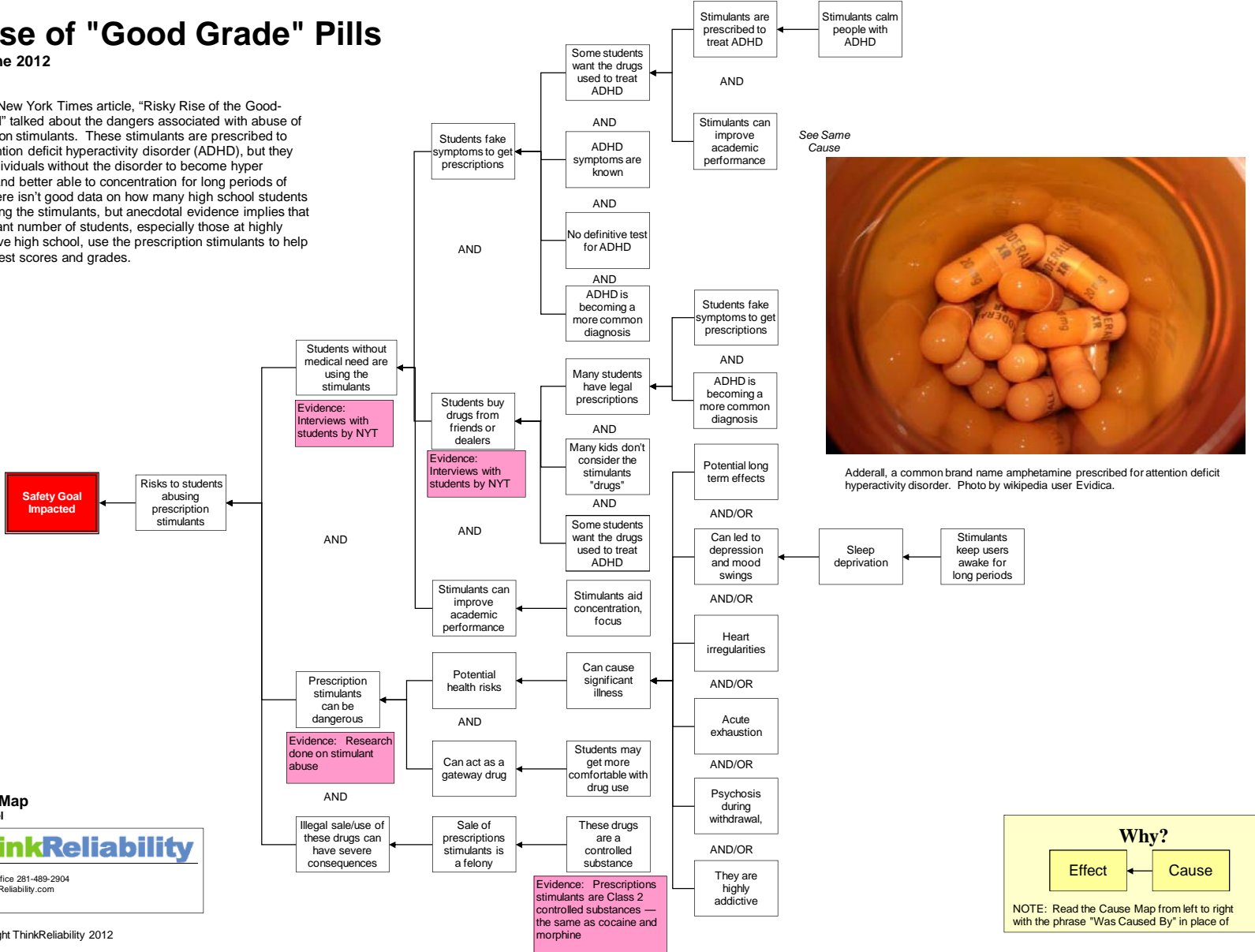


# Abuse of "Good Grade" Pills

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A recent New York Times article, "Risky Rise of the Good-Grade Pill" talked about the dangers associated with abuse of prescription stimulants. These stimulants are prescribed to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), but they cause individuals without the disorder to become hyper focused and better able to concentration for long periods of time. There isn't good data on how many high school students are abusing the stimulants, but anecdotal evidence implies that a significant number of students, especially those at highly competitive high school, use the prescription stimulants to help improve test scores and grades.



Adderall, a common brand name amphetamine prescribed for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. Photo by wikipedia user Evidica.

## Cause Map High Level

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