Synthetic Drug Alert: 7-OH (7-hydroxymitragynine)

















An over-the-counter product purported to be a mood-enhancer is available on line and in many vape shops and gas stations. It is made from the leaf of the Kratom plant, but is far from being the natural product. The leaf is synthesized/altered to increase potency dramatically (up to 500% stronger) to form 7-OH. The synthesized product is reportedly 13 times more powerful than a dose of morphine.

This product is a synthetic opioid with all the concerns/dangers that that entails. The fact that children are targeted to buy this product and they can easily purchase it in corner stores should be of great concern to everyone. As a reminder, any item labeled health food supplement or mood enhancer should be suspect for your clients, students, relatives, and friends. Prevention remains our best option. Because synthetic drugs are being manipulated at the molecular level to be more pleasurable and more addictive, it is critical that we prevent their first use. For the full document, click here.

