

# Endocannabinoïdes et inflammation



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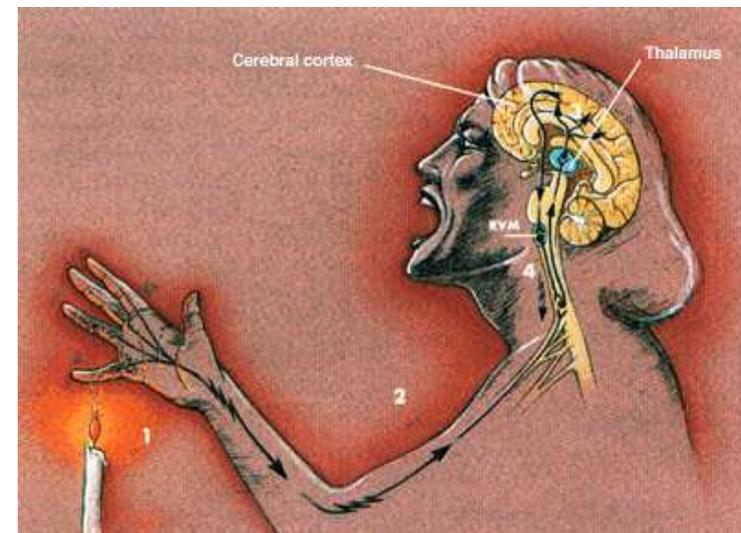
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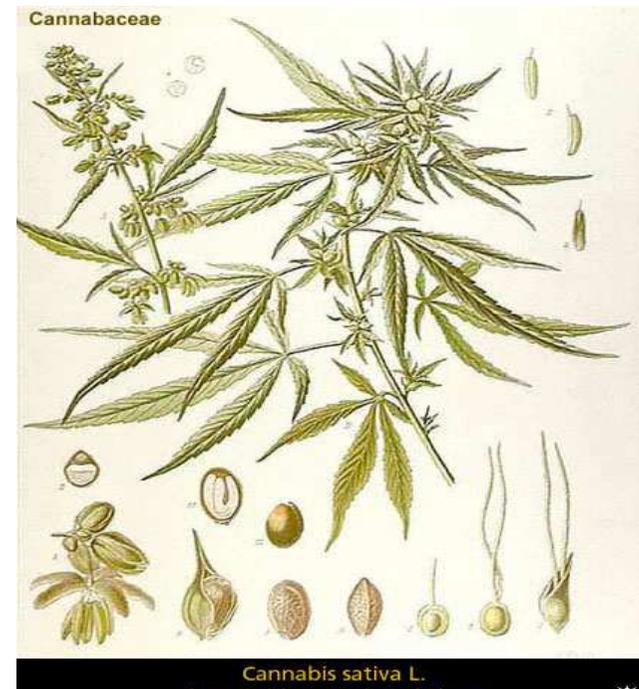
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# PLAN

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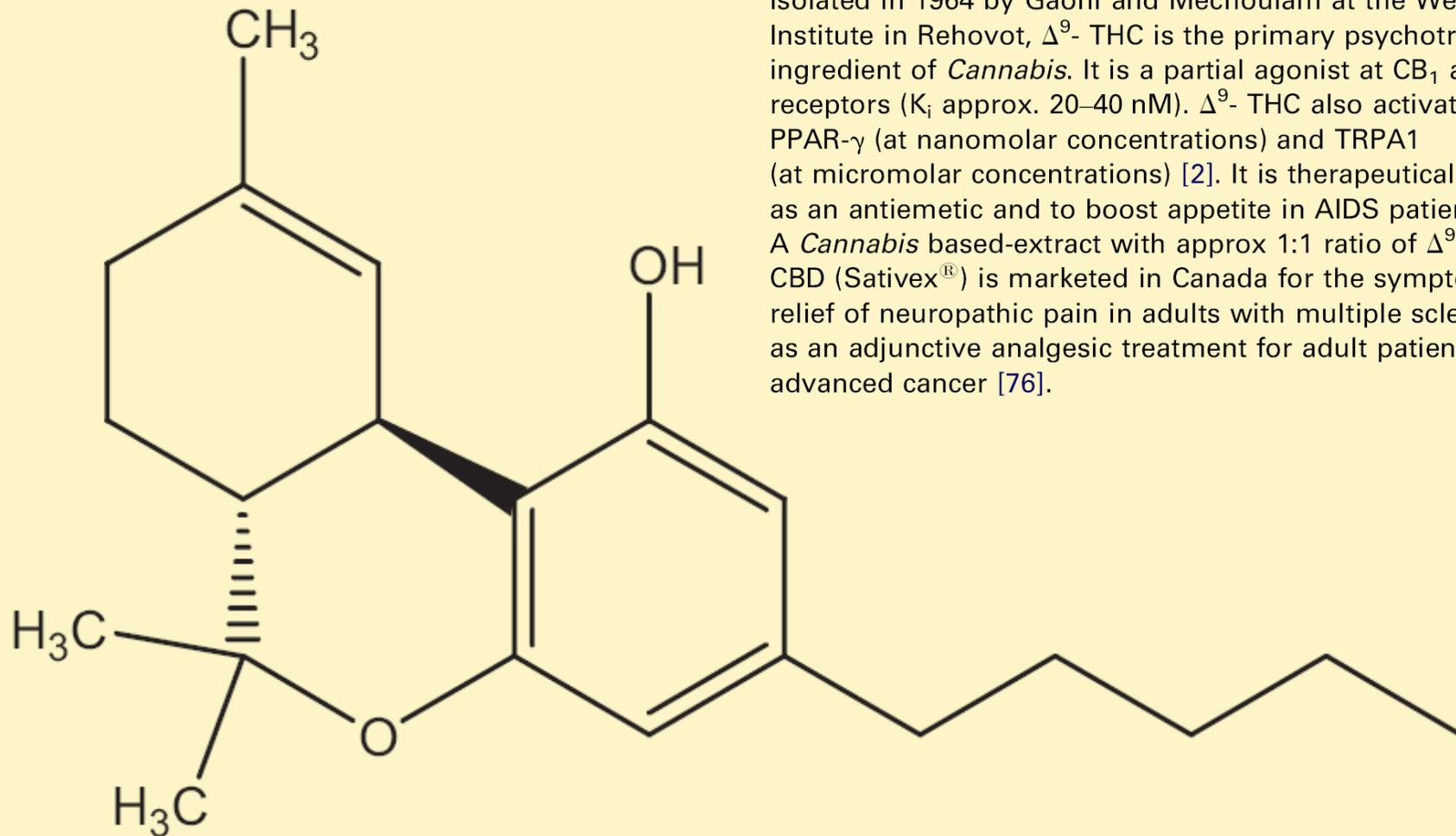






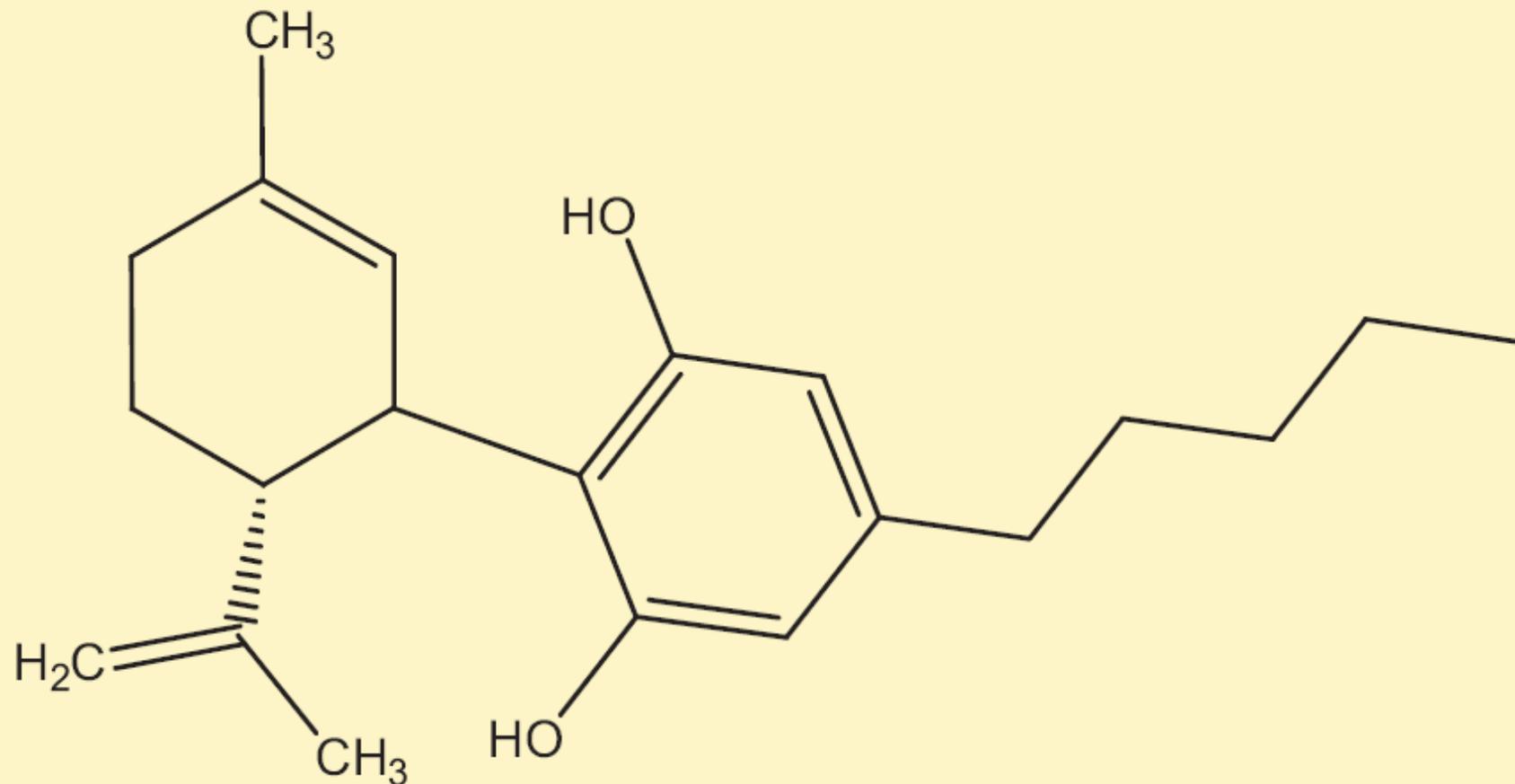
## ***Cannabis sativa***

- . Nombreuses sous-espèces
- . Contient plus de 400 composés chimiques
- . Contient 66 cannabinoïdes
- .  $\Delta^9$ -THC, cannabigérol, cannabidiol, cannabinalol,  $\Delta^8$ -THC, cannabichromène en sont les principaux



$\Delta^9$ -Tetrahydrocannabinol ( $\Delta^9$ -THC)

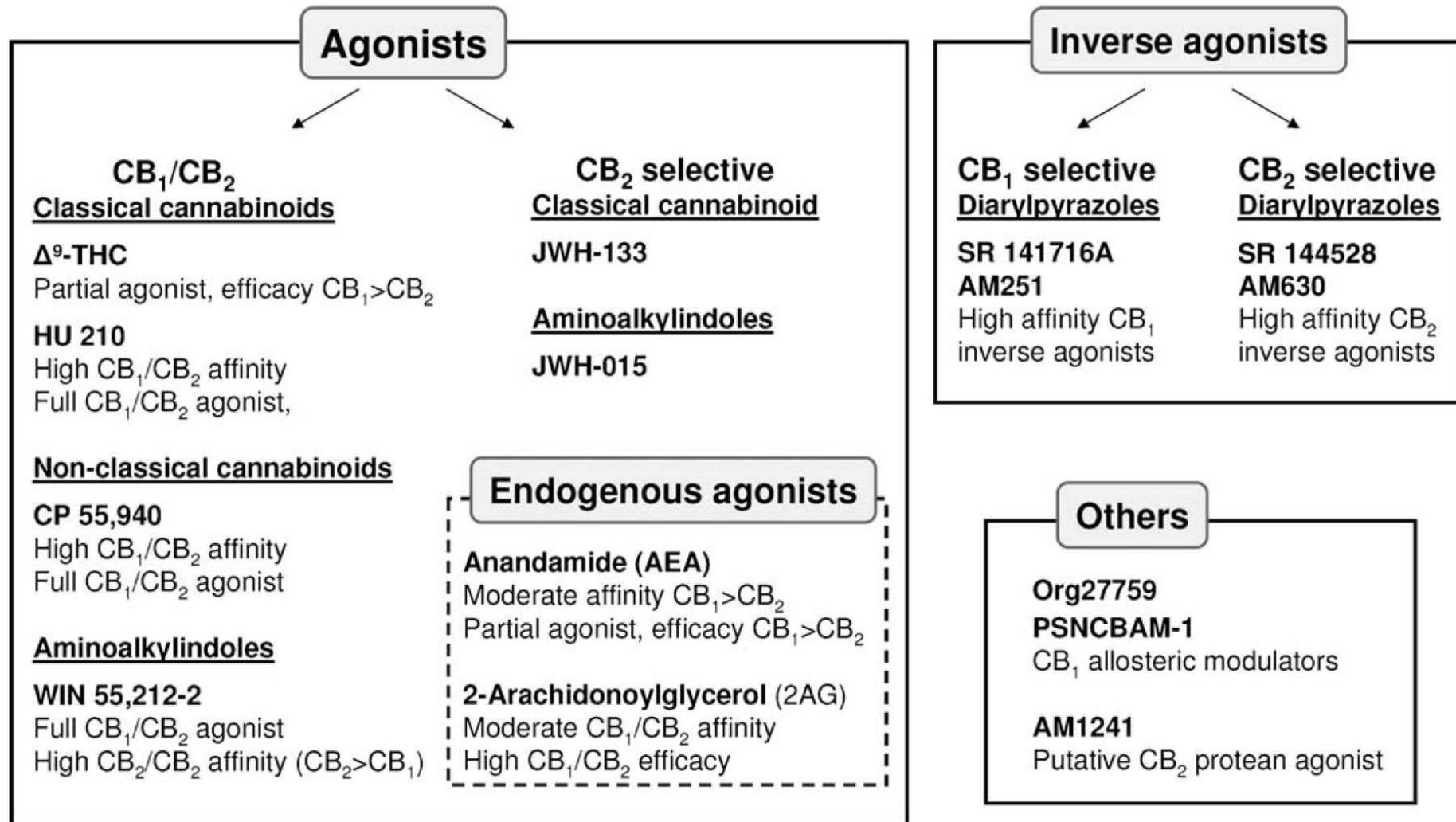
Isolated in 1964 by Gaoni and Mechoulam at the Weizmann Institute in Rehovot,  $\Delta^9$ -THC is the primary psychotropic ingredient of *Cannabis*. It is a partial agonist at CB<sub>1</sub> and CB<sub>2</sub> receptors (K<sub>i</sub> approx. 20–40 nM).  $\Delta^9$ -THC also activates PPAR- $\gamma$  (at nanomolar concentrations) and TRPA1 (at micromolar concentrations) [2]. It is therapeutically used as an antiemetic and to boost appetite in AIDS patients. A *Cannabis* based-extract with approx 1:1 ratio of  $\Delta^9$ -THC and CBD (Sativex<sup>®</sup>) is marketed in Canada for the symptomatic relief of neuropathic pain in adults with multiple sclerosis and as an adjunctive analgesic treatment for adult patients with advanced cancer [76].



## Cannabidiol (CBD)

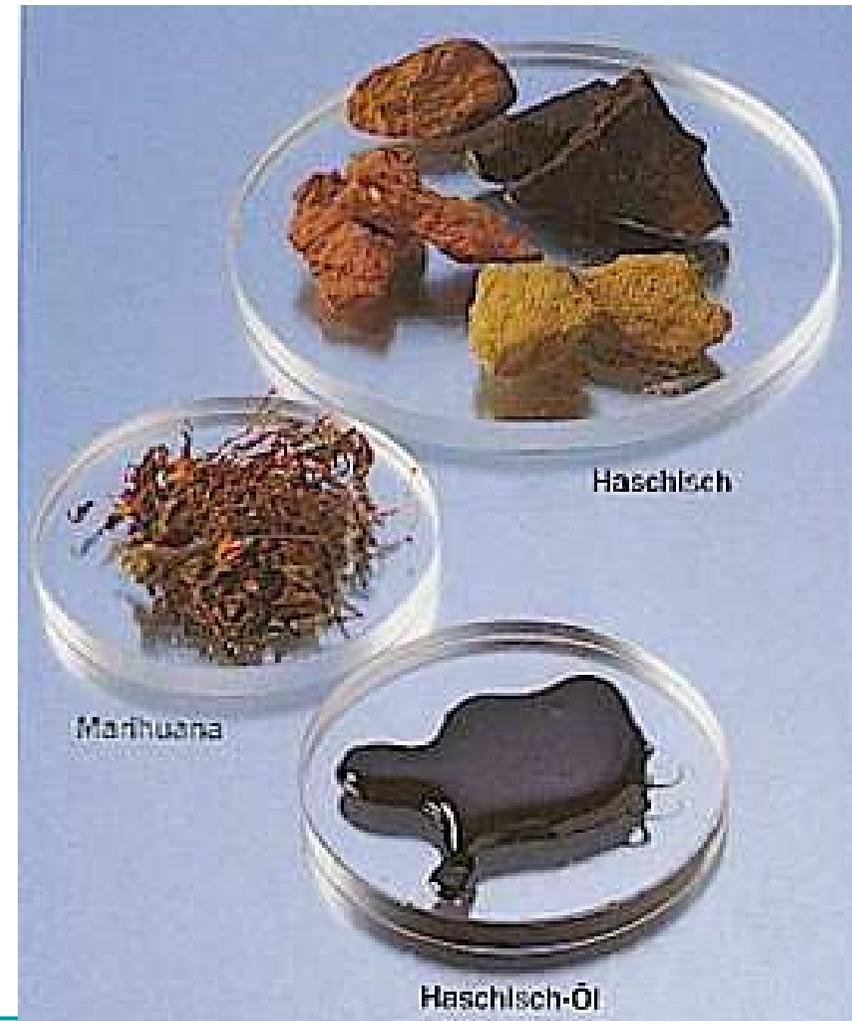
CBD, a major non-psychotropic cannabinoid, was first isolated in 1940 by Adams and coworkers, but its structure and stereochemistry were determined in 1963 by Mechoulam and Shvo. CBD exerts a plethora of pharmacological effects, mediated by multiple mechanisms (Table 1, Figure 1). It has been clinically evaluated in anxiety, psychosis, and movement disorders, and to relieve neuropathic pain in patients with multiple sclerosis (in combination with  $\Delta^9$ -THC as a 1:1 mixture, i.e. Sativex<sup>®</sup>) [76].

# Most frequently used cannabinoid ligands



# Pharmacocinétique du $\Delta^9$ -THC

- **Biodisponibilité**
  - **18-50% par inhalation**
    - . début d'action rapide (3-5 min)
  - **6-20% par voie orale**
    - . début d'action plus lent (0,5-1 h)
    - . concentration max. 2-3 h
- **Métabolisme**
  - foie par CYP2C9, CYP3A4
  - plus de 40 métabolites
- **Élimination**
  - quelques métabolites actifs
  - élimination très lente (jours - semaines)



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# Tétrade des cannabinoïdes

- Il s'agit d'une batterie de 4 tests, effectuée chez les rongeurs, permettant d'établir si une substance agit comme un cannabinoïde en mesurant :
    - ❑ **hypothermie**
    - ❑ **cataplexie**
    - ❑ **hypolocomotion**
    - ❑ **analgésie**
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## Effects of cannabinoids on different physiological systems

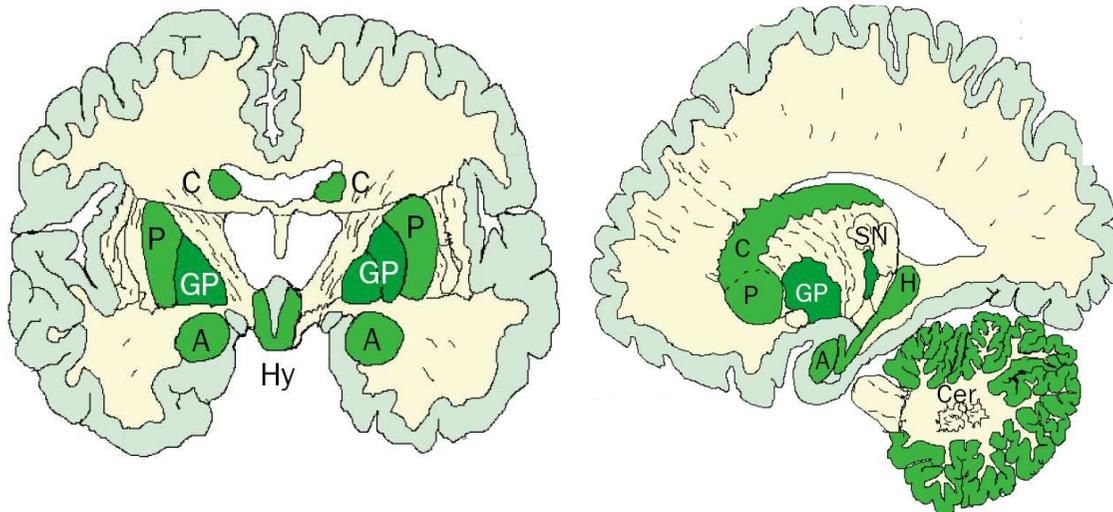
# Effets du cannabis

System	Effects
Central nervous system	Euphoria—cannabinoid exhilaration Increased sensory perception Disruption of intellectual and psychomotor performance Temporospatial disorientation Impaired ideation/impaired memory Thermoregulation disorder Psychotic episodes Analgesia Antiemetic properties Antianxiety and antistress properties Appetite stimulant properties Neuroprotection Anticonvulsive properties
Cardiovascular system	Tachycardia Vasodilatation Decrease in blood pressure
Respiratory system	Bronchodilatation Cough suppression
Gastrointestinal system	Inhibition of intestinal transit Antiobesity/anorexic properties Anti-inflammatory effects in the colon
Reproductive system	Implantation Hormonal secretions
Locomotor system	Hypomotility/reduced movement Antispastic properties
Ocular system	Decrease in intraocular pressure
Other systems	Effects on immune functions Inhibition of tumor growth Tolerance phenomenon after prolonged use



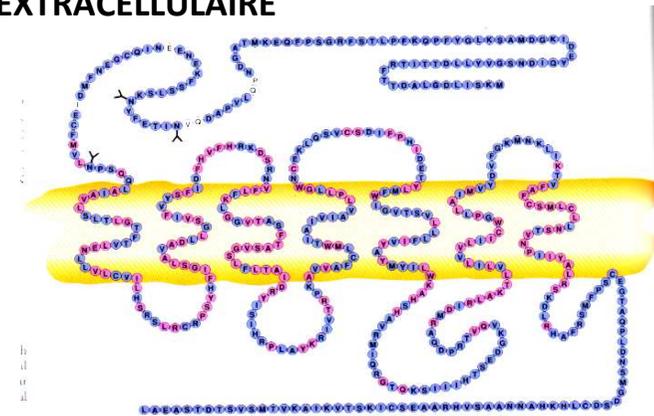
# RÉCEPTEUR CB<sub>1</sub>

- **Grande concentration au niveau du cerveau:**
  - ganglions de la base, hippocampe, cortex cérébral & cervelet
  - aussi moelle épinière & nocicepteur afférent primaire
- **Expression constitutive**



Baker et al. *Lancet Neurol* 2003

EXTRACELLULAIRE



CB<sub>1</sub>

(chromosome 6q14-q15)

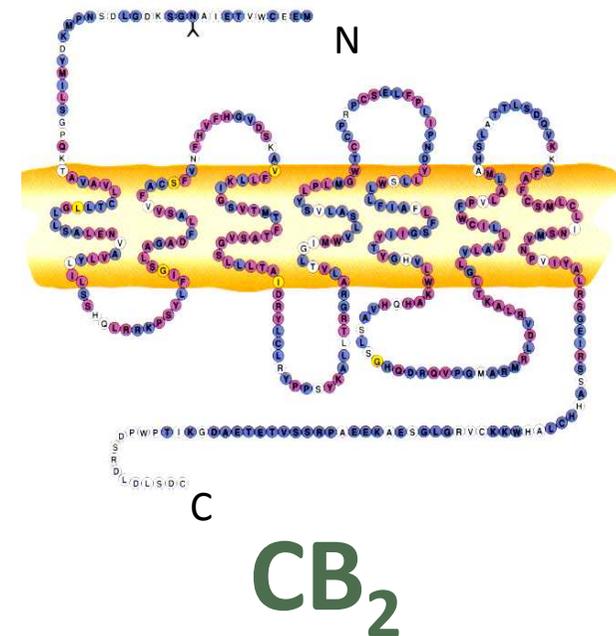
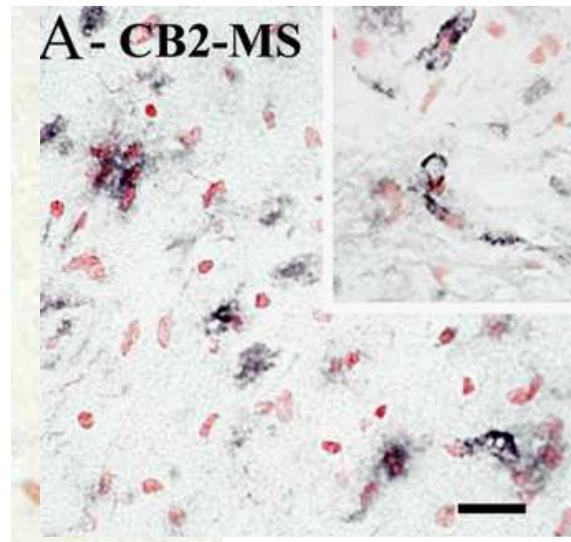
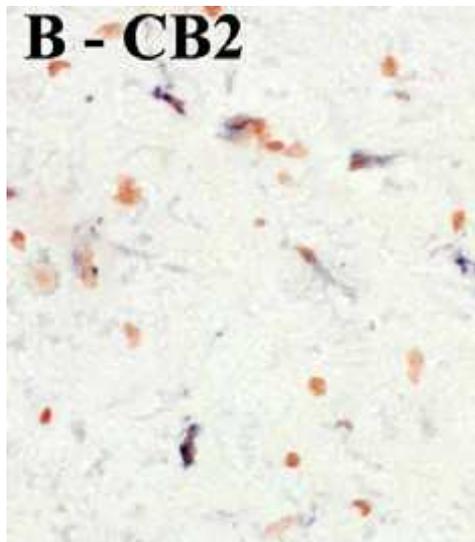
## Tableau Principales localisations des récepteurs CB1 dans le système nerveux central et effets pharmacologiques corrélés

Structures	Localisation	Conséquences physiologiques
Cortex cérébral	++	Effets cognitifs
Noyaux de la base	++	Effets locomoteurs
Hippocampe	++	Effets cognitifs (mémoire à court terme) ; action antiépileptique
Thalamus/hypothalamus	++	Effets endocriniens et antinociceptifs
Aire périaqueducule grise	+	Effets antinociceptifs
Cervelet	++	Effets moteurs (équilibre)
Tronc cérébral	-	Pas de mortalité aiguë

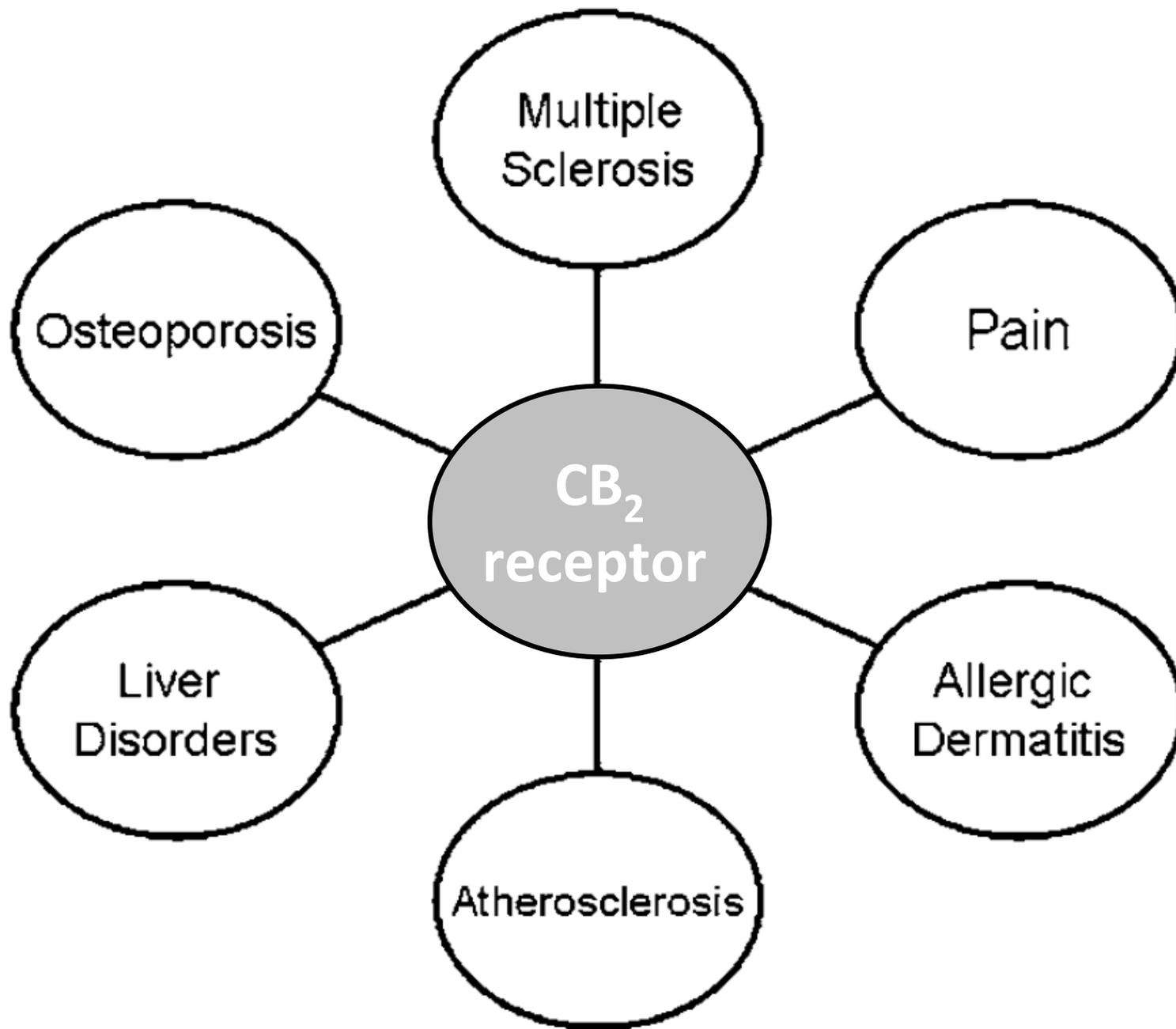
++ : abondante ; + : intermédiaire ; - : faible ou nulle

# RÉCEPTEUR CB<sub>2</sub>

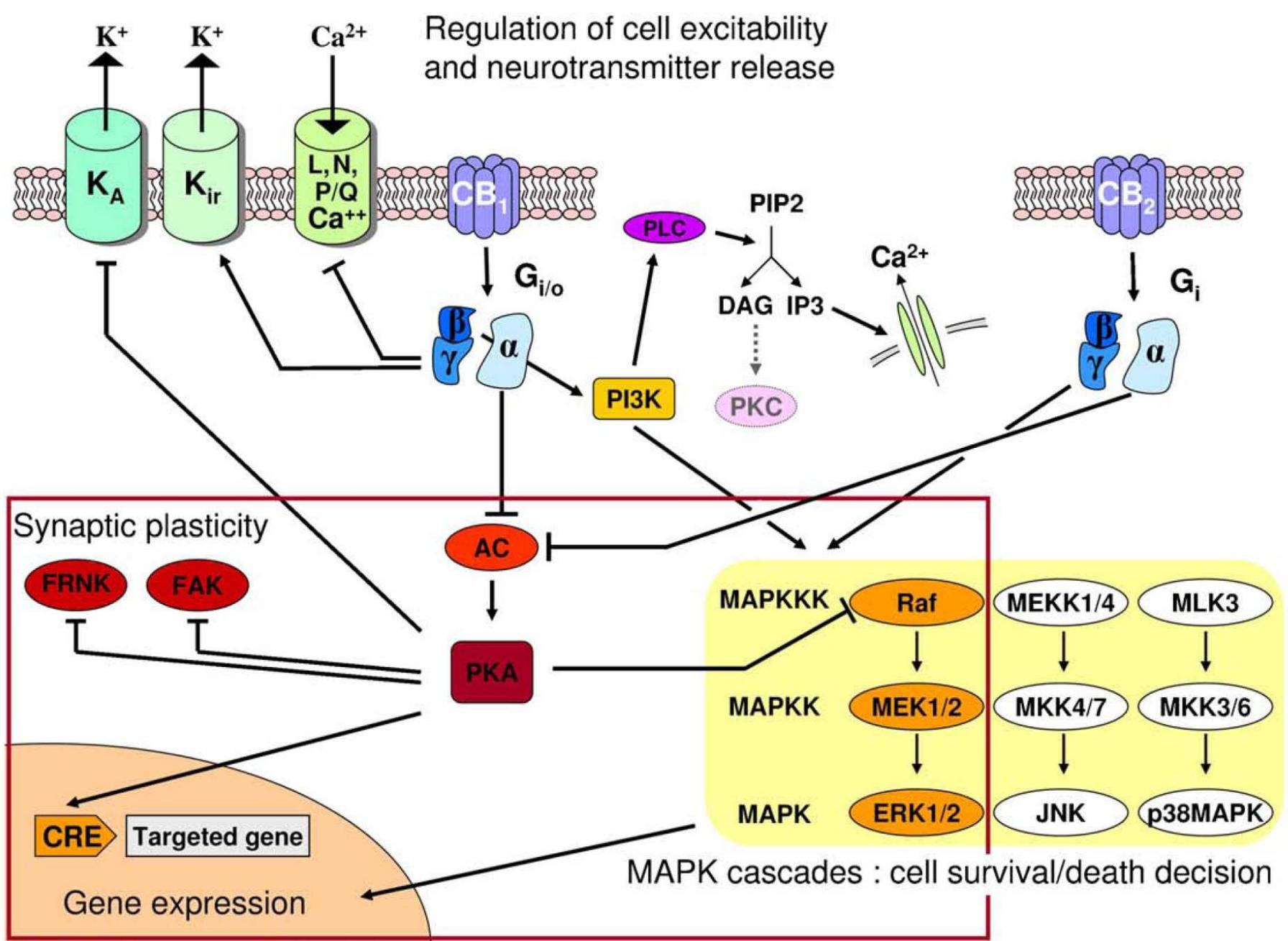
- Tissu immunitaire et lymphoïde
  - rate & amygdales
  - mastocytes, macrophages, lymphocytes, microglie
- Expression induite par l'inflammation



(chromosome 1p35-p36.1)





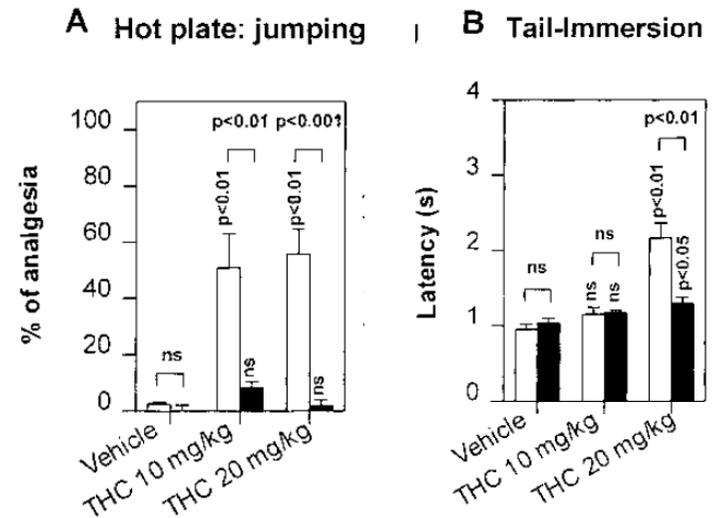


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# Unresponsiveness to Cannabinoids and Reduced Addictive Effects of Opiates in $CB_1$ Receptor Knockout Mice

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Vol. 96, pp. 5780–5785, May 1999  
Neurobiology

## Increased mortality, hypoactivity, and hypoalgesia in cannabinoid $CB_1$ receptor knockout mice

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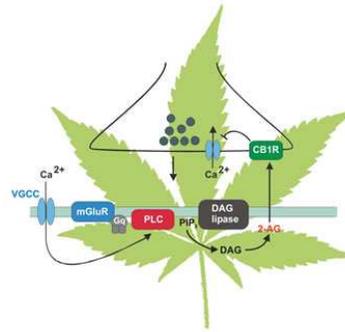
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## Immunomodulation by cannabinoids is absent in mice deficient for the cannabinoid CB<sub>2</sub> receptor

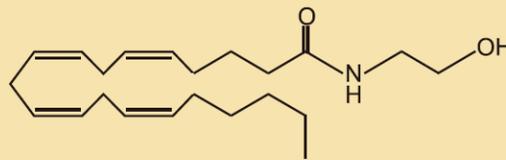
Nancy E. Buckley<sup>a,\*</sup>, Kathleen L. McCoy<sup>b,1</sup>, Éva Mezey<sup>a</sup>, Tom Bonner<sup>c</sup>, Anne Zimmer<sup>c,2</sup>, Christian C. Felder<sup>d</sup>, Michelle Glass<sup>e</sup>, Andreas Zimmer<sup>c</sup>

While cannabinoid CB<sub>2</sub> receptor activation is involved in cannabinoid-induced immunomodulation as demonstrated in the present report, our studies also establish that this receptor is not involved in central nervous system events, as CB<sub>2</sub><sup>-/-</sup> mice displayed normal hypothermia and catalepsy after  $\Delta^9$  tetrahydrocannabinol administration.

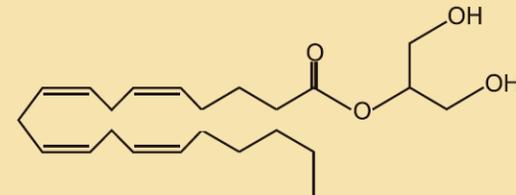
# ENDOCANNABINOIDES



## Major endocannabinoids

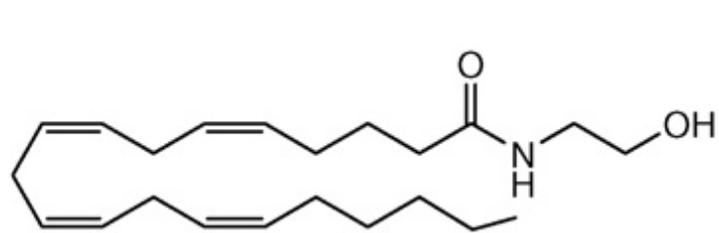


Anandamide



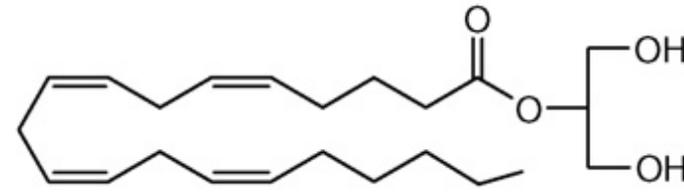
2-Arachidonoylglycerol (2-AG)

## Major and possible endocannabinoids



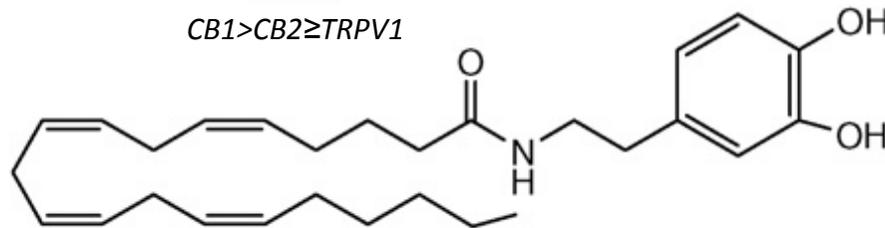
AEA

*CB1 > CB2 ≥ TRPV1*



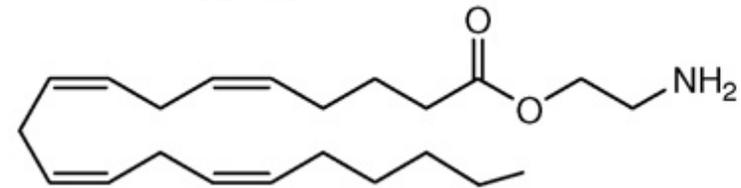
2-AG

*CB1 = CB2*



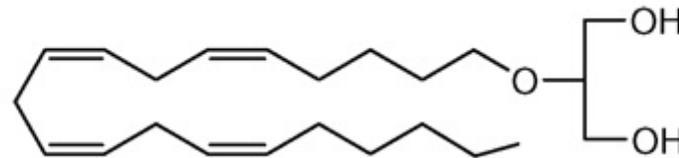
NADA

*TRPV1 > CB1 > CB2*



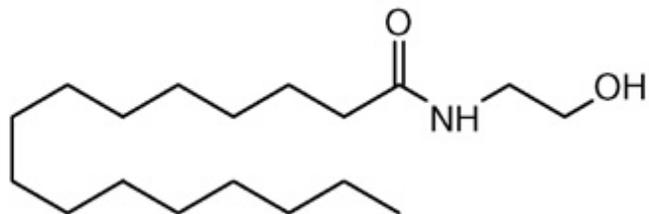
Virodhamine

*Antagonist CB1 – agonist CB2*



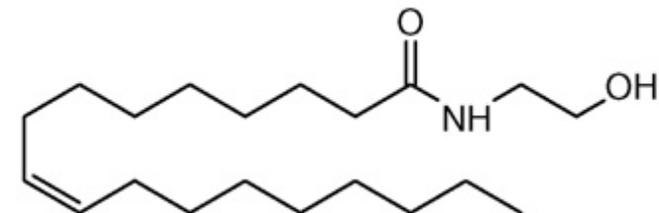
Noladin

*CB1 > CB2*



*N*-palmitoylethanolamine

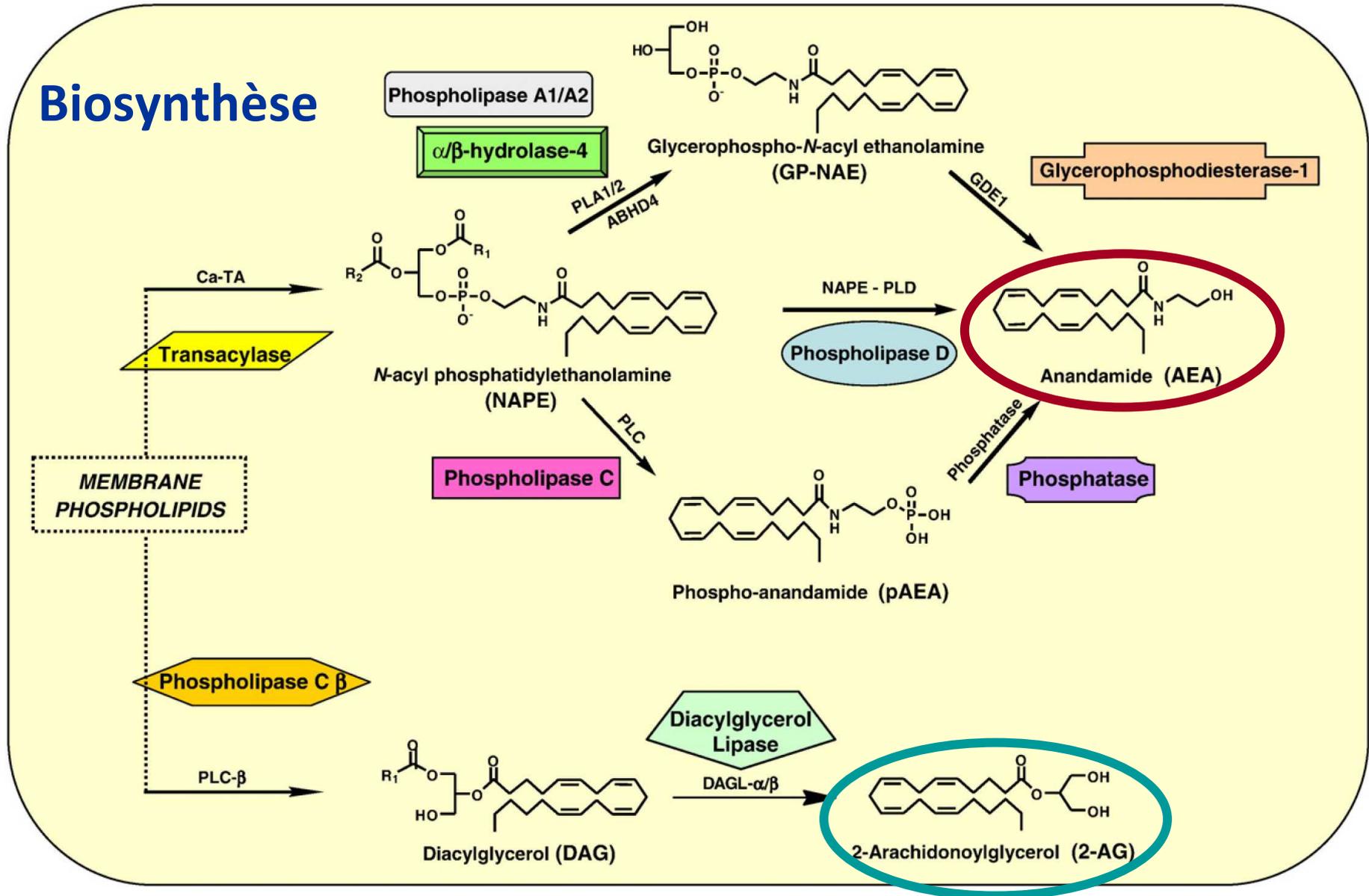
*Inactive at CB receptors*



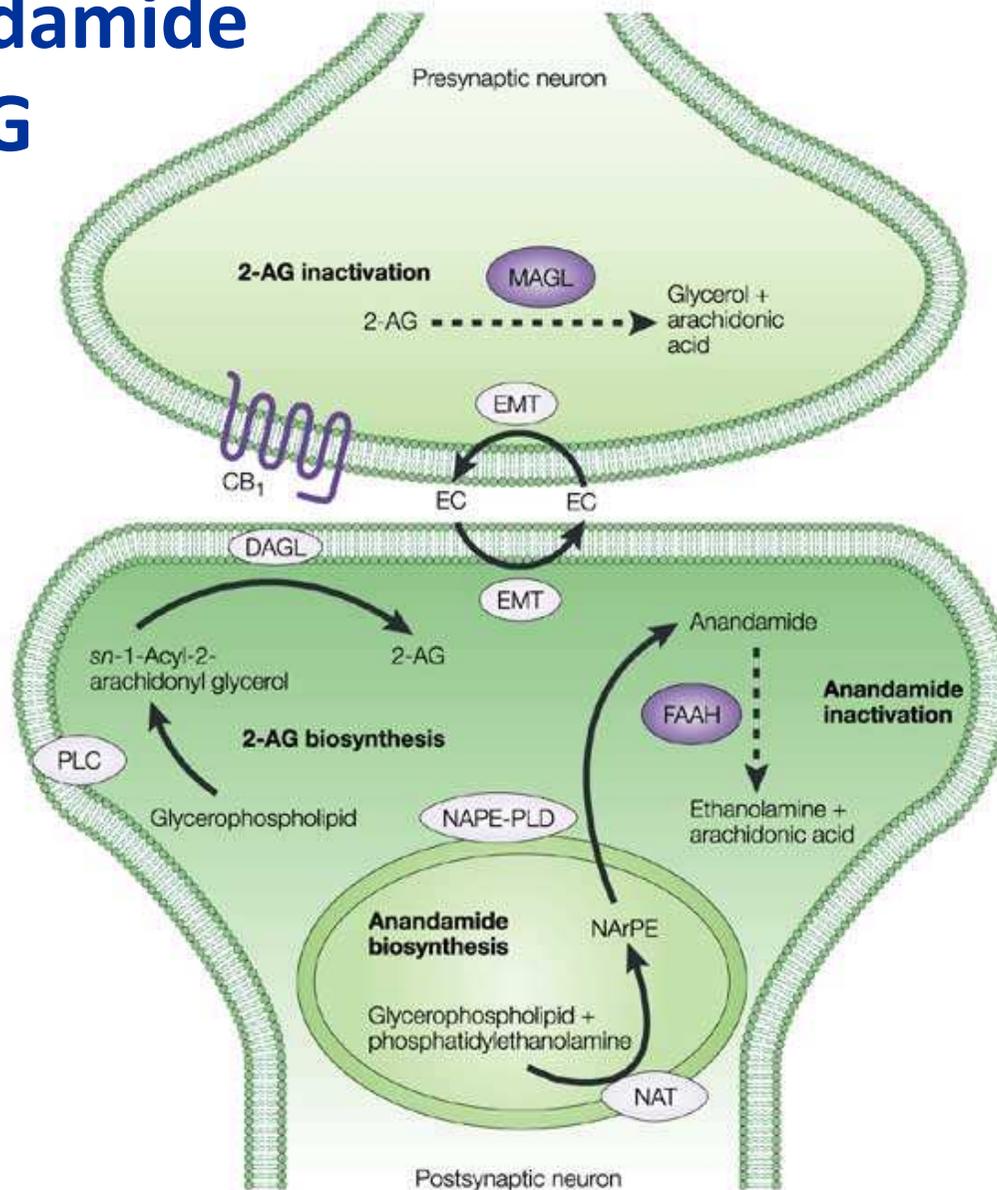
OEA

*Weak effect at CB receptors*

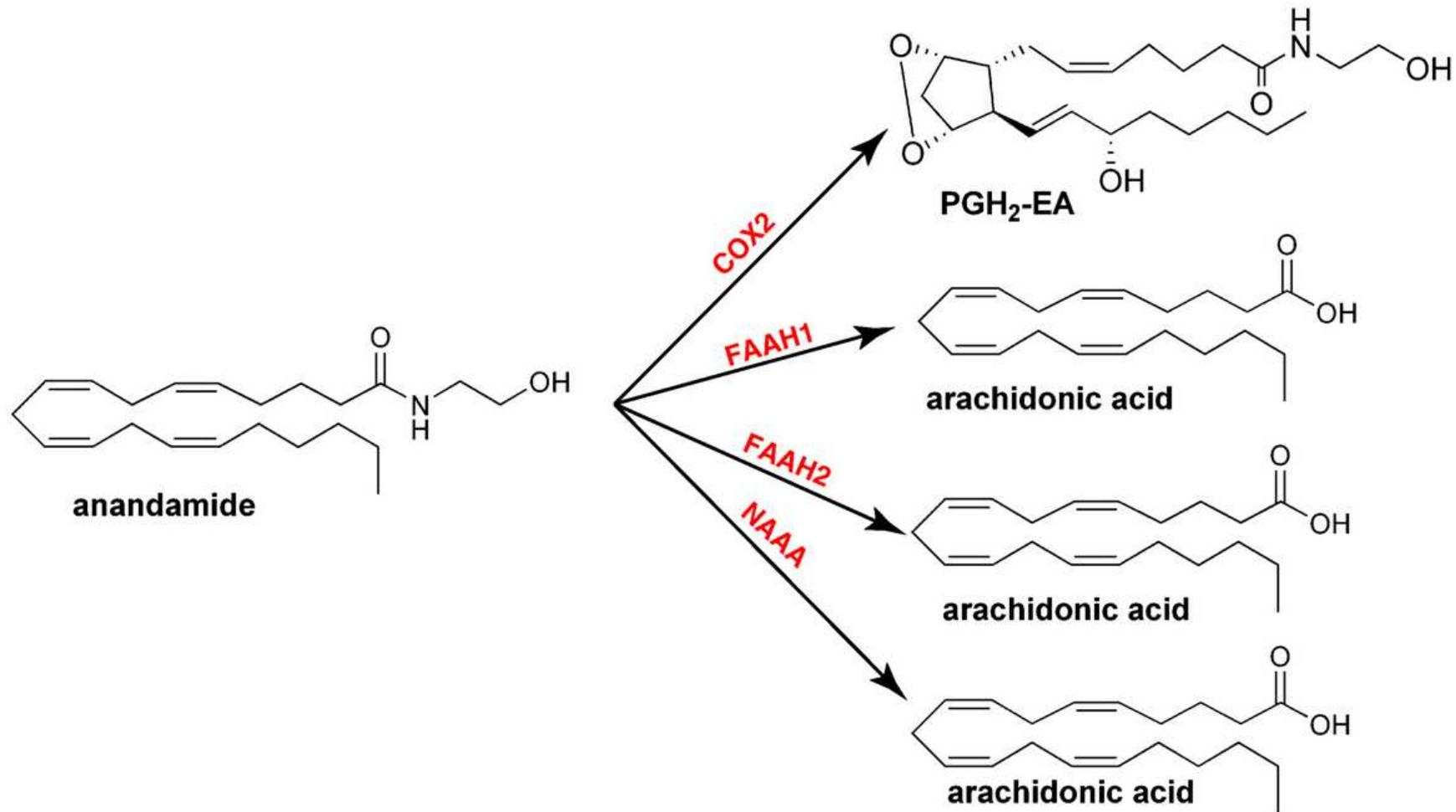
Diagrammatic representation of the major metabolic pathways implicated in the biosynthesis of the principal endocannabinoids, anandamide and 2-arachidonoyl glycerol.



# Synthèse et dégradation de l'anandamide et du 2-AG

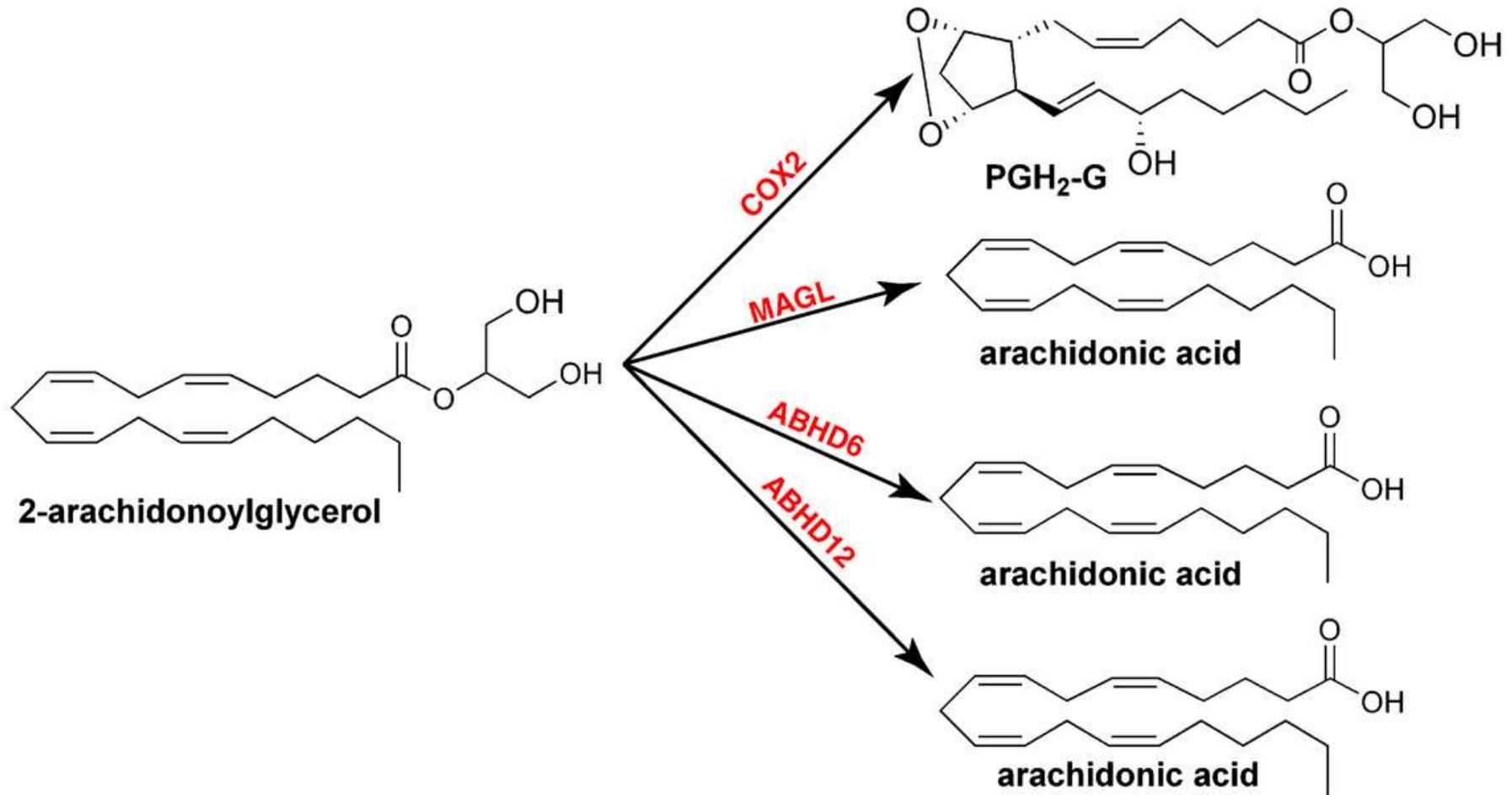


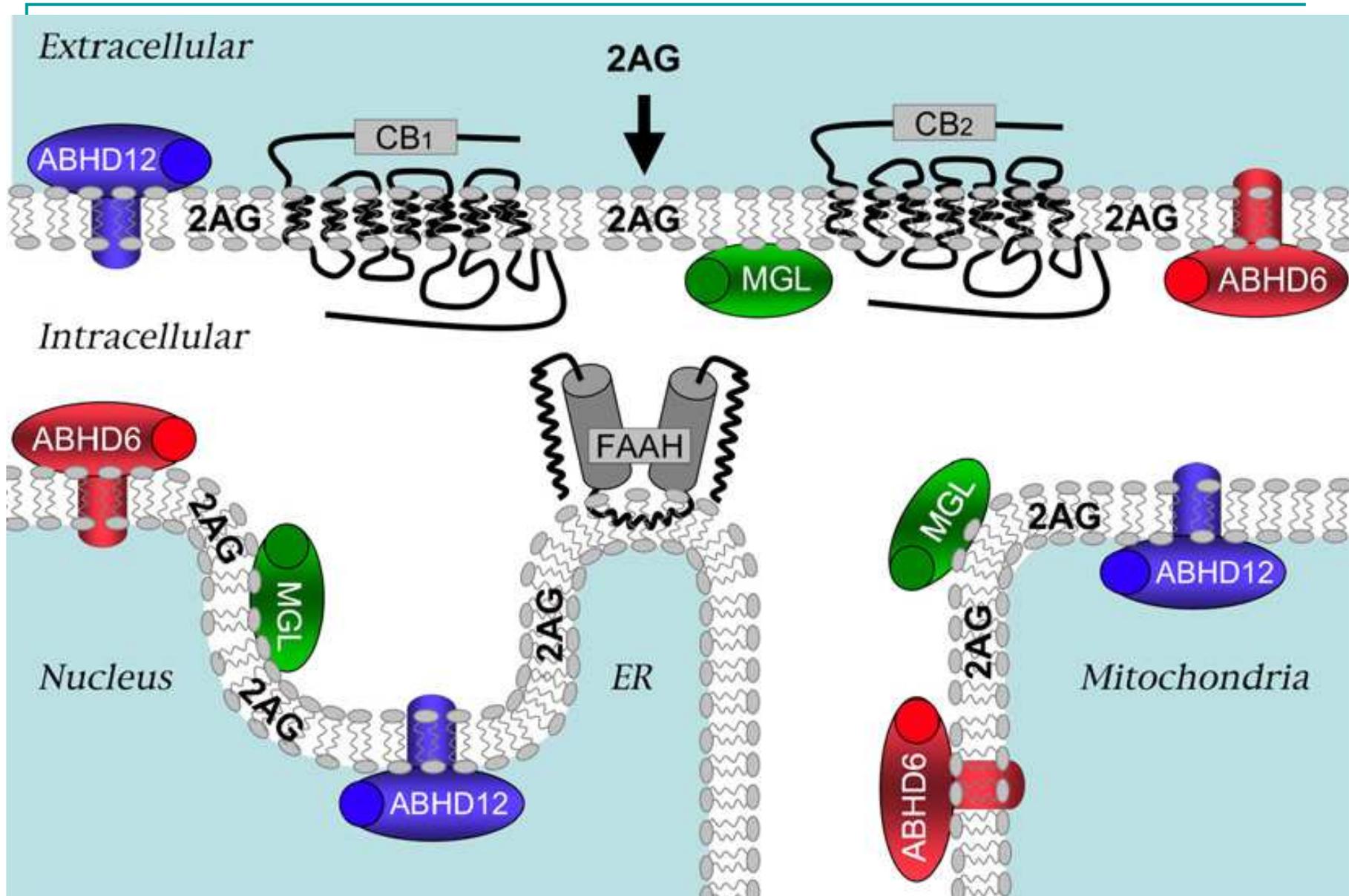
# Principales enzymes de dégradation de l'anandamide



NAAA, N-acylethanolamine-hydrolyzing acid amidase

# Principales enzymes de dégradation du 2-AG



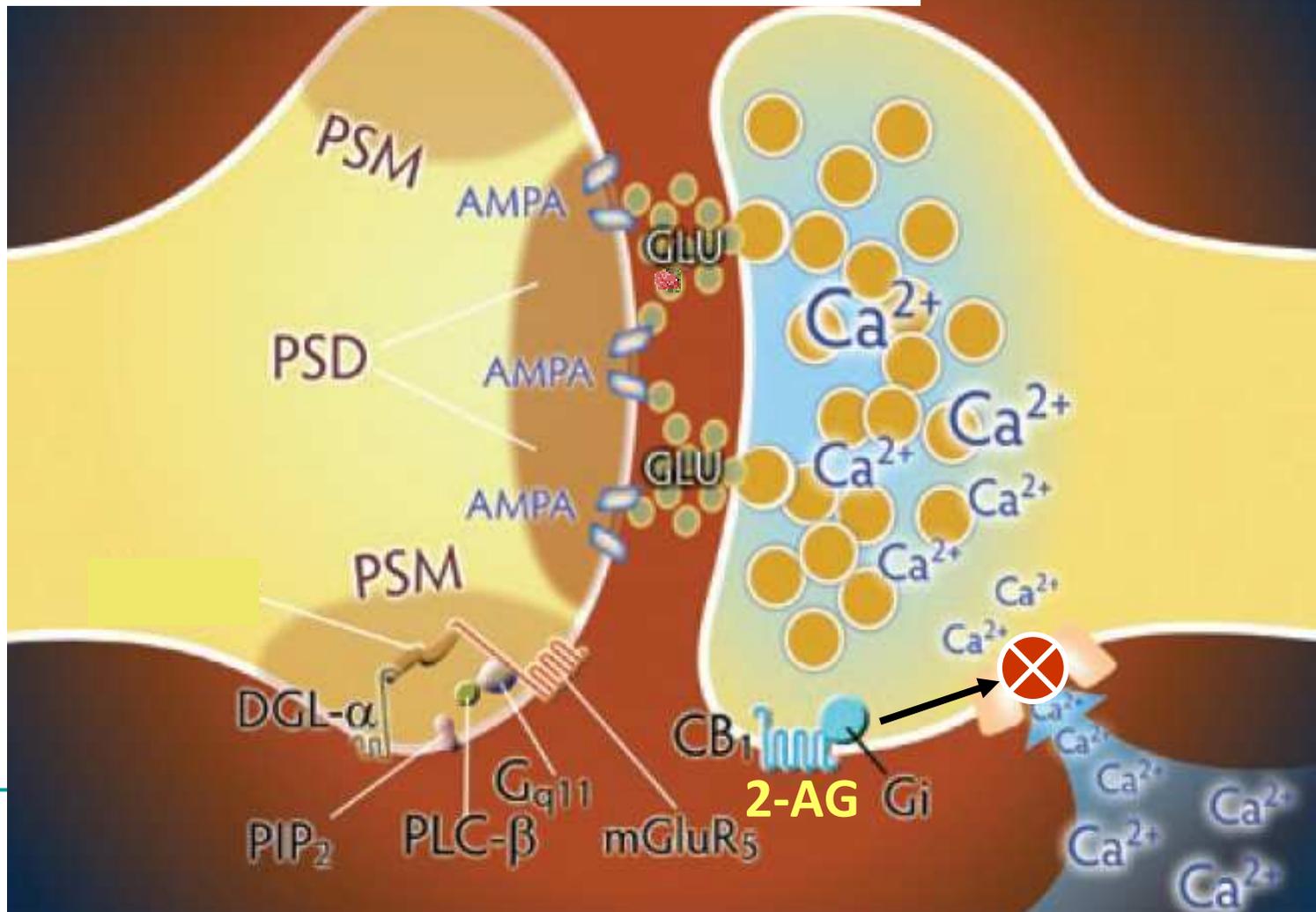


# Cannabinoids act backwards

(Wilson & Nicoll, 2001; Ohno-Shosaku et al. 2001; Kreitzer & Regehr, 2001)

MacDonald J. Christie and Christopher W. Vaughan

Cannabis is useful for treating many ailments, but has unwanted side effects. Drugs that control signalling by cannabinoids found naturally in the body might be more useful.



**Table 2** Interaction between cannabinoids and other systems [15]

System	Effects of interaction
Glutamate	Inhibit release from presynaptic sites
GABA	Inhibit release from presynaptic sites
Serotonin	Potentiate 5-HT <sub>2A</sub> and inhibit 5-HT <sub>2A</sub>
Adrenergic	CB1 synergy with $\alpha_2$ -agonists
Opioid	Interact synergistically with $\mu+\kappa$ receptors
Dopamine (D)	Inhibit D <sub>1</sub> via CB1 Activate D <sub>2</sub> via CB1
Neuroprotective	Direct anti-oxidant effects Reduce “excito-toxicity” via CB1 decrease in glutamate release Inhibits nerve growth factor
Anti-inflammatory	Inhibit prostaglandin E <sub>2</sub> synthesis CB1-induced decrease in calcitonin gene-related peptide and nerve growth factor CB2-induced decrease in histamine and bradykinin

5-HT=5-hydroxytryptamine

# Effets des cannabinoïdes sur les cytokines pro-inflammatoires

Table 1 | **Cannabinoid effects on pro-inflammatory cytokines**

Cannabinoid	Receptor	Cell or tissue type	Cytokine stimulant or inflammation model	Effect	F
<b>Mice</b>					
WIN55,212-2 or HU-210	ND	Spleen	LPS and <i>Propionibacterium acnes</i> *	Decreases TNF and IL-12 and increases IL-10	
THC	ND	Macrophage cell line (RAW264.7)	LPS	Decreases TNF	
HU-211	NMDA receptor	Brain	Closed head injury	Decreases TNF	
WIN55,212-2	CB <sub>2</sub> dependent	Heart	Ischaemia-reperfusion	Decreases IL-1β and CXCL8	
THC, AEA or 2-AG	ND	Macrophage cell line (J774)	LPS	Decreases IL-6	
THC	ND	Spleen	<i>Legionella pneumophila</i>	Increases TNF and IL-6	
THC	ND	Peritoneal macrophages	LPS	Increases IL-1α and IL-1β	
<b>Humans</b>					
Marijuana smoking	ND	Lung alveolar macrophages	LPS	Decreases TNF, GM-CSF and IL-6	
Ajulemic acid	ND	Peripheral-blood and synovial monocytes	LPS	Decreases IL-1β	
2-AG	CB <sub>2</sub> dependent	Pro-myelocytic leukaemia cell line (HL-60)	2-AG	Increases CXCL8 and CCL2	
CP55,940	CB <sub>2</sub> dependent	Pro-myelocytic leukaemia cell line (HL-60) (CB <sub>2</sub> transfected)	CP55,940	Increases TNF, CXCL8, CCL2 and CCL4	
<b>Rats</b>					
AEA, 2-AG, WIN55,212-2 or HU-210	CB <sub>1</sub> and CB <sub>2</sub> independent	Microglial cells	LPS	Decreases TNF	

# Implication des cannabinoïdes dans certaines maladies inflammatoires

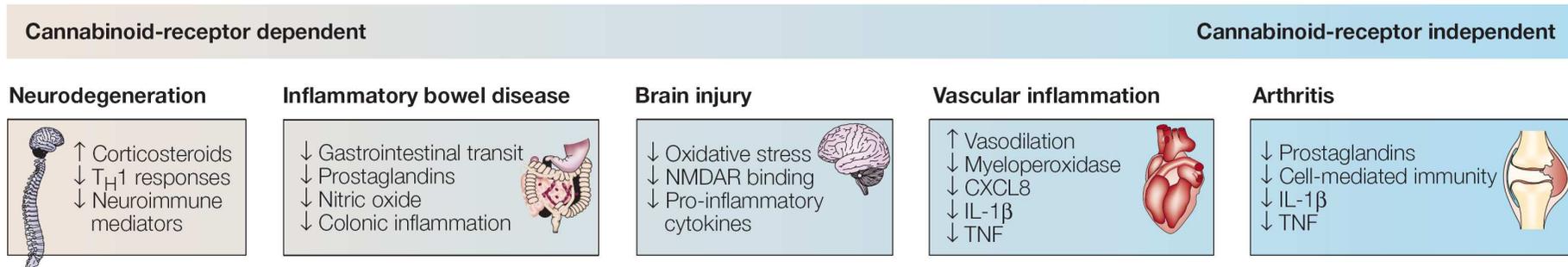
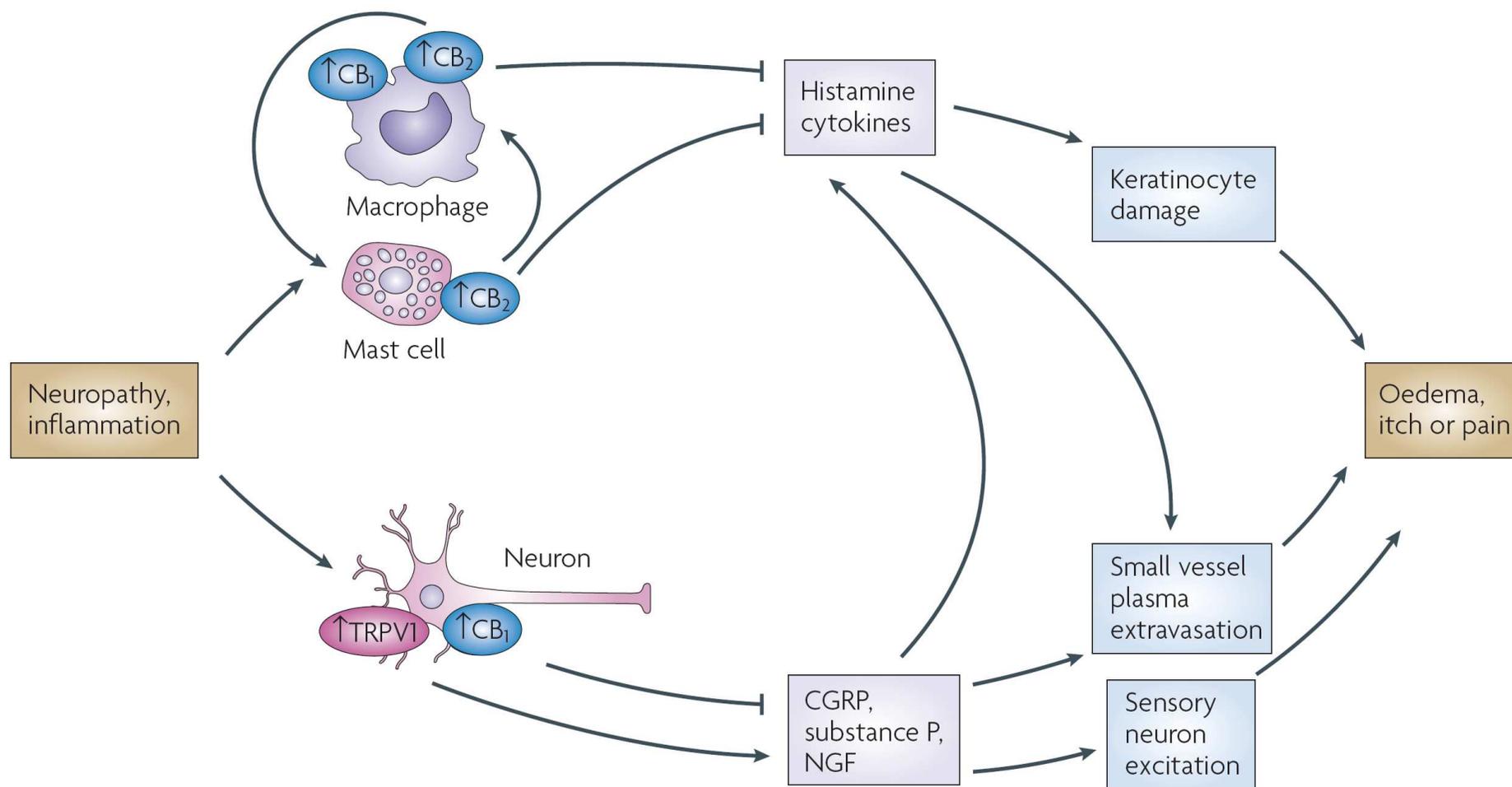
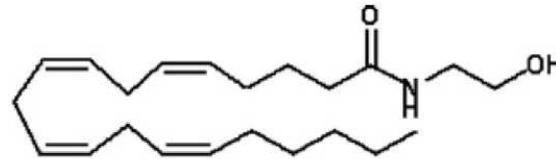


Figure 3 | **Anti-inflammatory effects of cannabinoid-based drugs.** Symptoms of neurodegeneration are attenuated by treatment with cannabinoid-based drugs. This process is mediated, at least in part, through binding of cannabinoid receptors.

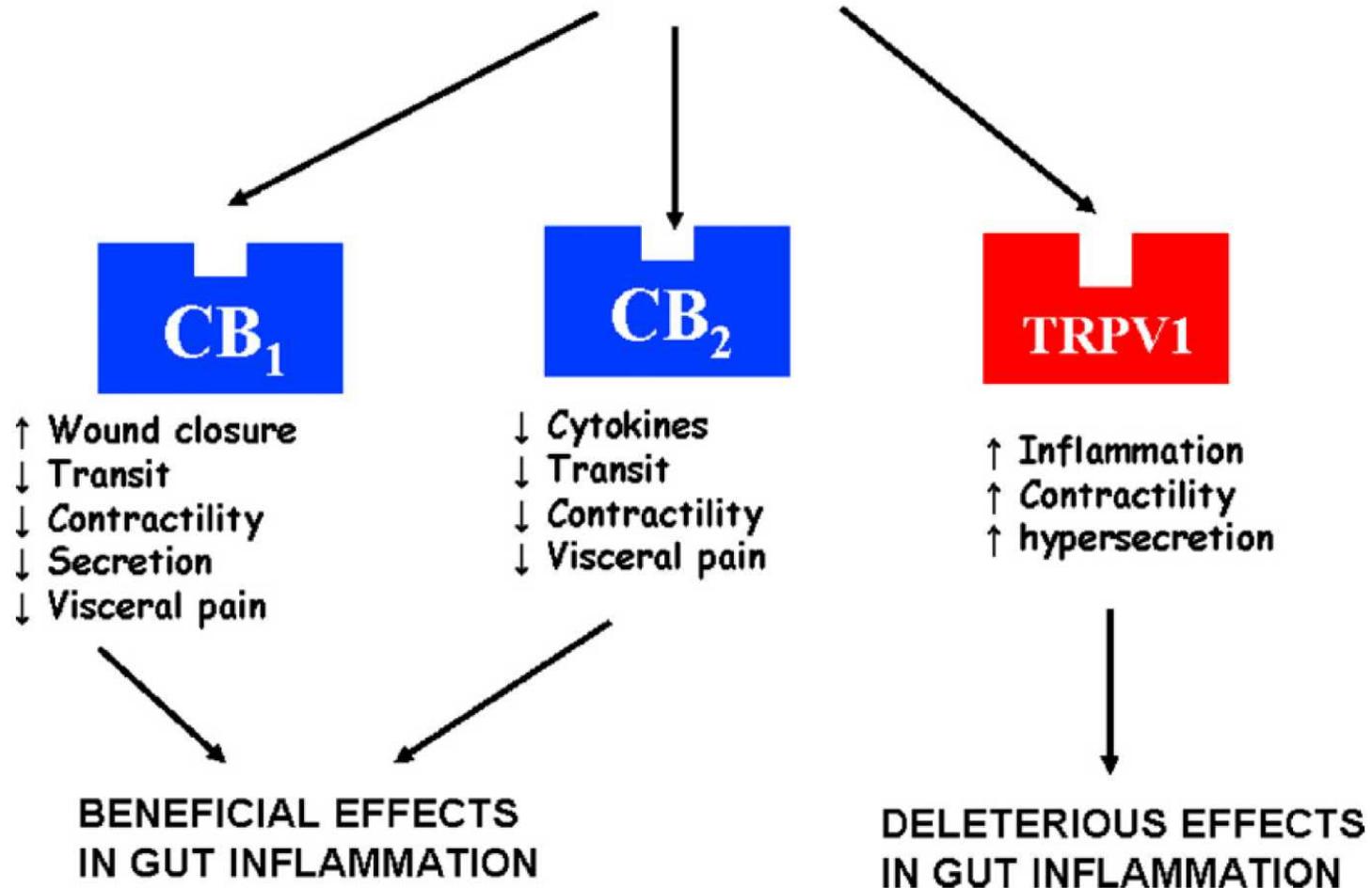
- Neurodégénération
- Maladies inflammatoires chroniques de l'intestin
- Lésion cérébrale
- Inflammation vasculaire
- Arthrite

# Physiological roles of endocannabinoids and potential consequences of their dysregulation during peripheral neuroinflammation





**anandamide**



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# Cannabinoïdes et modèles animaux de douleur

- Efficaces dans tous les modèles testés

- ❑ douleur aiguë
- ❑ **douleur inflammatoire**
- ❑ douleur neuropathique
- ❑ douleur viscérale
- ❑ douleur cancéreuse



- Efficaces quelle que soit la voie d'administration

- ❑ systémique
- ❑ intrathécale
- ❑ locale
- ❑ topique

Table 3. Antinociceptive Effects of Modulators of the Endocannabinoid System in the Formalin Model Of Inflammation **Guindon & Hohmann**

Pain Model	Compounds	Anti-Nociception	Mediated By		Studies	
			CB <sub>1</sub>	CB <sub>2</sub>	References	
Formalin Test	Endocannabinoid uptake inhibitors	LY2318912	Yes	NT	NT	[93]
		UCM707	Yes	NT	NT	[214]
		AM404	Yes	Yes	No	[214]
		LY2183240	Yes	Yes	No	[215]
		OMDM132	Yes	Yes	Yes	[215]
	Exogenous Endocannabinoids	AEA	Yes	NT	NT	[259]
			Yes	Yes	No	[177]
			Yes	Yes	No	[216]
			Yes	NT	NT	[255]
		2-AG	Yes	No	Yes	[217]
	FAAH inhibitors	MAFP	Yes	Yes	NT	[218]
		Flurbiprofen	Yes	Yes	NT	[218]
		Ibuprofen	Yes	No	No	[216]
		Rofecoxib	Yes	NT	NT	[178]
		Propofol	Yes	Yes	Yes	[221]
		AA-5-HT	Yes	Yes	No	[219]
		AA-5-HT	Yes	Yes	No	[220]
		OMDM106	Yes	Yes	NT	[220]
		Compound 17	Yes	Yes	NT	[206]
		OMDM119	Yes	No	NT	[215]
		OMDM122	Yes	No	NT	[215]
		LY2183240	Yes	Yes	No	[215]
	MGL inhibitors	URB602	Yes	Yes	Yes	[217]
		OMDM169	Yes	Yes	Yes	[180]
	Exogenous Endocannabinoids + FAAH inhibitors	AEA + Ibuprofen	Yes	Yes	No	[216]
		AEA + Rofecoxib	Yes	NT	NT	[178]
	Exogenous Endocannabinoids+ MGL inhibitors	2-AG + URB602	Yes	NT	NT	[217]

MAFP, methyl arachidonyl fluorophosphonate.

**Table 4. Antinociceptive Effects of Modulators of the Endocannabinoid System in Inflammatory Pain Models**

Pain Model	Compounds		Anti-Nociception	Mediated by		Studies
				CB <sub>1</sub>	CB <sub>2</sub>	References
<b>Carrageenan</b>	Exogenous Endocannabinoids	AEA	Yes	NT	NT	[223]
			Yes	Yes	NT	[183]
			Yes	NT	NT	[224]
	FAAH inhibitors	URB597	Yes	No	Yes	[179]
			Yes	NT	NT	[225]
			Yes	No	NT	[226]
			Yes	NT	NT	[227]
	MGL inhibitors	URB602	Yes	No	Yes	[228]
Compound 21		Yes	NT	NT	[229]	
<b>Capsaicin</b>	Exogenous Endocannabinoids	AEA	Yes	NT	NT	[202]
<b>Complete Freund's Adjuvant</b>	Endocannabinoid uptake inhibitors	AM404	Yes	Yes	No	[214]
			Yes trend	NT	NT	[237]
	Exogenous Endocannabinoids	AEA	Yes	No	NT	[207]
	FAAH inhibitors	URB597	Yes	Yes	Yes	[236]
<b>Acetic Acid Writhing Test</b>	Exogenous Endocannabinoids	AEA	Yes	Yes	No	[202]
	MGL inhibitors	Compound 21	Yes	NT	NT	[229]
<b>Kaolin Writhing Test</b>	Exogenous Endocannabinoids	AEA	Yes	Yes	No	[202]
<b>NGF Inflammatory Hyperalgesia</b>	Exogenous Endocannabinoids	AEA	Yes	Yes	No	[238]
<b>p-Phenyl-Quinone Stretch Test</b>	Exogenous Endocannabinoids	AEA	Yes	NT	NT	[203]
<b>Turpentine Bladder Inflammation</b>	Exogenous Endocannabinoids	AEA	Yes	NT	NT	[259]

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# STRATEGIES THERAPEUTIQUES EN 2010

- Cibler les récepteurs CB<sub>2</sub>
  - Modulation des enzymes de dégradation des endocannabinoïdes
    - Inhibiteurs de la FAAH
      - AINS
      - Autres (URB597...)
    - Inhibiteurs de la MGL
  - Développement de composés à action CB<sub>1</sub> périphérique
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## REVIEW

# Cannabinoid CB<sub>2</sub> receptors: a therapeutic target for the treatment of inflammatory and neuropathic pain

**Table 1** *In vitro* binding profile of cannabinoid CB<sub>2</sub> agonists and CB<sub>1</sub> and CB<sub>1</sub> antagonists

Compound		CB <sub>1</sub>		CB <sub>2</sub>	
HU-308	CB <sub>2</sub> agonist	$K_i > 10 \mu\text{M}$	Rat brain	$K_i = 22.7 \pm 3.9 \text{ nM}$	Transfected cells
AM1241	CB <sub>2</sub> agonist	$K_i = 280 \pm 41 \text{ nM}$	Rat brain	$K_i = 3.4 \pm 0.5 \text{ nM}$	Mouse spleen
JWH-133	CB <sub>2</sub> agonist	$K_i = 677 \pm 132 \text{ nM}$	Rat brain	$K_i = 3.4 \pm 1.0 \text{ nM}$	Human embryonic kidney 293 cells
GW405833	CB <sub>2</sub> agonist	$K_i = 2043 \pm 183 \text{ nM}$	Cos-7 cells	$K_i = 14 \pm 6 \text{ nM}$	Cos-M6 cells
(L768242)		$K_i = 273 \pm 42.6 \text{ nM}$	Rat brain	$K_i = 3.6 \pm 1.1 \text{ nM}$	Rat spleen
GW842166 X	CB <sub>2</sub> agonist	Not available		Not available	
SR141716A	CB <sub>1</sub> antagonist	$K_i = 2 \text{ nM}$	Rat brain	$K_i > 1000 \text{ nM}$	Mouse vas deferens
AM251	CB <sub>1</sub> antagonist	$K_i = 7.5 \text{ nM}$	Rat forebrain	$K_i = 2290 \text{ nM}$	Mouse spleen
SR144528	CB <sub>2</sub> antagonist	$K_i = 305 \pm 44 \text{ nM}$	Rat brain	$K_i = 0.30 \pm 0.38 \text{ nM}$	Rat spleen
AM630	CB <sub>2</sub> antagonist	$K_i = 5152 \pm 567 \text{ nM}$	CHO cells	$K_i = 31.2 \pm 12.4 \text{ nM}$	CHO cells

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# Antinociceptive effects of cannabinoid CB<sub>2</sub> agonists in the capsaicin, CFA or model of inflammation formalin

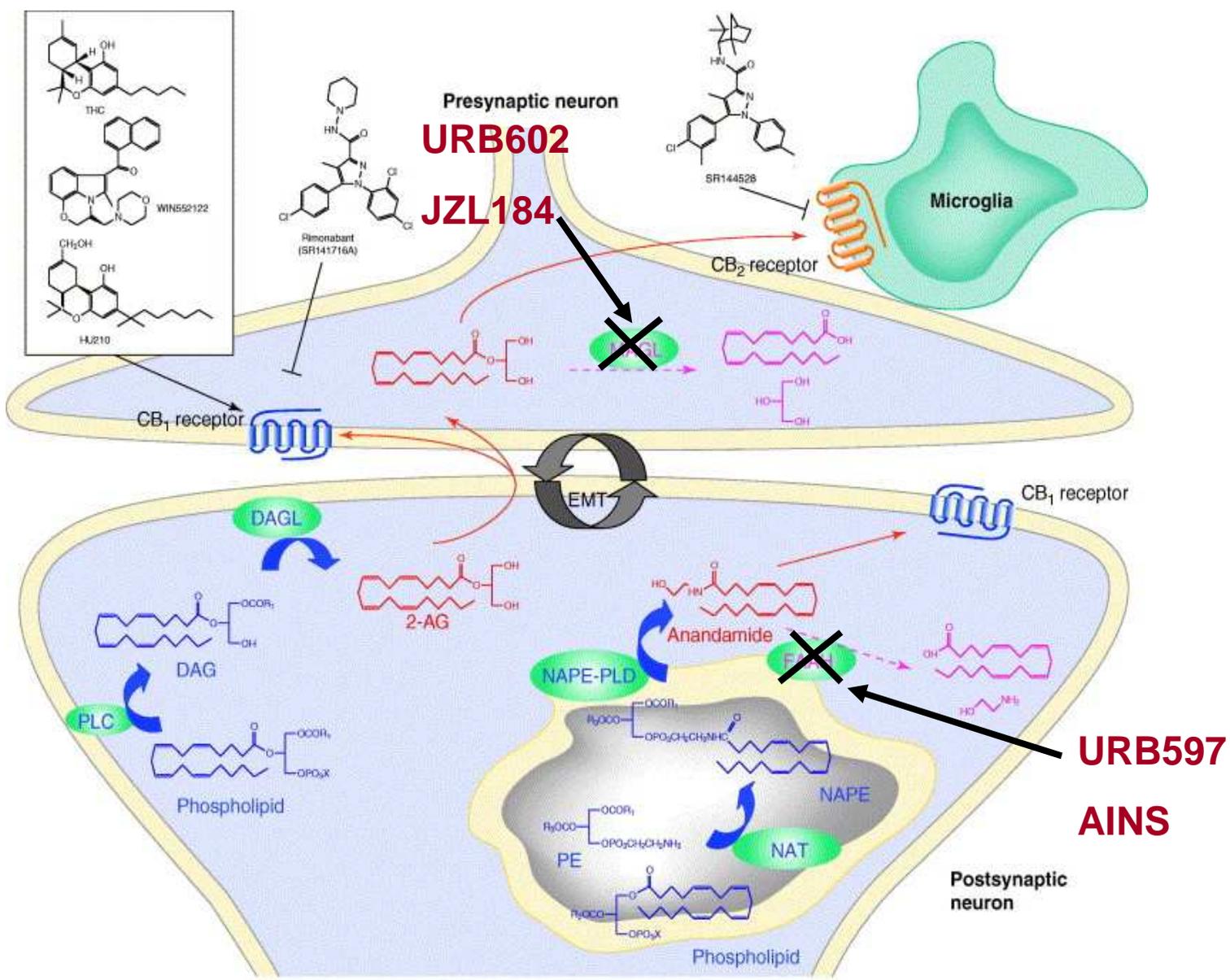
**Table 4** Antinociceptive effects of cannabinoid CB<sub>2</sub> agonists in animal models of inflammatory pain

Pain model	Drugs	Route of administration		Pharmacological specificity		Antinociception	Mediated by		Studies
		Systemic	Local	CB <sub>1</sub> (local/systemic)	CB <sub>2</sub> (local/systemic)		CB <sub>1</sub>	CB <sub>2</sub>	
<i>Inflammatory</i>									
● Capsaicin i.paw post	AM1241	0.03–0.3 mg kg <sup>-1</sup> , i.p.	—	Not blocked by AM251; 300 μg kg <sup>-1</sup> , i.p.	Blocked by AM630; 100 μg kg <sup>-1</sup> , i.p.	Yes T	No	Yes	Quartilho <i>et al.</i> , 2003
● Capsaicin i.pl. post	AM1241	33 or 330 μg kg <sup>-1</sup> , i.p.	33 μg kg <sup>-1</sup> , i.pl.	Not blocked by SR141716A; 1 mg kg <sup>-1</sup> , i.p.	Blocked by SR144528; 1 mg kg <sup>-1</sup> , i.p.	Yes M and T NB	No	Yes	Hohmann <i>et al.</i> , 2004
● CFA i.pl. pre	GW405833 (L768242)	0.01–30 mg kg <sup>-1</sup> , i.p.	—	NT	NT	Yes M	NT	NT	Valenzano <i>et al.</i> , 2005
● CFA i.pl. pre	GW405833 (L768242)	3–30 mg kg <sup>-1</sup> , i.p.	—	Antinociceptive effect in CB <sub>2</sub> <sup>+/+</sup> but not in CB <sub>2</sub> <sup>-/-</sup> mice		Yes M	NT	Yes	Valenzano <i>et al.</i> , 2005; Whiteside <i>et al.</i> , 2005
● CFA i.pl. pre	GW842166X	0.3–1 mg kg <sup>-1</sup> , o.	—	NT	Blocked by AM630; 15 mg kg <sup>-1</sup> , i.p.	Yes WB	NT	Yes	Giblin <i>et al.</i> , 2007
● Formalin i.pl. post	HU-308	50 mg kg <sup>-1</sup> , i.p.	—	NT	Blocked by SR144528; 0.5 mg kg <sup>-1</sup> , i.p.	Yes LP	NT	Yes	Hanus <i>et al.</i> , 1999
● Formalin i.pl. post	AM1241	0.3–3 mg kg <sup>-1</sup> , i.v.	—	NT	Blocked by SR144528; 1 mg kg <sup>-1</sup> , i.p.	Yes LP	NT	Yes	Beltramo <i>et al.</i> , 2006
● Formalin i.pl. post	L768242 (GW405833)	3–10 mg kg <sup>-1</sup> , i.v.	—	NT	Blocked by SR144528; 1 mg kg <sup>-1</sup> , i.p.	Yes LP	NT	Yes	Beltramo <i>et al.</i> , 2006
● Acid arachidonic <sup>a</sup> ear post	HU-308	50 mg kg <sup>-1</sup> , i.p.	—	Not blocked by SR141716A; 5 mg kg <sup>-1</sup> , i.p.	Blocked by SR144528; 1 mg kg <sup>-1</sup> , i.p.	Yes	No	Yes	Hanus <i>et al.</i> , 1999

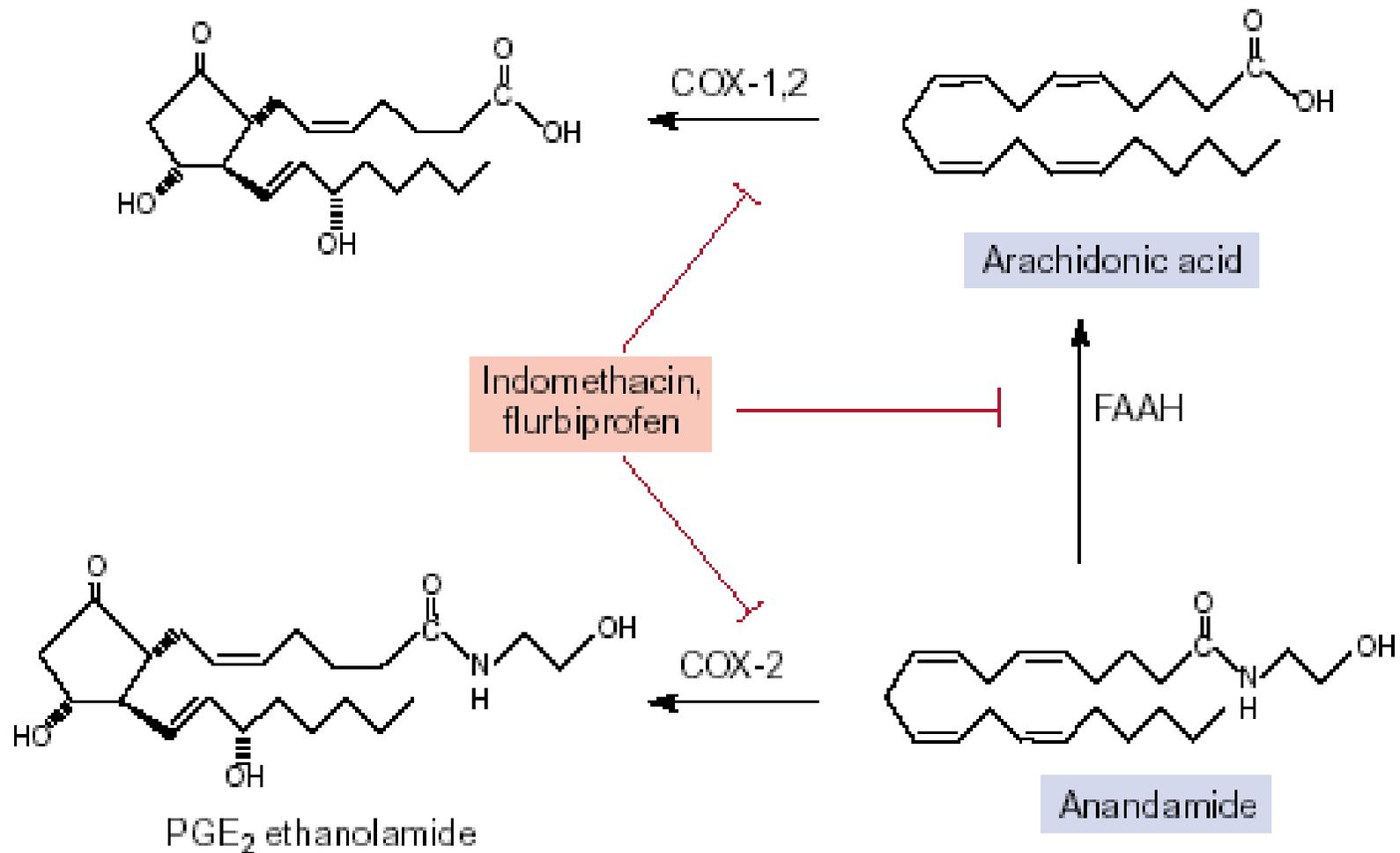
Abbreviations: CFA, complete Freund's adjuvant; i.paw, dorsal surface of the paw; i.p., intraperitoneal; i.pl., intraplantar; i.v., intravenous; LP, late phase; M, mechanical; NB, nocifensive behaviour; NT, not tested; o., oral; post, capsaicin/CFA/formalin injected after drugs; pre, capsaicin/CFA/formalin injected before drugs; T, thermal; WB, weight bearing.

<sup>a</sup>Applied to the inner surface of one ear.

● Tested on rats □ and mice ■.



# Endocannabinoïdes et AINS



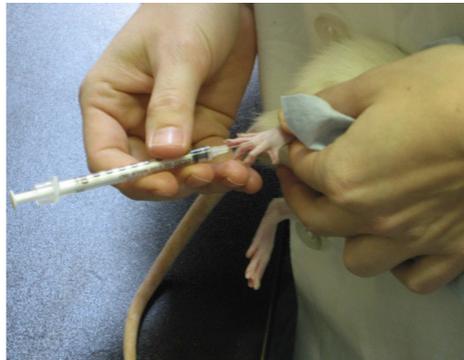


## Local interactions between anandamide, an endocannabinoid, and ibuprofen, a nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug, in acute and inflammatory pain

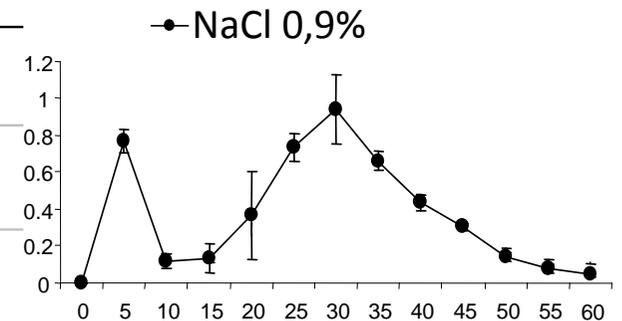
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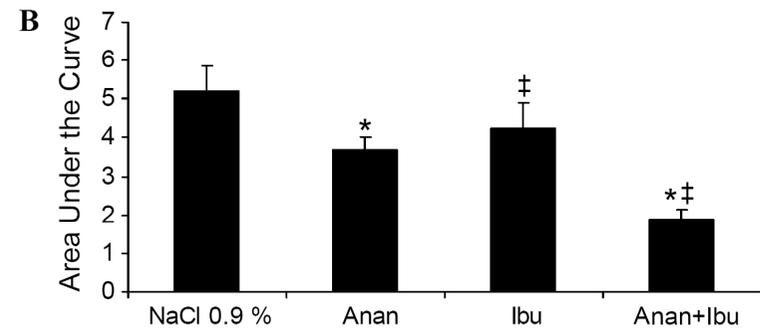
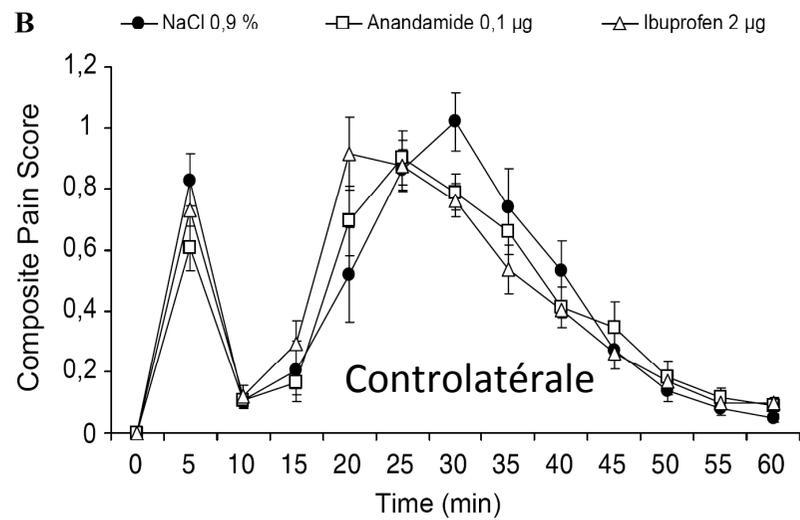
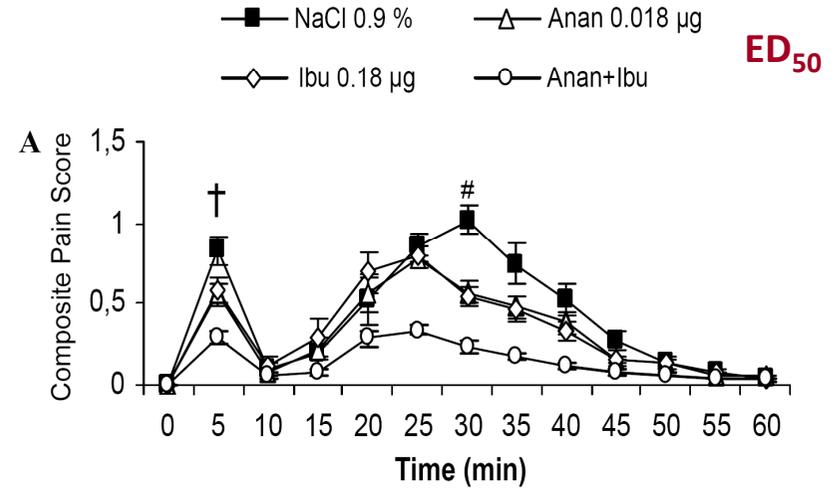
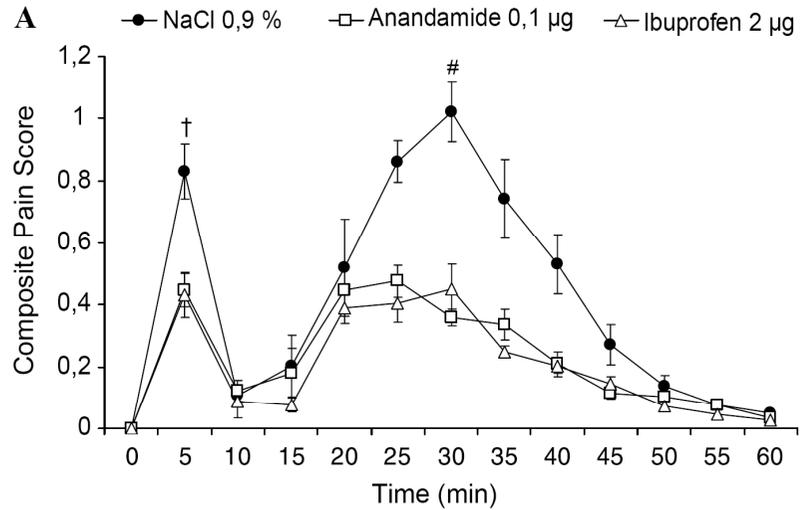
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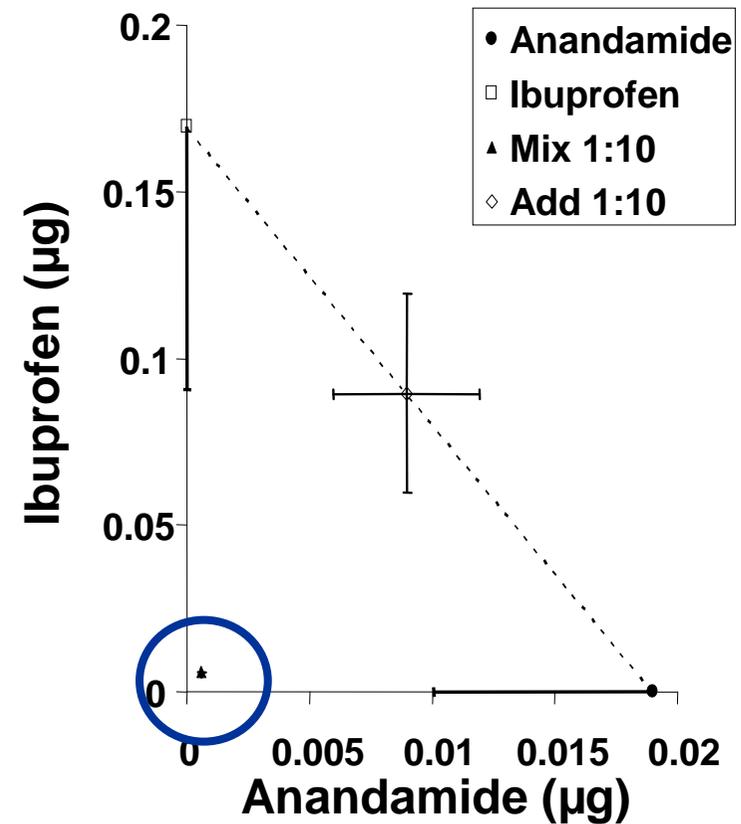
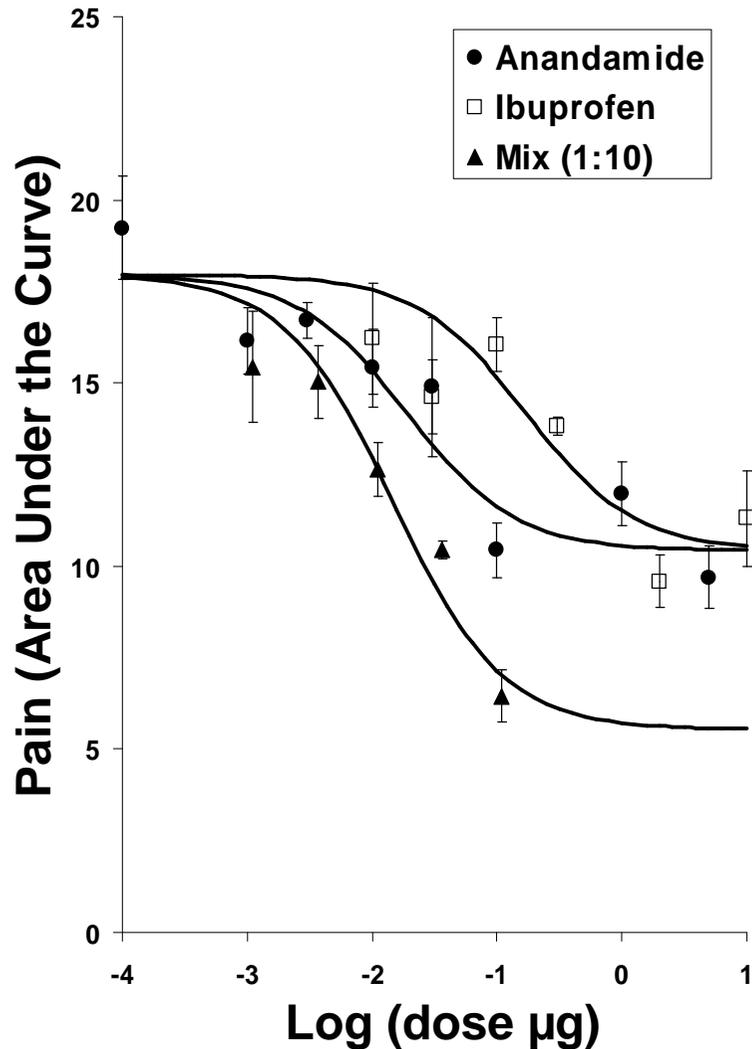
Comportement	Observations	Cote de douleur
Comportement normal	L'animal met du poids sur la patte qui a reçu l'injection.	0
Comportement de douleur - 1 -	L'animal met peu ou pas de poids sur la patte qui a reçu l'injection.	0
Comportement de douleur - 2 -	L'animal garde la patte qui a reçu l'injection élevée, ne la pose pas.	1
Comportement de douleur - 3 -	L'animal secoue, mordille ou lèche la patte qui a reçu l'injection.	2



Watson et al. Pain 1997



# Effet synergique de l'anandamide + ibuprofène (idem avec rofécoxib)

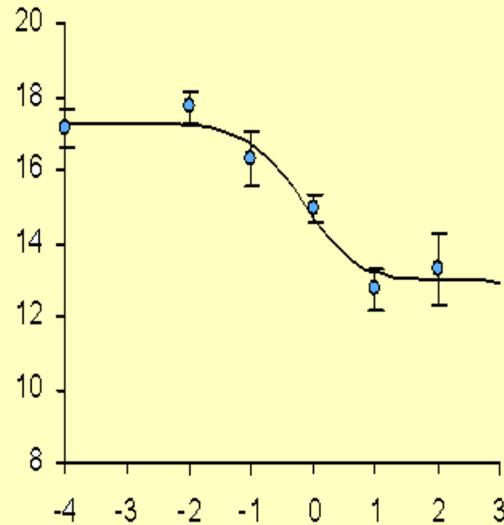


# RESEARCH PAPER

## The antinociceptive effect of 2-arachidonyl glycerol (2-AG) in rat paw injections is mediated by CB1 receptors

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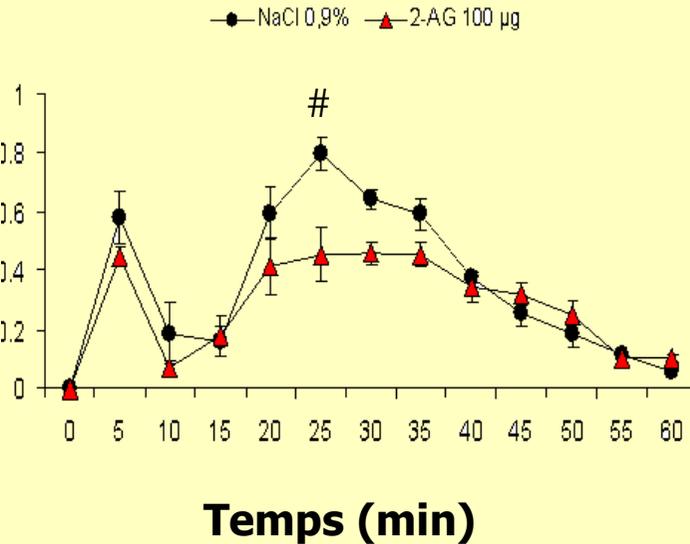
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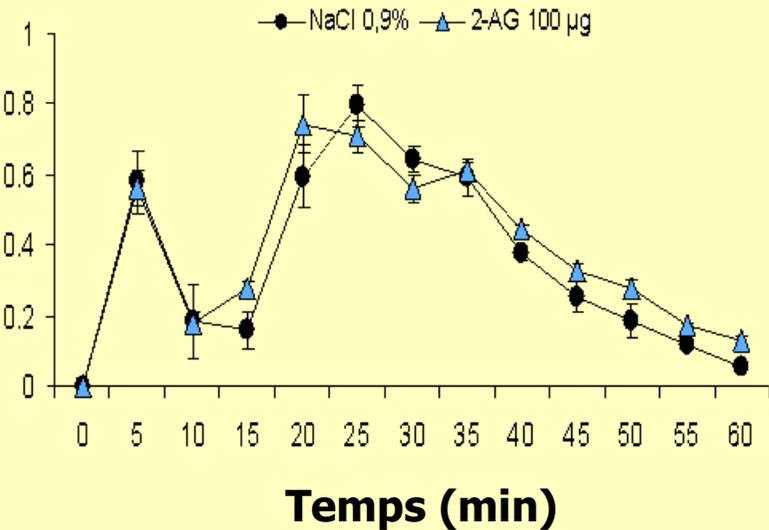
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### Patte controlatérale

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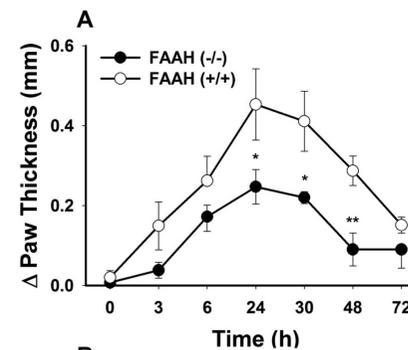
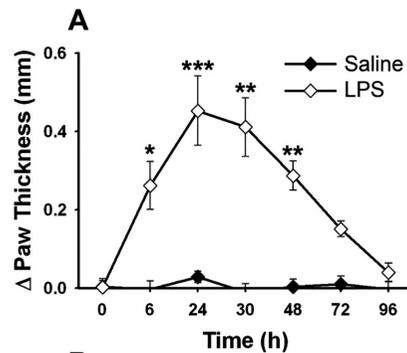
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# Regulation of Inflammatory Pain by Inhibition of Fatty Acid Amide Hydrolase<sup>S</sup>

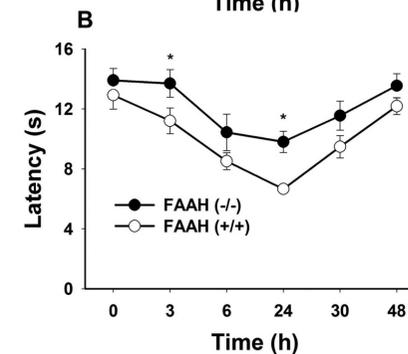
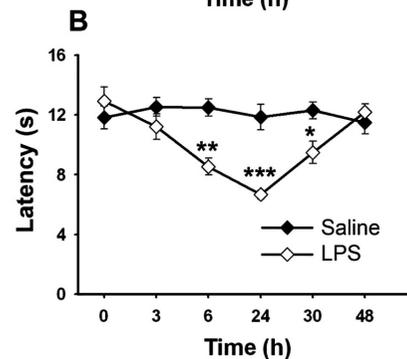
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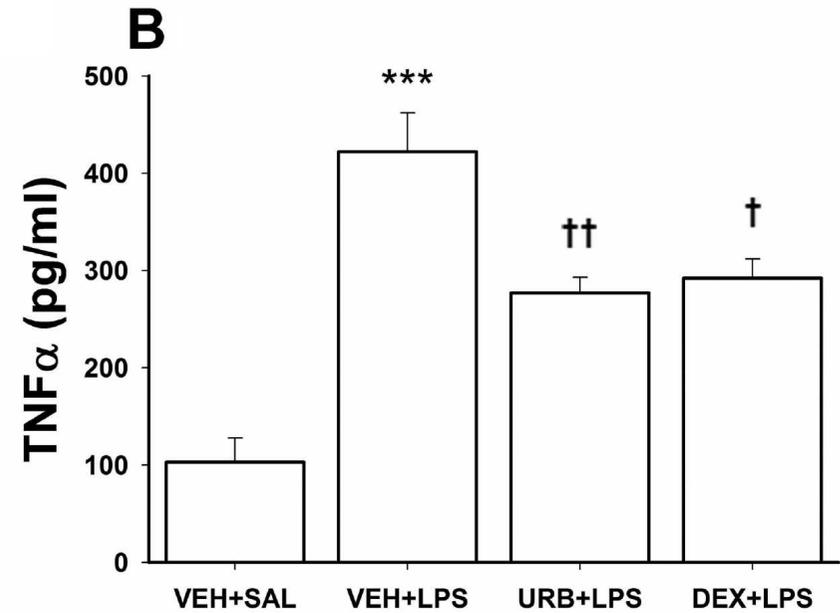
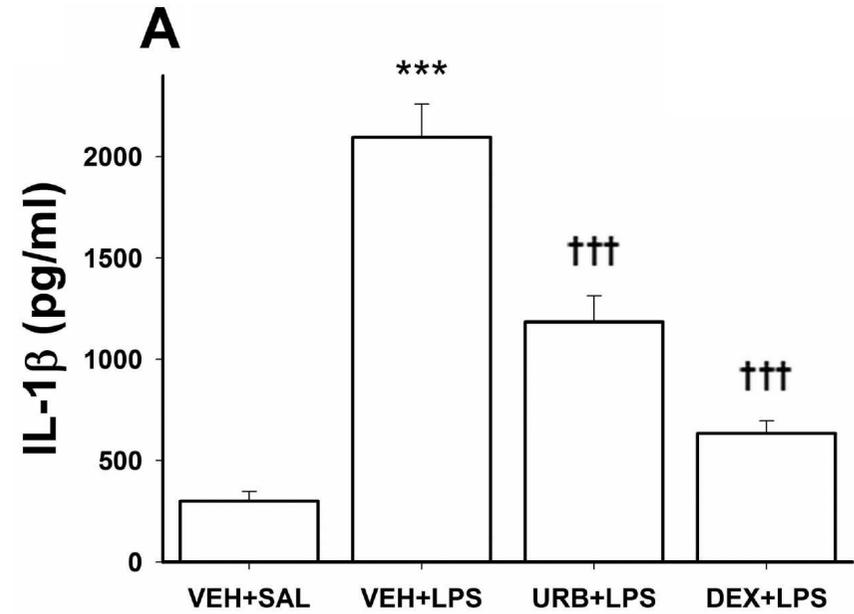
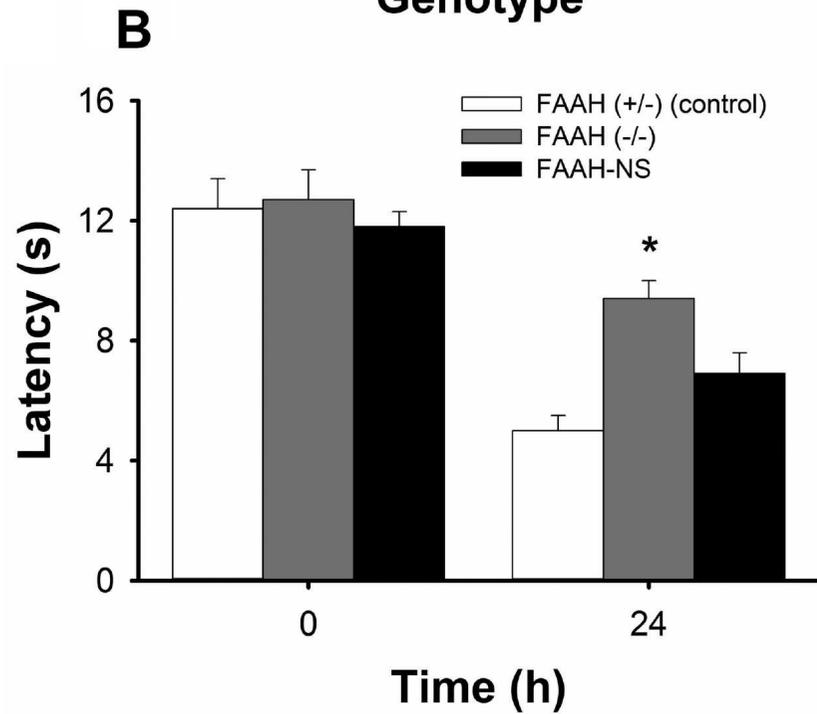
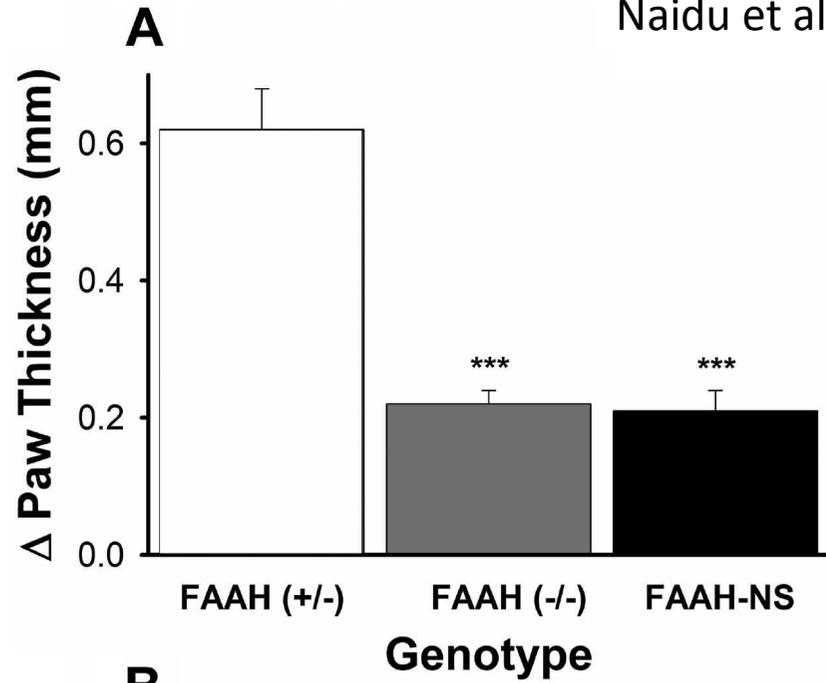
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# Chronic monoacylglycerol lipase blockade causes functional antagonism of the endocannabinoid system

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Prolonged exposure to drugs of abuse, such as cannabinoids and opioids, leads to pharmacological tolerance and receptor desensitization in the nervous system. We found that a similar form of functional antagonism was produced by sustained inactivation of monoacylglycerol lipase (MAGL), the principal degradative enzyme for the endocannabinoid 2-arachidonoylglycerol. After repeated administration, the MAGL inhibitor JZL184 lost its analgesic activity and produced cross-tolerance to cannabinoid receptor (CB<sub>1</sub>) agonists in mice, effects that were phenocopied by genetic disruption of *Mgl1* (encoding MAGL). Chronic MAGL blockade also caused physical dependence, impaired endocannabinoid-dependent synaptic plasticity and desensitized brain CB<sub>1</sub> receptors. These data contrast with blockade of fatty acid amide hydrolase, an enzyme that degrades the other major endocannabinoid anandamide, which produced sustained analgesia without impairing CB<sub>1</sub> receptors. Thus, individual endocannabinoids generate distinct analgesic profiles that are either sustained or transitory and associated with agonism and functional antagonism of the brain cannabinoid system, respectively.

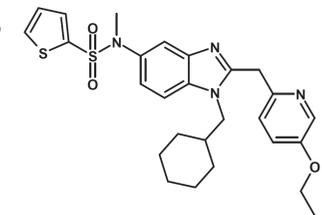
## A peripherally restricted cannabinoid receptor agonist produces robust anti-nociceptive effects in rodent models of inflammatory and neuropathic pain

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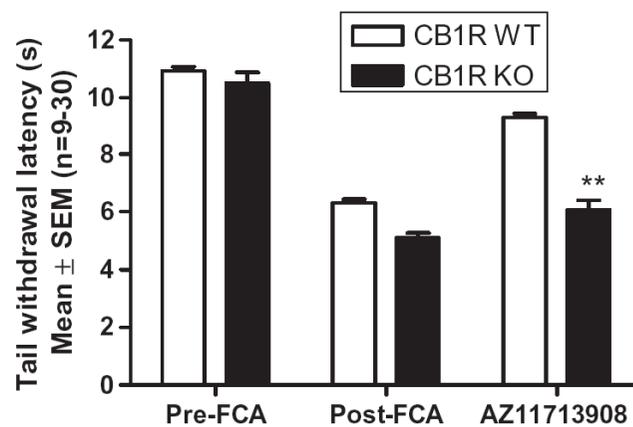
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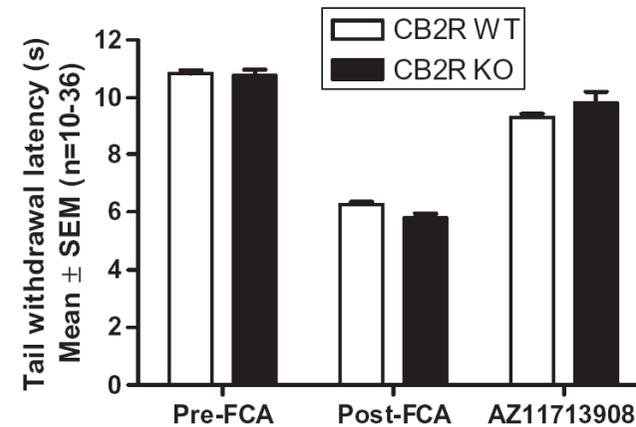
**A**

Anti-hyperalgesia effect of AZ11713908 in CB1R WT mice is not observed in CB1R KO mice



**B**

Anti-hyperalgesia effect of AZ11713908 in CB2R WT mice is preserved in CB2R KO mice



# PLAN

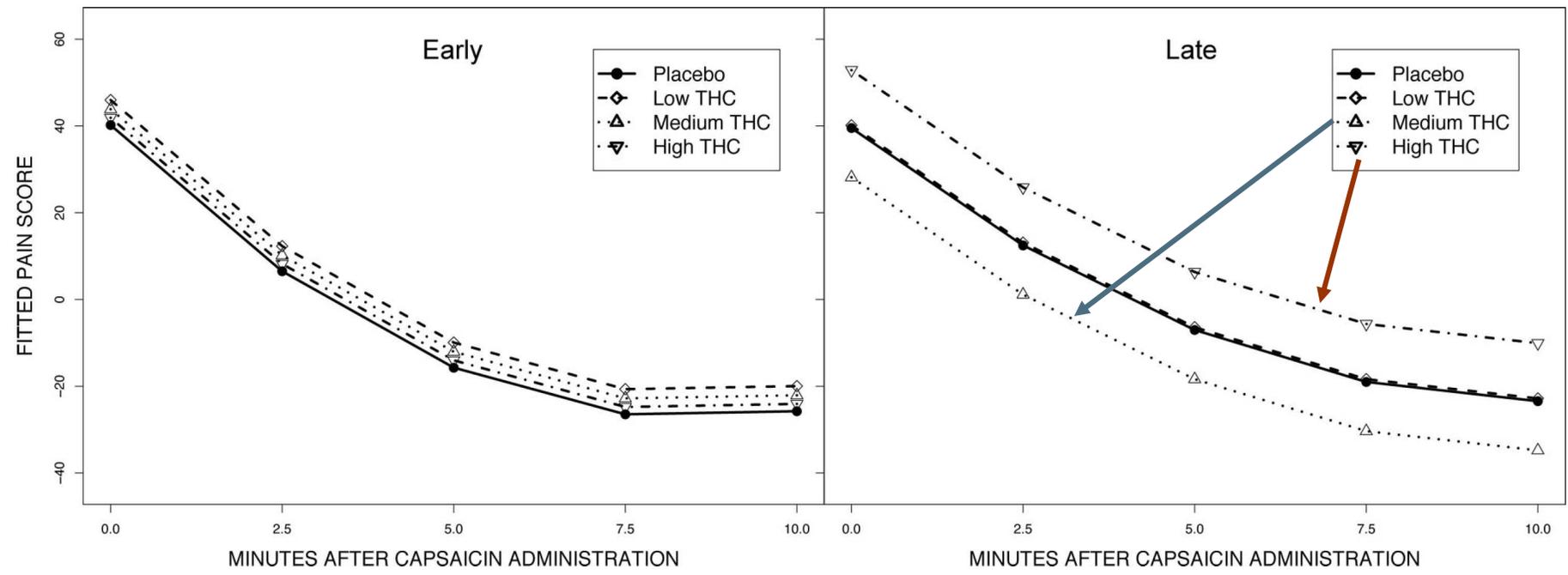
- **Les cannabinoïdes**
  - pharmacologie
  - endocannabinoïdes
- **ÉTUDES ANIMALES**
- **ÉTUDES CLINIQUES**
- **Conclusions**



## ***Dose-dependent Effects of Smoked Cannabis on Capsaicin-induced Pain and Hyperalgesia in Healthy Volunteers***

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Deborah Lazzaretto, M.S.,§ Heather Bentley,|| Ben Gouaux,# Ian Abramson, Ph.D.\*\*

- **15 healthy volunteers – effects of low- (2%), medium- (4%), and high-dose (8%) smoked cannabis on pain and cutaneous hyperalgesia induced by capsaicin**
  - **No effect on capsaicin-induced pain at any dose early after cannabis exposure**
  - **However, by 55 min:**
    - **significant ↓ in capsaicin-induced pain with the medium dose**
    - **significant ↑ in capsaicin-induced pain with the high dose**
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**Fig. 3.** The effects of smoked cannabis on composite scores of pain induced by the injection of capsaicin 20 min (early) and 55 min (late) after cannabis administration. Results are presented using the fitted data (principle components) of all outcome measurements (visual analog scale of pain intensity, brush, von Frey). THC = tetrahydrocannabinol.

## ***Lack of Analgesia by Oral Standardized Cannabis Extract on Acute Inflammatory Pain and Hyperalgesia in Volunteers***

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- 18 healthy female volunteers
  - Cannabis extract (THC 20 mg + CBD 10 mg) or active placebo (diazepam 5 mg)
  - Sunburn pain model:
    - **Cannabis extract did not affect heat pain thresholds**
    - **Electrical thresholds (250 Hz) were significantly lower compared with baseline and placebo → hyperalgesia**
  - Capsaicin model:
    - **The area of secondary hyperalgesia, flare, and spontaneous pain were not altered**
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## Erythema: electrical pain thresholds

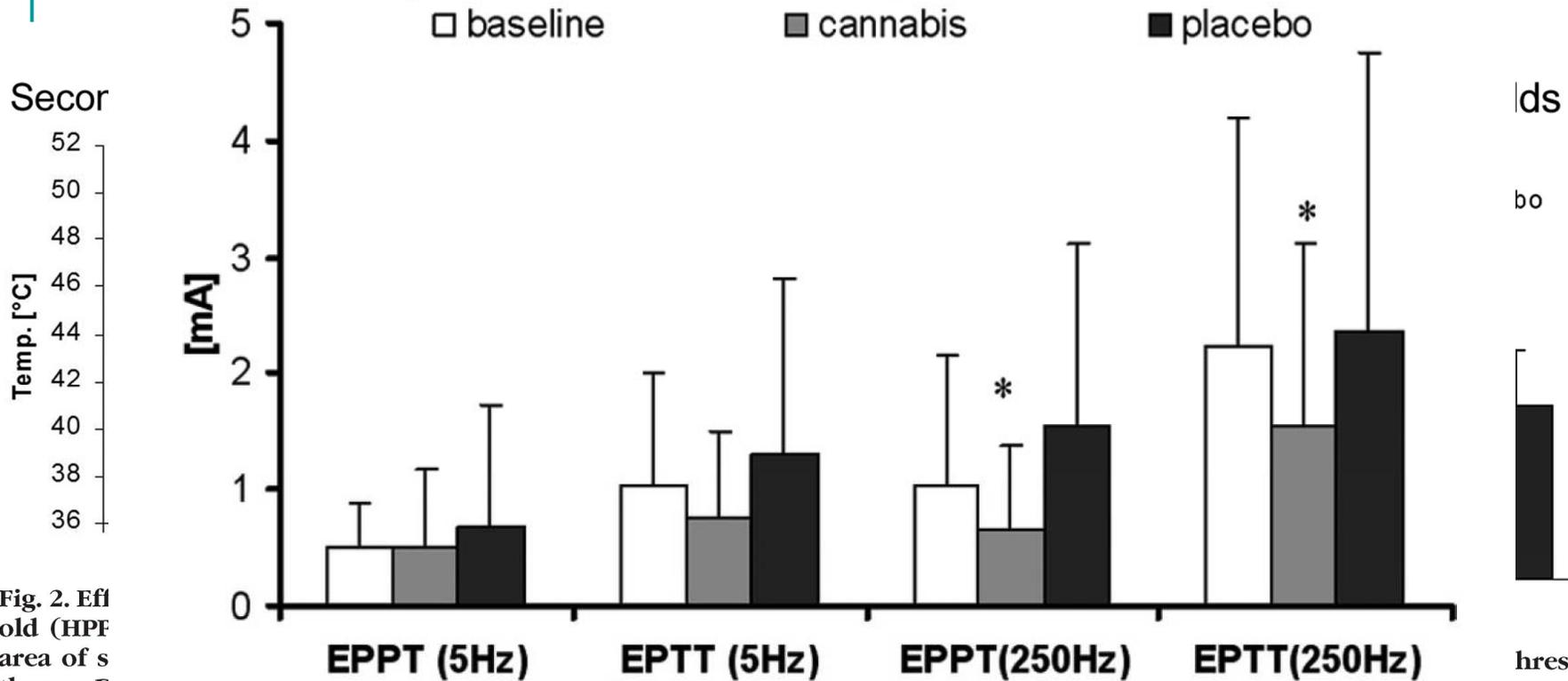
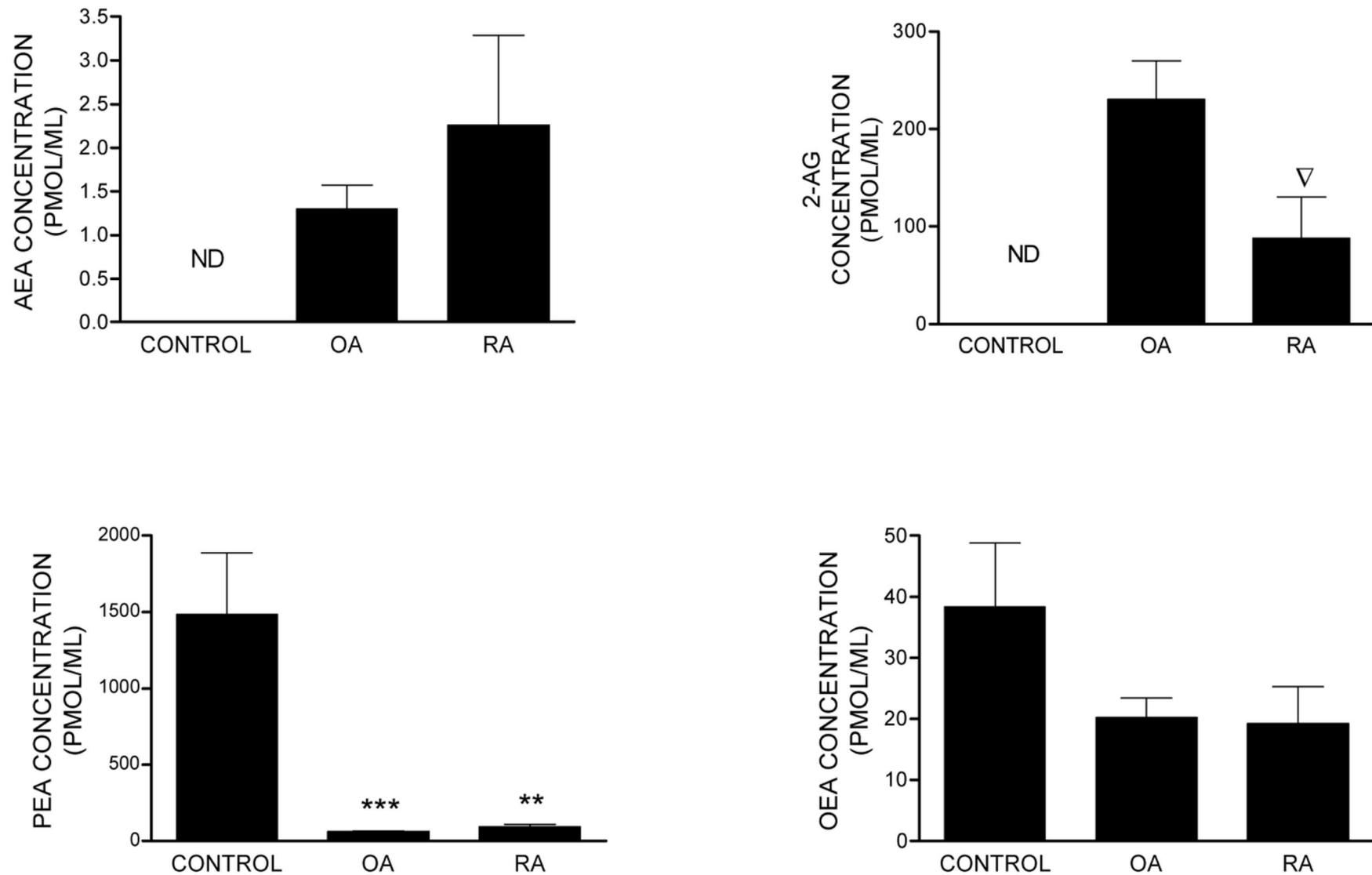


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**Fig. 4. Electrical pain thresholds within the sunburn erythema. Data are given as mean  $\pm$  SD (n = 17) of the reached intensity 2 h after the study medication. Compared with placebo (diazepam), electrical pain perception threshold (EPPT) and electrical pain tolerance threshold (EPTT) were decreased for both frequencies, but significantly only for 250 Hz (\*  $P < 0.05$ ).**

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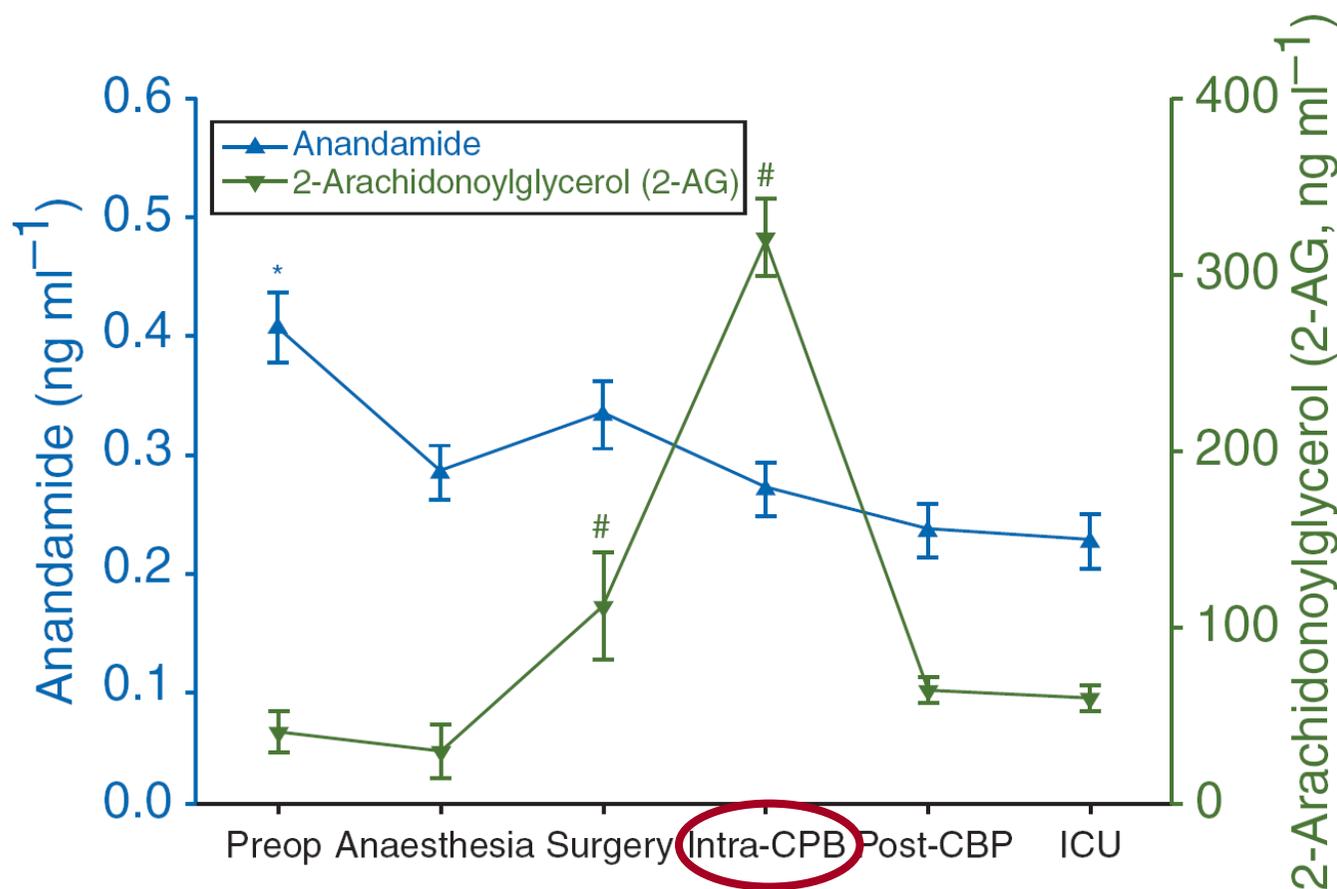


Levels of the endocannabinoids anandamide (AEA), 2-arachidonyl glycerol (2-AG), palmitoyl ethanolamide (PEA), and oleoyl ethanolamide (OEA) in synovial fluid of non-inflamed normal volunteers (control) (n = 6) and of patients with osteoarthritis (OA) (n = 14) and rheumatoid arthritis (RA) (n = 5). Data were analysed using the non-parametric Mann-Whitney test and are expressed as picomoles per millilitre. \*\* $P < 0.01$ , \*\*\* $P < 0.005$  compared with control values. Δ  $P < 0.05$  compared with OA values. ND, not detected below a limit of detection of 0.3 pmol/mL.

## Effect of anaesthesia and cardiopulmonary bypass on blood endocannabinoid concentrations during cardiac surgery

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# CONCLUSIONS

- Le système endocannabinoïde est un nouvel acteur dans l'inflammation
  - Les endocannabinoïdes ont des propriétés anti-inflammatoires par action sur récepteurs CB<sub>1</sub> et CB<sub>2</sub> et autres...
  - Les cannabinoïdes sont peu actifs contre la douleur inflammatoire chez le volontaire sain
  - Les avenues thérapeutiques impliquent:
    - de cibler les récepteurs CB<sub>2</sub>
    - la modulation des enzymes de dégradation des endoCB
    - le développement de composés à action CB<sub>1</sub> périphérique
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# Références

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