

## ABSTRACT

The present research sought to investigate the effect of a number of relationship factors on motivation for drug use and motivation for drug treatment among female substance abusers. Data were collected from 93 local female substance abusers. Results suggested that intimate partner violence was prevalent among female substance abusers. Compared to participants who did not have substance abusing partners, participants with substance abusing partners were found to be more motivated to use drugs for enhancement of positive emotions, for coping with their negative emotions, as well as for conformity to their partners' drug use. The two groups of participants, however, did not differ on measures of treatment motivation—their drug use problem recognition, desire for help and treatment readiness. As expected, participants who had substance abusing partners and who were highly motivated to use drugs were found to be least ready for treatment. Implications of the current findings on provision of drug treatment programs for female substance abusers were also discussed.