Our study examines drug use and sexual behaviors among participants in Israeli club culture, with a focus on women's experiences. The analysis is guided by a grounded theory approach, which allows us to explore the rich and varied experiences of participants. The study aims to understand the complex interplay between drug use, sexual behaviors, and the social context in which they occur.

### Background

- The Israeli club scene is characterized by a high prevalence of drug use, particularly among young adults.
- Drug use is often intertwined with sexual behaviors, and women are at a particular risk.
- Previous research has shown that drug use in club settings can lead to negative consequences, including increased risk of sexual assault.

### Aim and Methods

- **Aim:** To understand the experiences of women in the Israeli club scene, focusing on drug use and sexual behaviors.
- **Methods:** Qualitative research using in-depth interviews and ethnographic observations. The interviews were conducted in multiple locations throughout the country, including Tel Aviv and Haifa.

### Interviewees

- **Women:**
  - Self-reports from 8 women participating in club culture.
  - Participants ranged in age from 23 to 35.
  - Interviews were conducted in various locations, including clubs, bars, and private settings.

- **Men:**
  - Participated in club culture and provided insights on the experiences of women.

### Qualitative Interview Data - Key Themes

#### Being in control?

- **Women:**
  - I'm a person who needs to be in control. Coke actually increases one's control over their body.

- **Men:**
  - We take a lot of shit. It's really out there. Trust is the dealer gives it to you and you don't know what's in it... Like all these synthetic mushrooms. No idea what the fuck they are... But of course I take them.

#### Security doesn't care about drug use or sex, clubs facilitate

- **Women:**
  - "I work at a club. Security is crucial in case something happens, but they have to be inside the club, not at the door. They [security] are there for the violence."

- **Men:**
  - There's security. There are a lot of drugs they don't detect, it's too small. No one can find it on you, and they don't look. They look for people with violent tendencies, not suicidal ones. So they don't even look when your inside the club. If it's the MD you're drinking in the water bottle or this pill you pop in your mouth. Nobody asks you. You can take coke it's a little more of a problem. It's a whole production to go scouting. But there's no security in the bathroom; no one [security] will go in the bathroom with you. There are a lot of places that actually encourage it. In the sense that you go to the bathroom and there's a built-in metal tray that you can line with coke. We don't pay for alcohol [at the club]. I hate that you have to pay so much. We bring it from home... You just put it in the fridge. They never check the girls. And I also always have a flask on me that's packed with tequila. We do it because it's always fun to do. I used to put so much crap so get into a fight. I was an asshole, big time, I was shit. Really. I see it now. But I'm not afraid of it anymore. I'm pretty sure of it, though I'm not afraid of them. I guess that's why we go in the bathroom stalls.

#### Sex and drugs are intertwined

- **Women:**
  - "The bathroom is for dancing, using, running lines, sex, selfies in the mirror... sometimes you pee.

- **Men:**
  - I didn't give a shit about anyone [females]. It was like, 'you want to run a line or a sex?' They come with extra coke so they can offer it for sex. It really depends on the club. Last time a guy offered me a line it was my boss, and we ended up in the bathroom. But if I don't like the guy, I don't go into a stall with him.

### Discussion and Conclusions

- **Women:**
  - Usualy you only go into the bathroom with friends and you know who it is. But if someone [security] offers me a coke as a chance to have sex and then you have coke with him... just into the stall, not to a dark alley or something. Guy always expect something in return. They come with extra coke so they can offer it for sex. It really depends on the club. Last time a guy offered me a line it was my boss, and we ended up in the bathroom. But if I don't like the guy, I don't go into a stall with him.

- **Men:**
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- **Women:**
  - I guess in terms of quality assurance – I drink it and the girls. It can’t be the rape coke if he is drinking it too. But there have been times I took stuff from people without making sure.

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