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Street Names

Bliss, Black Mamba, Bombay Blue, Fake Weed, Genie, Spice, Zohai

EFFECTS

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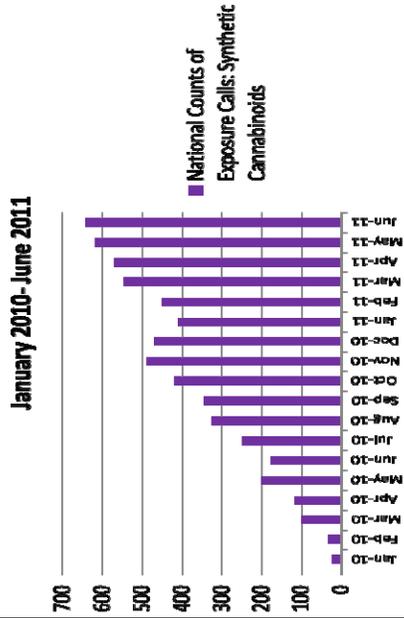
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National counts of exposure calls to poison control centers, by month: Synthetic cannabinoids, January 2010-June 2011



LAW & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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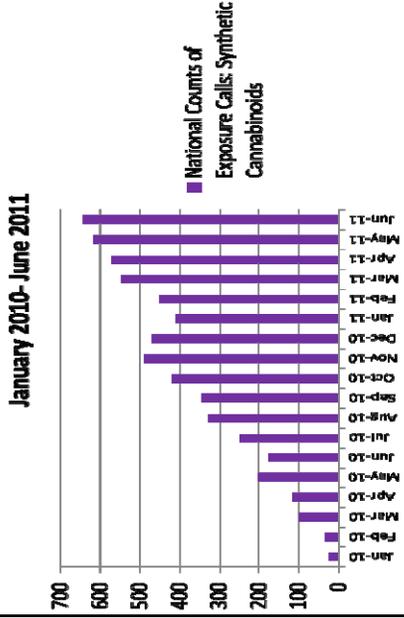
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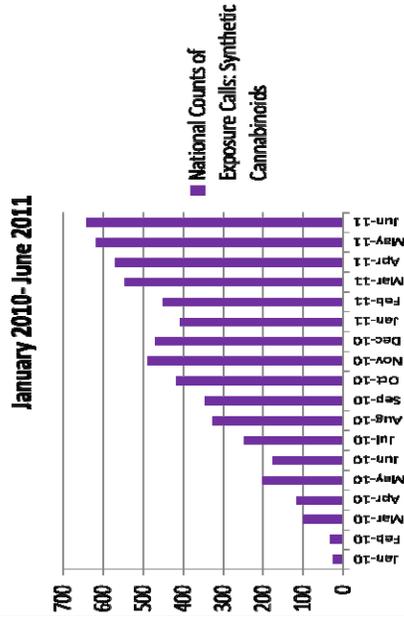
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