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## Foreword

A major public policy experiment is underway in the Americas. Since 2012, 8 US states have legalised recreational cannabis use, Uruguay decided to do so in 2013 and the Canadian government announced that it would do so in 2018. It may take a decade or more for the effects of this policy on public health and societal well-being to become clear by which time it may be difficult to reverse the policy. Given these developments, there has been a heightened interest in evidence on the adverse health effects of recreational cannabis use. A leading group of European researchers with an impressive expertise in the health and psychological effects of cannabis has systematically summarised the findings from major reviews of the research literature on the adverse effects of nonmedical cannabis use. They have used transparent processes to identify relevant reviews, outlined the evidential standards they have used in evaluating these reviews and they have synthesized the evidence in ways that policy makers will find useful.

The review confirmed that there is consistent epidemiological and experimental evidence that cannabis use acutely impairs cognitive performance and psychomotor coordination in ways that modestly increase the risk of persons having a car crash if they drive while intoxicated.

The cognitive effects of daily cannabis use over months or years are less clear cut because there have been few longitudinal studies and very fewer studies have examined whether the cognitive effects in long term users are reversed after sustained abstinence. A dependence syndrome is an undoubted risk for anyone who uses cannabis regularly, especially if they do so daily. The risk increases if users initiate in adolescence. Dependence is an underappreciated risk of cannabis use that is sometimes dis-

missed as an artefact of cannabis prohibition in that users only seek treatment to avoid criminal sanctions. This claim is implausible in view of the high rates of treatment seeking for cannabis use problems in the Netherlands which de facto legalised personal use in the 1970s. Cannabis dependence is the pattern of use most often associated with poor mental health, other substance use disorders, and poorer psychosocial outcomes.

The review provides a nuanced analysis of the evidence on whether cannabis use increases the risk of psychosis. It notes that there is a doubling or trebling of risk in daily cannabis users and that this risk is most often expressed in persons with a pre-existing vulnerability e. g. personal or family history of psychotic symptoms. The role of personal history is important risk information for persons with a first degree relative who has a psychosis. Early initiation of cannabis use in adolescence and regular use through adolescence is strongly correlated with poorer educational outcomes, such as early school leaving. This is probably the most socially important psychosocial outcome of cannabis dependence, given the effects that poor educational outcomes have on young adults' life chances. The complication in interpreting the evidence is that the young people who are most likely to initiate use early and become regular cannabis users are at higher risk of educational under-achievement before they use cannabis, because of school difficulties in primary school, childhood conduct disorder or social disadvantage. But there is little doubt that when these young people become regular cannabis users it makes their often poor outlook much worse and increases their risks of persistent social disadvantage in adulthood.

Regular cannabis use in adolescence and young adulthood is also associated with an increased risk of common mental disorders such as anxiety and depression. As the review

notes, there is more uncertainty about whether cannabis plays a causal role in the onset and persistence of these disorders. The risk of these disorders is modestly increased and persons with symptoms of these disorders in adolescence are more likely to use cannabis and alcohol and to develop problematic patterns of use of both drugs. It seems likely that adding a cannabis use disorder to an anxiety or depressive disorder will worsen the outlook for either disorder.

The possible long term adverse health effects of regular cannabis use throughout adulthood are still poorly understood. Under prohibition very few cannabis users engage in daily cannabis use over decades; it has been much more common for them to desist from using cannabis in their mid to late 20s. There are reasons to suspect, given similarities between the constituents of cannabis and tobacco smoke, that daily cannabis smoking over decades may increase the risks of respiratory disease, respiratory cancers and cardiovascular disease. So far the evidence most consistently shows an elevated risk of chronic bronchitis. The findings on COPD and respiratory cancers have been mixed and their interpretation complicated by the fact that most regular cannabis smokers are or have been daily cigarette smokers. An increased cardiovascular risk from cannabis smoking is looking more probable. This is of potentially greater concern given increased cannabis use among older adults for both medical and nonmedical reasons in the USA. The review's findings are broadly congruent with two other similar reviews completed in the past two years by the World Health Organisation (2016) and the United States National Academy of Science (2017). The agreement in their findings is reassuring and

enhances the credibility of all the reviews in light of the incompleteness and ambiguity of the available evidence. Critics of cannabis prohibition have with some justice argued that in the past equivocal evidence that recreational cannabis use can harm users has been over-interpreted. The repeal of prohibition raises a different set of interpretative risks: over-estimating the medical benefits of cannabis to hasten the legalisation of recreational use; and under-estimating the risks of daily cannabis use, especially when it is initiated in adolescence and continued throughout young adulthood. There is a reasonable concern that the prevalence of daily use will increase after legalisation as will the typical duration of cannabis use. Additional concerns are raised by the proliferation of high potency cannabis extracts in US states that have legalised cannabis. More potent cannabis products are likely to increase the risks of dependence and the adverse effects of cannabis use on the cognitive performance and mental health of young users.

I hope that we can avoid replicating the amnesia about the adverse health effects of alcohol that occurred after the repeal of national alcohol prohibition in the USA when all evidence of harm was dismissed as temperance propaganda. The effective communication to the community of the findings of credible reviews of the scientific literature like that of Eva Hoch and colleagues provides the best prospects of avoiding this undesirable public health outcome.

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## Foreword

In this 21<sup>st</sup> century health care must be delivered by adherence to the highest ethical standards and be informed by sound scientific evidence. Health care professionals must practice medicine in a competent and empathetic manner, respecting patients' needs and beliefs in a spirit of shared-decision making, and must conform to the foundation principle of "first do no harm".

Cannabinoids and medical cannabis in particular have emerged as possible treatments for many illnesses that have to date presented treatment challenges. The human endocannabinoid system functions to maintain homeostasis by counterbalancing the "fight and fly" mechanism. With function to promote calm, sleep and appetite and also reduce pain and inflammation, harnessing these effects with an administered product seems ideal. Although laboratory studies of the effects of cannabinoids has been extensive and promising regarding health and disease, preclinical studies cannot immediately be translated into an expected effect in humans. It is only in recent years that the clinical evidence for effect of cannabis as a therapy has been explored.

Clinicians seek to heal disease and relieve suffering, but for many conditions the current therapeutic toolbox is limited. This is especially true for chronic pain due to a multitude of diseases, various neurological diseases and mental health disorders. It can therefore be understood that patients seek treatment options that may be outside the traditional treatment paradigm. Propelled by reports of thousands of years of medicinal use, the enthusiasm of the media, personal testimonies, as well as an immense corporate financial interest, cannabis has been accepted almost uncritically by the public as well as various jurisdictions worldwide, as a therapeutic option for many conditions. However, the scientific evidence for effect requires careful scrutiny.

This comprehensive review has undertaken this task. The authors have compiled an outstanding document by critically evaluating the published literature that addresses the questions of potential benefits and risks for medical cannabis by use of sound methodology. This overview of systematic reviews will be a foundation for continued work and scientific discussion of cannabis use for medical purposes in the future. Clinical research regarding cannabis has been hampered in the past due to the mostly illegal status of this substance in many countries, and therefore the evidence for both the positive and negative effects in the care of patients is scanty. At this time, the conclusions of this review must be used to guide both clinical practice and the decisions of regulatory authorities.

Examination of the positive effects of cannabis is disappointing. With some report of cannabinoids, but not the herbal preparation, improving nausea and vomiting associated with chemotherapy, there is less evidence for effect in other conditions. Cannabinoids may slightly improve appetite in persons with cancer, and increase weight in those with HIV/AIDS, but at the expense of frequent immediate unpleasant side effects. For all other conditions, including chronic pain, spasticity and mental disorders, the evidence for any substantial effect is lacking. Oftentimes, patients report subjective improvement in symptoms that may not be easily measurable, or may not reach statistical or clinical significance. This was observed for conditions such as spasticity in multiple sclerosis and pain reduction in chronic pain conditions. For all studies, cannabis treatments commonly cause side effects, which are seldom serious, but are often sufficiently severe to warrant discontinuation of treatment. The immediate side effects relate to impairment in cognitive abilities, psychomotor control, especially when driving a vehicle, and acute effects on mental health, including risk of anxiety, exacerbations of manic symptoms, and development of psychosis,

amongst others. The long term risks, especially for therapeutic use by patients, are less clear, but reflecting on information obtained from persons using cannabis recreationally, there is evidence for global effect on memory, development of cannabis dependence and substance abuse disorder, more mental health disease and poorer lifetime educational attainment.

In summary, the studies of the therapeutic effects of cannabis for patients fall short of the threshold for solid science for a number of reasons: studies are mostly of short duration, with some even a few days, whereas the need to treat the conditions proposed are mostly lifelong; there have been various methods of administration; various molecular contents; often heterogeneous diseases within a specific study, and inconsistent outcome measures. Importantly, the risks related to cannabis use have mostly been reported for recreational users, who are younger and in better health than patients with chronic illnesses. Furthermore, there remain many questions regarding the therapeutic and societal effects of cannabis including: for which diseases do we truly have no treat-

ment, what will be the effect of interaction with other drugs, what about particular patient populations such as the elderly, young people or those with long standing chronic disease, and finally the overall societal consequences of use of products with psychoactive effects.

Even although the plant *Cannabis sativa* has been used as a medicinal agent for thousands of years, naive acceptance of anecdote and personal testimony, in the absence of clear scientific evidence, cannot be accepted to justify use in this age. Cannabis is not a panacea for all ills. The importance of evidence-based medicine is at the crux of competent medical practice and has been highlighted in recent decades. Based on the evidence assembled in this review it behoves the medical community to move forward rapidly to study the potential of medicinal cannabis according to current rigorous scientific standards.

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## Foreword

Cannabis is a generic term used for drugs produced from plants and tinctures belonging to the genus *Cannabis* and it is the most widely used recreational substance in Western countries including Europe, North America and Australia. Recreational long-term or heavy use of cannabis has been associated with the development of dependence, chronic bronchitis, and increased risk of chronic psychosis disorders in persons with a predisposition for development of such disorders. The acute effects of short-term cannabis are more controversial and may include impaired memory, impaired motor coordination with an associated increased risk of involvement in motor vehicle accidents, altered judgment and, in high doses, paranoia and psychosis.

Medical cannabis refers to the use of cannabis or cannabinoids as medical therapy to treat disease or alleviate symptoms. Canada and the Netherlands have government-run programs in which specialized companies supply quality-controlled herbal cannabis. In the United States, 23 states and Washington, DC (May 2015), have introduced laws to permit the medical use of cannabis. Within the European Union, medicinal cannabis laws and praxis vary wildly between countries. Recently there is a lot of discussion about the possible benefits of cannabis for therapeutic use, and as always, it is either favoured or opposed by ideological positions rather than by scientific evidence relating to the balance between benefits and risks of taking cannabinoids for therapeutic use. Therefore, it is important to summarize the available evidence to assess in an objective and transparent way the overall risks and possible benefits of taking cannabinoids.

This document provides an evaluation of the benefits and harms of cannabis use in adults by collecting, analysing and critically appraising all relevant studies on this topic. It represents a useful tool for evidence-based decision making and may be particu-

larly helpful to detect signals of unknown adverse effects. Regulatory authorities and organizations with a role of providing guidance on health matters, have an obvious need of aggregated evidence as a basis for making regulatory decisions or for issuing treatment recommendations. This need is particularly compelling in areas with uncertainties in terms of beneficial or harmful effects of competitive treatments, or in terms of economic consequences for the health care systems. In these areas, the promotion of a document like this that summarizes the available evidence, may result in new knowledge to inform regulatory decisions. While individual studies were not able to detect a signal, the pooling process allowed to reach the statistical power required to highlight a difference on the outcomes of interest and particularly for adverse events. The need for more effective and transparent ways to produce better and more relevant research results aimed at improving patients', consumers', policy makers', researchers' and ultimately citizens', decision making has been the key message of the Evidence-Based Movement (EBM) over the last few decades. It is widely accepted that research is a crucial investment to improve patients care, foster innovation, knowledge advancement and social and economic development. Synthesising research should bring better future research by identifying where relevant questions have not been properly addressed, how most common methodological pitfalls occur, and how wastes that take places at different stages of the research process can be avoided. The production of reliable, relevant and accessible evidence seems to be the scope of this work. Nevertheless, the extent to which a review can draw conclusions about the effects of an intervention depends on whether the data and results from the included studies are valid. The quality of the evidence reflects the estimated likelihood that future research could change the direction or magnitude of the estimated intervention effect for a speci-



fic outcome and the population in question. So, an added value of this work has been to highlight that there is insufficient knowledge to determine definitively the level of risk associated with cannabis use and that there is a need of effective action by research bodies to meet the evidence gap and improve the strength of the evidence

underpinning recommendations and guidance on this topic.

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## Vorwort

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Keine Droge führt derzeit zu so intensiven, teilweise leidenschaftlich geführten Diskussionen wie Cannabis. Wie riskant ist der Gebrauch von Cannabis zu Rauschzwecken? Welches Potenzial birgt Cannabis, wenn es als Arznei genutzt wird? Wie sollte gesellschaftlich mit der Substanz umgegangen werden?

Die Cannabisforschung ist eine noch junge Disziplin. Erst Anfang der 1990-er Jahre wurde das sogenannte endocannabinoide System als Teil des menschlichen Nervensystems entdeckt. Dies verbesserte unser Verständnis über die Wirkung der Cannabinoide, der Inhaltsstoffe der Hanfpflanze Cannabis sativa. Das körpereigene Cannabissystem ist in seiner Komplexität jedoch längst noch nicht vollständig erforscht – geschweige denn verstanden. Immer mehr und schneller werden wissenschaftliche Informationen zum Thema Cannabis verfügbar. Das macht die Datenlage für Experten wie Laien schwer überschaubar.

Um den internationalen wissenschaftlichen Kenntnisstand zum Potenzial und den Risiken von Cannabinoiden der letzten 10 Jahre zusammenzufassen und zu bewerten, hat das Bundesministerium für Gesundheit diese nun vorgelegte Expertise in Auftrag gegeben. Über 18 Monate lang haben wir eine „State-of-the-Art“-Literaturrecherche in fünf internationalen Datenbanken durchgeführt. Unser Anliegen war es, dabei systematisch, transparent, nachvollziehbar und an den höchsten methodischen Standards orientiert vorzugehen.

Erfreulicherweise unterstützen 30 nationale und internationale Wissenschaftlerinnen und Wissenschaftler dieses „Mammutprojekt“. Als Autoren oder methodische Berater stellten sie ihre Fachkenntnis ehrenamtlich

zur Verfügung. Unser aller Bestreben war es, aus der Fülle der vorliegenden Studien inhaltlich angemessene, objektive Aussagen abzuleiten. Wissenschaftliche Kriterien wurden hierbei zugrunde gelegt, potenzielle Interessenkonflikte vor Studienbeginn erfasst und ausgeschlossen.

Die neue Cannabisexpertise liefert Erkenntnisse über unterschiedlich ausgeprägte Effekte von Cannabinoiden. Die aufgedeckten Risiken des Cannabiskonsums zum Freizeitgebrauch können künftig für eine gezieltere Prävention, Früherkennung und Behandlung genutzt werden. Im Bereich der medizinischen Anwendung von Cannabis kann die dargelegte Evidenz der Entwicklung von Behandlungsempfehlungen dienen. An Stellen, wo sich Inkonsistenzen oder Wissenslücken zeigen, wurden auch Desiderate für Forschungsvorhaben ausgesprochen. Kein Bestandteil der Expertise war die juristische Bewertung der Substanz Cannabis. Möglicherweise können die evidenzbasierten Ergebnisse jedoch dazu beitragen, die gesellschaftliche Diskussion zu versachlichen.

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# Abkürzungen

<b>2-AG</b>	2-Arachidonylglycerol	<b>COMPACT</b>	Computerized Attention and Concentration Tests
<b>5-HA-Rezeptor</b>	Hydroxytryptaminrezeptor	<b>COX</b>	Cyclooxygenase
<b>95% KI</b>	95%-Konfidenzintervall	<b>CPT</b>	Continuous Performance Test
<b>ABACADAE-Design</b>	A: „Konsumieren wie gewöhnlich“-Bedingungen; B–E: Cannabis-Abstinenzbedingungen	<b>CREB</b>	cAMP response element-binding protein
<b>ABDH 6</b>	alpha/beta-Hydrolase domain containing 6	<b>CRPS</b>	“complex regional pain syndrome“ (komplexes regionales Schmerzsyndrom)
<b>ACC</b>	anteriorer cingulärer Kortex	<b>CTT</b>	Critical Tracking Task
<b>ADHS</b>	Aufmerksamkeits-Defizit-Hyperaktivitäts-Syndrom	<b>CVLT</b>	California Verbal Learning Test
<b>AEA</b>	Anandamid (Arachidonsäure-derivat)	<b>d</b>	Cohen’s d (Maß der Effektstärke)
<b>Aids</b>	“acquired immune deficiency syndrome“ (erworbenes Immundefizienzsyndrom)	<b>DAT</b>	Divided Attention Test
<b>ANOVA</b>	Analysis of Variance	<b>DBD</b>	diastolischer Blutdruck
<b>aOR</b>	„adjusted“ Odds Ratio	<b>df</b>	“degrees of freedom“ (Freiheitsgrade)
<b>AWMF</b>	Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Wissenschaftlichen Medizinischen Fachgesellschaften	<b>DLPFC</b>	dorsolateraler präfrontaler CKortex
<b>BMG</b>	Bundesministerium für Gesundheit (BMG)	<b>DMARD</b>	“disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drug“
<b>BMI</b>	Body-Mass-Index	<b>DRUID Project</b>	Driving Under the Influence of Drugs, Alcohol and Medicines
<b>cAMP</b>	“cyclic adenosine phosphate“ (zyklisches Adenosinmonophosphat)	<b>DSM-IV</b>	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders
<b>CANTAB</b>	Cambridge Neuropsychological Test Automated Battery	<b>EAE</b>	Autoimmun-Enzephalomyelitis
<b>CB1/CB 2</b>	Cannabis-1-Rezeptor, Cannabis-2-Rezeptor	<b>eCB-System</b>	endogenes Cannabinoidsystem
<b>CBC</b>	Cannabichromen	<b>ed</b>	„embryonic day“ (Tag der Embryonalentwicklung)
<b>CBD</b>	Cannabidiol	<b>ESPAD</b>	European School Survey Project on Alcohol and other Drugs
<b>CBDV</b>	Cannabidivarin	<b>FAAH</b>	Fatty-Acid-Amide-Hydrolase (Fettsäureamid-Hydrolase)
<b>CBG</b>	Cannabigerol	<b>FEV<sub>1</sub></b>	Expirationssekundenvolumen
<b>CBN</b>	Cannabinol	<b>fMRT</b>	funktionelle Magnetresonanztomographie
<b>CBV</b>	Cannabivarin	<b>GABA</b>	Gamma-Aminobuttersäure, $\gamma$ -Aminobuttersäure
<b>CCT</b>	Critical Tracking Task	<b>GHB</b>	Gamma-Hydroxibuttersäure
<b>CERQual</b>	Confidence in the Evidence from Reviews of Qualitative research	<b>GnRH</b>	“Gonadotropin-„releasing“ hormone“
<b>CHDS</b>	Christchurch Health and Development Study	<b>GPR55</b>	Orphan“-G-Protein-gekoppelter Rezeptor
<b>CINV</b>	chemotherapieinduzierte Nausea und Emesis	<b>GRADE</b>	Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation
<b>CNR 1</b>	Cannabis-1-Rezeptor	<b>HF</b>	Herzfrequenz

<b>HIV</b>	„human immunodeficiency virus“	<b>NADA</b>	N-Arachidonoyl-Dopamin
<b>HPA-Achse</b>	Hypothalamus-Hypophysen-Nebennierenrinden-Achse	<b>NESARC-Studie</b>	National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions
<b>HPG</b>	Hypothalamus-Hypophysen-Gonaden	<b>NICE</b>	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence
<b>ICD-10</b>	International Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems	<b>NINCDS-ADRA</b>	National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke and the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association
<b>IMPACT</b>	Initiative on Methods, Measurement, and Pain Assessment in Clinical Trials	<b>NINCDS-AIREN</b>	National Institute of Neurological and Communicative Disorders and Stroke and the Association Internationale pour la Recherche et l'Enseignement en Neurosciences
<b>IOP</b>	intraokulärer Druck	<b>NK1-Rezeptor</b>	Neurokininrezeptor
<b>IQ</b>	Intelligenzquotient	<b>NNH</b>	„number needed to harm“
<b>I-QOL</b>	Incontinence-Quality of Life (Inkontinenz Lebensqualität)	<b>NNTB</b>	„number Needed To Treat for additional benefit“
<b>KI</b>	Konfidenzintervall	<b>NNTH</b>	„number Needed To Treat for additional harm“
<b>LBW</b>	„low birth weight“	<b>NPS</b>	neue psychoaktive Substanzen
<b>LMU</b>	Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München	<b>NSAID</b>	„non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug“ (nichtsteroidaler Entzündungshemmer)
<b>LoE</b>	Level of Evidence	<b>OAB</b>	„overactive bladder“ (überaktive Blase)
<b>MA</b>	Metaanalyse	<b>OBC</b>	„overall bladder condition“ (Gesamtsituation der Blase)
<b>MAGL</b>	Monoacylglycerol-Lipase	<b>OCEBM</b>	Oxford Centre for Evidence-based Medicine
<b>MAP-Kinase</b>	„mitogen-activated“ Protein-kinase	<b>OEA</b>	Oleylethanolamid
<b>MDK</b>	Medizinischer Dienst der Krankenkassen	<b>OR</b>	Odds-Ratio
<b>MDMA</b>	3,4-Methylendioxy-N-methylamphetamin (MDMA)	<b>p</b>	„probability-value“ (Koeffizient der Signifikanz)
<b>MDMB-CHMICA</b>	Methyl[2-[1-(cyclohexylmethyl)-1H-indol-3-carboxamido]-3,3-dimethylbutanoat}	<b>PASAT</b>	Paced Auditory Serial Addition Test
<b>MedDRA</b>	Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities	<b>PBO-Gruppe</b>	Placebo-Gruppe
<b>mPFC</b>	medialer Präfrontalkortex	<b>PEA</b>	N-Palmitoylethanolamid
<b>MPU</b>	medizinisch-psychologische Untersuchung	<b>PET</b>	Positronen-Emissions-Tomographie
<b>mRNA</b>	„messenger RNA“ (Boten-RNA )	<b>PFC</b>	präfrontaler Kortex
<b>MRT</b>	Magnetresonanztomographie	<b>PICO</b>	Patients/Interventions/Comparisons/Outcomes
<b>MS</b>	multiple Sklerose	<b>PKA</b>	Proteinkinase A
<b>MSN</b>	„medium spiny neurons“	<b>POMC-Gen</b>	Pro-opiomelanocortin-Gen
<b>MUSP</b>	Mater-University of Queensland Study of Pregnancy and Outcomes	<b>PPAR</b>	Peroxisomen-Proliferator-aktivierter Rezeptor
<b>n</b>	Anzahl der Elemente in der Stichprobe		
<b>NAB</b>	Nabilone-Gruppe		
<b>NAC</b>	Nucleus accumbens		

<b>PRISMA</b>	Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses	<b>SPECT</b>	Single-Photon-Emissions-Tomographie (Einzelphotonen-Emissionscomputertomographie)
<b>PROSPERO</b>	International Prospective Register for Systematic Reviews	<b>SPM</b>	Raven's Standard Progressive Matrices
<b>PTBS</b>	posttraumatische Belastungsstörung	<b>SR</b>	systematisches Review
<b>RAVLT</b>	Rey Auditory Verbal Learning Test	<b>TAO</b>	Thromboangiitis obliterans (Buerger-Syndrom)
<b>rCBF</b>	„reduction of cerebral blood flow“ (Reduktion des regionalen zerebralen Blutflusses)	<b>TAP</b>	Testbatterie zur Aufmerksamkeitsprüfung
<b>RCT</b>	„randomized-controlled trial“	<b>THC</b>	Tetrahydrocannabinol
<b>RD</b>	„risk difference“	<b>THC-COOH</b>	THC-Metabolit 11-nor-9-Carboxy-Tetrahydrocannabinol
<b>ROBIS</b>	„risk of bias in systematic reviews“	<b>THCV</b>	$\Delta^9$ -Tetrahydrocannabivarin
<b>RR</b>	„relative risk“	<b>TOSSA</b>	Sustained Selective Attention Test
<b>SAD-CBD</b>	Sweet Afghani Delicious Cannabidiol	<b>TRPV1</b>	„transient receptor potential vanilloid receptor type 1“
<b>SAD-PLAC</b>	Sweet Afghani Delicious Placebo	<b>UAW</b>	unerwünschte Arzneimittelwirkung
<b>SAE</b>	„severe adverse event“ (schwerwiegendes unerwünschtes Ereignis)	<b>UTI</b>	„urological tract infection“ (Infektion des Harntraktes)
<b>SC</b>	synthetisches Cannabinoid	<b>VAHCS</b>	Victorian Adolescent Health Cohort Study
<b>SDB</b>	systolischer Blutdruck	<b>VTA</b>	ventrales tegmentales Areal
<b>SDM</b>	Zahlen-Symbol-Test	<b>WMS</b>	Wechsler Memory Scale
<b>SE</b>	„standard error“ (Standardfehler)	<b>ZNS</b>	zentrales Nervensystem
<b>SIGN</b>	Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network	<b><math>\Delta^8</math>-THC</b>	Delta 8-Tetrahydrocannabinol, Cannabinol
<b>SMD</b>	standardisierte mittlere Differenz	<b><math>\Delta^9</math>-THC</b>	Delta 9-Tetrahydrocannabinol