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Adolescents More Vulnerable to Cannabis Addiction but Not Other Mental Health Risks

Newswise — Adolescents are over three times more vulnerable to developing a cannabis addiction than adults, but may not be at increased risk of other mental health problems related to the drug, finds a new study led by UCL and King's College London researchers.

The study, published today in the *Journal of Psychopharmacology*, found that adolescents who used cannabis were no more likely to have higher levels of subclinical depression or anxiety than adults who use cannabis, nor were they more vulnerable than adult users to the associations with psychotic-like symptoms.

These findings build on a separate study by the same team, published recently in *Psychopharmacology** that found adolescents were not more vulnerable to associations between chronic cannabis use and cognitive impairment. [Read](#)

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