



# Extraction, Isolation and Analysis of Cannabis Extract and Preparation

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# Outline

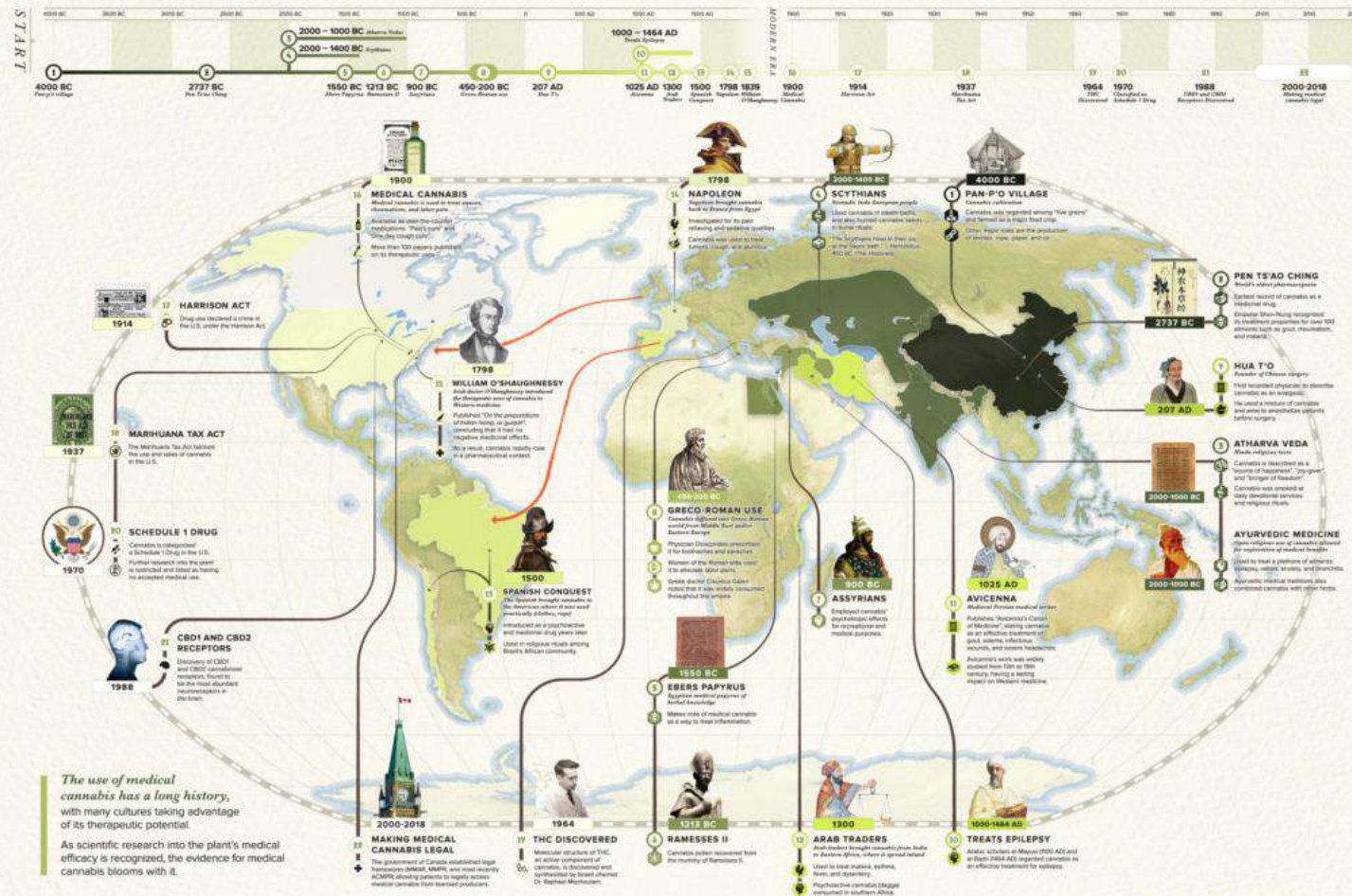
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- Cannabinoids as chemical markers
- Conventional and Modified extraction
- Separation and Isolation of Cannabinoids
- Identification of Cannabinoids
- Formulation of Oromucosal Spray
- Evaluation of Oromucosal Spray

# a 6,000 YEAR HISTORY *of* CANNABIS

**THE CANNABIS SPACE IS HIGHLY POLARIZED TODAY.**

However, it's less known that the plant has over 6,000 years of documented history – and its therapeutic applications appear to have been realized by most cultures. With medical cannabis making a comeback around the world, it's worth tracing the plant's humble beginnings and how it played a vital role throughout the centuries.



*The use of medical cannabis has a long history, with many cultures taking advantage of its therapeutic potential.*

As scientific research into the plant's medical efficacy is recognized, the evidence for medical cannabis blooms with it.

<sup>1</sup> A Historical Geography of Cervantes. In: Barney Warf. *Geographical Review* 93 (4). © 2014 American Geographical Society of New York.

<sup>2</sup> History of Medical Cannabis. Andrew Hearn [2015]. *Journal of Pain Management* 9 (16). © 2014 Medfaced Care and Novel Science Publishers, Inc.

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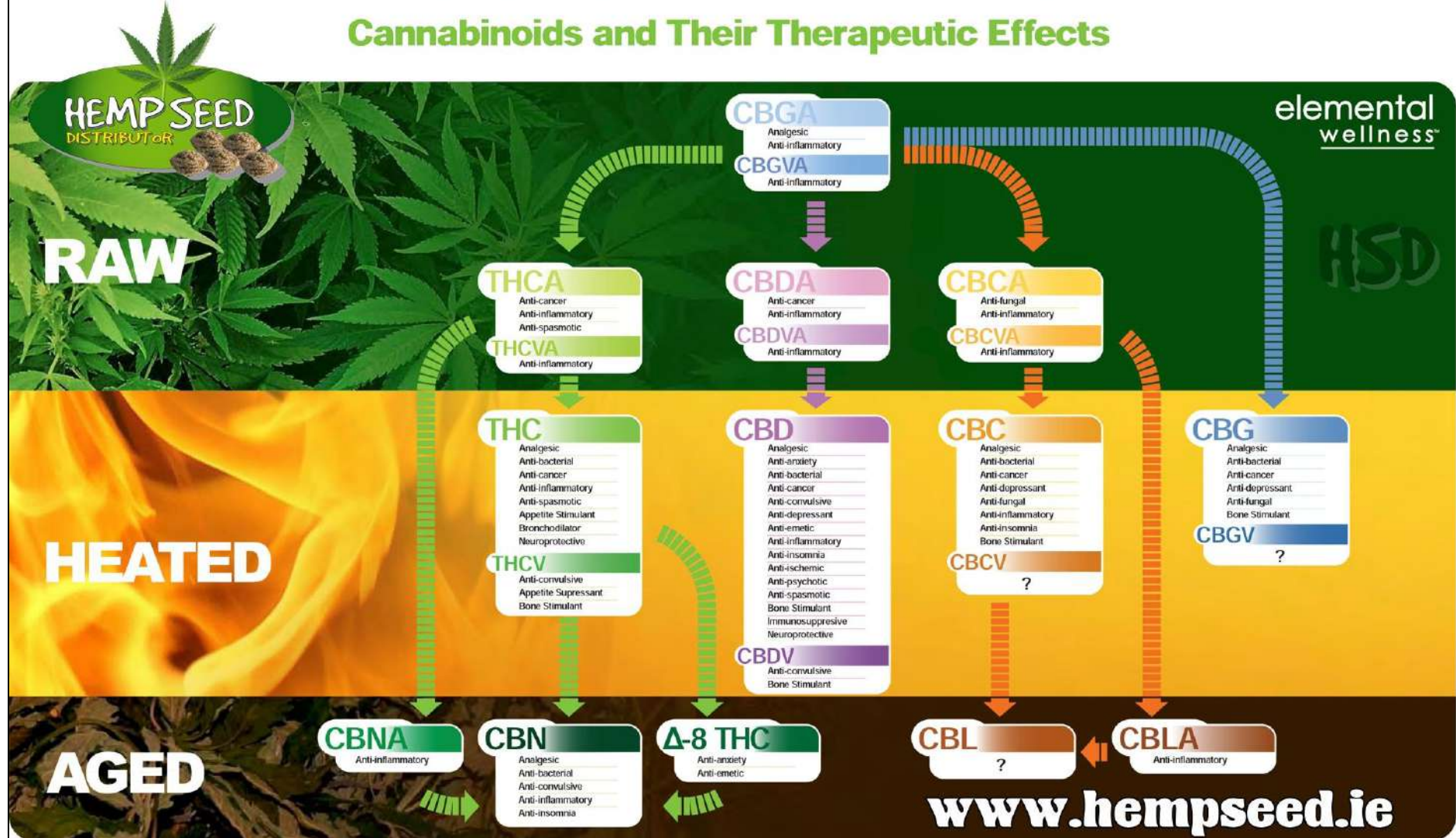
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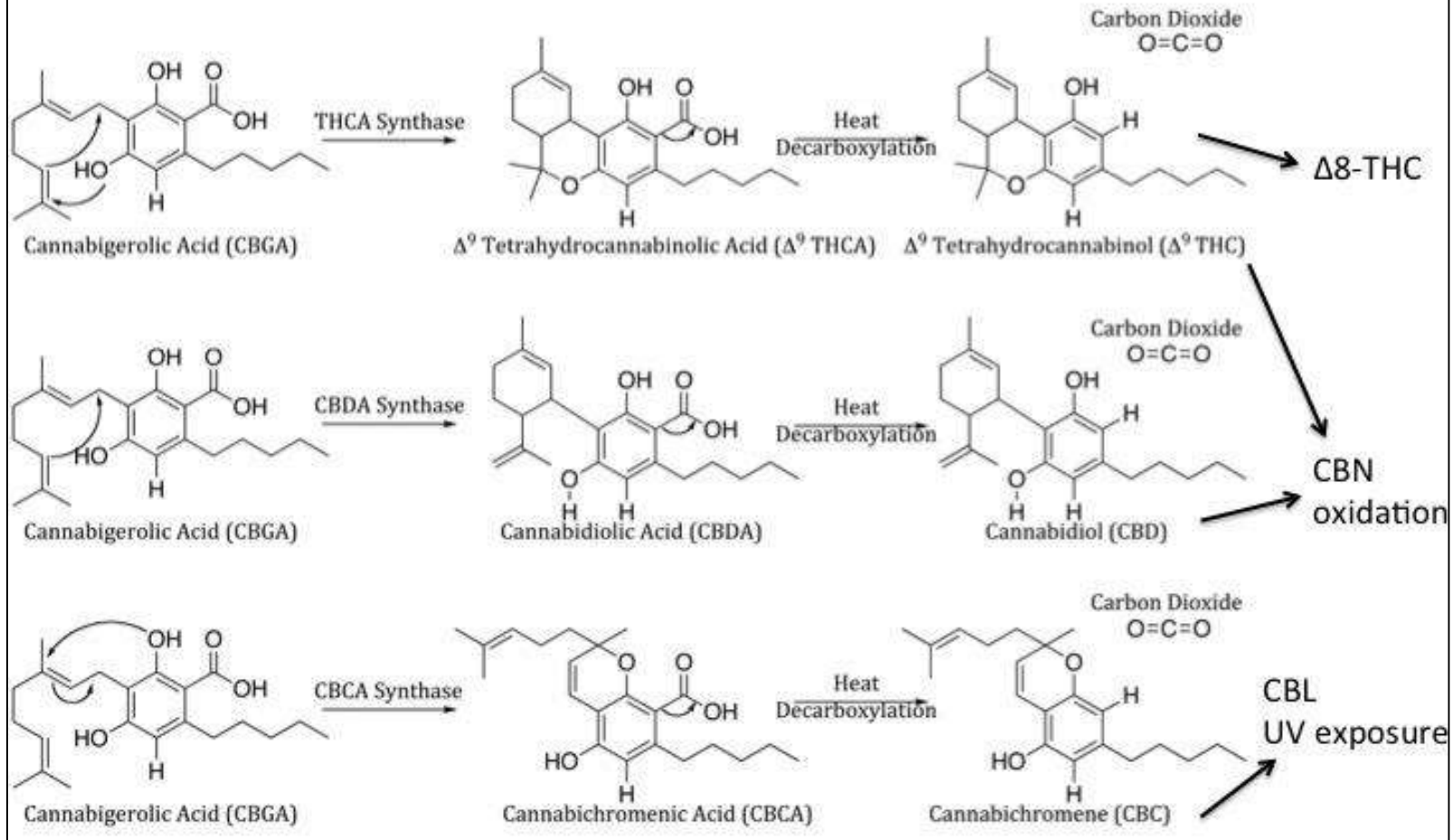


# UNDERSTANDING MEDICAL CANNABIS

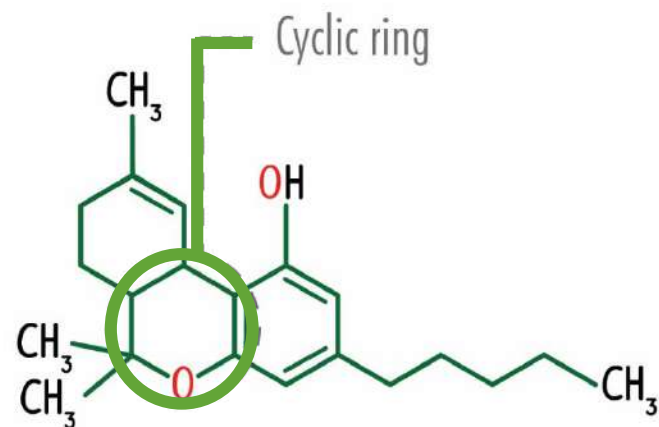
## Cannabinoids and Their Therapeutic Effects



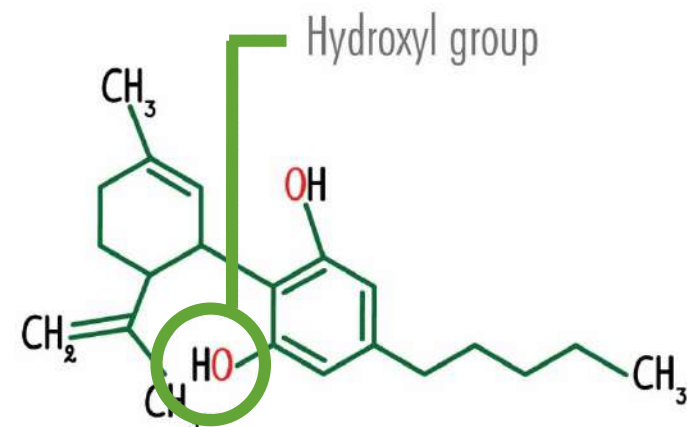
# Cannabinoid Biogenesis



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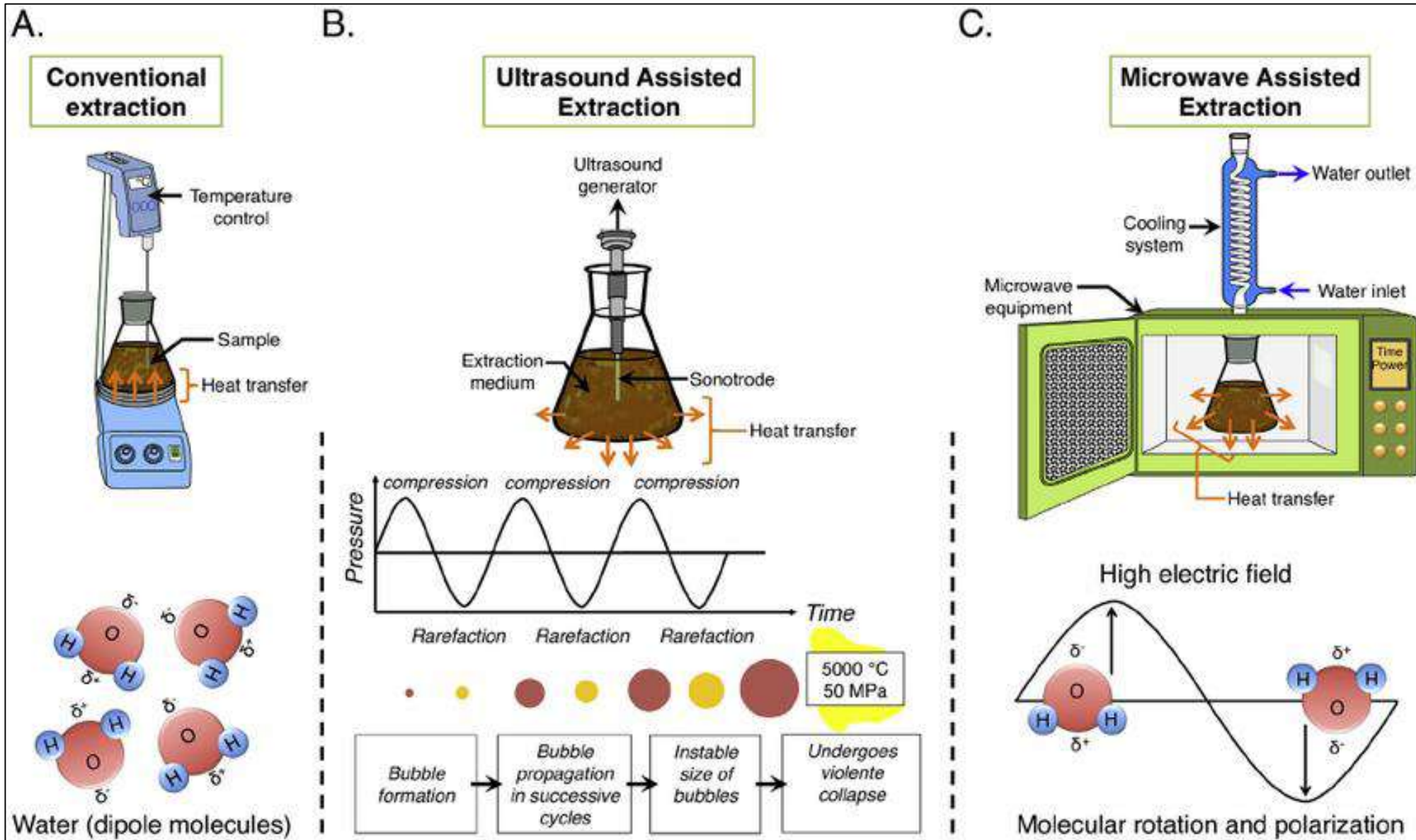
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Cannabidiol (CBD)

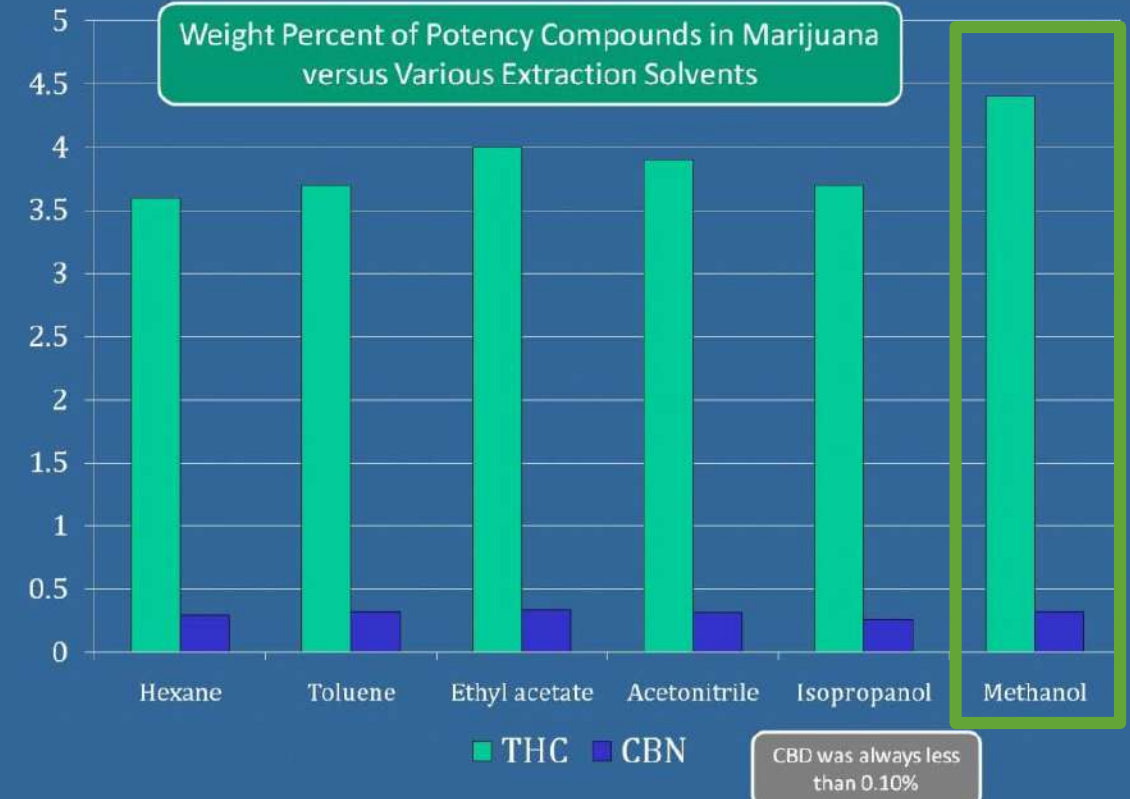
- Cannabidiol (CBD) and tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) are just two compounds from a family of around 113 bi- and tri-cyclic compounds cannabinoid compounds found naturally in cannabis.
- Both CBD and THC share the exact same molecular formula,  $C_{21}H_{30}O_2$ , containing twenty-one atoms of carbon, thirty of hydrogen and two of oxygen.
- Their molecular mass is practically identical with THC and CBD having masses of 314.469 g/mol 314.464 g/mol, respectively.
- <https://www.analyticalcannabis.com/articles/cbd-vs-thc-what-are-the-main-differences-297486>





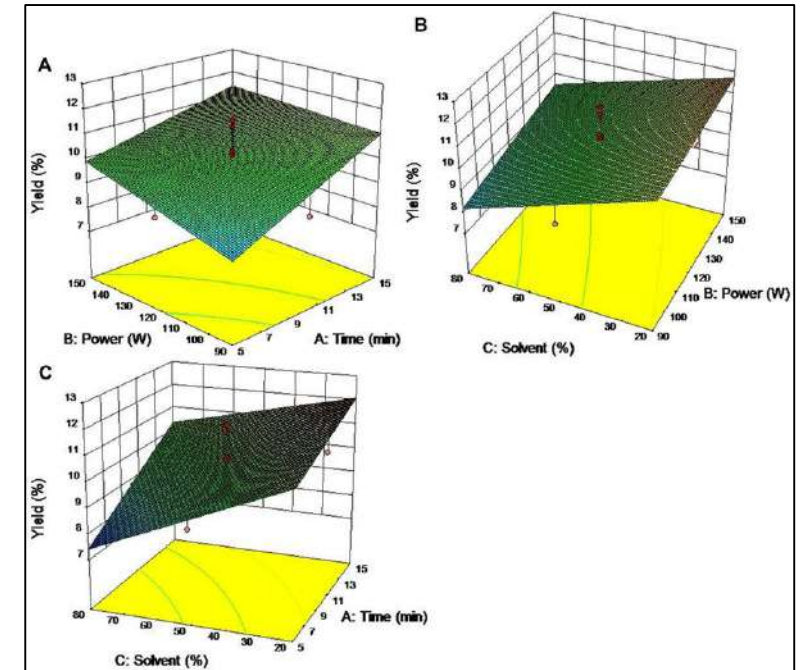
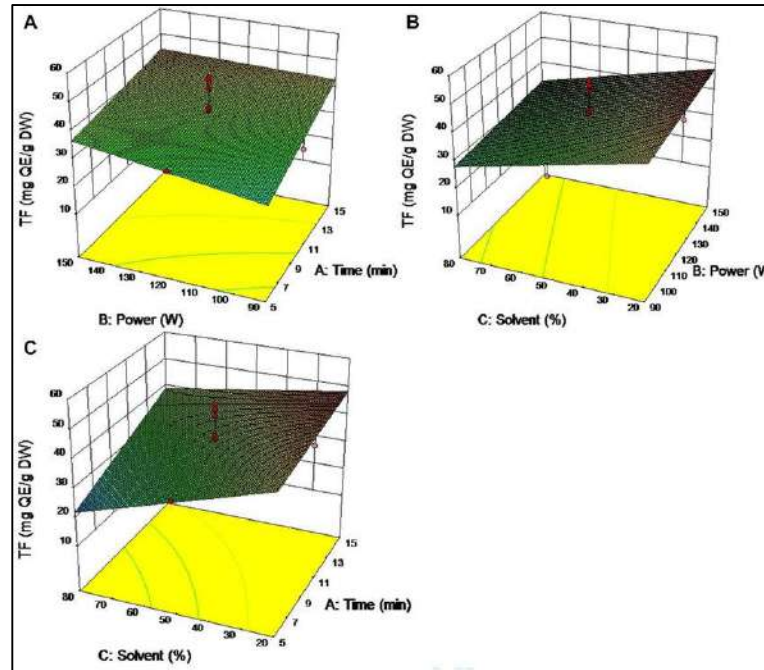
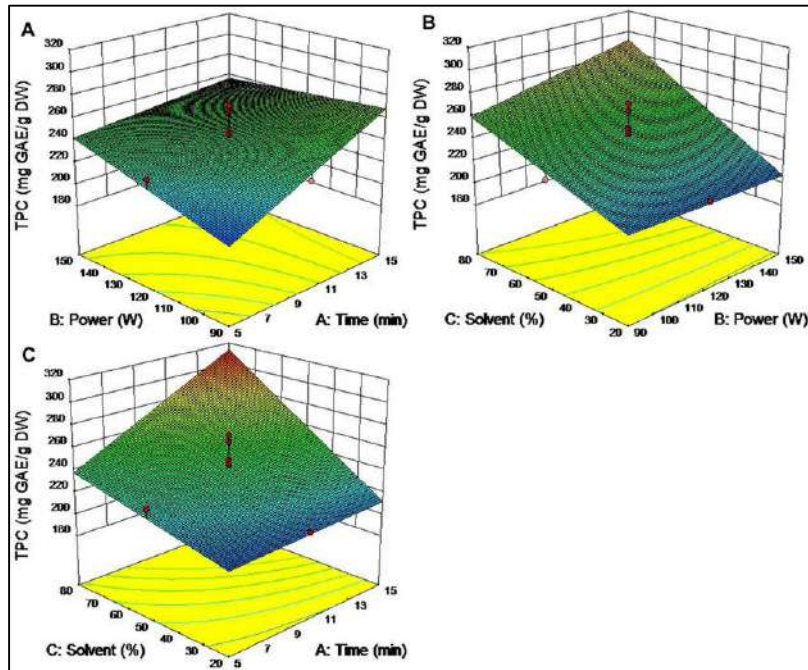
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Marijuana extracted with different solvents.  
Polarity index is listed above the solvent name.

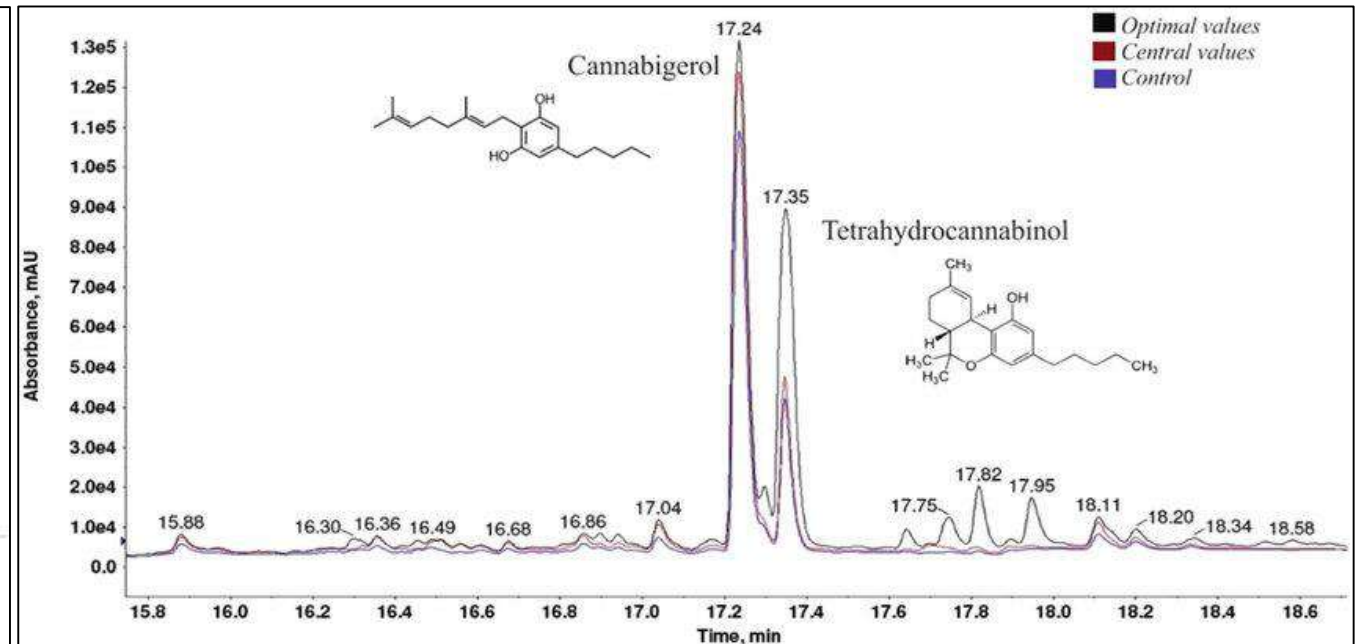
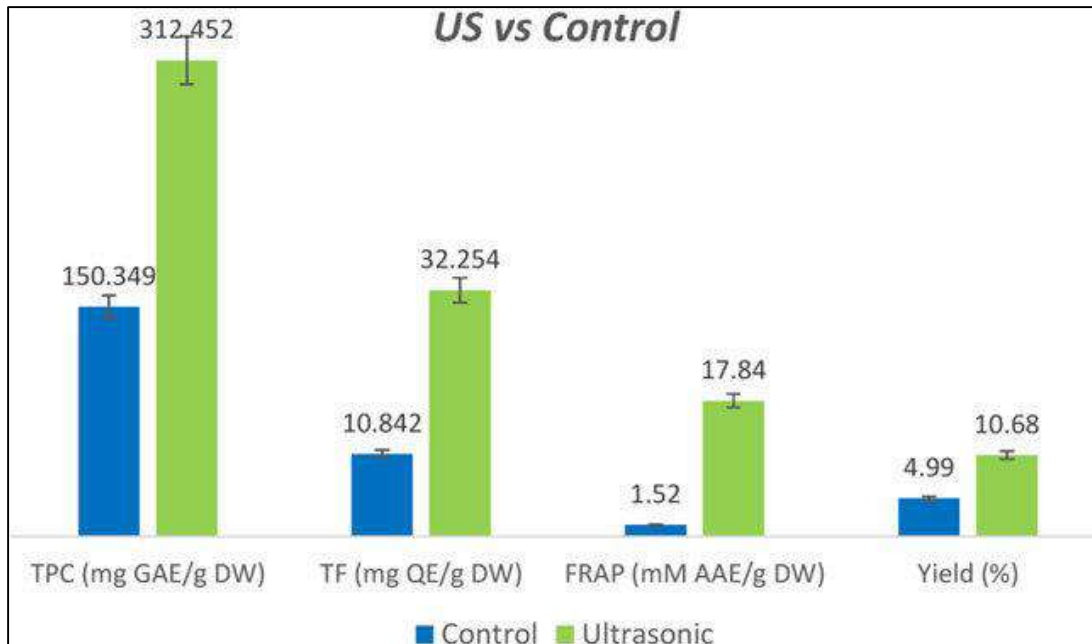


- Methanol was the most efficient extraction solvent for delta-9-THCA (analyzed as THC).
- Generally, the delta-9-THCA extraction efficiency correlated with solvent polarity.
- Chromablography 2011; <https://blog.restek.com/?p=3018>



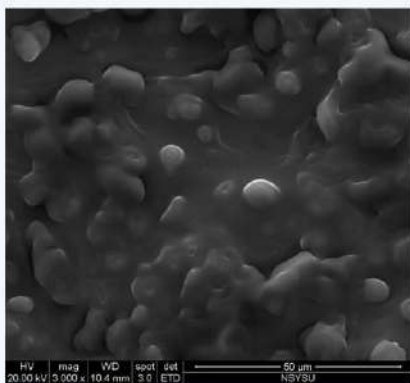


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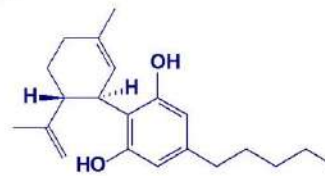
## Crude hemp nut



THC



CBD



CBN

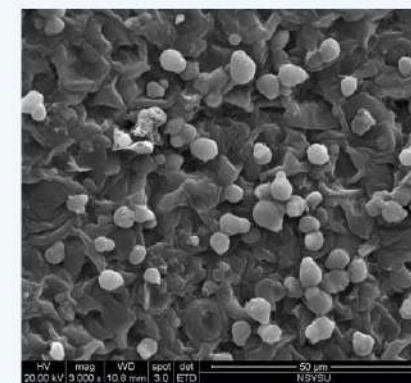


## Cannabinoids



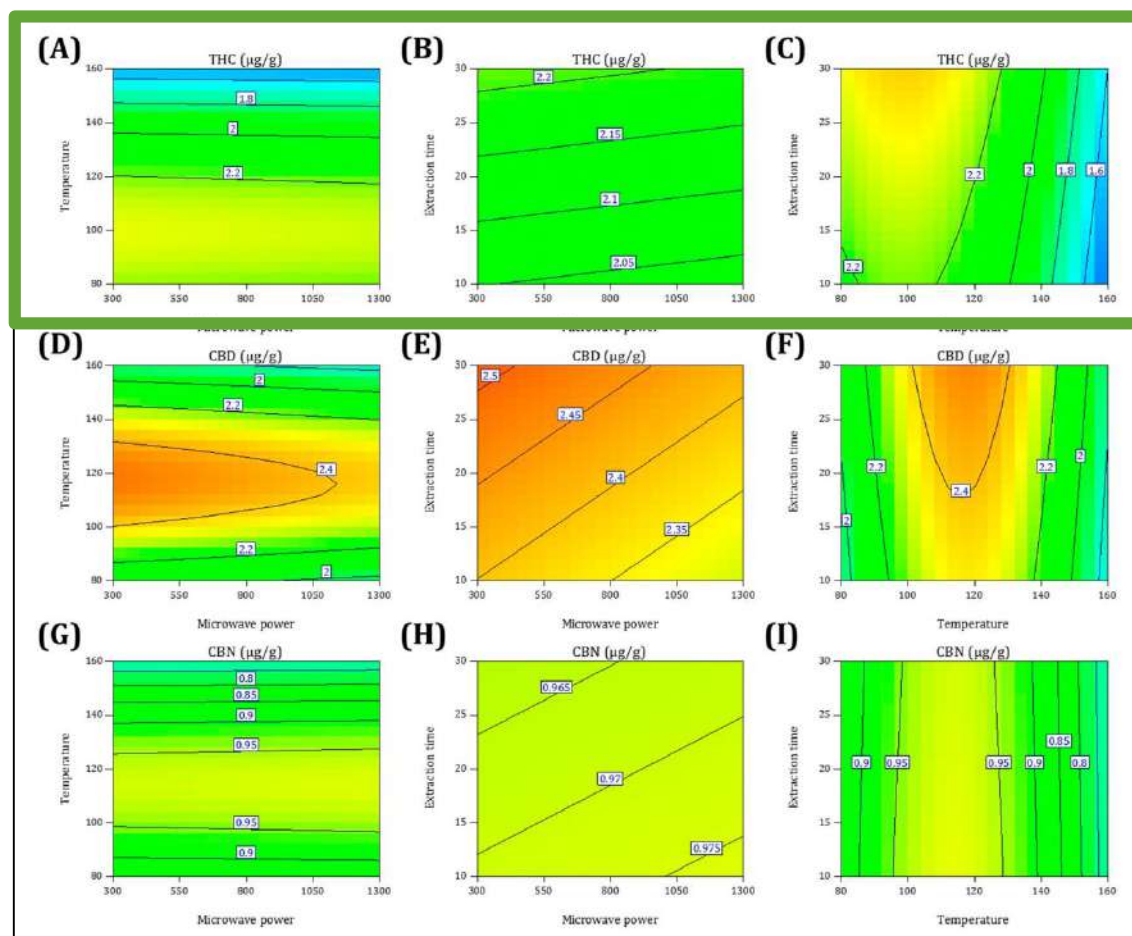
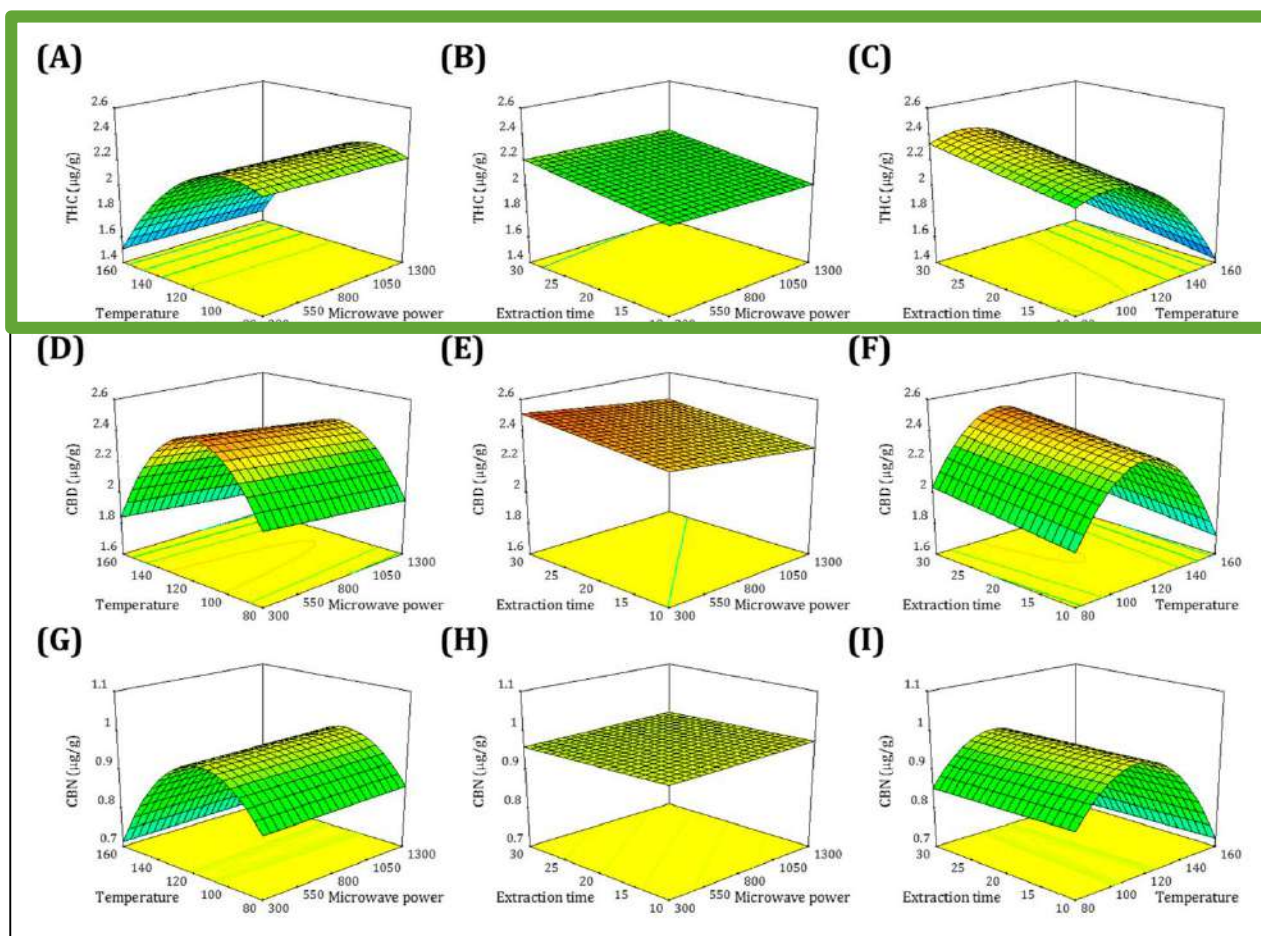
## Microwave-assisted extraction

## Hemp nut after MAE



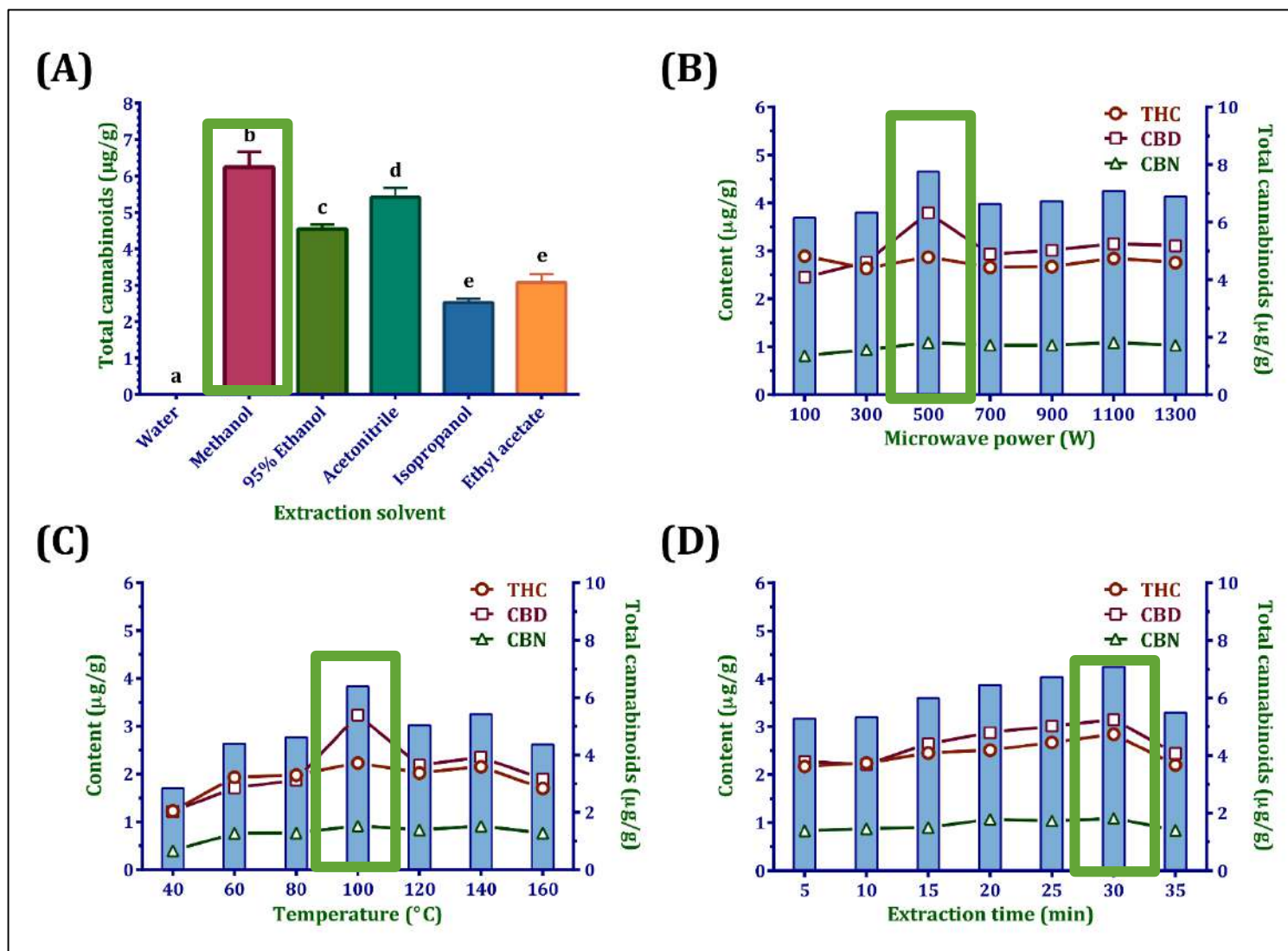
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- **Molecules 2017, 22(11), 1894; doi:10.3390/molecules22111894**





- **Left.** Response surface plots showing the interaction effects of microwave power, temperature, and extraction time on the yields of THC (A–C), CBD (D–F), and CBN (G–I).
- **Right.** Contour plots showing the interaction effects of microwave power, temperature, and extraction time on the yields of THC (A–C), CBD (D–F), and CBN (G–I).
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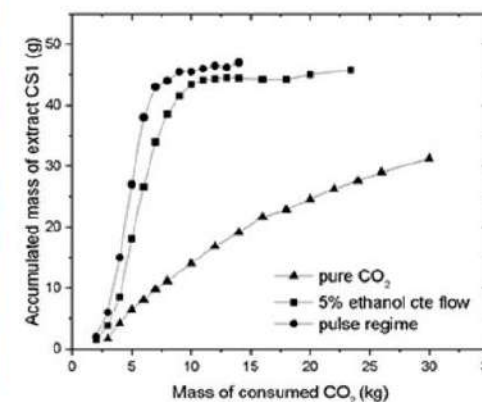
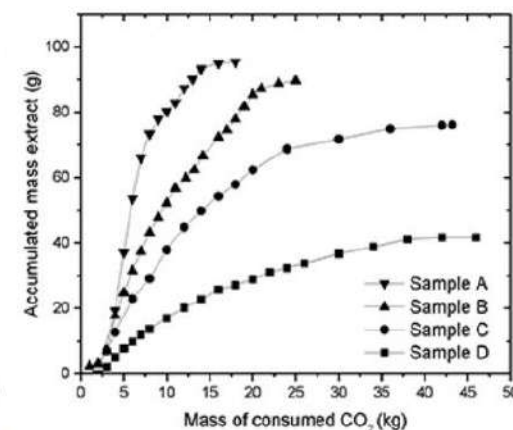
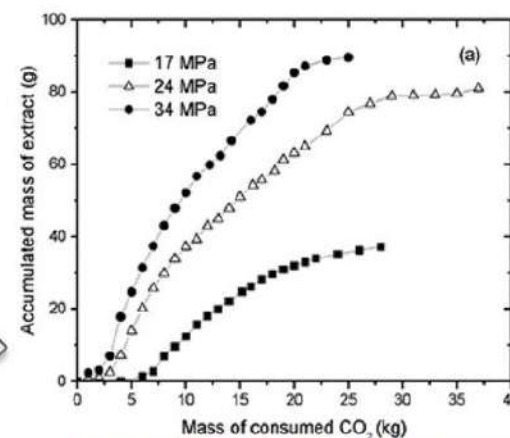


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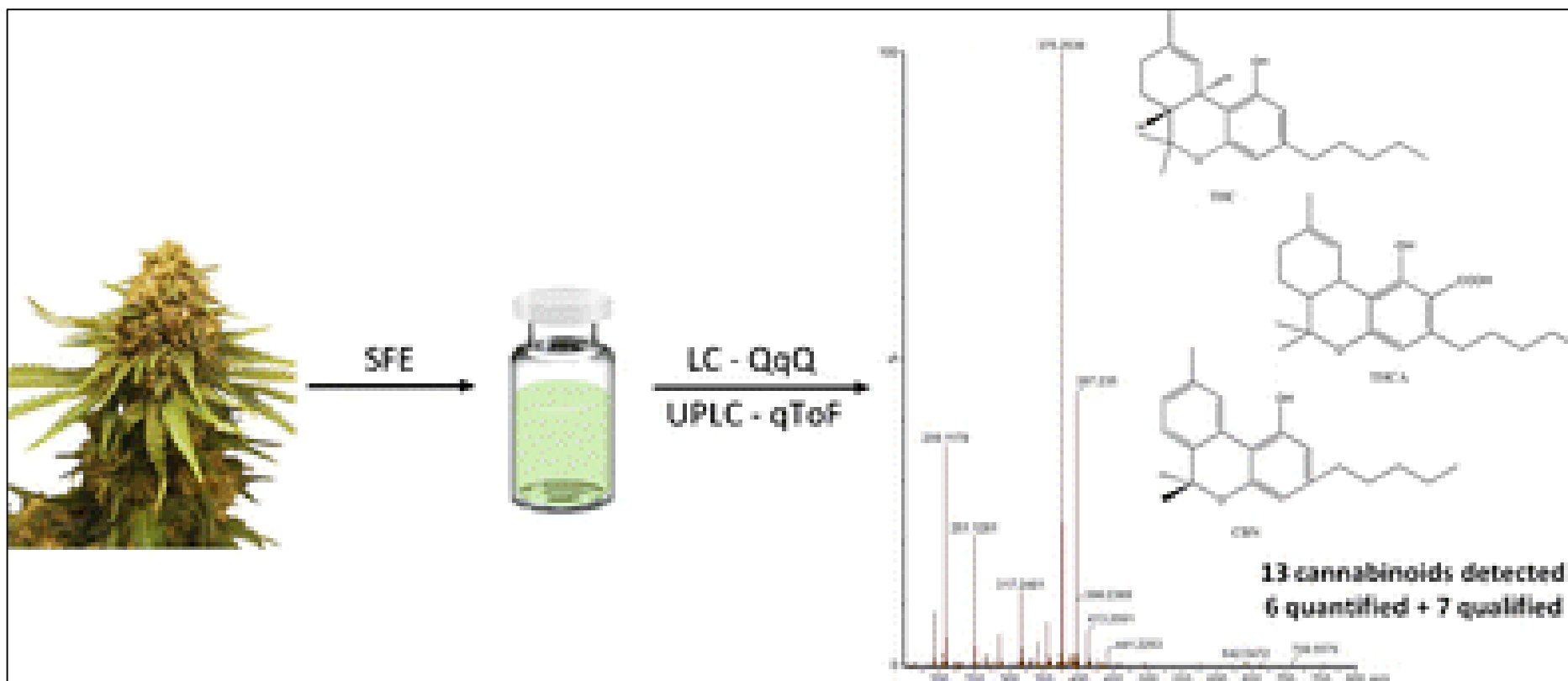
# *Cannabis Sativa L.*



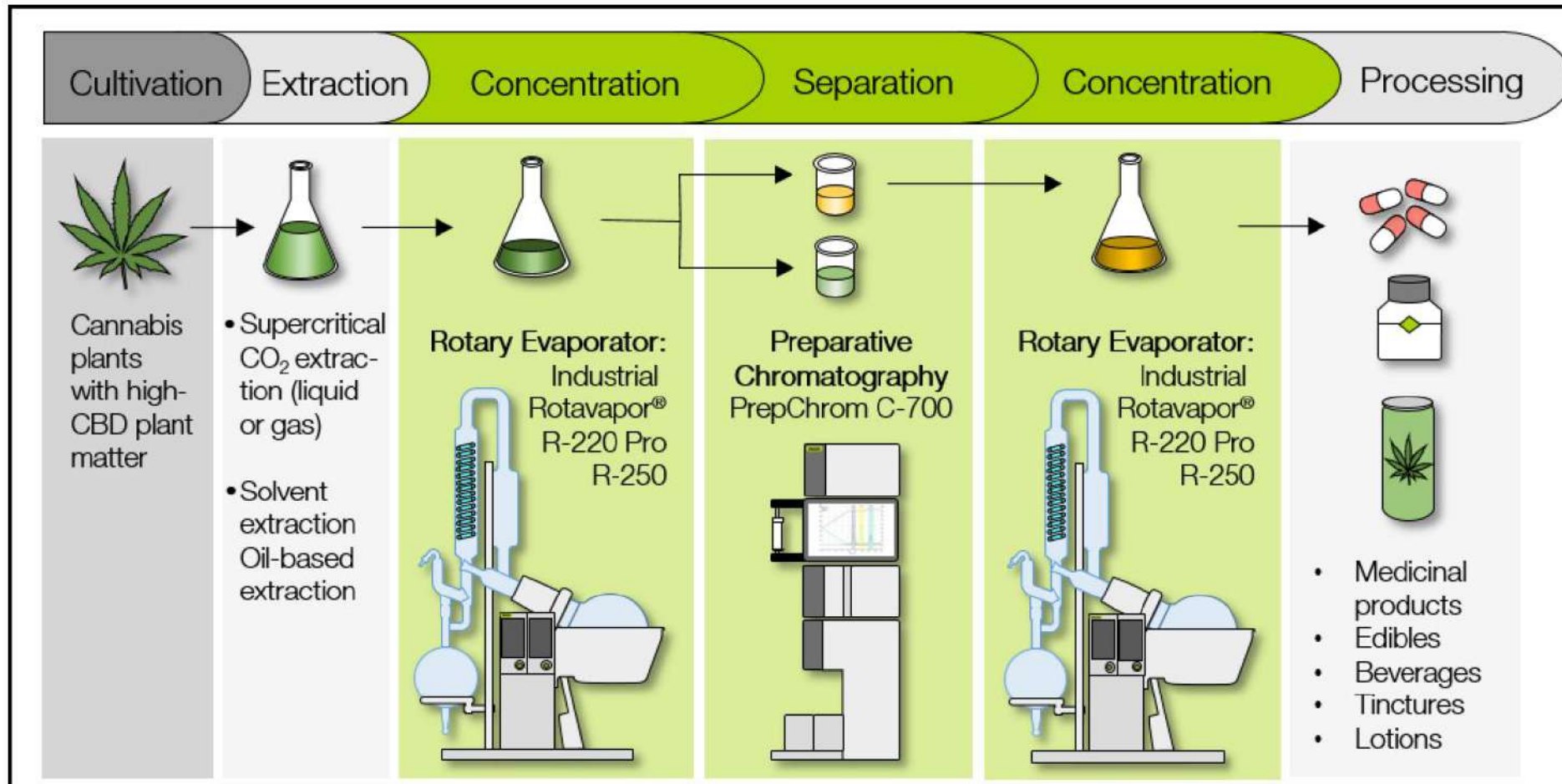
# *Cannabinoids extracts*



- Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> was applied to obtain extracts with high cannabinoids concentration. Different operating conditions and regimes were evaluated. Cannabinoids composition was analyzed with time at different extraction conditions.
- Co-solvent pulse regime is the most recommendable extraction strategy.
- **The Journal of Supercritical Fluids, 2017, 129: 16-27**

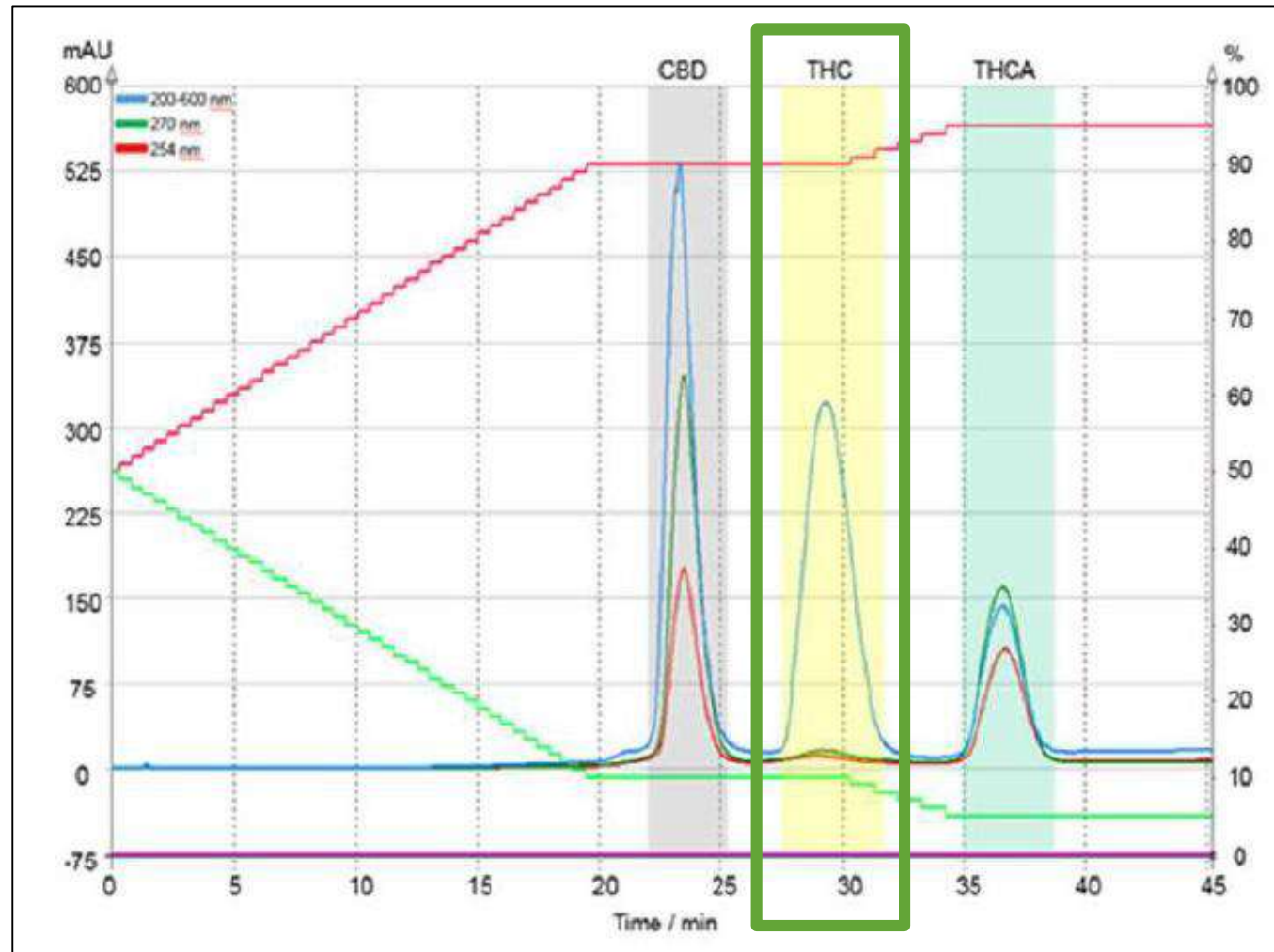


- Six major cannabinoids [tetrahydrocannabinolic acid (THCA), tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), cannabidiol (CBD), tetrahydrocannabivarin (THCV), cannabigerol (CBG), and cannabinol (CBN)] were quantified (RSD < 10%), and seven more cannabinoids were identified and verified by high performance liquid chromatography tandem mass spectrometry (HPLC-MS/MS).
- **Analytical and Bioanalytical Chemistry, 2014, 406 (29): 7549–7560**

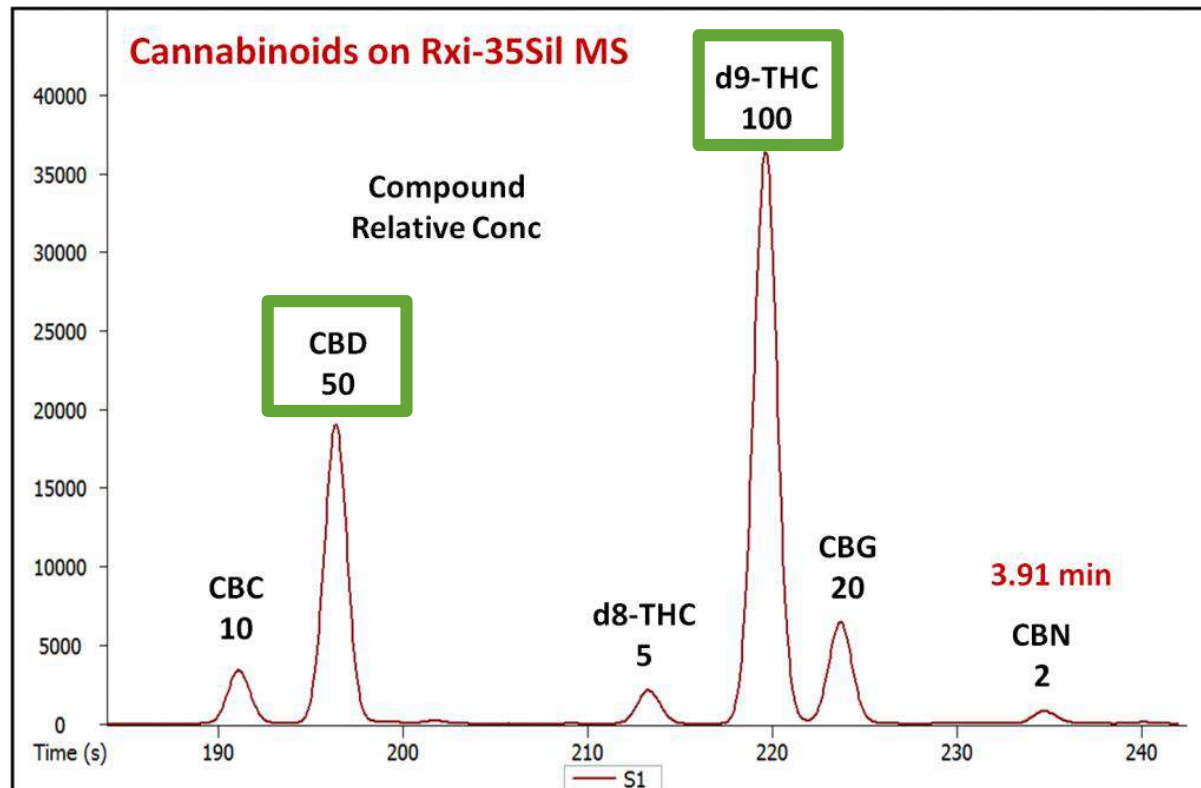


- The industrial scale rotary evaporators R-220 Pro and R-250 are the ideal solutions for efficient concentration of cannabinoid extracts after initial extraction as well as subsequent cannabinoid separation. High purity separation of various cannabinoids (e.g. THC and CBD) is achieved by preparative chromatography using BUCHI's compact PrepChrom C-700 which combines both flash and prep-HPLC purifications.
- <https://www.analyticalcannabis.com/white-papers/industrial-evaporation-chromatography-ideal-combination-for-cannabis-processing-288137>

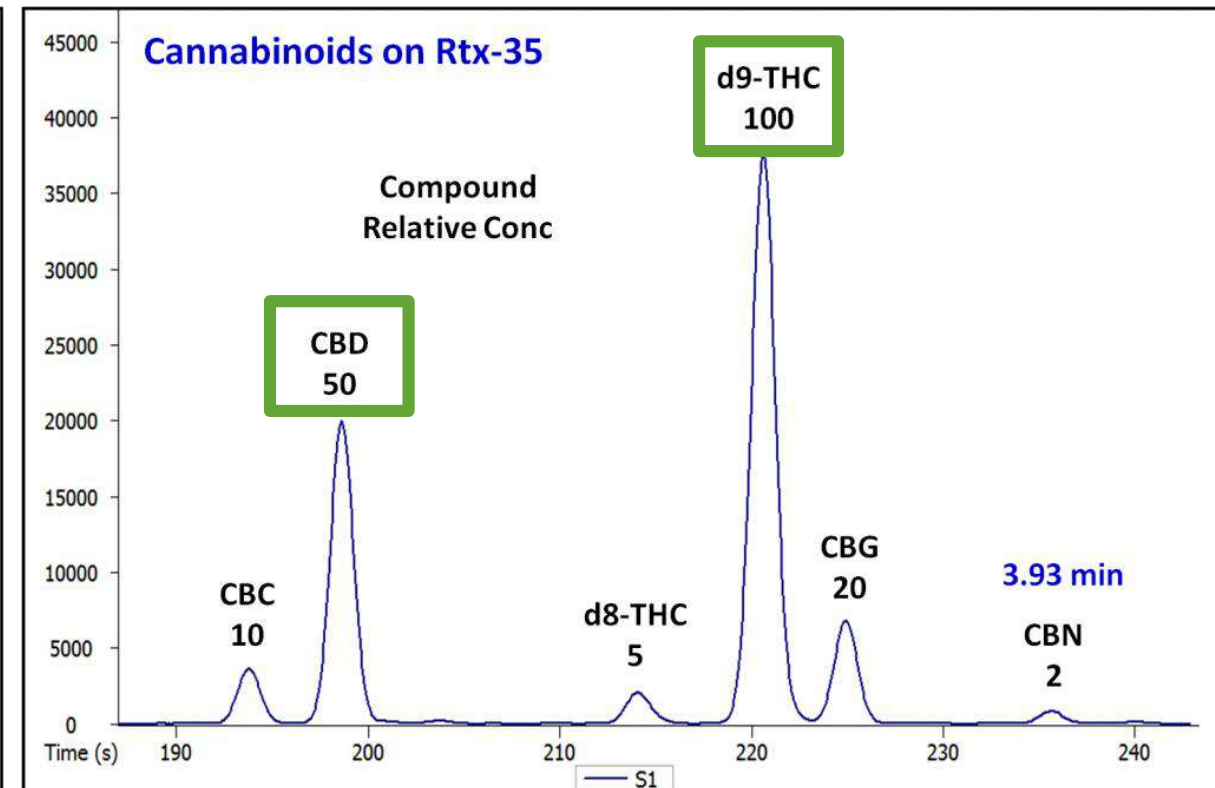




- Separation by preparative chromatography uses the principle that different cannabinoids travel through a specific stationary phase at different speeds. The substances to separate and purify are eluted and collected successively, as illustrated in the Figure for a cannabis extract containing the three cannabinoids, THC, CBD and THCA (tetrahydrocannabinolic acid).
- <https://www.analyticalcannabis.com/white-papers/industrial-evaporation-chromatography-ideal-combination-for-cannabis-processing-288137>

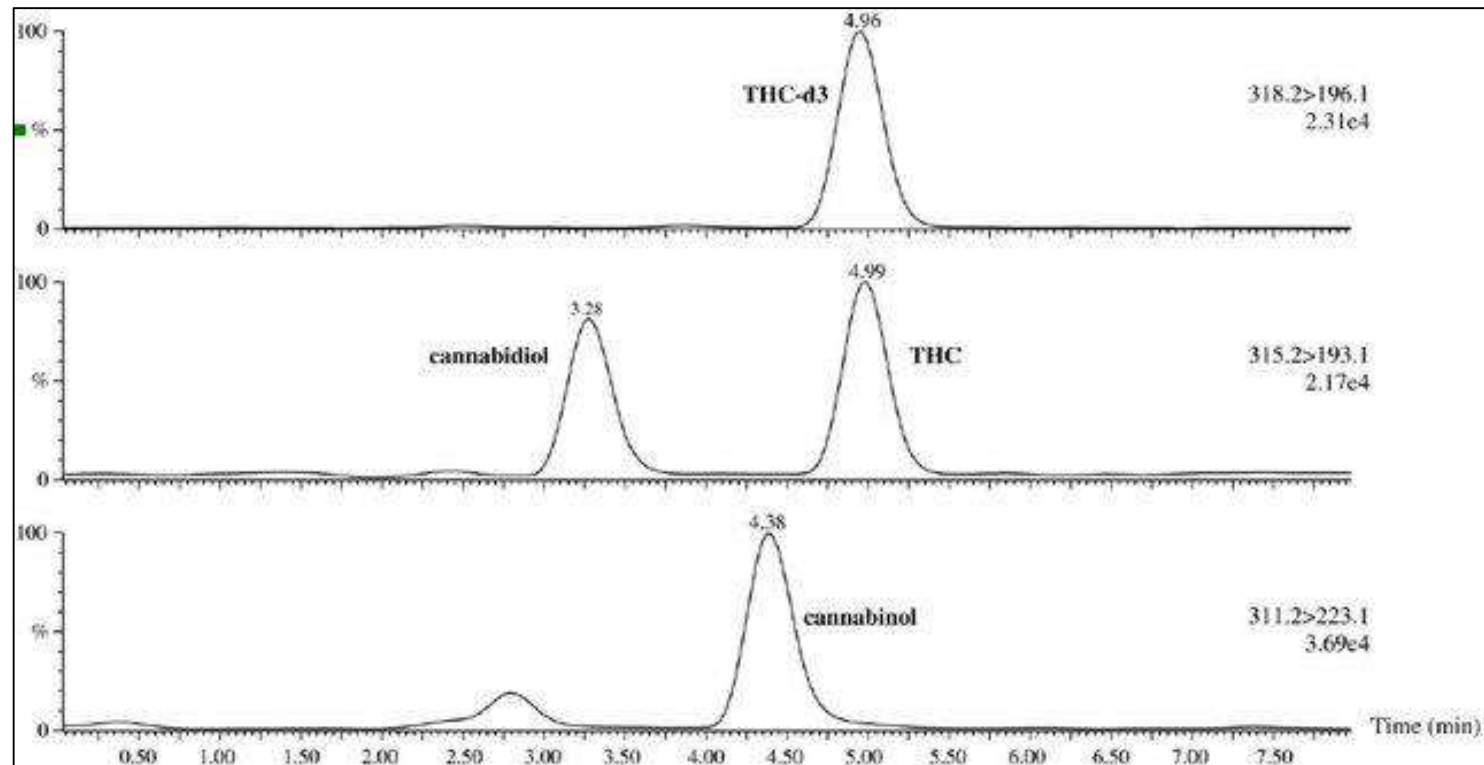


15m x 0.53mm x 0.50µm Rxi-35Sil MS, constant flow H<sub>2</sub> 4.2 mL/min; Sky Precision split liner, 250°C, split 10:1  
GC oven: 225°C (0.1 min), 19.4°C/min to 330°C (1.5 min), Flame Ionization Detector 350°C



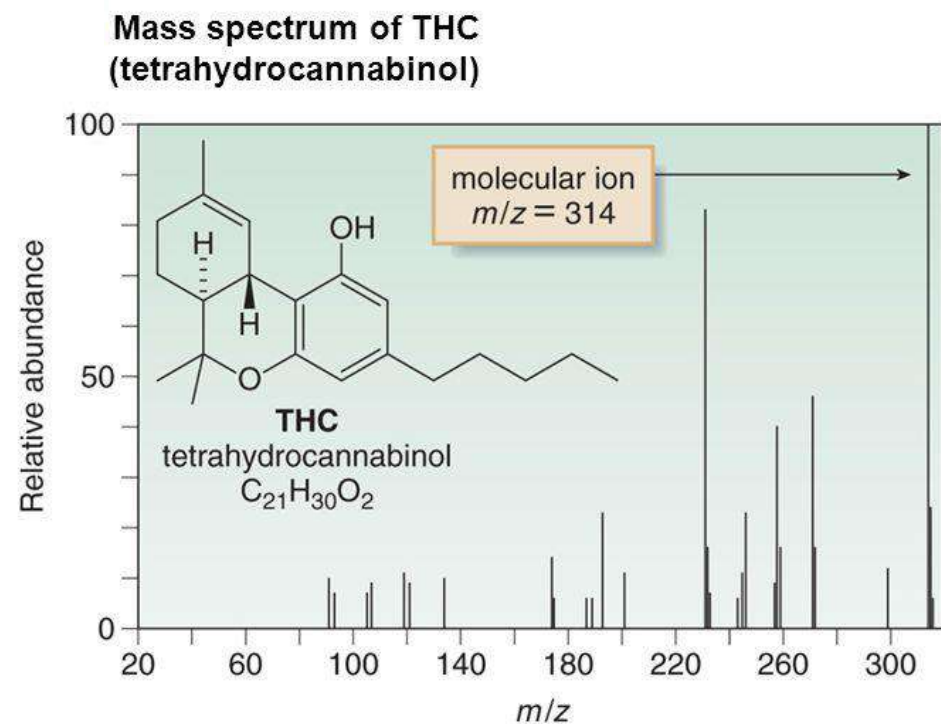
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- Medical Marijuana Cannabinoids Analyzed by Gas Chromatography with Flame-Ionization Detection (**GC-FID**) on Rxi-35Sil MS and Rtx-35.
- **Chromablography 2011**; <https://blog.restek.com/?p=12038>



- LC–MS–MS analysis of an extracted 100µL blank oral fluid sample enriched with 5 ng/mL THC-d 3 (top trace), THC and cannabidiol (middle trace) and cannabinol (bottom trace). Peak intensity is shown in the top right-hand corner of each trace.
- **Journal of Chromatography A, 2005, 1082(1):15-24.**

## Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry (GC-MS):



- Gas Chromatography-Mass Spectrometry (GC-MS) of Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). THC appears as a GC peak, and gives a molecular ion at 314, its molecular weight.
- **Organic Chemistry, Second Edition** Janice Gorzynski Smith University of Hawai'i



**TABLE 1**  
**Absorption of Oral vs Inhaled Medical Marijuana**<sup>5,17,18</sup>

Pharmacologic Parameter	Oral	Inhaled
Bioavailability	6-20% <sup>*</sup>	10-40% <sup>†</sup>
Time to peak concentrations	1-6 hr	2-10 min
Maximal duration	2-3 hr	Dose-dependent; maximal psychotropic effects: 20 min; with rapid decline lasting 45-60 min
Distribution	90% plasma; protein-bound 10% red blood cells 1% in brain Crosses placenta and found in breast milk	

<sup>\*</sup> Liver metabolism converts THC to 11-hydroxy-delta-9-THC, which is believed to be more psychoactive than delta-9-THC.

<sup>†</sup> Vaporization increases the percentage of cannabinoids inhaled vs combustion by smoking.

- Oral and inhaled medical marijuana products have different absorption rates and bioavailability.
- **Oral** medical marijuana products can take hours to reach peak blood concentrations, versus minutes for inhaled medical marijuana products.
- **Inhaled** medical marijuana products are available in varying percentages of cannabinoids, depending on the strain, and can either be smoked or vaporized.
- **Vaporization** is a much healthier option for the lungs, because it contains fewer carcinogens than smoked marijuana.
- Vaporization also increases the percentage of delta-9-THC and CBD extracted from the marijuana.
- **Sublingual** and **oromucosal** products are another option that bypass first-pass metabolism similar to inhalation routes.
- These routes have shown high bioavailability, eliminate the need to inhale smoke or vapor, and have a faster onset than oral medications, such as edibles or capsules.

Pharmacy Purchasing & Products November 2016, 13 (11): 10.

Product	Australian Medicines Schedule/Registration	South Australia <sup>1</sup>	Commonwealth <sup>2</sup>
Dronabinol ( <a href="#">Marinol®</a> , Syndros®, US FDA approved medicine) Nabilone ( <a href="#">Cesamet®</a> , US FDA approved medicine) Tablet/capsule form.	Schedule 8. Unregistered synthetic/analogue cannabinoid products.	An authority issued under section 18A of the <i>Controlled Substances Act 1984</i> may be required. <sup>1</sup>	TGA Special Access Scheme or Authorised Prescriber Scheme or Clinical Trials Schemes.
<a href="#">Nabiximols (Sativex®)</a> Oral spray form.	Schedule 8. The only registered cannabinoid product in Australia - for symptom improvement in multiple sclerosis.	An authority issued under section 18A of the <i>Controlled Substances Act 1984</i> may be required. <sup>1</sup>	Registered on the ARTG – approved product.
Cannabidiol in preparations for therapeutic use where cannabidiol comprises 98 per cent or more of the total cannabinoid content of the preparation.	Schedule 4. Unregistered cannabidiol products. Refer to the <a href="#">Poisons Standard</a> for detail on Schedule 4 listing.	A section 18A authority is not required for Schedule 4 medicines.	TGA Special Access Scheme or Authorised Prescriber or clinical trials schemes.

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Mode of administration					
<div> <div>← Rapid short</div> <div>Onset of action Duration of action</div> <div>→ Slow long</div> </div>					
	Inhalation	Oromucosal	Oral		
	Cannabis	Nabiximols	Cannabis	Dronabinol	Nabilone
Approved	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Available	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
Constitution and source	<i>Cannabis sativa</i>	THC + CBD; botanical extract from <i>Cannabis sativa</i>	<i>Cannabis sativa</i>	Synthetic $\Delta^9$ -THC	Synthetic $\Delta^9$ -THC analog
Onset of action	5 min	15%–40%	4–6 hours	30–60 min	60–90 min
Bioavailability	2%–56% 25%–27%	35%	10%–20% 4%–22%	6%–15%	20%
Duration of action	2–4 h	2–4 h	Longer than smoking	4–6 h	8–12 h
Approved indications		Symptomatic relief of spasticity in adults with MS		Aids-related anorexia associated with weight loss; severe nausea and vomiting associated with cancer chemotherapy	Severe nausea and vomiting associated with cancer chemotherapy

- Common Modes of Administration and Formulations. (1)Inhalation ((2)Oromucosal 3)Oral
- <https://www.dovepress.com/therapeutic-potential-of-medicinal-marijuana-an-educational-primer-for-peer-reviewed-fulltext-article-DHPS>





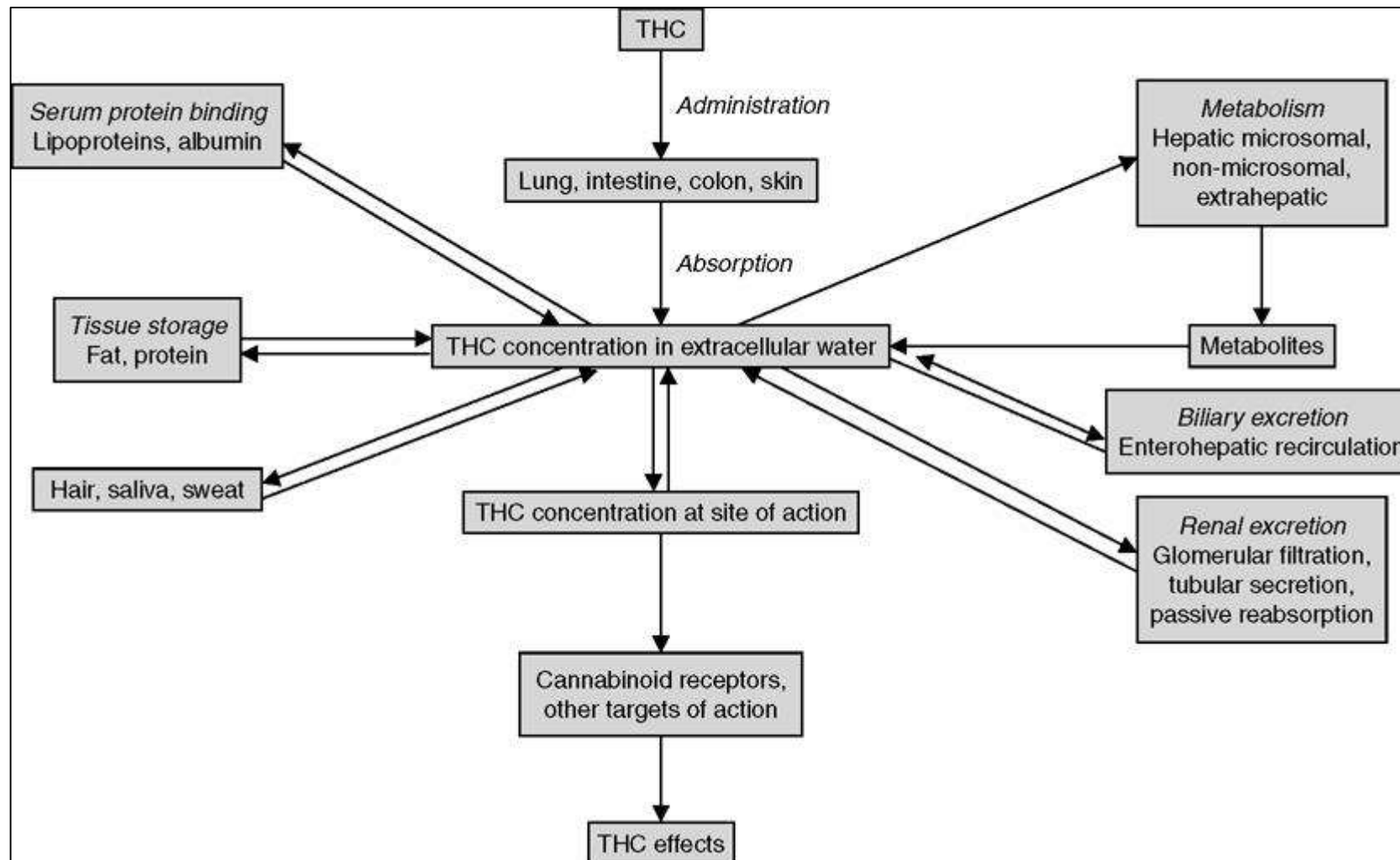
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## Nabiximols (Sativex™)

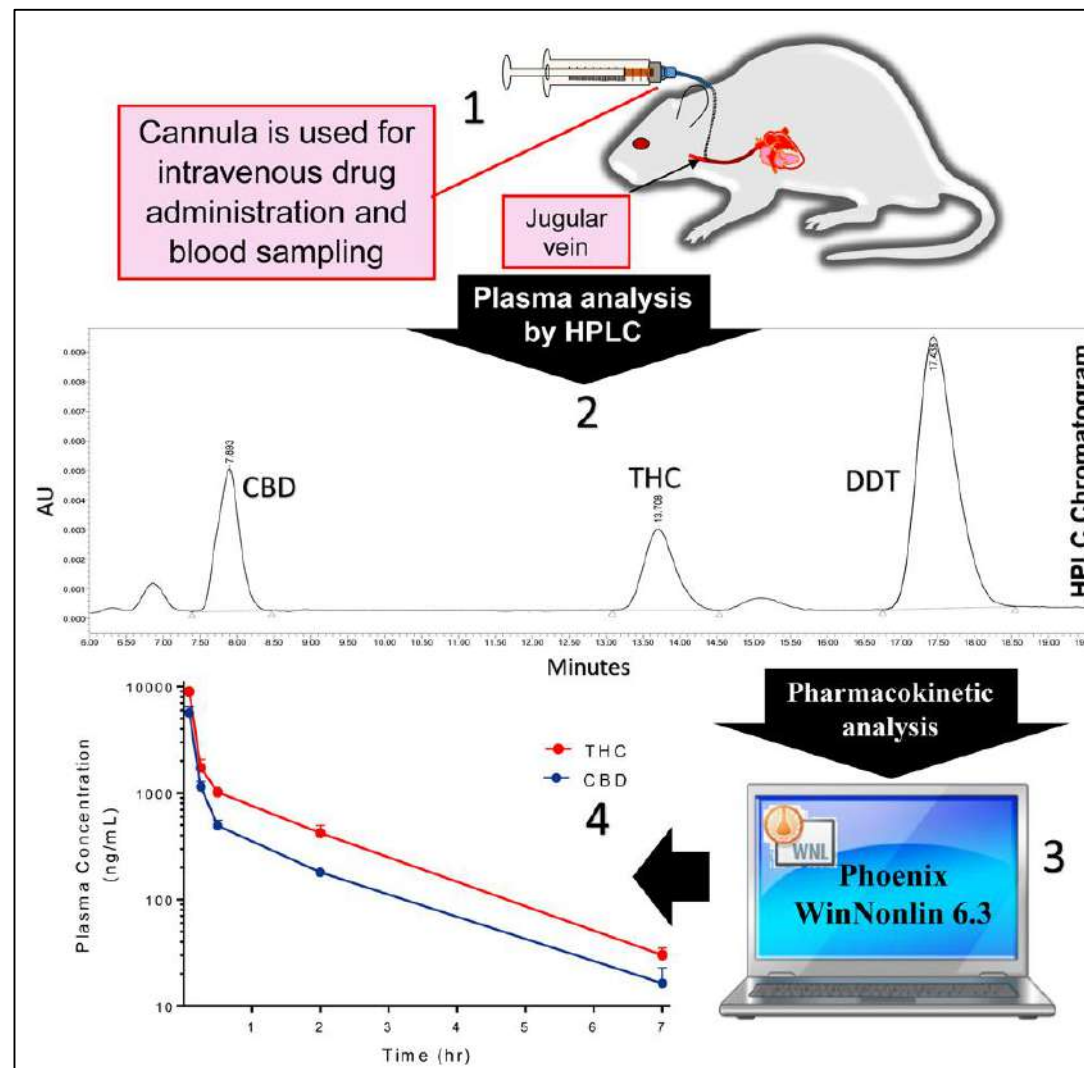
- Patented cannabinoid oromucosal spray for MS patients to relieve spasticity, neuropathic pain, overactive bladder and other symptoms
- Contain equal amounts CBD and  $^9\Delta$ THC
- Relieve spasticity and pain more than  $^9\Delta$ THC alone
  - CBD's effects allow patients to tolerate higher amounts of  $^9\Delta$ THC
  - CBD supplements antispastic effects of  $^9\Delta$ THC (local potentiation of glycine signaling, inhibition of endocannabinoid degradation, retardation of demyelination through antioxidant/anti-inflammatory mechanisms)

- Sativex® is an oral spray developed by UK-based pharmaceutical company GW Pharmaceuticals, derived from the cannabinoids THC and CBD (cannabidiol). Sativex® is now fully licensed in the UK, Spain, Canada and New Zealand for the treatment of muscle spasticity in MS patients. It is also approved in Canada for the reduction of cancer pain and neuropathic pain, and is in various stages of the approval process in the European Union and the US.
- <https://www.pharmaceutical-technology.com/features/feature105046/>





- The pharmacokinetics of THC vary as a function of its route of administration. Pulmonary assimilation of inhaled THC causes a maximum plasma concentration within minutes, psychotropic effects start within seconds to a few minutes, reach a maximum after 15–30 minutes, and taper off within 2–3 hours. Following oral ingestion, psychotropic effects set in with a delay of 30–90 minutes, reach their maximum after 2–3 hours and last for about 4–12 hours, depending on dose and specific effect.
- **Clinical Pharmacokinetics, 2003, 42(4), 327–360.**



- Schematic representation of the preliminary pharmacokinetic study following IV bolus administration of 5 mg/kg cannabidiol (CBD) and  $\Delta^9$ -tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) to rats (n=2). (1) Blood sampling from the fitted cannula. (2) Chromatogram shows CBD, THC, and the internal standard DDT following plasma analysis by HPLC. (3) Data analysis by the pharmacokinetic software. (4) Plasma concentration-time profiles of CBD and THC in rats.  
<https://atlasofscience.org/simple-method-for-measuring/>



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## The U.S.A. Has A Patent On Cannabinoids

(54) **CANNABINOIDS AS ANTIOXIDANTS AND NEUROPROTECTANTS**

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Mechoulam et al., "Chemical Basis of Hashish Activity," *Science*, 18:611-612 (1970).

Ottersen et al., "The Crystal and Molecular Structure of Cannabidiol," *Acta Chem. Scand. B* 31, 9:807-812 (1977).

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention relates the use of certain cannabidiol derivatives and of their dimethyl heptyl homologs (CBD-DMH) in the treatment of nausea, in particular chemotherapy-induced nausea, and of anti vomiting activity. The present invention relates also to the use of said cannabidiol derivatives being part of a pharmaceutical composition.

- **United States Patent: Anti-nausea and anti-vomiting activity of cannabidiol compounds**





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(57) **ABSTRACT**

This invention relates to the use of phytocannabinoids, either in an isolated form or in the form of a botanical drug substance (BDS) in the treatment of cancer. Preferably the cancer to be treated is cancer of the prostate, cancer of the breast or cancer of the colon.

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The invention relates to the extraction of pharmaceutically active components from plant materials, and more particularly to the preparation of a botanical drug substance (BDS) for incorporation in to a medicament. It also relates to a BDS, for use in pharmaceutical formulations. In particular it relates to BDS comprising cannabinoids obtained by extraction from *cannabis*.

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