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Cannabichromene

Cannabidiol

Cannabinol

Delta 9-Tetrahydrocannabinol

1. SYNONYMS

CFR: Marijuana (Schedule I)

CAS #: Marijuana: 8063-14-7

Delta 9-tetrahydrocannabinol: 1972-08-3

Cannabidiol: 13956-29-1 Cannabinol: 521-35-7 Cannabichromene Cannabigerol Cannabicyclol

Other Names:

Cannabis Bhang Ganja Weed Mary Jane

MJ Reefer Doobie Joint Roach

Smoke-Smoke

Pot Hemp Homegrown Grass

2. CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL DATA

2.1. CHEMICAL DATA

Form	Chemical Formula	Molecular Weight
Delta 9-tetrahydrocannabinol	$C_{21}H_{30}O_2$	314.5
Cannabidiol	$C_{21}H_{30}O_2$	314.5
Cannabinol	$C_{21}H_{26}O_2$	310.4
Cannabigerol	$C_{21}H_{32}O_2$	316.5
Cannabicyclol	$C_{21}H_{30}O_2$	314.5

2.2. SOLUBILITY

The cannabinoids are soluble in ethyl ether, hexane, petroleum ether, chloroform and alcohol.

3. SCREENING TECHNIQUES

3.1. MICROSCOPIC EXAM

Marijuana: A small portion of sample is placed on a microscope slide or in a suitable container and examined under a low power microscope, 25x to 100x. Viewing can be enhanced by adding a drop of water to the sample and flattening the material on the slide with a cover glass. The most common features are the cystolith hairs, resin glands and glandular hairs. The glandular hairs are either unicellular or multicellular; the multicellular hairs have 8 to 16 cells. The cystolith hairs contain a deposit of calcium carbonate at the base of the hair.

When a drop of 20% hydrochloric acid is added to the calcium carbonate deposit, a characteristic effervescence is observed.

Hashish: Place a small portion of sample on a microscope slide and add a drop of chloral hydrate solution to the sample. Cover with a cover glass and view the slide at medium to high magnification (60x to 200x). Observe the presence of characteristic plant particles, especially cystolithic hairs, glandular hairs, and resin glands. If the solution is cloudy or highly colored, gently heat the slide to clear the solution.

3.2. COLOR TESTS

REAGENT	COLOR PRODUCED
Duquenois-Levine	Violet to purple color in chloroform layer

Procedure:

Modified Duquenois-Levine: Place 30 mg to 100 mg of material in a small container, cover with petroleum ether and filter into a small test tube. Evaporate to dryness on a steam bath. Add a small amount of Modified Duquenois-Levine reagent and an equal amount of concentrated hydrochloric acid, stir, and let stand for a few minutes. A blue to purple color will develop. Add a small portion of chloroform, shake, and let the layers separate. A violet to purple color in the chloroform layer indicates a positive test for cannabinoids. The Duquenois-Levine reagent may be added directly to a few drops of hashish, proceeding as above.

3.3. THIN LAYER CHROMATOGRAPHY (TLC)

Visualization

Fast Blue 2B salt

The locator reagent is 15 mg Fast Blue 2B salt in 20 mL methanol. This solution is unstable and should be prepared fresh.

	Relative R1 and Color			
COMPOUND	System TLC 9	System TLC 10		
Cannabichromene	0.6, purple	0.8, purple		
Cannabigerol	0.8, pink	0.8, pink		
Cannabinol	0.8, purple	0.9, purple		
Delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol	1.0, red	1.0, red		
Delta-8-tetrahydrocannabinol	1.1, red	1.1, red		
Cannabidiol	1.1, yellow-orange	1.1, yellow-orange		
Cannabicyclol	1.2, pink	1.2, pink		

3.4. GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY (GC)

Method MAR-GCS1

Instrument: Gas chromatograph operated in split mode with FID

Column: 5% diphenyl/95% dimethylsiloxane 30m x 0.25mm x 0.25μm film

thickness

Carrier gas: Helium at 1.1 mL/min

Temperatures: Injector: 260°C

Detector: 280°C Oven program:

1) 70°C initial temperature for 2.0 min 2) Ramp to 250°C at 30°C /min 3) Hold final temperature for 7.0 min

Injection Parameters: Split Ratio = 50:1, 1 μ L injected

Samples can be extracted with petroleum ether or appropriate solvent and filtered.

COMPOUND	RRT	COMPOUND	RRT
cannabicyclol	0.89	delta 9-tetrahydrocannabinol	1.00 (7.9 min)
cannabichromene	0.91	cannabigerol	1.02
cannabidiol	0.92	cannabinol	1.05
delta 8-tetrahydrocannabinol	0.98		

4. CONFIRMATORY TECHNIQUES

4.1 GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY/MASS SPECTROMETRY (GC/MS)

Method MAR-GCMS1

Instrument: Gas chromatograph operated in split mode with MS

Column: 5% diphenyl/95% dimethylsiloxane 15 m x 0.25 mm x 0.25 μm film

thickness

Carrier gas: Helium at 1.0 mL/min

Temperatures: Injector: 260°C

Detector: 280°C Oven program: 1) 270°C Isothermal 2) Hold time 2.8 min

Injection Parameters: Split Ratio = 20:1, 1 μ L injected

Samples can be extracted with petroleum ether or appropriate solvent and filtered.

COMPOUND	RRT	COMPOUND	RRT
cannabicyclol	0.73	delta 9-tetrahydrocannabinol	(1.35 min.) 1.00
cannabidiol	0.81	cannabigerol	1.09
cannabinol	1.16		

Method MAR-GCMS2

Instrument: Gas chromatograph operated in splitless mode with MS

Column: DB5-MS 30 m x 0.25 mm x 0.25 µm film thickness

Carrier gas: Helium at 1.3 mL/min

Temperatures: Injector: 250°C

Oven program:

1) 180°C hold for 1 min 2) Ramp 25°C/min to 260°C

3) Ramp 39°C/min to 310°C, hold 4 min

Injection Parameters: Split Ratio = splitless, 1 µL injected

Purge time 0.6 min

Samples can be extracted with petroleum ether or appropriate solvent and filtered.

COMPOUND	RRT	COMPOUND	RRT
cannabicyclol	0.58	delta 9-tetrahydrocannabinol	(5.72 min.) 1.00
cannabidiol	0.73	cannabigerol	1.11
cannibinol	1.19		

4.2 GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY/IFRARED SPECTROPHOTOMETRY (GC/IR)

Method MAR-GCIR1

Instrument: Gas chromatograph operated in splitless mode with IR

Column: HP5 30 m x 0.32 mm x 0.25 µm film thickness

Carrier gas: Helium at 2.2 mL/min

Temperatures: Oven program:

1) 130°C hold for 1 min

2) Ramp 20°C/min to 200°C, hold for 1 min

3) 40°C/min to 290°C, hold for 3 min

Injection Parameters: Splitless, 1 µL injected, purge time 0.75 min

Samples can be extracted with petroleum ether or appropriate solvent, dried, and filtered.

COMPOUND	RRT	COMPOUND	RRT
cannabicyclol	0.57	delta 9-tetrahydrocannabinol	(8.37 min.) 1.00
cannabidiol	0.75	cannabigerol	1.19
cannabinol	1.25		

5. SEPARATION TECHNIQUES

The cannabinoids are separated from the plant material and resins by solvent extraction with petroleum ether. Petroleum ether also removes some plant waxes, but does not remove other plant materials such as chlorophyll. After evaporation of the petroleum ether, the cannabinoids are separated from the plant waxes by solvent extraction with methanol. The methanol soluble cannabinoids can then be separated by GC, HPLC, or TLC.

6. QUANTITATIVE PROCEDURES

N/A

7. QUALITATIVE DATA

7.1. ULTRAVIOLET SPECTROSCOPY (UV)

COMPOUND SOLVENT MAXIMUM ABSORBANCE (m
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cannabichromene	methanol	230
cannabidiol	methanol	274
cannabinol	methanol	232
delta 9- tetrahydrocannabinol	methanol	283

See spectra on the following pages for FT/IR, GC/MS, GC/IR, and NMR.

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9. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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