



Publication Trends of Research on Substance Use and Abuse for Children and Adolescents in Korea

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BACKGROUND

- In Korea, substance use and abuse are becoming more serious.
- There is a need
 - to understand whether the studies to carry out so far have responded to practical needs,
 - to understand the use and abuse of substances
 - to strive to find effective prevention and intervention methods.

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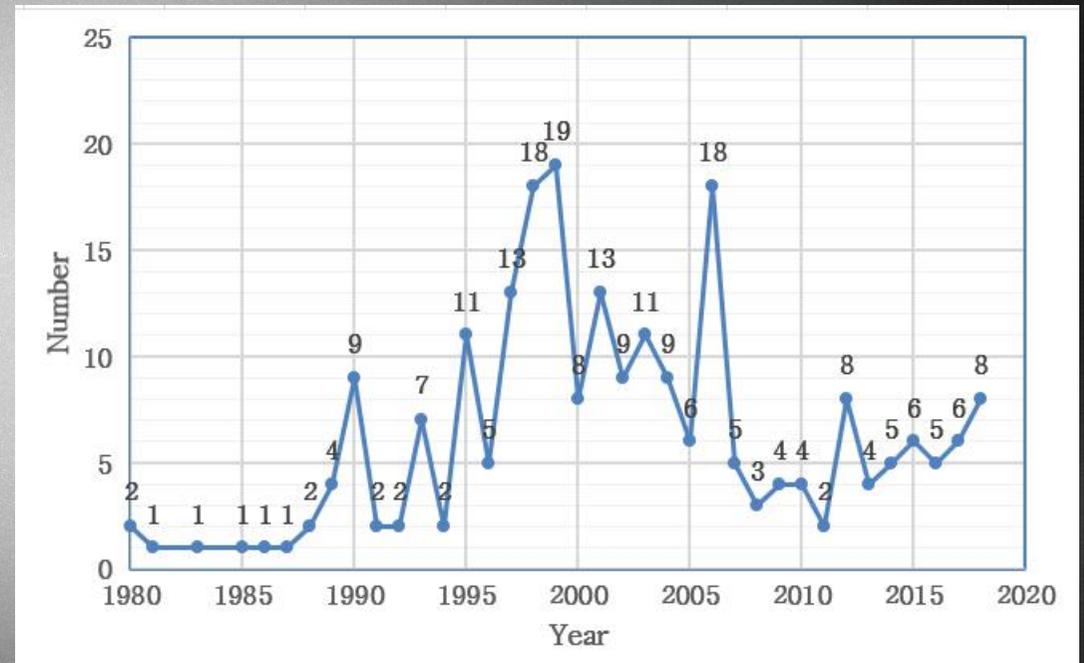
- The purpose of this study was to investigate the publication trends and issues of children and adolescents' substance use and abuse research published in Korean academic journals.

METHODS

- On April 20-22, 2019, on RISS (Research Information Sharing Service, founded by KERISS: Korea Education and Research Information Service), 235 papers which were published in journals until 2018 and judged to be in agreement with the purpose and criteria of the research were extracted and analyzed by focusing on the year of publication, research participants, kinds of substances, themes, and research methods.

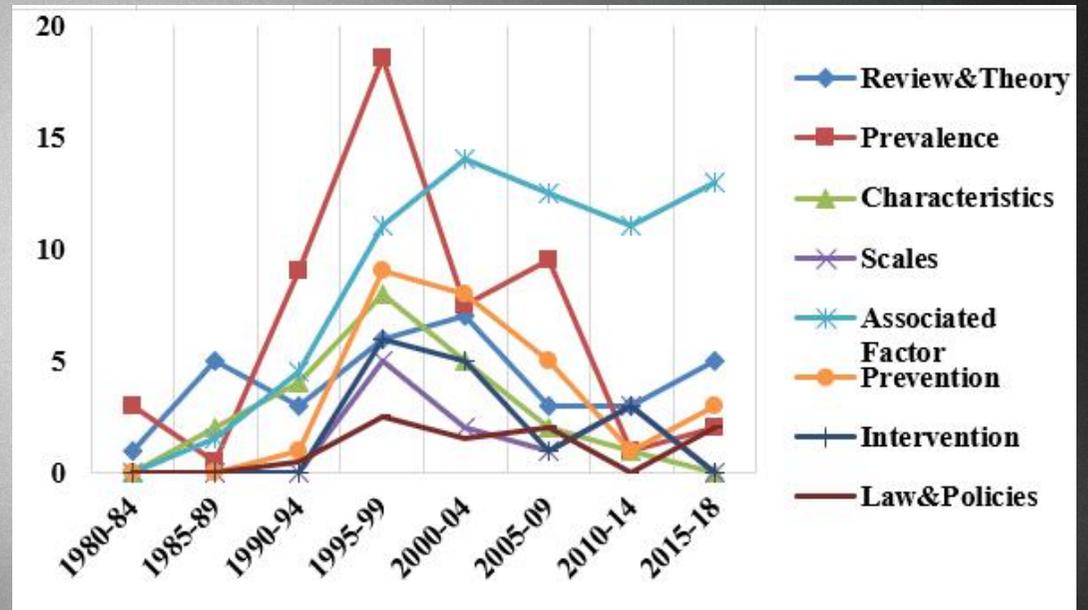
RESULTS (1) : *Annual numbers of published papers*

- Research on substance use and abuse for children and adolescents increased from the late 1980s
- Many studies were published around the late 1990s.
- Studies began to decline from the mid 2000s.
- Studies began to increase again from 2010s.



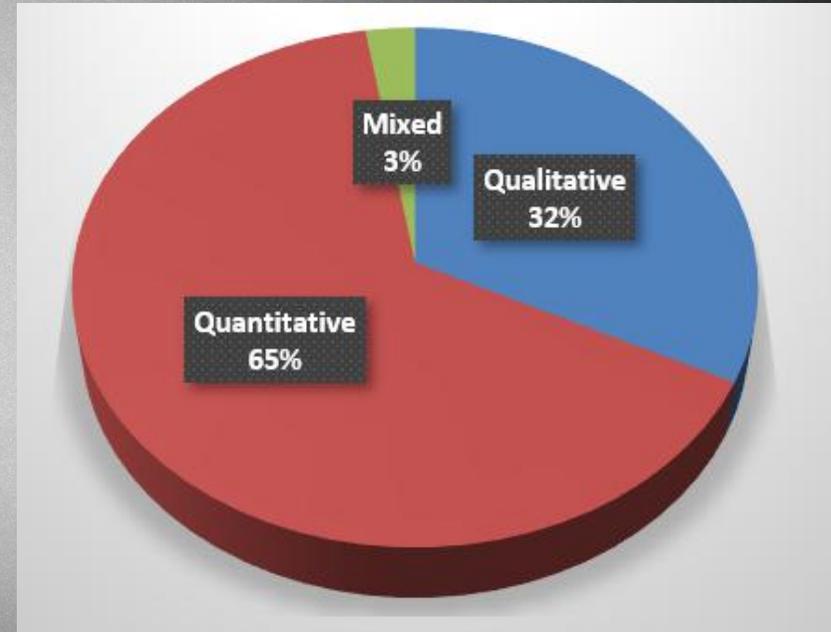
RESULTS (2) : *The Characteristics of Themes*

- The most frequently studied themes were 'Associated Factor' followed by 'Prevalence', 'Review & Theory', 'Prevention', 'Characteristics', 'Intervention', 'Scales', 'Law and policy'.



RESULTS (3)

- The majority of papers used quantitative methods, followed by qualitative method and mixed method.



CONCLUSION

- Future studies were suggested to explore a wider range of themes, such as prevention and intervention.
- A balanced research approach using both qualitative and mixed methods was also recommended.