Living Systematic Review on Cannabis and Other Plant-Based Treatments for Chronic Pain: 2023 Update – Surveillance Report 2

January 2024


Search Period: July 2, 2023, to October 23, 2023

Summary: Figure 1 shows the literature review process. Two new studies were identified that address Key Questions 1 and 2 (Table 1). The newly identified studies are not likely to change conclusions of the systematic review.
Figure 1. Literature flow diagram

Abstracts of potentially relevant articles identified through Ovid® MEDLINE®, PsycINFO®, Embase®, the Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials, Scopus, and prior chronic pain reports (n=5,228) [267]

Excluded abstracts (n=4,838) [221]

Full-text articles reviewed for inclusion (n=390) [46]

Excluded articles (n=357) [44]
- Ineligible population: 38
- Ineligible intervention: 7
- Ineligible comparison: 36
- Ineligible outcome: 7
- Ineligible duration: 18
- Ineligible study design: 53
- Ineligible publication type: 90
- Study not in English: 10
- Publication used as source document: 83
- Background information only: 15

Included studies (n=33) [2]

Note: Numbers in parentheses indicate all records identified up to the 2023 systematic review that had search dates through April 23, 2023. Numbers in brackets indicate the number of records identified since the systematic review was completed through October 23, 2023.

Table 1. New studies identified since the 2023 systematic review

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