

# Post-operative analgesic effects of an oral cannabinoid

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
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MCT-64678

# Study information

## Scientific Title

Post-operative analgesic effects of an oral cannabinoid: an efficacy and dose-response randomised controlled study

## Study objectives

1. The major hypothesis is that nabilone decreases morphine consumption and nausea and vomiting following major surgery
2. The secondary objectives are to assess the anti-emetic effect of nabilone and to evaluate patients tolerability of the study medication

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

Comité d'éthique de la Recherche de l'Hôtel-Dieu du CHUM Montréal approved on the 25th August 2003

## Study design

Randomised controlled trial

## Primary study design

Interventional

## Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

## Study setting(s)

Hospital

## Study type(s)

Treatment

## Participant information sheet

## Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Post-operative pain (in major orthopaedic, gynaecologic, abdominal and plastic procedures)

## Interventions

Group A: 1 mg nabilone, one capsule of 1 mg + one capsule of placebo, 8 hourly

Group B: 2 mg nabilone, two capsules of 1 mg, 8 hourly

Group C: 50 mg ketoprofen, one capsule of 50 mg + one capsule of placebo, 8 hourly

Group D: placebo, two capsules of placebo, 8 hourly

Trial details received: 12 September 2005

## Intervention Type

Drug

**Phase**

Not Applicable

**Drug/device/biological/vaccine name(s)**

Nabilone, ketoprofen

**Primary outcome measure**

A total (24 hours) morphine Patient Controlled Analgesia (PCA) consumption hours.

**Secondary outcome measures**

1. Pain intensity as measured by the Visual Analogue Scale (VAS)
2. Anti-emetic properties of nabilone
3. Assessment of mood and anxiety prior to surgery
4. Time to discharge criteria as indices of post-operative recovery
5. Quality of sleep
6. Incidence of side effects such as sedation, euphoria ('high'), psychotic episodes

**Overall study start date**

01/10/2003

**Completion date**

30/04/2005

## **Eligibility**

**Key inclusion criteria**

1. Patients 18 - 75 years old, either sex, scheduled for major orthopaedic surgery
2. Patients using a morphine patient controlled analgesia (PCA) device post-operatively
3. Patients should be American society of Anaesthesiology (ASA) pre-operative status I, II or III
4. Patients willing and able to give written informed consent

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Age group**

Adult

**Lower age limit**

18 Years

**Sex**

Both

**Target number of participants**

152

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Patients using cannabis or other substance of abuse, alcoholism
2. Patients where morphine is not the drug of choice for PCA
3. Patients with planned concomitant medication during the study with any of the following: non-

steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, acetaminophen, more than 300 mg acetyl salicylic acid per day, sedatives, anticonvulsants, antidepressants

4. Patients with ischaemic heart disease, cardiac arrhythmias failure

5. Patients with history of gastric or duodenal ulcer, renal insufficiency or asthma

6. Patients with chronic pain conditions and/or patients receiving chronic opioid therapy

7. Patients with history of psychiatric illness

8. Pregnant or lactating women

**Date of first enrolment**

01/10/2003

**Date of final enrolment**

30/04/2005

## **Locations**

**Countries of recruitment**

Canada

**Study participating centre**

**CHUM - Hôtel-Dieu**

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## **Sponsor information**

**Organisation**

Hôtel-Dieu de Montréal (Canada)

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**Sponsor type**

Hospital/treatment centre

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/0468gx405>

## **Funder(s)**

**Funder type**

Research organisation

**Funder Name**

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) (Canada) - <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca> (ref: MCT-64678)

## Results and Publications

**Publication and dissemination plan**

Not provided at time of registration

**Intention to publish date****Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan****IPD sharing plan summary**

Not provided at time of registration

**Study outputs**

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/08/2006		Yes	No