The 12-item Marijuana Craving Questionnaire (MCQ-12) is a self-report scale that contains items from the 47-item Marijuana Craving Questionnaire. The MCQ-12, designed to be administered to current marijuana smokers, produces scores for compulsivity, emotionality, expectancy, and purposefulness. Normative data are not yet available, other than the data that are presented below. The scale appears on the following page.

### 12-ITEM MARIJUANA CRAVING QUESTIONNAIRE (MCQ-12)

Scoring of the 12-item Marijuana Craving Questionnaire

Factor analysis of the 47-item MCQ yielded four factors, which we have termed compulsivity, emotionality, expectancy, and purposefulness. The 12-item MCQ was constructed by selecting the three items from each factor that exhibited optimal within-factor reliability (Cronbach’s alpha coefficient) and inter-item correlation.

All items are scored on a 1 to 7 scale (Strongly Disagree = 1 and Strongly Agree = 7). The scores of the three items in each factor should be summed for a total factor scale score (range 3 to 21).

**FACTOR 1 (Compulsivity, alpha = 0.75, inter-item correlation = 0.50)**

2. I could not easily limit how much marijuana I smoked right now.
7. I would not be able to control how much marijuana I smoked if I had some here.
10. I need to smoke marijuana right now.

**FACTOR 2 (Emotionality, alpha = 0.77, inter-item correlation = 0.52)**

4. I would feel more in control of things right now if I could smoke marijuana.
6. If I smoked marijuana right now, I would feel less tense.
9. I would feel less anxious if I smoked marijuana right now.

**FACTOR 3 (Expectancy, alpha = 0.55, inter-item correlation = 0.29)**

5. Smoking marijuana would help me sleep better at night.
11. If I were smoking marijuana right now, I would feel less nervous.
12. Smoking marijuana would make me content.

**FACTOR 4 (Purposefulness, alpha = 0.68, inter-item correlation = 0.42)**

1. Smoking marijuana would be pleasant right now.
3. Right now, I am making plans to use marijuana.
8. It would be great to smoke marijuana right now.

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2The MCQ-12, the available normative data, and the scoring instructions were provided via correspondence by Dr Heishman (author, above).
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**INSTRUCTIONS**: Indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with each of the following statements by placing a check mark in one of the spaces between STRONGLY DISAGREE and STRONGLY AGREE. The closer you place your check mark to one end or the other indicates the strength of your agreement or disagreement. If you don’t agree or disagree with a statement, place your check mark in the middle space. Please complete every item. We are interested in how you are thinking or feeling **right now** as you are filling out the questionnaire.

1. Smoking marijuana would be pleasant right now.
   STRONGLY DISAGREE: ___: ___: ___: ___: ___: ___: STRONGLY AGREE

2. I could not easily limit how much marijuana I smoked right now.
   STRONGLY DISAGREE: ___: ___: ___: ___: ___: ___: STRONGLY AGREE

3. Right now, I am making plans to use marijuana.
   STRONGLY DISAGREE: ___: ___: ___: ___: ___: ___: STRONGLY AGREE

4. I would feel more in control of things right now if I could smoke marijuana.
   STRONGLY DISAGREE: ___: ___: ___: ___: ___: ___: STRONGLY AGREE

5. Smoking marijuana would help me sleep better at night.
   STRONGLY DISAGREE: ___: ___: ___: ___: ___: ___: STRONGLY AGREE

6. If I smoked marijuana right now, I would feel less tense.
   STRONGLY DISAGREE: ___: ___: ___: ___: ___: ___: STRONGLY AGREE

7. I would not be able to control how much marijuana I smoked if I had some here.
   STRONGLY DISAGREE: ___: ___: ___: ___: ___: ___: STRONGLY AGREE

8. It would be great to smoke marijuana right now.
   STRONGLY DISAGREE: ___: ___: ___: ___: ___: ___: STRONGLY AGREE

9. I would feel less anxious if I smoked marijuana right now.
   STRONGLY DISAGREE: ___: ___: ___: ___: ___: ___: STRONGLY AGREE

10. I need to smoke marijuana right now.
    STRONGLY DISAGREE: ___: ___: ___: ___: ___: ___: STRONGLY AGREE

11. If I were smoking marijuana right now, I would feel less nervous.
    STRONGLY DISAGREE: ___: ___: ___: ___: ___: ___: STRONGLY AGREE

12. Smoking marijuana would make me content.
    STRONGLY DISAGREE: ___: ___: ___: ___: ___: ___: STRONGLY AGREE