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Fenetheylline in the Middle East, a thriving trade in the post-Saddam era

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Objective: To collect up to date knowledge using a systematic review of the literature and to get evidence based data concerning Fenethylline and its illegal commerce in the region of the Middle East after 2003.

Methods: Four main medical literature databases were scrutinized using a list of pre-specified keywords. Additionally, social networks and other resources were utilized to retrieve relevant data. The total number of references that were used in this paper is 22.

Results: The literature search was conducted from the 3rd of December to the 29th of December 2015. The search was done from Baghdad, Iraq via the Earthlink-Telenet Internet Service Provider (ISP). The Total Search Engine Results Pages (SERPs) were 463137. The highest SERPs were for the keywords "Amphetamine" and "Fitton". Google Scholar and PubMed were the databases that scored the highest SERPs. Captagon is a dangerous psychoactive substance. Its production was officially stopped in the 1980s. Currently, Captagon, and counterfeit Captagon are being illegally produced in South-East Europe and trafficked to the region of the Middle East.

Conclusion: In the post-Saddam era of the Middle East, this substance has been traded and distributed at an exponential rate. The main explanation is that the rise of this illegal commerce is related to the chaos and the lack of order in the regions of conflict and civil war in Syria and Iraq in particular.

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