

Definition of “Cannabinoid”

Definition examples (various sources)

General:

...any of various naturally-occurring, biologically active, chemical constituents (such as cannabidiol or cannabinol) of hemp or cannabis including some (such as THC) that possess psychoactive properties ([Cannabinoid Definition & Meaning - Merriam-Webster](#)).

...several structural classes of compounds found in the cannabis plant primarily and most animal organisms (although insects lack such receptors) or as synthetic compounds (Gupta, et al., 2021; Medline Plus, 2017).

Botanical:

...a structurally diverse group of mostly lipophilic molecules that bind to cannabinoid receptors (Oz, 2006)

...a class of molecules that interact with cannabinoid receptors in the human body ([What are Cannabinoids: Their Benefits, Side Effects, & More | Discover Magazine](#))

...inactive substances such as cannabigerol, as well as alkaloids and other secondary constituents of *Cannabis sativa*, but excludes synthetics such as levonantradol and nabilone (Weissman, 1981).

Chemical:

...inactive close analogs of THC but exclude a growing number of substances structurally remote from THC that share its actions (Weissman, 1981).

Pharmaceutical:

...a chemical compound in cannabis or marijuana ([Medical Definition of Cannabinoid \(rxlist.com\)](#))