

DYSCHROMATOPSIA IN HEROIN ADDICTS

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The Farnsworth - Munsell 100 - Hue test was employed to determine whether there was any defect of colour vision in 29 confirmed male heroin addicts who had been successfully detoxified. 40 age matched males served as controls. 21 addicts had a total error score of over 100 in both eyes while only 2 in the control group had a similar score. The interocular difference in error score between the 2 groups also showed a wide disparity. There was no discernible axis in the profiles of any of the drug addicts, but maximum confusion was in the blue-purple (475 - 495 mu) range. The total error scores showed no correlation either with the duration or with the mode of administration of heroin.

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