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EMBASE: inception to June 15, 2019

Order	Search	Hits
1.	exp "Cannabis (genus)"/ or cannabis.mp. or exp "cannabis use"/ or exp cannabis smoking/ or	47677
	exp Cannabis sativa/ or exp "Cannabis sativa subsp. indica"/ or exp medical cannabis/ or exp	
	cannabis addiction/ or exp cannabis/ or exp "Cannabis sativa subsp. sativa"/ or exp cannabis	
	derivative/	
2.	marijuana.mp.	16748
3.	1 or 2	50463
4.	exp withdrawal syndrome/ or cannabis withdrawal.mp.	34063
5.	exp drug withdrawal/ or exp withdrawal syndrome/ or withdrawal.mp.	313158
6.	4 or 5	313158
7.	prevalence.mp. or exp prevalence/	988826
8.	3 and 6 and 7	239

MEDLINE: inception to June 15, 2019

Order	Search	Hits
1.	cannabis.mp. or exp Cannabis/	19938
2.	marijuana.mp.	18422
3.	cannabinoid.mp. or exp Cannabinoids/ or exp Endocannabinoids/	24887
4.	hashish.mp.	576
5.	exp "Marijuana Use"/ or exp Marijuana Abuse/	9816
6.	1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5	47925
7.	withdrawal.mp. or exp Substance Withdrawal Syndrome/	94691
8.	cannabis withdrawal syndrome.mp.	42
9.	7 or 8	94691

10	exp Prevalence/ or prevalence.mp.	654209
11	6 and 9 and 10	78

PsycINFO: inception to June 15, 2019

Order	Search	Hits
1.	exp "Cannabis Use Disorder"/ or exp Cannabis/ or cannabis.mp.	13157
2.	marijuana.mp. or exp Marijuana/ or exp Marijuana Usage/	11014
3.	cannabinoid.mp. or exp Cannabinoids/	5971
4.	exp Hashish/ or hashish.mp.	397
5.	nabilone.mp.	76
6.	exp Tetrahydrocannabinol/ or synthetic cannabinoids.mp.	1659
7.	weed.mp.	232
8.	1 or 2 or 3 or 4 or 5 or 6 or 7	23957
9.	exp Drug Withdrawal/ or cannabis withdrawal.mp.	7911
10	withdrawal syndrome.mp.	1637
11	marijuana withdrawal.mp.	93
12	9 or 10 or 11	8457
13	8 and 12	461

Web of Science: inception to June 15, 2019

Order	Search	Hits
1.	TOPIC: (cannabis)	21,176
2.	TOPIC: (withdrawal)	103,958
3.	TOPIC: (prevalence)	785,316
4.	1 and 2 and 3	93

Allied and Complementary Medicine: inception to June 15, 2019

Order	Search	Hits
1.	Cannabis/ or cannabis.mp.	260
2.	marijuana.mp.	92
3.	Cannabinoids/ or cannabinoids.mp.	89
4.	1 or 2 or 3	319
5.	withdrawal.mp.	721
6.	cannabis withdrawal.mp.	1
7.	5 or 6	721
8.	4 and 7	4

CINAHL and Pre-CINAHL: inception to June 15, 2019

Order	Search	Hits
1.	(MH "Cannabis") OR "cannabis" OR (MH "Medical Marijuana")	11,360
2.	(MH "Substance Withdrawal Syndrome") OR "withdrawal"	16,343
3.	S1 AND S2	293

ProQuest Dissertations & Theses: inception to June 15, 2019

Order	Search	Hits
1.	(cannabis withdrawal syndrome) AND prevalence	3,094

Psychiatry Online: inception to June 15, 2019

Order	Search	Hits
1.	cannabis withdrawal syndrome	209

eTable 2. Study Characteristics

Psych	TS	Demographic	CUD_%	Male_%	Age	White_%	Black_%	Hispanic_%	Asian_%	Daily_MJ_%	Timeline	Ν	CWS_n	CWS_%	Threshold_Sx	Quality
No	No	Adults	12.2	62	30.8	76	0	19	7	100	Past Year	1603	128	8.0	2	Fair
Yes	Yes	Adults	81.7	77	41.5	31	69	0	0	53	Past Year	120	60	50.0	6	Poor
Yes	Yes	Adults	100	80	28.6	97	0			62	Lifetime	39	36	92.3	4	Fair
No	Yes	Adults	100	87	31.2	98	0	0	0	100	Lifetime	62	47	75.8	1	Fair
No	Yes	Adults	54	85	33.8	100	0	0	0	81	Lifetime	54	31	57.4	3	Poor
No	Yes	Adults	100	61	30.9	94	6	0	0	100	Lifetime	18	14	77.8	4	Fair
Yes	No	Adults	100	82.6	27.4	100	0	0	0	100	Past Year	23	7	30.4	3	Poor
Yes	No	C&A	60.7	67	16.8	90	5	2.5	2.5	45.3	Past Year	214	79	36.9	2	Fair
No	No	Adults	54	78	35	52	0	0	0	80	Past Year	104	46	44.2	4	Poor
Yes	Yes	Mixed	100	54	20.3	71	23		1	49	Past Year	170	74	43.5	4	Fair
No	No	Adults	8	57	37	53	36	6	6	64	Past Year	102	16	15.7	3	Fair
Yes	Yes	C&A	78.6	72	15.8	48	12	41	0	71	Lifetime	229	153	66.8	1	Fair
Yes	No	Mixed	53.4	93	19.2	22	26	35	0	78	Past Year	110	53	48.2	1	Fair
No	No	Adults	11.7	50	24.8	100	0	0	0		Past Year	1568	458	29.2	1	Fair
No	No	Adults	16.4	65	23.9	100	0	0	0	100	Past Year	359	45	12.5	1	Fair
Yes	Yes	Adults	100	75	28.7	100	0	0	0	100	Lifetime	92	78	84.8	1	Fair
No	No	Adults	13.9	38	48.4	29	71	0	0	100	Past Year	818	135	16.5	3	Good
No	No	Adults	92.4	58.3	29.2	0	82	6	0	66	Past Year	384	157	40.9	3	Fair
Yes	No	C&A	84.4	82	16.6	86	0	0	0	100	Past Year	90	36	40.0	1	Fair
No	No	Adults	57.2	67	58.5	75	11	7	2	57	Past Year	2613	899	34.4	3	Fair
No	Yes	Adults	77.9	73	33.3	10	85	5	0	100	Past Year	136	69	50.7	6	Fair
No	Yes	Adults	100	80	32.3	89	11	0	0	84	Past Year	160	82	51.3	4	Fair
No	Yes	Adults	100	87	42.5	85	15	0	0	100	Lifetime	30	18	60.0	3	Good
No	Yes	Adults	79.3	100	28.5	14	86	0	0	100	Lifetime	30	22	73.3	1	Poor
Yes	Yes	Mixed	100	74	34.3	42	24	29	2	42	Lifetime	42	29	69.0	1	Fair
No	No	Adults	91	58	31.2	20	80	0	0	100	Past Year	469	199	42.4	6	Poor

Yes	No	Adults	24.6	66		59					Past Year	1527	185	12.1	3	Fair
Yes	No	Adults	26.7	90.1	39					30.1	Past Year	278	21	7.6	3	Fair
Yes	Yes	Adults	100	63	31	66	0	0	34	98	Lifetime	47	41	87.2	1	Poor
No	No	Adults	48	49	22	100	0	0	0	100	Past Year	416	208	50.0	1	Fair
No	Yes	Adults	63	49	22	100	0	0	0	100	Lifetime	278	189	68.0	1	Fair
Yes	Yes	C&A	100	67	17	100	0	0	0	100	Lifetime	21	21	100.0	1	Fair
No	No	Mixed	3.5		19	100	0	0	0	2.9	Past Year	732	118	16.1	4	Fair
No	Yes	Adults	1.8	53.6	45.1	86.7	10.7	8	8	87.2	Past Year	801	419	52.3	1	Poor
No	Yes	Mixed	100	85	19.6	100	0	0	0	100	Lifetime	118	85	72.0	3	Fair
Yes	No	Adults	30	66.1	32	76					Past Year	596	238	39.9	2	Poor
No	Yes	Adults	100	72	30.3	64	28	0	0	100	Past Year	302	152	50.3	1	Fair
No	No	Adults		68	34.3					19	Past Year	1712	322	18.8	2	Fair
No	No	Adults		68	34.3					19	Past Year	1187	116	9.8	2	Fair
No	Yes	C&A	76.9	100	16.4	45	22	27	5	51	Lifetime	93	62	66.7	1	Fair
No	Yes	Adults	100	68.4	36.1	69.3	12.2	17.3	1.1	100	Lifetime	450	349	77.6	1	Fair
No	No	Adults	57	58	36					65	Past Year	243	49	20.2	1	Poor
No	No	Adults	92	53.7	30					51.2	Past Year	162	52	32.1	1	Fair
No	No	Adults	20.8							100	Past Year	722	213	29.5	1	Fair
No	Yes	C&A	56.9	90	16.2	89	11	0	0	100	Past Year	72	42	58.3	4	Fair
No	Yes	Adults	100	50	28.2	100	0	0	0	100	Lifetime	12	12	100.0	1	Fair
No	No	Adults	23.6	39	31.9	100	0	0	0	14	Past Year	2276	270	11.9	3	Fair
No	Yes	Adults	79.1	69.8	37					100	Lifetime	43	28	65.1	2	Poor
No	Yes	Adults	100	71.4	27					100	Lifetime	56	36	64.3	2	Poor
Yes	No	Adults	50.4	63	32.3	72	19	6	0	16	Past Year	1735	270	15.6	2	Fair

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Instrument	Туре
Addiction Severity Index ¹	Clinician Administered
Cannabis Use Disorder and Associated Disabilities Schedule ²	Clinician Administered
Customary Drinking and Drug Use Record ³	Clinician Administered
Composite International Diagnostic Interview ⁴	Clinician Administered
Circumstances, Motivation, Readiness for Treatment Scale ⁴	Clinician Administered
Cannabis Use Disorders Identification Test ⁵	Clinician Administered
Cannabis Withdrawal Scale ⁶	Clinician Administered
Marijuana Problem Inventory ⁷	Clinician Administered
Structured Clinical Interview for DSM ⁸	Clinician Administered
Daily Marijuana Questionnaire ^{9,10}	Self-reported
Inventory of Drug Use Consequences ¹¹	Self-reported
Marijuana Craving Questionnaire ¹²	Self-reported
Marijuana Quit Questionnaire ¹³	Self-reported
Marijuana Motives Measure ¹⁴	Self-reported
Marijuana Problem Scale ¹⁵	Self-reported
Marijuana Withdrawal Symptom Checklist ¹⁶	Self-reported
Symptom Checklist-90 revised ¹⁷	Self-reported
Time-Line-Follow-Back ¹⁸	Self-reported

eFigure 1. Subgroup analyses and meta-regressions



Forest Plot for Prevalence of Cannabis Withdrawal in People With Cannabis Use Disorder

Stratified by Study Design

Source	Proportion (95% CI)		
Diagnosis_Method = C	linician rated	_	
Cross-sectional survey	0.08 [0.07; 0.09]	•	
Prospective cohort	0.76 [0.63; 0.86]	_	_
Cross-contional our vov	0.37 [0.30, 0.44]		
Cross-sectional survey	0.29 [0.27, 0.32]	F	
Prospective cohort	0.85 [0.76: 0.91]	-	_
Cross-sectional survey	0.34 [0.33: 0.36]	—	-
Prospective cohort	0.51 [0.42; 0.59]		
Prospective cohort	0.60 [0.41; 0.77]		
Prospective cohort	0.69 [0.53; 0.82]		_
Cross-sectional survey	0.12 [0.11; 0.14]		
Cross-sectional survey	0.08 [0.05; 0.11]	₽	
Cross-sectional survey	0.40 [0.36; 0.44]	_ *	
Cross-sectional survey	0.19 [0.17; 0.21]		
Retrospective cohort	0.10[0.06, 0.12]	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Cross-sectional survey	0 20 [0 15: 0 26]		•
Cross-sectional survey	0.32 [0.25: 0.40]		
Cross-sectional survey	0.30 [0.26; 0.33]		
Prospective cohort	0.58 [0.46; 0.70]		
Total (fixed effect)	0.25 [0.24; 0.26]	۵	
Total (random effects)	0.35 [0.24; 0.48]		
Heterogeneity: $c_{19}^2 = 1486$	$1.01 \ (P < .01), \ I^2 = 99\%$		
Diagnosis_Method = S	elf rated	_	
Retrospective cohort	0.50 [0.41; 0.59]		_
Prospective conort	0.92 [0.79; 0.98]	_	
Prospective cohort	0.57 [0.43, 0.71]		
Prospective cohort	0.30 [0.13: 0.53]		•
Retrospective cohort	0.44 [0.34: 0.54]	— —	
Retrospective cohort	0.44 [0.36; 0.51]	·	
Retrospective cohort	0.48 [0.39; 0.58]	— —	
Retrospective cohort	0.41 [0.36; 0.46]		
Prospective cohort	0.40 [0.30; 0.51]	i — ■ <u>- </u> _	
Prospective cohort	0.51 [0.43; 0.59]		
Prospective cohort	0.73 [0.54; 0.88]		
Retrospective conort	0.42 [0.38; 0.47]		
Prospective cohort	1 00 [0.74, 0.95]		
Prospective cohort	0.52 [0.49: 0.56]		
Prospective cohort	0.72 [0.63; 0.80]	— — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — — —	-
Prospective cohort	0.50 [0.45; 0.56]		
Retrospective cohort	0.67 [0.56; 0.76]	— <u>—</u>	
Prospective cohort	1.00 [0.74; 1.00]		
Cross-sectional survey	0.12 [0.11; 0.13]	+	
Retrospective cohort	0.65 [0.49; 0.79]		
Total (fixed offect)	0.64 [0.50; 0.77]		
Total (random effects)	0.55 [0.54, 0.56]		
Heterogeneity: $c_{aa}^2 = 857.4$	$49 (P < .01), I^2 = 98\%$		
Diagnosis Method = Ir	nformant rated		
Cross-sectional survey	0.16 [0.09; 0.24]		
Retrospective cohort	0.67 [0.60; 0.73]		
Cross-sectional survey	0.17 [0.14; 0.19]	—	
Retrospective cohort	0.50 [0.45; 0.55]		
Retrospective cohort	0.68 [0.62; 0.73]		
Cross-sectional survey	0.16 [0.14; 0.19]		
Total (fixed effect)	0.10 [0.14; 0.17]	•	
Total (random effects)	0.32 [0.24, 0.27]	~	
Heterogeneity: $c_c^2 = 637.0$	$4 (P < .01), I^2 = 99\%$		
Total (fixed effect)	0.28 [0.27; 0.28]	6	
Total (random effects)	0.46 [0.37; 0.55]		
Heterogeneity: $c_{49}^2 = 3180$	$1.45 (P = 0), I^2 = 99\%$		
		0.2 0.4 0.6 0	1.8 1
		(95% CI)	

Forest Plot for Prevalence of Cannabis Withdrawal in People With Cannabis Use Disorder

Stratified by Method of Cannabis Withdrawal Diagnosis



Forest Plot for Prevalence of Cannabis Withdrawal in People With Cannabis Use Disorder

Stratified by Method of Cannabis Use Disorder Diagnosis



Forest Plot for Prevalence of Cannabis Withdrawal in People With Cannabis Use Disorder Stratified by Timeline of Cannabis Withdrawal



Forest Plot for Prevalence of Cannabis Withdrawal reported by studies with male and female subgroups



Forest Plot for Prevalence of Cannabis Withdrawal reported by studies by subgroups for quality of study (as per Newcastle Ottawa Scale): no subgroup differences detected.



eFigure 2. Publication bias analysis using funnel plot for prevalence of cannabis withdrawal syndrome against standard error

Article	Representation	Selection	Exposure	Outcome	Comparability	Assessment	Follow-up	Attrition	Overall
Agrawal et al. 2008 ¹⁹	*	*	*		*				Fair
Boggs et al. 2013 ²⁰									Poor
Bonnet et al. 2014 ²¹			*			*		*	Fair
Budney et al. 1998 ²²			*		*				Fair
Budney et al. 1999 ¹⁶									Poor
Budney et al. 2003 ²³		*			*		*		Fair
Chauchard et al. 2018 ²⁴			*						Poor
<i>Chung et al.</i> 2008 ²⁵			*				*	*	Fair
Copersino et al. 2006 ²⁶			*						Poor
Cornelius et al. 2008 ²⁷	*		*		*	*			Fair
<i>Cottler et al. 1995</i> ²⁸	*		*						Fair
<i>Crowley et al.</i> 1998 ²⁹			*		*				Fair
Davis et al. 2016 ³⁰	*		*		*		*		Fair
Delforterie et al. 2015 ³¹	*		*						Fair
Delforterie et al. 2015b ³¹	*		*						Fair
Dervaux et al. 2011 ³²			*		*				Fair
<i>Ehlers et al. 2010³³</i>	*	*	*		*	*		*	Good
Gorelick et al. 2012 ³⁴			*		*		*		Fair
<i>Greene et al. 2014</i> ³⁵					*	*			Fair
Hasin et al. 2008 ³⁶	*		*		*	*			Fair
Herrmann et al. 2015 ³⁷			*		*				Fair
Jungerman et al. 2008 ³⁸			*		*				Fair
<i>Kouri & Pope 2000</i> ³⁹	*	*		*	*		*	*	Good
<i>Lee et al.</i> 2014 ⁴⁰					*				Poor
<i>Levin et al.</i> 2006 ⁴¹			*		*				Fair
<i>Levin et al.</i> 2010 ¹³					*				Poor
<i>Livne et al. 2019</i> ⁴²	*		*						Fair

eTable 3. Quality Assessment Using Newcastle Ottawa Scale

Lukasiewicz et al.			*			*			Fair
Macfarlane et al.			*						Poor
201544									
Mennes et al. 2009 ⁴⁵	*		*		*	*			Fair
<i>Mennes et al.</i> 2009b ⁴⁵	*				*	*			Fair
<i>Milin et al. 2008</i> ⁴⁶			*		*		*		Fair
<i>Nocon et al. 2006</i> ⁴⁷	*		*				*	*	Fair
<i>Perron et al. 2019</i> ⁴⁸									Poor
Preuss et al. 2010 ⁴⁹					*			*	Fair
Schuckit et al. 1999 ⁵⁰					*				Poor
<i>Sherman et al.</i> 2017 ⁵¹			*		*				Fair
Smith et al. 2013 ⁵²	*		*			*			Fair
<i>Smith et al. 2013b</i> ⁵²	*		*			*			Fair
Soenksen et al. 2015 ⁵³		*		*	*				Fair
Stephens et al. 2002^{54}		*	*			*	*		Fair
Swift et al. 1998 ⁵⁵			*						Poor
<i>Swift et al. 2000</i> ⁵⁶			*				*	*	Fair
<i>Swift et al. 2001</i> ⁵⁷	*		*						Fair
Vandrey et al. 2005 ⁹			*		*				Fair
Vandrey et al. 2008 58			*	*	*		*		Fair
Verweij et al. 2013 ⁵⁹	*		*			*			Fair
Vorspan et al. 2010 ⁶⁰									Poor
Vorspan et al. 2010b ⁶⁰									Poor
<i>Wiesbeck et al.</i> 1996 ⁶¹	*	*	*			*			Fair

Studies that achieved a total rating of 6 points or higher were considered to be of the highest quality ("good"); studies that achieved a total rating of fewer than 2 points were considered to be of lowest quality ("poor"); and those between 2 and 5 points were rated as fair quality.

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