How harmful are NPS?

Are they more or less harmful than before?
Few have established a global market

*Tramadol*

*Ketamine*

What about the others?
National/international control and users choice have reduced the number of NPS users in some countries.
Control may take some time to have an impact?
Countries are at a different stage of the global NPS “epidemic”

Will they have the same declining trends observed in the earlier countries?
Conclusions

• At “macro” level: the harm in terms of number of users, hospital admissions or deaths remain lower than “traditional” drugs

• At “micro” level: Single NPS can be very potent and more harmful than “traditional” drugs

• Marginalized populations: such as homeless and prisoners more affected
Important questions

What is the global harm caused by NPS used in combination or instead of other drugs?

Is the harm caused by NPS increasing or decreasing?