

# Can we use marijuana concurrent with cancer treatment? (Opposition)

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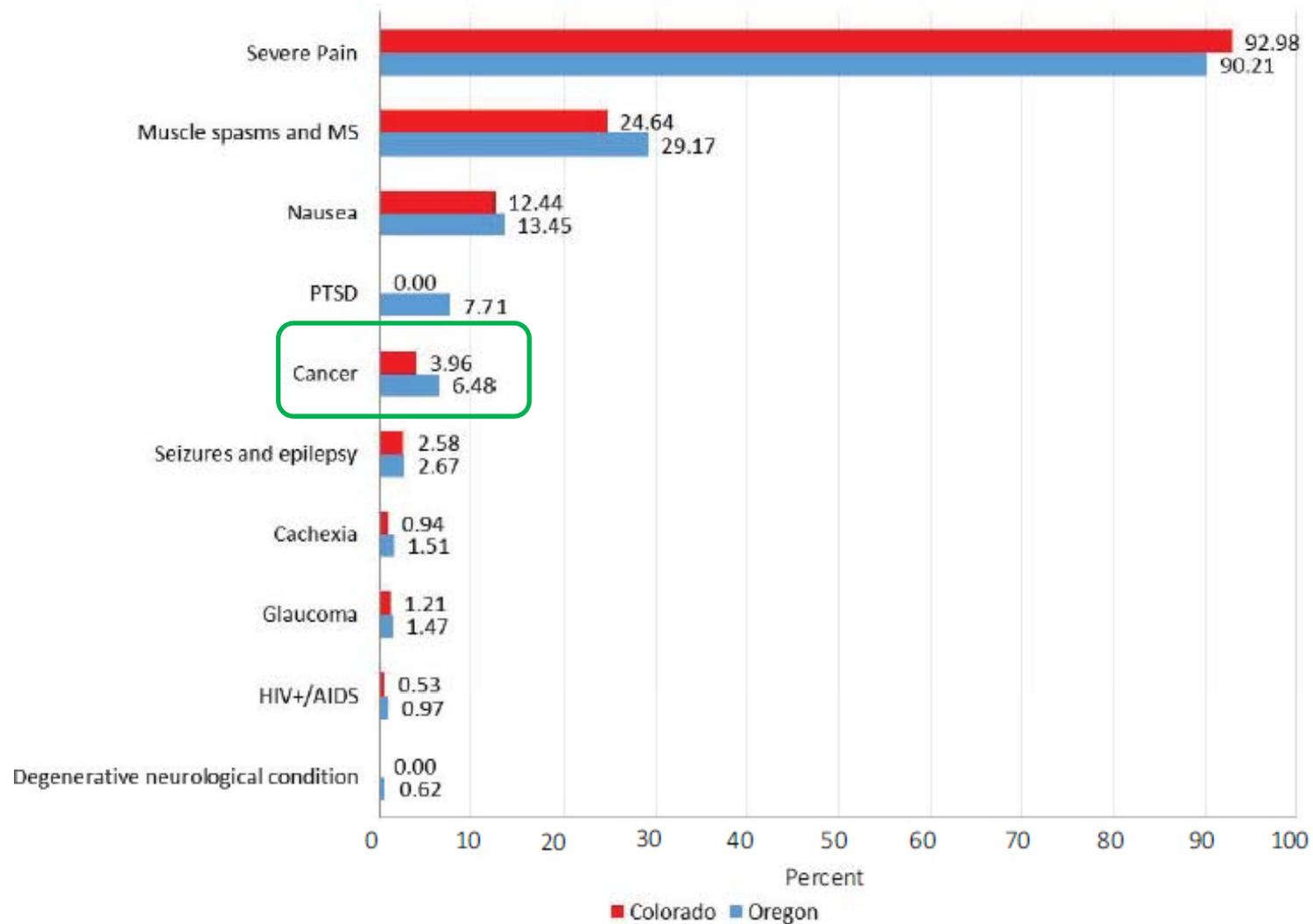
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# Expectation vs Reality



# Percentage of medical cannabis patients



# Phase of a clinical trial



## Stages of Clinical Trials

Studies in lab or animals	Safety and dosing (↓ patients)	Efficacy and safety (↑ patients)	Efficacy , safety and VS standard Tx (↑↑↑ patients)	Long term safety
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## Original Investigation

## Cannabinoids for Medical Use A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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**IMPORTANCE** Cannabis and cannabinoid drugs are widely used to treat disease or alleviate symptoms, but their efficacy for specific indications is not clear.

**OBJECTIVE** To conduct a systematic review of the benefits and adverse events (AEs) of cannabinoids.

**DATA SOURCES** Twenty-eight databases from inception to April 2015.

**STUDY DESIGN** Randomized clinical trials of cannabinoids for the following indications: nausea and vomiting due to chemotherapy, appetite stimulation in HIV/AIDS, chronic pain, spasticity due to multiple sclerosis or paraplegia, depression, anxiety disorder, sleep disorder, psychosis, glaucoma, or Tourette syndrome.

**DATA EXTRACTION AND SYNTHESIS** Study quality was assessed using the Cochrane risk of bias tool. All review stages were conducted independently by 2 reviewers. Where possible, data were pooled using random-effects meta-analysis.

**MAIN OUTCOMES AND MEASURES** Patient-relevant/disease-specific outcomes, activities of daily living, quality of life, global impression of change, and AEs.

**RESULTS** A total of 79 trials (6462 participants) were included; 4 were judged at low risk of bias. Most trials showed improvement in symptoms associated with cannabinoids but these associations did not reach statistical significance in all trials. Compared with placebo, cannabinoids were associated with a greater average number of patients showing a complete nausea and vomiting response (47% vs 20%; odds ratio [OR], 3.82 [95% CI, 1.55-9.42]; 3 trials), reduction in pain (37% vs 31%; OR, 1.41 [95% CI, 0.99-2.00]; 8 trials), a greater average reduction in numerical rating scale pain assessment (on a 0-10-point scale; weighted mean difference [WMD], -0.46 [95% CI, -0.80 to -0.11]; 6 trials), and average reduction in the Ashworth spasticity scale (WMD, -0.12 [95% CI, -0.24 to 0.01]; 5 trials). There was an increased risk of short-term AEs with cannabinoids, including serious AEs. Common AEs included dizziness, dry mouth, nausea, fatigue, somnolence, euphoria, vomiting, disorientation, drowsiness, confusion, loss of balance, and hallucination.

**CONCLUSIONS AND RELEVANCE** There was moderate-quality evidence to support the use of cannabinoids for the treatment of chronic pain and spasticity. There was low-quality evidence suggesting that cannabinoids were associated with improvements in nausea and vomiting due to chemotherapy, weight gain in HIV infection, sleep disorders, and Tourette syndrome. Cannabinoids were associated with an increased risk of short-term AEs.

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# Evidence

## 79 RCTs were included

28 CINV

28 Chronic pain

14 Spasticity due to multiple sclerosis or paraplegia

4 HIV/AIDS

2 Sleep disorders

2 Psychosis

1 Anxiety disorders

1 Glaucoma

0 Depression

# CINV

28 studies

- Nabilone 14 studies
- Dronabinol 3 studies
- Nabiximols 1 studies
- Levonantradol 4 studies
- THC 6 studies

C:

- Dronabinol + Ondansetron/Prochlorperazine (2)
- Placebo (8)
- Active comparators (Prochlorperazine, Chlorpromazine, Domperidone, Alizapride, Hydroxyzine, Metoclopramide, Ondansetron)

All studies suggested a **greater benefit of cannabinoids** compared with both active comparators and placebo, but these **did not reach statistical significance in all studies.**

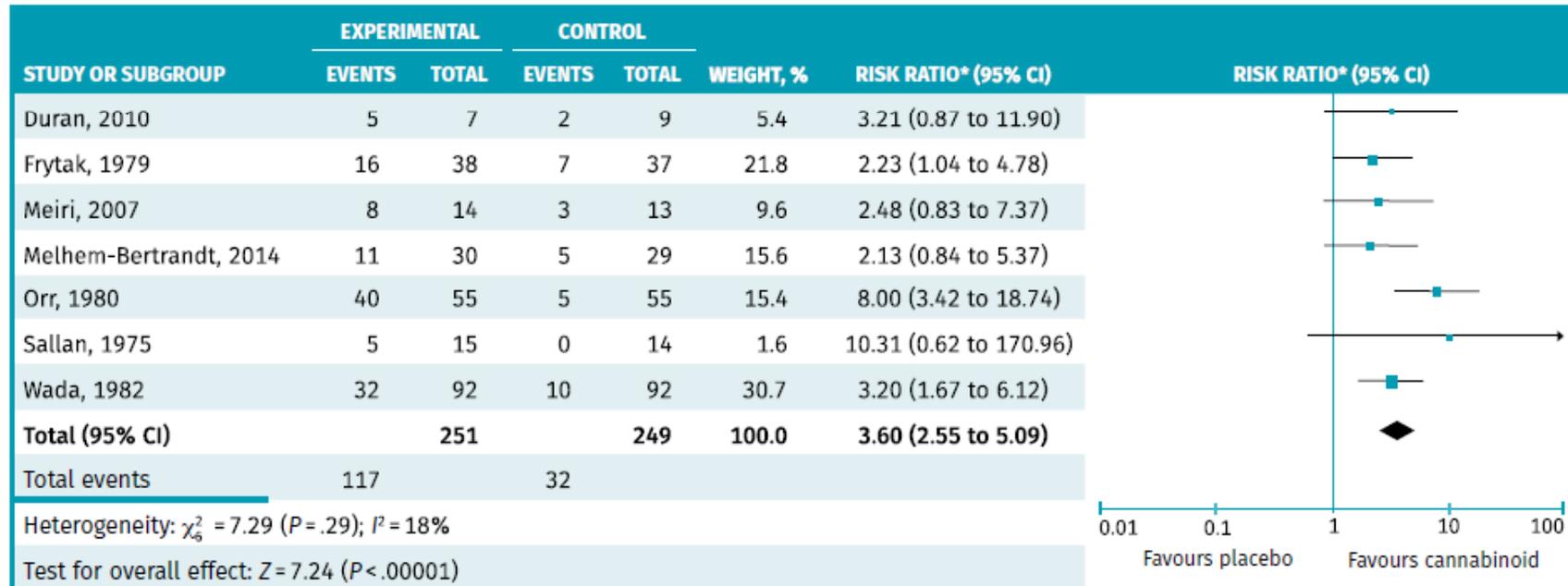
Table 1. Evaluation of Interventions by Included Studies (continued)

Intervention	US Legal Status and Approved Use	Cannabis-Related Properties	Administration Method	Dose Evaluated	Comparator	No. of Studies <sup>a</sup>	Indication
THC	Same as cannabis	Active cannabinoid part of cannabis	Capsules (oral)	Maximum 5 mg-60 mg/d, given 1 ×/d or every 4-6 h in chemotherapy patients	Placebo	3	Pain, Tourette syndrome
					Placebo and codeine	1	Pain
					Placebo and prochlorperazine	2	Nausea and vomiting
					Prochlorperazine	3	
			Hydroxyzine	1			
			Smoked	1-5 cigarettes/d Potency, where reported, ranged from 2.5%-9.4%	Placebo	5	Spasticity, pain
			Oromucosal spray	Single daily dose to a maximum of 8 actuations/24 h Concentration 1%-7%	Placebo	4	Pain, glaucoma
THC/CBD	See individual components	Combination of CBD and THC	Capsules (oral)	Maximum 10 mg-60 mg/d, given as 2 doses	Placebo	4	Spasticity

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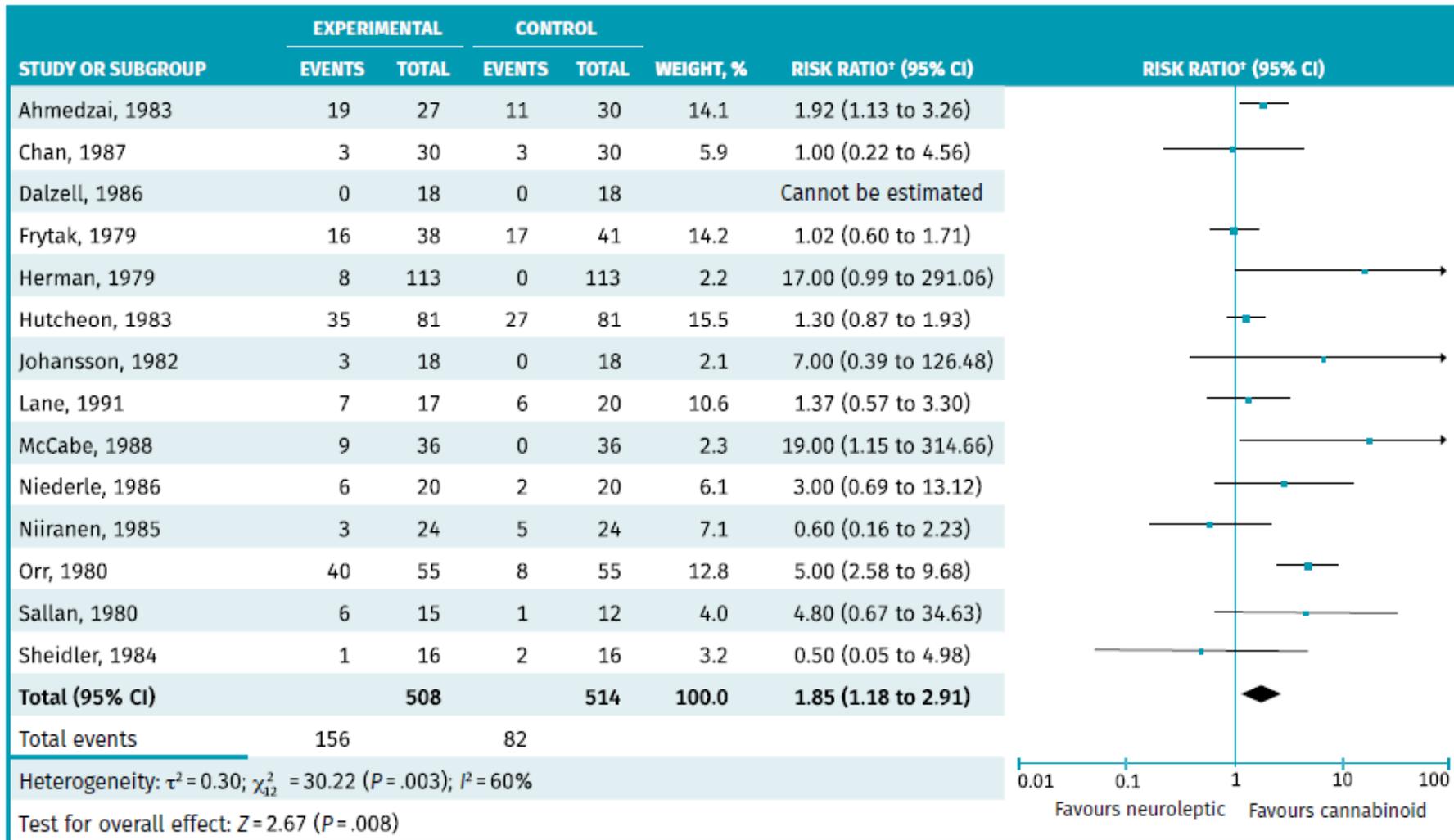
## (Medical cannabinoid VS Placebo)

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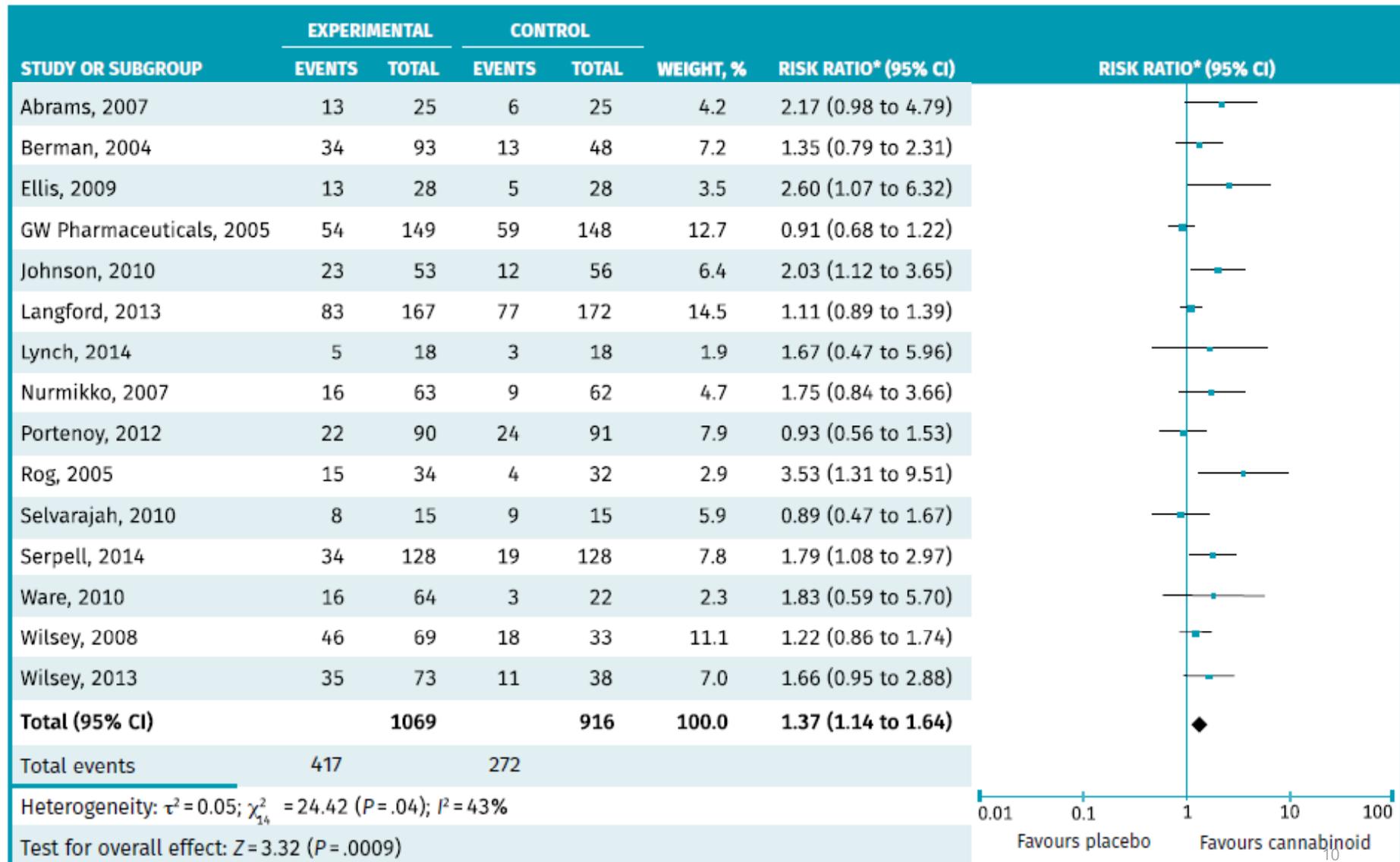


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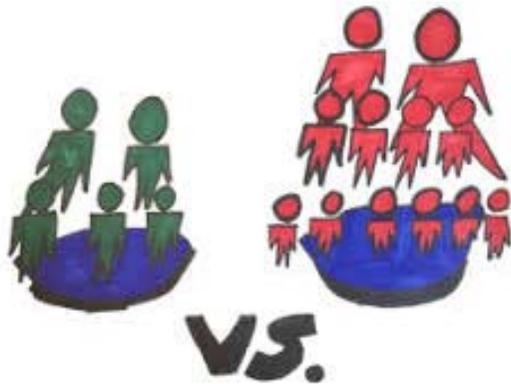
## (Medical cannabinoid VS Antipsychotics)



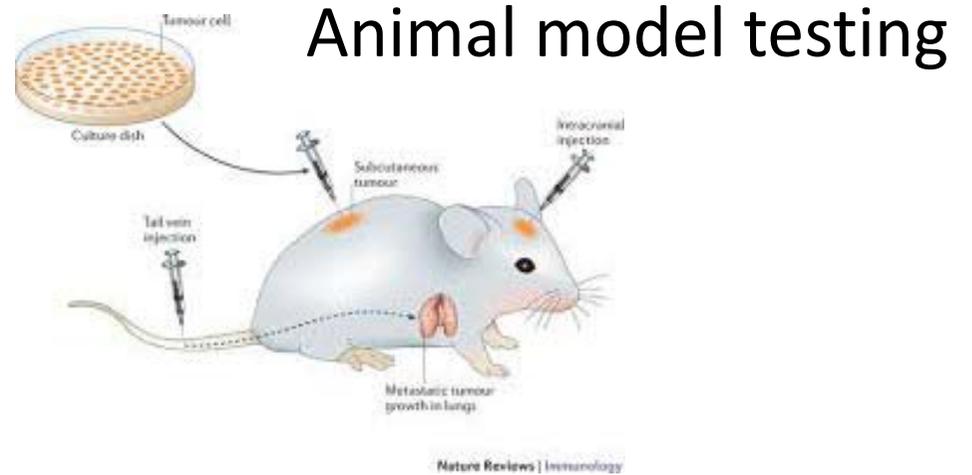
# ≥30% ↓ Pain (Medical cannabinoids VS Placebo)



# Medical cannabis vs Cancer



Low sample size



Cell line testing

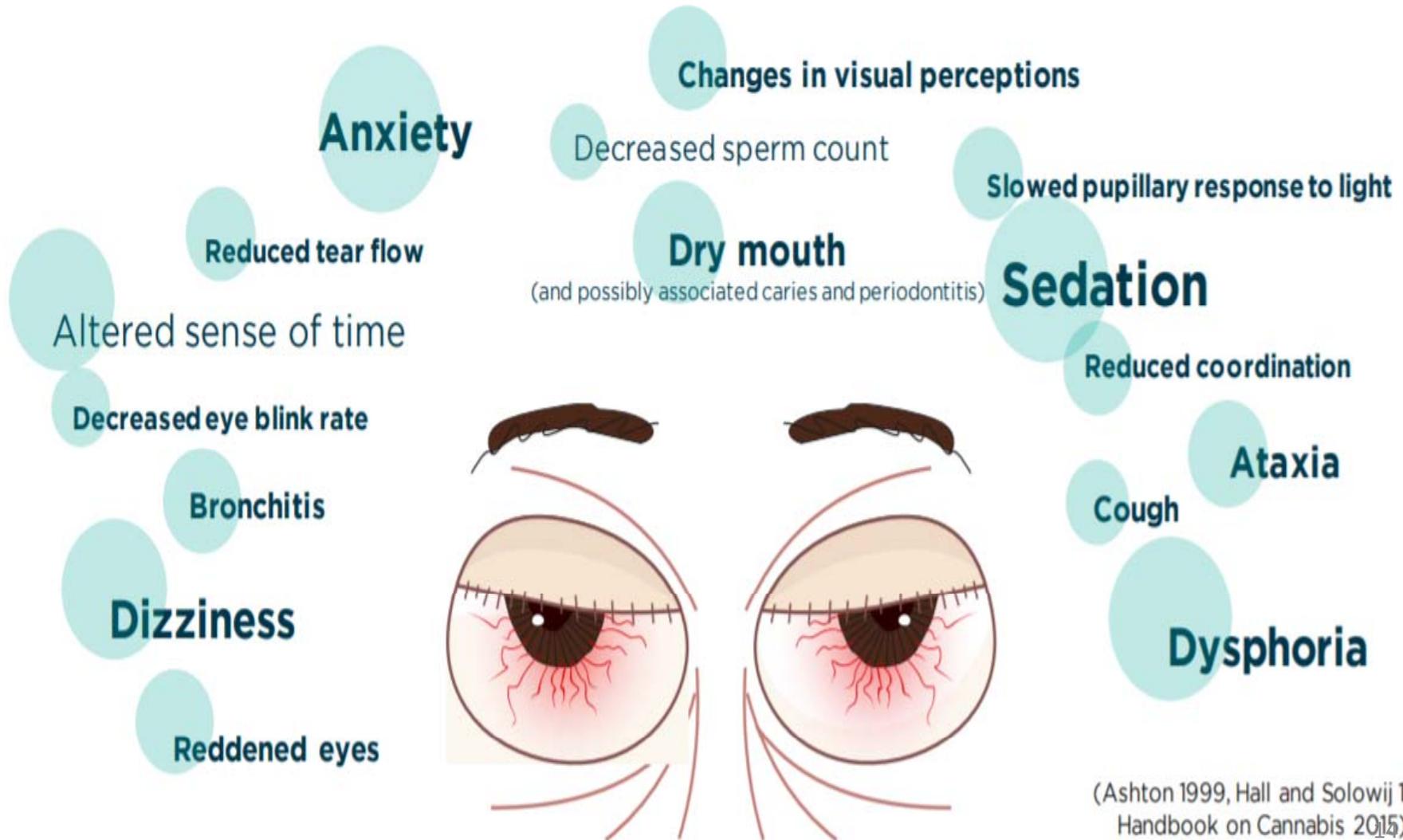
# Drug interaction (DI)

Substances	Metabolism	Inhibit	Induce
THC	CYP <u>2C9</u>	CYP 2C9	CYP <u>1A2</u>
	CYP 2C19	CYP <u>2B6</u>	
	CYP <u>3A4</u>	CYP <u>3A4</u>	
CBD	CYP <u>2C19</u>	CYP <u>1A1</u>	
	CYP <u>3A4</u>	CYP 1A2	
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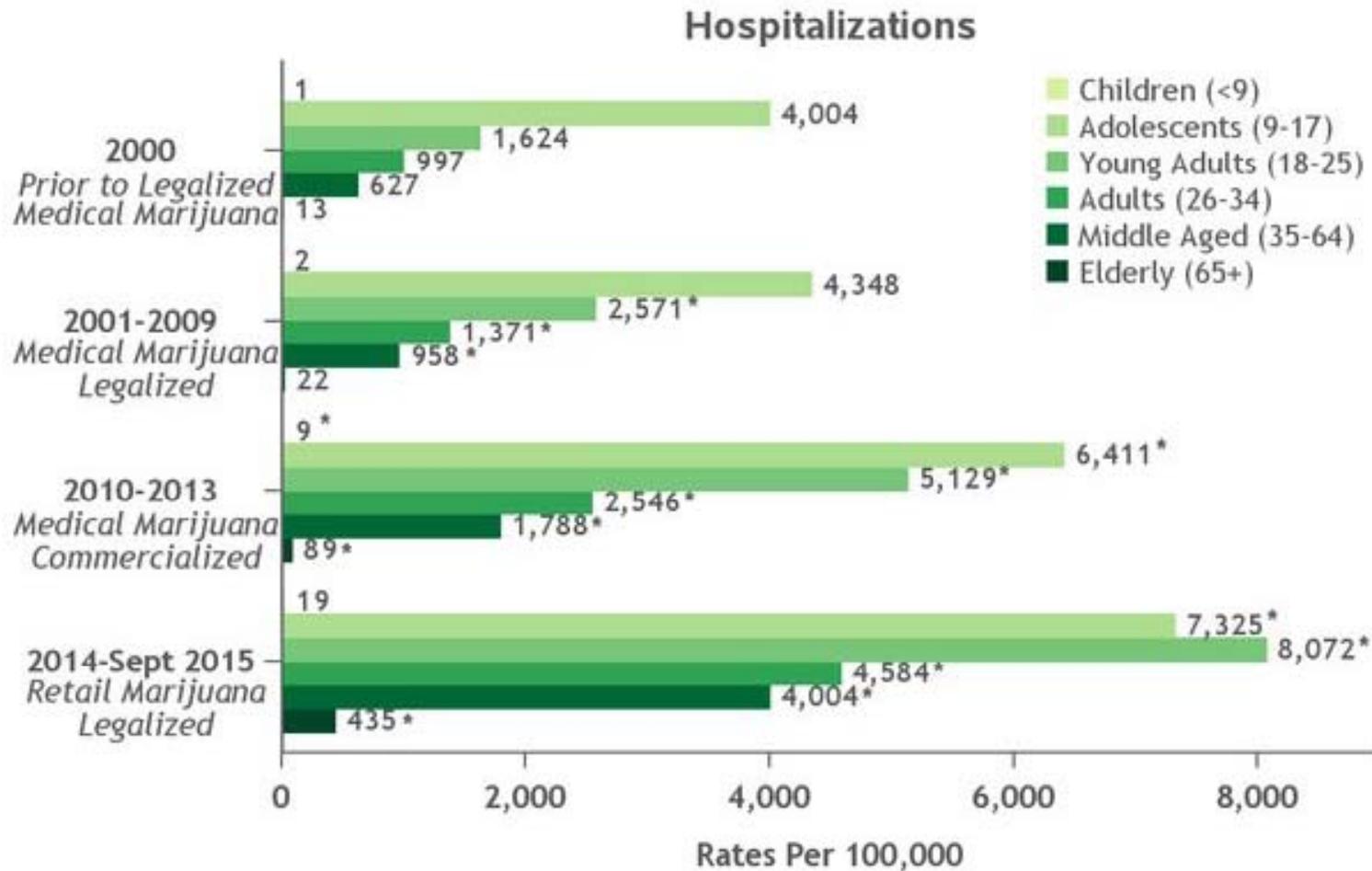
# DI with Chemotherapy

Inhibit P-gp	Inhibit CYP 3A4
Antimetabolite : MTX	Alkylating agents : CTX, Ifosfamide
Anthracycline : Doxorubicin, Daunorubicin (except Idarubicin)	Hormonal therapy : Tamoxifen, Anastrozole, Letrozole
Mitoxantrone	
Tamoxifen (CYP2D6)	
Taxane : Docetaxel, Paclitaxel	
Vinca alkaloid	
Topoisomerase I/II inhibitors : Irinotecan, Topotecan, Etoposide	
<b>Tyrosine kinase inhibitors</b>	

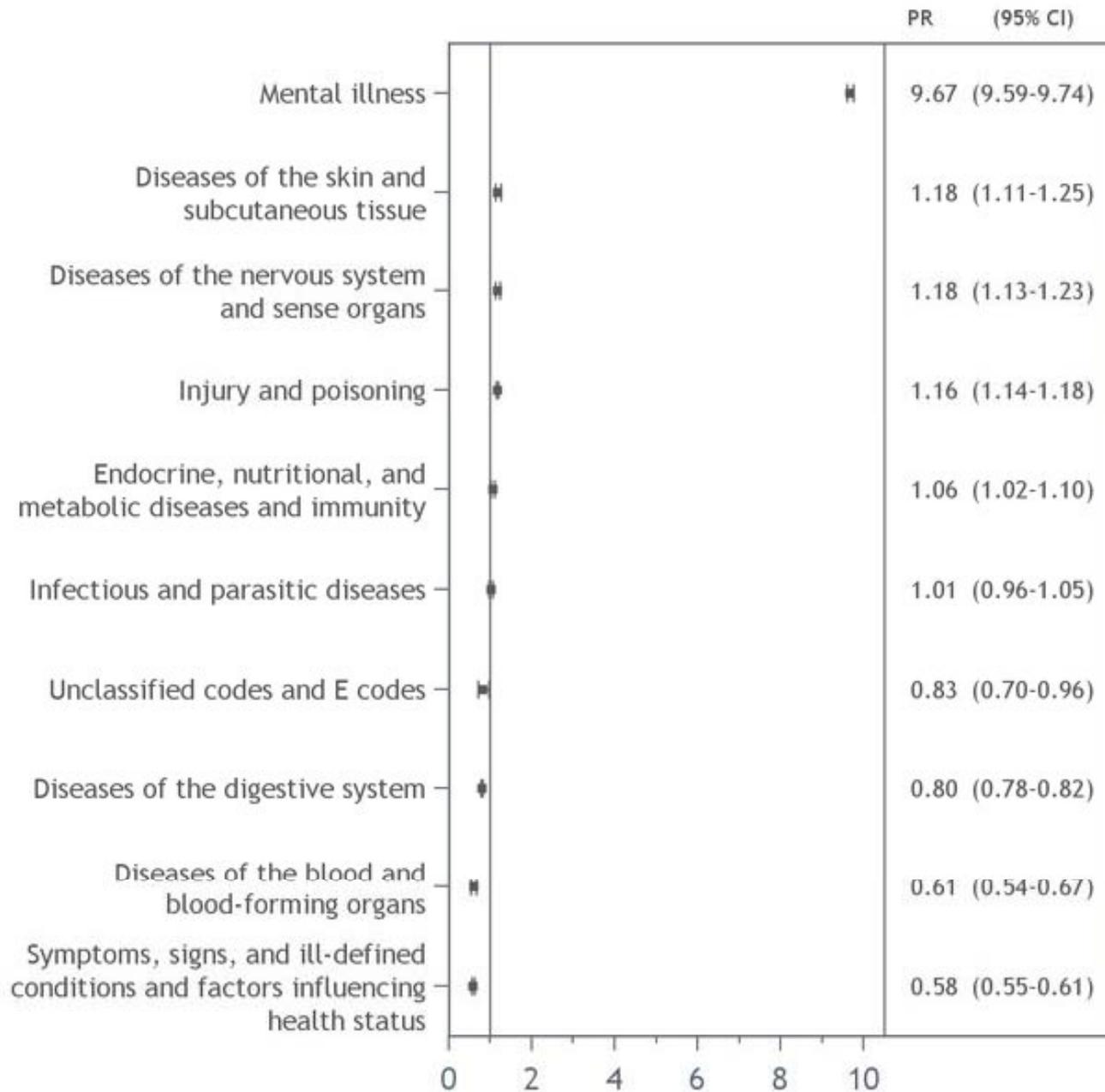
# Adverse effects



# AE lead to Hospitalization



Prevalence Ratio and 95% CI



Top-ten  
primary Dx  
among  
hospitalizations

# Conclusion

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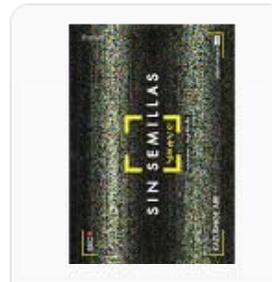
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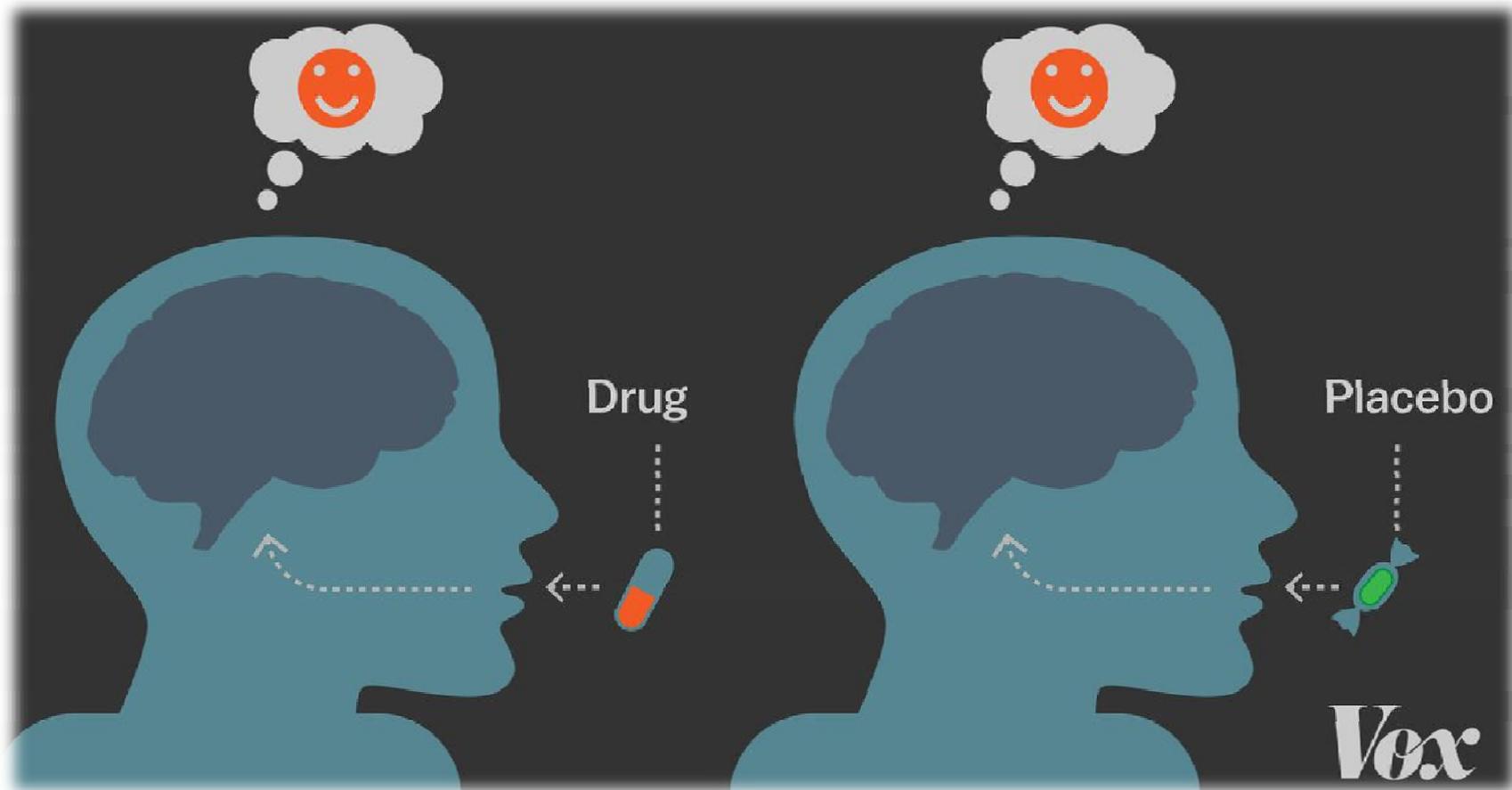
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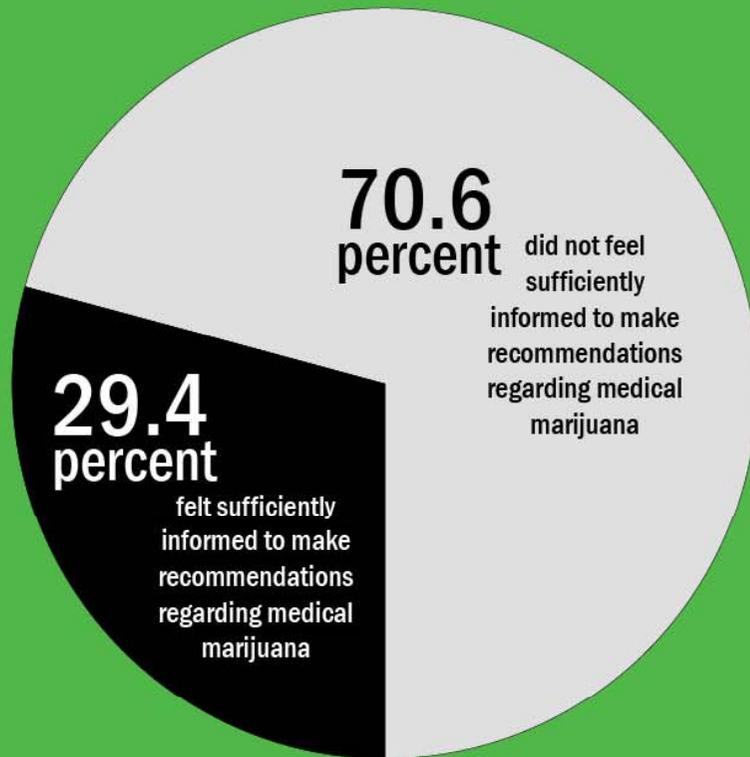
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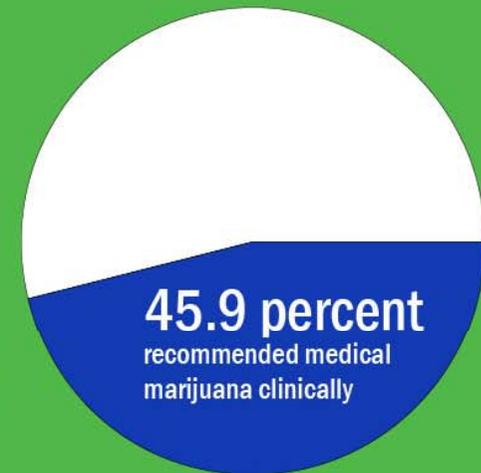
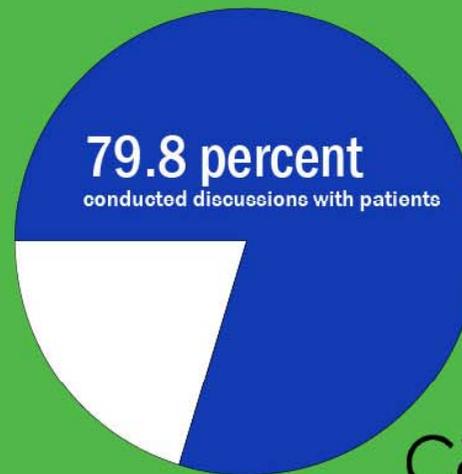


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# Patient counseling



Risk vs benefit  
Closely monitoring