The qualitative approach in research of addictions in the Czech Republic

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Abstract:
It is impossible to provide a summary of use of qualitative approach and methods for research of addictions in the Czech Republic unless we describe wider contexts of development of science in our country in the second half of the last century. Influence of communist ideology on science was obvious in many disciplines. However, the field of humanistic studies suffered the most from this influence. Under the communist regime, qualitative approach was not officially discussed in universities, and it was regarded as an unscientific. Therefore, apart from a few exceptions, officially published scientific studies that made use of qualitative methodology have only started to appear in 1990s. In terms of addiction research, especially the studies that followed from Rapid Assessment and Response methodology were the most important. So far, three RAR studies have been implemented.