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Table 1. Baseline demographic and substance use characteristics of participants who completed follow-up assessment (N=555)

Variable	N ¹	Whole sample	Alcohol as PDOC (n=274)	Other substance as PDOC (n=281)	p ²
Gender (% male)	553	60.8	55.5	65.8	<.05
Age (range; median)	553	18.1-71.5; 37.3	19.7-71.5; 41.7	18.1-70.1; 33.6	<.001
Born in Australia (%)	555	80.5	77.0	84.0	<.05
English as first language (%)	541	95.4	96.3	94.5	.31
Identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (%)	554	4.5	4.0	5.0	.58
State of residence (% in Victoria)	555	54.8	48.2	61.2	<.01
SDS score (median; IQR)	553	11; 8-13	11; 8-13	11; 8-13	.51
Any secondary substance of concern other than tobacco (%)	553	51.7	35.7	67.3	<.001
Any paid employment in past 90 days (%)	553	32.9	36.9	29.0	.0501
Currently receiving benefits (%)	554	82.5	77.7	87.2	<.01
Currently receiving unemployment benefits (%)	554	44.8	38.5	50.9	<.01
Any homelessness in past 90 days (%)	553	22.8	19.0	26.4	<.05
Currently married or in de facto relationship (%)	554	19.7	22.0	17.4	.18
Current chronic medical condition ³ (%)	554	52.5	53.3	51.8	.72
Completed year 12 and/or TAFE qualification and/or apprenticeship and/or university degree	552	50.5	60.1	41.3	<.001
Current criminal justice system problems ⁴ (%)	552	25.9	21.2	30.5	<.05

IQR: inter-quartile range; PDOC: primary drug of concern; SDS: Severity of Dependence Scale.

¹ Due to missing data for some variables, Ns for each variable shown.

² Probability value for null hypothesis for difference between those with alcohol as PDOC and those with other substances as PDOC

³ Participants were asked if they had "a serious condition that requires regular care (i.e. medication, dietary restriction) and that impacts upon what activities you can do."

⁴ Includes being on bail; awaiting charges, trial, or sentencing; on bond; court order; on parole, suspended sentence, or probation; or facing a warrant.