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**ABSTRACT**

**BACKGROUND:** Brazil is amongst the nations with the greatest rates of annual cocaine usage. Pharmacological treatment of cocaine addiction is still limited, opening space for nonconventional interventions. Homeopathic Q-potencies of opium and *Erythroxylum coca* have been tested in the integrative treatment of cocaine craving among homeless addicts, but this setting had not proven feasible, due to insufficient recruitment.

**OBJECTIVE:** This study investigates the effectiveness and tolerability of homeopathic Q-potencies of opium and *E. coca* in the integrative treatment of cocaine craving in a community-based psychosocial rehabilitation setting.

**DESIGN, SETTING, PARTICIPANTS, AND INTERVENTIONS:** A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel-group, eight-week pilot trial was performed at the Psychosocial Attention Center for Alcohol and Other Drugs (CAPS-AD), Sao Carlos/SP, Brazil. Eligible subjects included CAPS-AD patients between 18 and 65 years of age, with an International Classification of Diseases-10 diagnosis of cocaine dependence (F14.2). The patients were randomly assigned to two treatment groups: psychosocial rehabilitation plus

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