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Cannabis: An Expatiation of its Medicinal Values

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ABSTRACT

In the Western world, Cannabis has been used as both medicinal and recreational substances. Around the world, cannabis grows wild in temperate regions such as central or western Asia, and possibly even eastern Asia. Moreover, it is cultivated in many countries. It is a treasure trove of phytochemicals and serves as a rich source of both cellulosic and woody fibers. Cannabis contains more than 100 different chemicals called cannabinoids. Cannabis in purified and standardized form have been made available for the manufacturing of several pharmaceutical drugs. Recreational use of this substance has been related to major acute cardiovascular disorders, such as stroke, myocardial infarction, arrhythmia, congestive heart failure, and epilepsy. Adults who are managing chronic pain can greatly benefit from cannabis. It reduces the symptoms of spasticity in fibromyalgia, multiple sclerosis, and obstructive sleep apnea syndrome. Additionally, it treats nausea and vomiting brought on by chemotherapy by acting as an anti-emetic. 38 US states, 4 US territories, and the US District of Columbia have made it lawful to consume cannabis for medical purposes. This review analyzes the medicinal use of cannabis, mentioning its history, active constituents, pharmacological actions, potential benefits, and risks.

INTRODUCTION

Cannabis history began long before humans[1]. Cannabis was also known as marijuana, ganja, pot, Afghan, bhang, blast, dagger, dope, hash, hashish, joint, weed, sinsemilla, skunk, and hemp[2]. The data demonstrated that humans have been using cannabis for almost 10,000 years, during the conclusion of the ice age. Cannabis was considered a source of happiness, able to elicit joy

and it was generally used in many rituals. When cannabis was first used medicinally in 2727 B.C., it was by the Chinese Emperor Shen Nung. Additionally, it was mentioned in Indian medical texts written by renowned Hindu Surgeon Sushruta as well as Roman physicians Pliny and Galen. The ancient Greeks and Romans also used cannabis for several purposes, even though its use in the Middle East extended throughout the Islamic empire to North Africa. Cannabis was

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cultivated as hemp on numerous farms in North America so that it could be used for the production of paper, ropes, and clothing[3]. In 2350 B.C. Egypt used cannabis to treat glaucoma. In 2000 B.C. cannabis was used to treat depression in Mesopotamia. The Indians used cannabis to reduce anxiety in 1600 B.C. Medical cannabis was appeared and expelled in U.S. Pharmacopeia in 1850 and 1941 respectively. Between 1963 and 1993 the chemical structure of CBD, THC, CB1, and CB2 was identified[4]. More than 550 chemical compounds were found in cannabis sativa including over 100 phytocannabinoids that can cause drug-like effects in humans[5].

The dried flowering and fruiting tops of cannabis sativa, Indica, and Ruderalis distillate plants are what constitute cannabis[6]. Skilled botanists also claim that different cannabis strains exist, distinguished by factors such as size, shape, and resin concentration. The cannabis species sativa and indica were named by Linnaeus and Lamarck respectively. Cannabis belongs to the family Cannabaceae[1]. The three different species of cannabis can be identified by the morphology of their leaves (Fig. 1.1). The branched upper sections of the stem, which bears bracts, bracteolates, and pistillate flowers, that make cannabis, which is found as flattened masses of dull green or greenish brown color. A few fruits are usually present, each being 5-6mm long and 4mm wide, ovoid with several longitudinal veins. The texture is hard and brittle. The leaves have serrated leaflets and are palmately compound or digitate[7]. The World of rare and unique cannabis strains are lamb's bread, red Congolese, and Durban poison[8]. It can be identified by its strong and characteristic odor and by its acrid, pungent taste. The cannabis derivatives available are herbal cannabis, hashish, bhang, cannabis oil, bho extract or butane oil, edibles (the art of infusing cannabis with food and beverages), and kief or pollen[3].



Fig. 1.1 Cannabis leaf displaying the three distinct species morphologies: C. indica, C. sativa, C. ruderalis

C. sativa has been identified as a holy plant over the centuries by several religions[9]. The name “cannabis” originates from the Latin word “sativa”, which signifies “sown”, signifying that the plant is cultivated from seed as opposed to roots[10]. The anatomy of various C. sativa plant sections is depicted using an electron microscope. As a dioecious and diploid plant, C. sativa has three different forms of glandular trichomes: bulbous, glandular sessile, and stalked varieties. Only the floral bracts of pistillate plants and the anthers of staminate plants contain glandular stalked trichomes. The latter varieties of glandular trichomes can be found on stems, petioles, leaves, and bracts, among other areas. Cystolith trichomes and slender trichomes are the two types of covering non-glandular trichomes of C. sativa. While the latter is typically found on the abaxial leaf surface, stems, tepals, and petioles, cystolith trichomes are typically found on the adaxial leaf surface (Fig.1.2). In the leaves, calcium oxalate cluster crystals and calcium carbonate cystolith crystals are found[7]. The C. sativa leaf exhibits noticeably elevated areas below and depressed areas above, together with large veins and a thin lamina. It possesses an unilayered upper and lower epidermis. Undulate anticlinal walls are slightly shown in the surface view of the sativa leaf. The palisade and spongy tissues are found in mesophyll[11]. Conversely, spongy cells are loosely packed with huge air spaces that generate stomatal cavities, while palisade tissue is made up of unilayered thin columnar cells that occupy more

than half of the thickness of the lamina. There is a tiny population of collenchyma cells inside the lower epidermis and beneath the top epidermis. There are a few laticifers ducts in the phloem that secrete a yellow-brown liquid. A major root, an epicotyl, and a hypocotyl encircle the dicotyledon that is the cannabis seed[7]. Cannabis seeds have two layers in their seed coat: spongy parenchyma cells make up the inner layer, while tube cells make up the outermost layer. Beneath the seed coat, perisperm and endosperm have a single-cell layer thickness. Grain aleurone is present in the endosperm cells[12].

Medicinal cannabis can act as psychoactive and mildly hallucinogenic. The entire parts of the cannabis plant are used for medicinal purposes[13]. Still, leaves are used in most cases for treating all systematic diseases, in most cases they respond to the treatment of the digestive system (e.g., inflammatory bowel disease, constipation, irritable bowel syndrome) and nutritional disorders[14]. The second most used cannabis part for medicinal purposes is its seeds in the treatment of the digestive and, nervous systems (e.g., neuropathic pain, migraine, motor neuron diseases), nutritional disorders, mental disorders (mania, depression, Alzheimer's) followed by inflammation and pain[15]. Many clinical trials have concluded that the female inflorescence of the cannabis plant is used for common digestive ailments such as dysentery, diarrhea, and appetite loss. It is also used to alleviate chronic pain but it is not frequently used in the management of inflammation and pain[16]. Cannabis plants have aerial portions that have both sedative and stimulating properties. Bark, stem, and fiber are used in the treatment of skin diseases and they are used against rheumatic effects[17]. There are several applications for the roots of the cannabis plant, including the treatment of gout, arthritis, skin burns, postpartum hemorrhage, menstrual

problems, and infections spread via sex[15]. Pregnant patients should not consume medicinal cannabis[18].

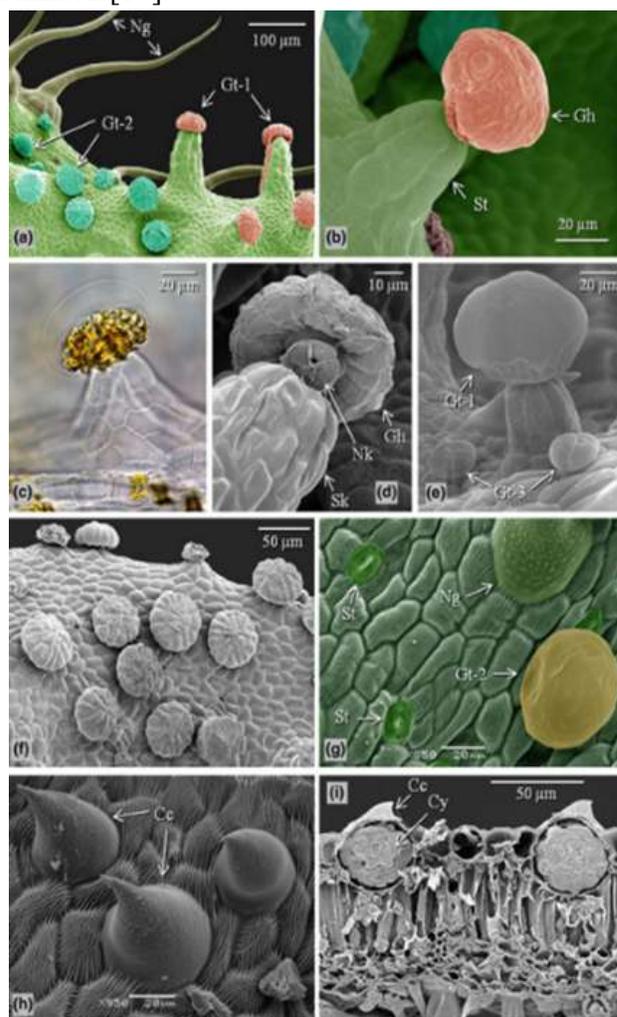


Fig. 1.2 In *C. sativa*, glandular and non-glandular trichomes a) Area of the bract with glandular and non-glandular trichomes b) glandular disc and cuticular membrane in c) and a slightly ruptured “neck” of the glandular head displaying a 4-cell arrangement in d) e) A capitate stalked glandular trichome along with two of the bulbous glandular trichomes f) A group of capitate sessile glandular trichomes on a developing leaf g) The abaxial surface of leaf containing sessile glandular trichome h) The morphology of conical cystolith trichomes on the adaxial leaf surface i) Cystolith trichomes in sectional view displaying large cystolith crystals. Ng non-glandular trichome; Nk neck; Sk stalk; St stomata; Gh glandular head; Gt-1 capitate stalked glandular trichome; Gt-2 capitate sessile glandular trichome; Gt-3 bulbous glandular trichome

Based on estimates from molecular clocks, cannabis most likely broke away from *Humulus*, the nearest relative (hops), approximately 27.8 million years ago, during the mid-Oligocene. Pollen from *Humulus* and cannabis plants is difficult to distinguish from one another[19]. Due to the psychotropic effect of cannabis, it is being abused by the people. So, the government of India has passed an act known as the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 (NDPS Act) to regulate the use of narcotic drugs in medicine[20]. Beginning in early 2020, synthetic cannabinoid receptor agonists are being added to cannabis with low delta – 9 – tetrahydrocannabinol content. MDMB-4en-PINACA is found in cannabis when it is investigated in resins, herbal, and e-liquids form[21]. The adulterants such as shoe polish, rat poison, and other harmful pharmaceutical and industrial chemicals are also used in adulterated cannabis[22].

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION, COLLECTION AND CULTIVATION:

Since cannabis is an annual flowering plant by nature, it takes a year to complete its life cycle from germination to seed production. *C. sativa* is a plant that thrives in a variety of conditions, ranging from lowlands to high altitudes of 10000 feet. Most likely, it evolved in central Asia, where two equatorial and subtropical regions the Pamir plains and the Himalayan foothills appear to be the birthplace. The primary sources of cannabis supply include China, India, Pakistan, Russia, Africa, and Iran, although it is also grown in other countries (Fig.2.1)[23]. Its preferred soil types in its native location are calcareous and nitrogenous, with a pH that is either neutral or slightly acidic[24].

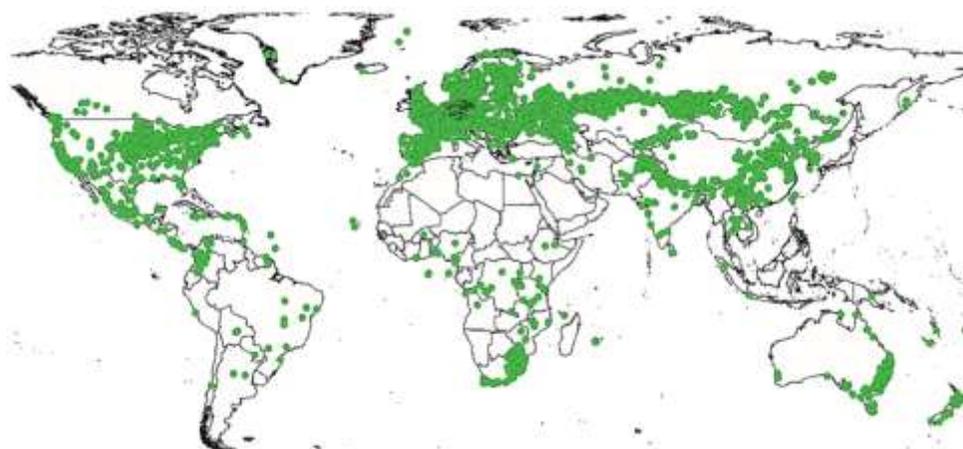


Fig. 2.1 Geographic distribution of *Cannabis sativa*

Cultivation of cannabis sativa:

The plant is sown in June to July and grown as a monsoon crop. Cannabis seeds need 12 to 8 days to germinate after being seeded at a rate of 5 to 10 kilograms per hectare in rows that are separated by 1.2 meters. The root, circular embryonic leaves, and cotyledons are visible when the seed coat cracks open, two to four days after the seed begins

to germinate[25]. The most vulnerable stage of a plant's life cycle, the seedling phase lasts one to four weeks and calls for moderate humidity, medium to intense light, and sufficient but not excessive soil moisture. To lessen the number of rows, thinning is done once the plant reaches a height of roughly 20cm. Maintaining weed-free plants requires regular weeding. Watering needs to be done as needed. It keeps growing vertically and

putting out new leaves during the vegetative phase[26]. Plant development greatly accelerated during the pre-flowering stage as more branches and nodes were produced. November is when flowering starts. It takes between 6 and 22 weeks for flowering and little light. Male plants are promptly removed because they don't generate much resin[27].

Harvesting and processing of cannabis sativa:

Visual inspection is needed to determine the readiness of cannabis for harvest (when trichomes turn from clear to cloudy or amber (Fig. 2.2) then it indicates that the plant is nearing its peak potency)[28]. Plant harvesting is carried out in December and January, commencing when the lower leaves fall off and the upper parts of the inflorescence turn yellow[29]. Too late or too early harvesting can significantly affect the yield of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol. The level of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol peaks before noon and declines gradually so that it must be collected in the morning. When the inflorescence reaches the appropriate stage, it is clipped, then it is spread out in collecting yards in rings and furrows and compressed by treading[30]. Cannabis can be harvested either by manual or machine. The harvested materials are then gathered, formed into 60 – 90 high circular mounds, and compressed for a few days. It usually takes 7 to 14 days for cannabis to dry out thoroughly. After drying, there are chemical reactions that cause the heaps to crumble, turn over, and spread out into thick layers[31].



Fig. 2.2 colors of trichomes while maturing

PHYTOCONSTITUENTS:

Cannabis sativa is the source of about 550 naturally occurring compounds[32]. In 1980, almost 423 compounds were discovered and then it increased up to 483 compounds by 1995. As of right now, 566 substances have been detected and separated, making up more than 18 families of distinct secondary metabolites present in the plant. There are 443 of these, of which 125 are terpenes, 198 are non-cannabinoids, and 120 are cannabinoids[33]. The remaining compounds discovered in 2021 include 42 phenols, 34 flavonoids, 3 sterols, and 2 alkaloids. The aroma of female cannabis plants is attributed to the presence of terpenes like borneol, limonene, terpineol, and pinene. Because of their insect-repelling qualities, these terpenes can prevent the growth of nearby flora. C. Sativa's glandular trichomes produce a resin that serves as a highly effective defensive mechanism against insects and may also have antibacterial and antifungal properties[34]. Secondary metabolites including phytocannabinoids and terpenoids in the trichomes are responsible for the distinctive smell, interactions with herbivores and pests, and plant defense[32].

Table 1.1 Phytocannabinoids of cannabis sativa

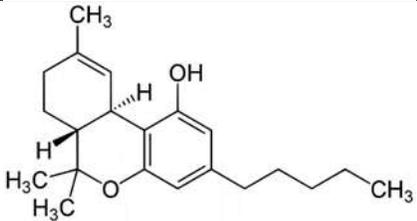
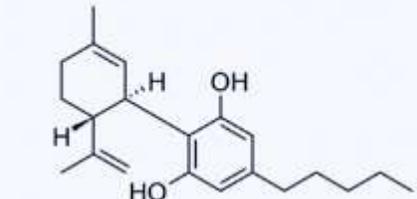
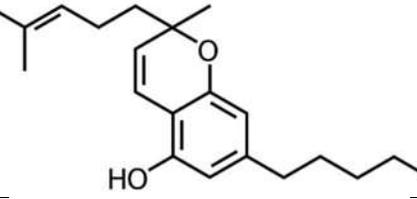
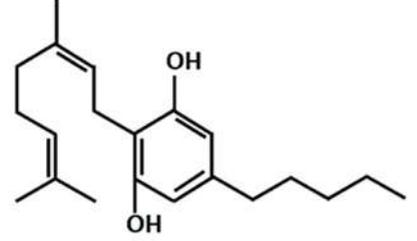
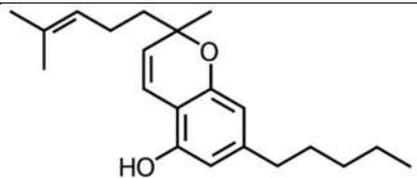
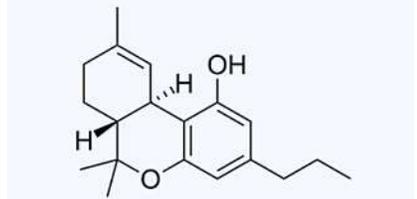
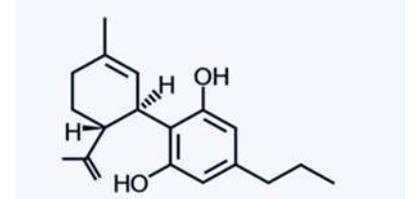
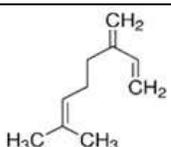
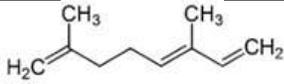
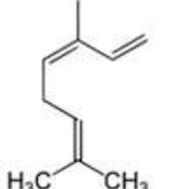
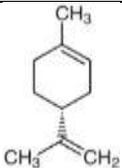
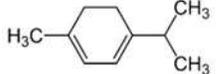
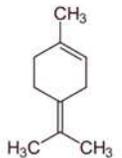
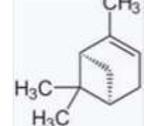
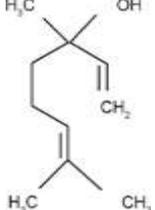
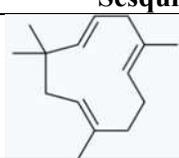
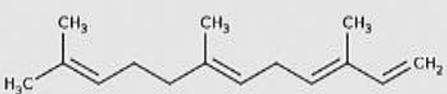
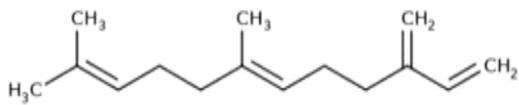
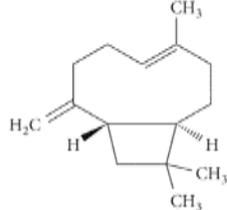
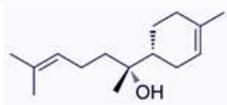
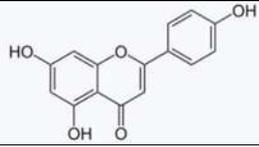
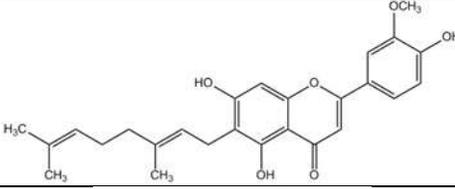
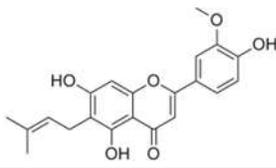
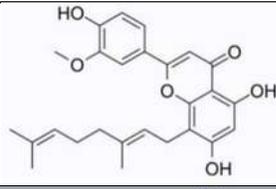
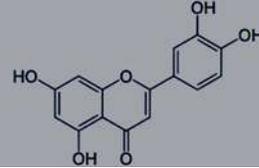
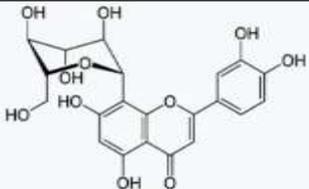
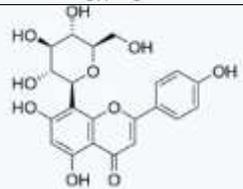
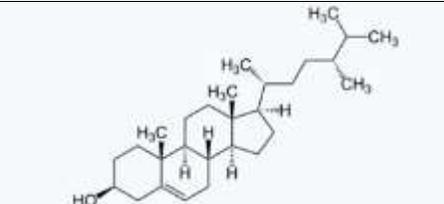
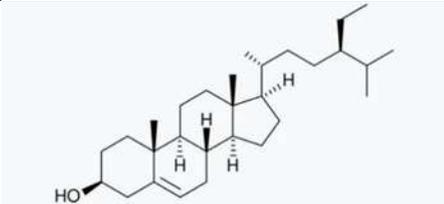
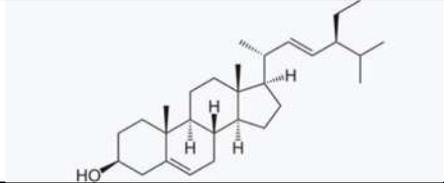
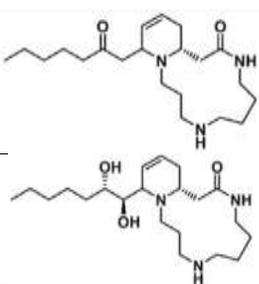
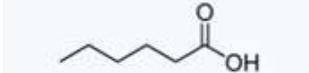
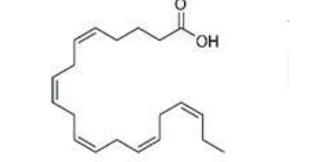
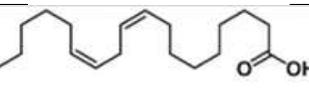
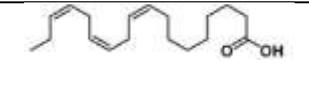
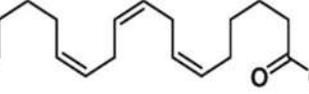
No.	Cannabinoids	Structure	Therapeutic uses
1.	Tetrahydrocannabinol		Psychotropic, pain-reliever, anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial[35]
2.	Cannabidiol		Alleviate anxiety, depression, anti-inflammation, sedation, and muscle calming agent[36].
3.	Cannabichomene		Anti-inflammatory, analgesic, pain reliever, acid reflux treatment, and antidepressant[37].
4.	Cannabigerol		Pain-reliever, muscle relaxant, anti-anthemetic analgesic, treats acid reflux[38]
5.	Cannabichromene		Mild psychotropic, anesthetics, anti-convulsive, and may promote bone growth, anti-anxiety and analgesic[37]
6.	Tetrahydrocannabivarin		Antiviral, antibacterial, memory-enhancing, anti-obesity and soothing effects[39]
7.	Cannabidivarin		Analgesic, Anti-inflammatory, and protective of the intestinal tract's lining cells[40].

Table 1.2 Phytonon-cannabinoids of cannabis sativa

No.	Non-cannabinoids	Structure	Therapeutic uses
A Terpenes			
1.	Myrcene		Anxiolytic, sedative, antioxidant, anti-aging, anti-inflammatory, analgesic[41]
2.	α - Ocimene		Antifungal, anti-tumor, anti-convulsion[41]
3.	Cis- β - Ocimene		Anti-convulsion, anti-inflammatory, antibacterial[41]
4.	D-Limonene		Anti-inflammatory, anti-depressant[41]
5.	α - Terpinene		Anxiolytic, to treat insomnia[41]
6.	Terpinolene		Antibacterial, antifungal[41]
7.	α - Pinene		To treat respiratory tract infection[41]
8.	Linalool		Anti-depressant, anxiolytic, immune potentiating effect[41]
B Sesquiterpenes			
9.	Humulene		Anti-inflammatory, anti-cancer, pain-reliever[42]
10.	α - Farnesene		Anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, sedative[42]

11.	β - Farnesene		Anti-cancer, anti-bacterial, anti-fungal[42]
12.	β - Caryophyllene		Analgesic, anti-inflammatory[42]
13.	α - Bisabolol		anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, antioxidant[42]
C Flavonoids			
14.	Apigenin		Anti-cancer, to treat amnesia, Alzheimer's and diabetes[43]
15.	Cannflavin A		Neuroprotective, antioxidant, antileishmanial activity, antiviral, anti-inflammatory, anti-cancer[43]
16.	Cannflavin B		
17.	Cannflavin C		
18.	Luteolin		Anti-hypertensive, anti-inflammatory, anti-cancer[43]
19.	Orientin		Antioxidant, cardio protective, neuroprotective, anti-adipogenesis, antinociceptive[43]
20.	Vitexin		Antioxidant, anti-cancer, improves digestion[43]

D		Steroids	
21.	Campesterol		Anti-inflammatory, cardioprotective, dyslipidemia[44]
22.	β - Sitosterol		Dyslipidemia, to treat erectile dysfunction [44]
23.	Stigmasterol		Anti-cancer[44]
E		Alkaloids	
24.	Cannabimines A		Pain-reliever, anti-spasmodic, to treat chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting in cancer patients[45]
25.	Cannabisativine		
F		Fatty acids	
26.	Caproic acid		Antioxidant, to treat intractable epilepsy [46]
27.	Eicosapentaenoic acid		Antioxidant, anti-depressant, to treat myocardial infarction, to treat chemotherapy-related side effects [46]
28.	Linoleic acid		Reduces total and LDL cholesterol, to treat skin-related disorders [46]
29.	α - Linolenic acid		To treat coronary artery disease, anti-hypertensive, dyslipidemia[46]
30.	γ - Linolenic acid		To treat rheumatoid arthritis, diabetic neuropathy, asthma [46]

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Overall, there has been a lack of high-quality research on the health consequences of medicinal

cannabis, making it unclear whether or not it is a viable treatment for ailment or whether the risks exceed the benefits. There isn't any reliable proof that it relieves muscle spasms or chronic pain. Its use for lowering chemotherapy-induced nausea, enhancing appetite in HIV patients, enhancing sleep, and easing Tourette syndrome tics is supported by low-quality evidence. In addition, when conventional treatment fails, cannabinoids have been proposed for glaucoma, migraine, glaucoma, anorexia, and so on[47].

Analgesic effect:

According to a 2021 evaluation, there isn't much of an impact on chronic pain relief from non-inhaled cannabis. A 2019 comprehensive analysis found that while cannabis was ineffective in treating chronic cancer pain, it did show some promise in treating neuropathic pain, multiple sclerosis spasms, and pain from rheumatic illnesses[48]. The authors claim that to provide firm recommendations, more randomized controlled studies of various cannabis products are required[49]. Inhaled cannabis for pain management raises blood levels of cannabinoids faster than oral cannabis; it peaks in three minutes and takes seven minutes to produce an analgesic effect[50]. When used in palliative care, cannabis appears to be safer than opioids, according to a 2011 evaluation that found it to be generally safe[51].

Glaucoma:

The eye condition glaucoma can be prevented and treated using marijuana[52]. A rise in pressure on the eyeball brought on by glaucoma damages the optic nerve. Glaucoma might potentially cause blindness if left untreated[53]. Research conducted at the National Eye Institute indicates that smoking marijuana lowers intraocular pressure[54]. However, there is a significant gap in the research

about marijuana's ability to treat glaucoma[55]. The effects of marijuana wear off after just four hours. Marijuana is not a very effective drug for treating glaucoma, there are better options on the market[56].

Chemo-induced nausea and vomiting:

It has been discovered that marijuana consumption is a highly effective way to relieve nausea, particularly in individuals undergoing chemotherapy[57]. Marijuana's THC is what makes people feel less queasy[58]. The fact that the National Comprehensive Cancer Network endorses and encourages marijuana use for reducing nausea and vomiting – a typical side effect of chemotherapy – tells us something about how beneficial the drug is[59]. The findings of a systematic review suggest that oral cannabinoids, such as dronabinol and nabilone, are useful antiemetics when used to treat chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting[60].

HIV:

Certain antiretroviral medications interact with cannabis[61]. For instance, it might lower the quantity of Reyataz (atazanavir) in your body below what is required to control HIV[62]. Cannabis with other HIV medications like Sustiva (efavirenz) and Intelence (etravirine) may interact considerably[63]. If you use cannabis, you may need to modify the dosage of these medications[64]. A little clinical research is assessing cannabis's impact on contemporary HIV medications. Its outcomes are HIV medications. Its outcomes are anticipated in 2025[65].

Improves lung function:

The American Medical Association released somewhat strange research in January of 2012[66]. It was said that because marijuana can increase



lung capacity, it improves the entire pulmonary environment rather than impairing lung function[67]. The study found that although marijuana inhalers demonstrated a gradual decline in lung function, with time, their lung capacity grew[68]. This startling tendency may not be related to any medicinal compound in marijuana, but rather to the physical effort involved in inhaling the plant[69].

Anti-cancer:

CND has been shown through research conducted at the Pacific Medical Centre in San Francisco, California, to have anti-carcinogenic properties[70]. As a result, marijuana high in CBD helps to prevent cancer. Additionally, anti-carcinogenic, cannabidiol prevents the growth of cancer by normalizing the Id-1 gene more frequently[71]. The body's ability to propagate malignant cells is aided by gene Id-1[72]. Highly enriched Id-1-positive breast cancer cells were the subject of another study[73]. CBD was used to treat these cells. Id-1 was reduced as a result of the treatment[74]. Studies have indicated that cannabis has the potential to kill cancer cells, but more research is necessary to confirm this[75].

Bowel disease:

According to the studies, Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis are two gastrointestinal conditions that can be treated with cannabis[76]. Researchers at the University of Nottingham discovered in 2010 that a number of the molecules in marijuana interact with bodily cells in a way that can be felt in the intestines[77]. The THC molecules in marijuana help intestinal cells bind together by blocking the body's production of substances that are similar to cannabinoids[78].

Parkinson's Disease:

Cannabis use may help to reduce Parkinson's disease symptoms, according to Israeli studies[79]. Medical marijuana users with Parkinson's disease report reduced pain, shaking, and discomfort[80]. Regular marijuana users demonstrated a noticeable improvement in their fine motor abilities[81]. One of the few countries that has accepted marijuana as a legitimate treatment for several illnesses is Israel[82].

Disorder related to post-traumatic stress:

The symptoms and after-effects of post-traumatic stress disorder are mitigated by marijuana use. In New Mexico, medical marijuana is now allowed for the treatment of PTSD[83]. Even the strictest laws in the United States have yielded the benefits of medical marijuana and its potential to treat PTSD[84]. The U.S. government has authorized the use of marijuana, either smoked or vaporized, as a PTSD coping mechanism. The main symptoms of PTSD are anxiety and tremor, which can be effectively treated with marijuana's THC content[85].

Hepatitis-C:

An illness called hepatitis C impairs the body's general functioning. Pain in the muscles, nausea, vomiting, fatigue, anxiety, and appetite loss are some of the unpleasant side effects of this intensely prescribed medication[86]. Medical marijuana users can better manage the side effects of their hepatitis C medication by smoking marijuana[87]. 86 out of every 100 people who smoked marijuana completed their hepatitis treatment, according to a study published in the *European Journal of Gastroenterology and Hepatology*[88]. Only 29% of non-smokers, on the other hand, were able to finish their Hepatitis C therapy. Furthermore, studies have indicated that marijuana may increase the efficacy of therapy[89]. The research found that 54% of



marijuana users have low hepatitis C virus levels, whereas for non-smokers it is only 8%[90].

ADVERSE EFFECTS:

Short-term effects:

Short-term use of medicinal cannabis causes short-term memory impairment, dizziness, tiredness, nausea, hallucinations, motor incoordination, altered sense of time, increased heart rate, breathing difficulty, confusion, increased intraocular pressure, panic attack, mood changes, and improper decision-making in all aspects[91]. In high doses, it causes psychosis and paranoia[92].

Long-term effects:

The long-term use of medicinal cannabis causes addiction, poor brain development, depression, diarrhea, chest tightness, constipation, absence of

involvement, schizophrenia, dissatisfaction in life and achievement, lung cancer, anxiety, impotence, bloodshot eyes, impaired sensory perception, risk of testicular cancer[93].

MARKETED FORMULATION:

To present, the FDA has not approved any formulations for the marketing application of cannabis to treat any disease or condition[94]. Nonetheless, the FDA has approved one cannabis-derived drug product, Epidiolex(cannabidiol), and three synthetic cannabis-related drug products, Marinol (drobinol), Syndros (drobinol), and Cesamet (nabilone) However, only these approved medication goods are available[95]. To obtain a prescription from a qualified healthcare professional. The FDA has not given its approval for any additional cannabis-derived products to be sold other than these[96].

No.	Dosage forms	Brand name	Company name	Dose	Prize
1.	Oral Capsule	Marinol (dronabinol)	Manus Aktteva Biopharma	2.5mg	Rs.98
2.	Oral solution	Syndros (drobinol)	Benuvia therapeutics	5mg/mL	\$1,218
3.	Oral Capsule	Cesamet (nabilone)	Meda Pharmaceuticals	1 mg	\$2,056
4.	Oral solution	Epidiolex (cannabidiol)	GW Pharmaceuticals	100mg/mL	Rs.30,000

HOMEMADE REMEDIES:

After harvesting, by using leftovers cannabis-based medicines like oils, pomades, or teas can be produced. Marketed products such as cannabis oil, cannabis gummies, cannabis capsules, cannabis beverages, cannabis chocolates, skincare, and cosmetic items made from cannabis[97]. The extract of cannabis from the hemp plant may relieve mental and physical health issues without possessing the same potent hallucinogenic effects as full-blown cannabis[98].

Cannabis oil as a pain-reliever:

It is made from the concentrated resin of marijuana which is highly effective for the treatment of pain, inflammation, and arterial tension also reduces intraocular pressure due to the presence of the high amount of cannabinoids[99].

Steps to prepare cannabis oil:

The pure extract of marijuana resin is prepared by shaking 20 buds with an abundant amount of leaves in a jar full of ethanol for ten minutes. The ethanol dissolves all the bud's resin and is isolated by using a filter, the resin and mixture of alcohol are left to dry for more than five days until the alcohol evaporates completely. The leftover blackish oil is the pure resin extract[100].

Cannabis creams as analgesic:

Homemade cannabis creams can be used to ease muscle pain and joint discomfort. This product has a burning effect when applied it relaxes muscles and reduces cartilage discomfort. On aching parts of the body, it has very effective action as the cannabinoids are absorbed through the skin[101].

Steps to prepare cannabis cream:

In a solution containing 1 liter of water and half a liter of oil immerse 20 buds and more amount of leaves for 2 to 4 hours at medium temperature. The obtained liquids were frozen after straining and it was kept aside for solidification until the oil was separated from water. It was boiled in a pot containing 50 grams of beeswax. It was kept aside until getting a homogenous and consistent texture[102].

Cannabis pot soap:

Cannabis possesses high vitamin E content as it helps to fight against free radicals and stimulates skin regeneration. It also has Omega 3 and 6 fats, that is responsible for the hydrating effect on the epidermis. It is used for people with dry and sensitive skin[103].

Steps to prepare cannabis pot soap:

In a vessel, 5 kilograms of cocoa butter is heated at 35°. Simultaneously, 670 grams of lye is dissolved at the same temperature. Add 670 grams of oat flour, 25g of hemp flour, and 50ml of marijuana oil is added to the mixture. Then pour these mixtures in a mold after it attained a particular consistency and it is kept aside for a day. Then remove it from the mold and cut it into your desired shapes[104].

Root tea:

Even marijuana roots contain cannabinoids. For more than 4000 years it has been used as a diuretic, to treat respiratory diseases, and internal hemorrhages, and to alleviate menstrual pain[105].

Steps to prepare root tea:

Clean the roots and cut them into small pieces. Then it is made into a fine powder by grinding and it is dried. Then small amount of the obtained powder is boiled in 1 liter of water[106].

CONCLUSION:

This is a pivotal moment in the history of scientific inquiry into the safety and efficacy of the evidence it contains. In the future, medical marijuana might be accepted as a legitimate drug and included into regular regimens for treating a range of ailments. Further investigation could lead to the discovery of novel therapeutic applications and improve our comprehension of its mode of action. This might result in the creation of more specialized cannabis-based drugs with ideal dosages and modes of administration. Furthermore, cannabis may be even more effective and less likely to cause negative side effects if it is incorporated into personalized medicine techniques that customize care to each patient's unique genetic profile and medical needs. All things considered, medical marijuana appears to have a bright future ahead of it, with the ability to provide patients with more treatment alternatives and enhance their quality of life.

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