

Table 4 Respondents' beliefs about the causes of their drug dependency (n = 500)

Variable	No. of respondents	%
<i>Beliefs about origins of their drug use</i>		
Keeping "bad company"	235	47.0
Employment/financial problems	55	23.4
No reason (by chance)	44	8.8
After using prescribed drugs	33	6.6
Ease of availability	16	3.2
Other	55	11.0
<i>Beliefs about psychological factors leading to their drug use</i>		
Stressful life events	140	28.0
Poor marital relations	107	21.4
Feeling of failure in life	91	18.2
Poor parental relations	79	15.8
Chronic illness	44	8.8
Relationship breakup	39	7.8
<i>Beliefs about who/what to blame for start of their drug use</i>		
Employment/financial crisis	186	37.2
Myself	127	25.4
Parents/friends/relatives	113	22.6
Psychological or emotional crisis	74	14.8
<i>Beliefs about parental/family response to their drug use</i>		
They want me to get stop it	213	42.6
They can't help me	135	27.0
They don't care	152	30.4