

*Global Burden of Disease*

**Mental Disorders and  
Illicit Drug Use Expert Group**



**Appendix B**

**Cannabis search strings**

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Database	Search group	Search terms
Medline*	Cannabis	Cannabis OR cannabin\$ OR marijuana OR bhang OR ganga OR hashish OR hemp or cannabis indica OR cannabis sativa or hemp plant or marihuana <b>Exp cannabis/</b>
	Remission	(remission or relapse\$ or recover\$ or "disease course" or "disease duration" or (treatment ADJ outcome\$) or abstinen\$) <b>(exp REMISSION, SPONTANEOUS/ or exp REMISSION, INDUCTION/ or exp RECURRENCE/ or exp Treatment Outcome/)</b>
	Cohort	<b>exp cohort studies/ or exp longitudinal studies/</b>
EMBASE#	Cannabis	Cannabis OR cannabin\$ OR marijuana OR bhang OR ganga OR hashish OR hemp or cannabis indica OR cannabis sativa or hemp plant or marihuana <b>Exp cannabis addiction/ or exp cannabis smoking/ or exp cannabis/ or exp cannabis derivative/</b>
	Remission	(remission or relapse\$ or recover\$ or "disease course" or "disease duration" or (treatment ADJ outcome\$) or abstinen\$) <b>(exp REMISSION/ or exp RELAPSE/ or exp DISEASE COURSE/ or exp DISEASE DURATION/ or exp Treatment Outcome/ or exp ABSTINENCE/)</b>
	Cohort	<b>exp COHORT ANALYSIS/ or exp LONGITUDINAL STUDY</b>
PsychINFO^	Cannabis	Cannabis or cannabin\$ or marijuana or bhang or ganga or hashish or hemp or cannabis indica or cannabis sativa or hemp plant or marihuana <b>exp CANNABIS/ or exp MARIJUANA USAGE/ or exp MARIJUANA/</b>
	Remission	(remission or relapse\$ or recover\$ or "disease course" or "disease duration" or (treatment ADJ outcome\$) or abstinen\$) <b>(exp "REMISSION (DISORDERS)"/ or exp "RELAPSE (DISORDERS)"/ or exp "RECOVERY (DISORDERS)"/ or exp DISEASE COURSE/ or exp TREATMENT OUTCOMES/ or exp Drug Rehabilitation/ or exp DRUG ABSTINENCE/)</b>
	Cohort	cohort OR longitudinal OR prospective OR follow-up <b>or exp cohort analysis/</b>

\* 'key-words' in lowercase, 'MeSH' terms in **bold**

# 'key-words' in lowercase, 'EMTREE' terms in **bold**

^ 'key words' in lowercase, explode terms in **bold**