# CBD IN MIGRAINE HEADACHE

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#### **HEADACHE**

- TYPES
- CLINCAL SYMPTOMS
- PATHOPHYSIOLOGY
- HISTORY OF CANNABIS CONSUMPTION

#### **CANNABIS AND HEADCHE-1**

- Historical reports, though not ideal forms of evidence, are important resource for understanding the potential use of cannabis in tx of headache
- Historical sources indicate that cannabis was used as an effective prophylactic and abortive tx for headache

#### **CANNABIS AND HEADACHE -2**

- Early reports of cannabis for tx of headache appear to be largely positive with many patients experiencing a decrease in the frequently and intensity of the headache episode.
- In some cases headache was cured entirely even after cannabis discontinuation

## CLINICAL STUDIES ON CANNABIS USE FOR HEADACHE-1

- Currently there are no placebo-controlled clinical trial examining the use of cannabis for headache, nevertheles there have been a number of other studies published that give insight into its therapeutic efficacy.
- Case studies and self reports may have a bias toward immediate improvement without awareness of possible dependence, rebound or withdrawal response

### CLINICAL STUDIES ON CANNABIS USE FOR HEADACHE-2

- Studies show that headache can be induced in 23% of patients undergoing cannabis withdrawal
- In some studies cannabis was superior to betablockers and opiate and ergots in migraine prophylaxy and abortive therapy
- In one study dexanabinol a synthetic cannabinoid has been found to relieve intracranial pressure and improvement after TBI.
- In some case reports complete resolution of headache with smoking cannabis without reccurence

### CLINICAL STUDIES ON CANNABIS USE FOR HEADACHE-3

- □ In one survey 70% found relief from trigiminal neuralgia and 90% found chronic pain relief.
- In one clinical trial nabilone a synthetic cannabinnoid mimicking THC was superior to ibuprofen in reducing pain intensity and, analgesic intake and quality of life.
- Cannabis was reported to provoke cluster headache attacks in 22% of patients
- One case report showed pain recovery in pseudotumor cerebri

## CANNABINOIDS AND HEADACHE PATHOPHYSIOLOGY

- Preclinical data demonstrating the effects of endocannabinoids on in modulating several major components of migraine pathogenesis :
- 1-Decreased expression of the cnr1 gene which encodes the cannabinoid receptor type 1(CB1)
- 2-women with migraine have increased activity of enzyme FAAH use to degrade endocannabinoids
- 3-CSF analysis have shown decreased AEA and increased levels of CGRP and NO

## CANNABINOIDS AND HEADACHE PATHOPHYSIOLOGY-2

- 4-Endocannabinoid deficiency hypothesis provide explains comorbidities such as anxiety and mood disorders ,allergies and chronic pain disorders and epilepsy.
- 5-endocannabinoids supress the glutamate signaling and CSD
- 6-ECB levels is decreased in platelets of migrainers
- 7-ECB prevent release of serotonin in platlets during migrain
- 8-ECB inhibit trigiminovascular nociceptive processing

#### TAKE HOME MESSAGE

Although there are historical experienceS of CBD in migraine treatment and according to the preclinical literature there are evidences of cannabinoids positive effects on migrine headache, we need placebo-controlled trials to appropriately determine efficacy.