predominated the study, females exhibited a higher prevalence of sexual dysfunction. The lack of significant association between treatment history and sexual dysfunction underscores the need for integrated treatment approaches that address both substance use and sexual health issues. These insights are critical for developing targeted interventions and public health policies aimed at improving the sexual health and overall well-being of individuals with substance use disorders. Future research should continue to explore these complex interactions



to inform better clinical practices and support services.

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