

# To IND or Not IND

## The Basics

FDLI, Legal and Practical Issues in the Evolving World of Cannabis Regulation

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# Disclaimers

- This presentation is not legal advice.
- Refer to FDA regulation and guidance for more information.
- Other interpretations are possible.

# Investigational New Drug (IND) Basics 21 C.F.R. Part 312

- Unlawful to ship a “new” drug in interstate commerce.
- IND exemption permits shipment of unapproved product in order to develop conditions for use to support FDA approval.

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## Purposes Of An IND

21 C.F.R. 312.22

- Assure the safety and rights of subjects in all phases of an investigation.
- In Phase 2 and 3, helps assure quality of the science to permit an evaluation of the drug's effectiveness and safety.

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## When do you need an IND?

- The research involves a drug;
- The research is a clinical investigation; and
- The clinical investigation is not otherwise exempt from the IND requirements in part 312.

## What is a drug?

201 (g) of the FDC Act

- “[A]rticles intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease . . .”
- “[A]rticles (other than food) intended to affect the structure or any function of the body of man or other animals.”
- Biological products subject to licensure under section 351 of the PHS Act are also considered drugs.

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## What's not a drug?

- A dietary supplement intended only to affect the structure or function of the body and not intended for a therapeutic purpose.
- A food used primarily for its taste, aroma, or nutritive value and not
  - for a therapeutic purpose, or
  - to affect the structure or function of the body, other than nutrition.

# What Is a Clinical Investigation? 21 C.F.R. § 312.3(b)

- “[A]ny experiment in which a drug is administered or dispensed to, or used involving, one or more human subjects.”
- “[A]n experiment is any use of a drug except for the use of a marketed drug in the course of medical practice.”
- “[A] randomized trial evaluating an unapproved use of a lawfully marketed drug is a clinical investigation and may require an IND.”
- “[U]se of a lawfully marketed drug for an unapproved use in the course of medical practice is not a clinical investigation and does not require an IND...”

Source: Guidance for Clinical Investigators, Sponsors, and IRBs Investigational New Drug Applications (INDs) — Determining Whether Human Research Studies Can Be Conducted Without an IND (Sept. 2013)



## When don't you need an IND?

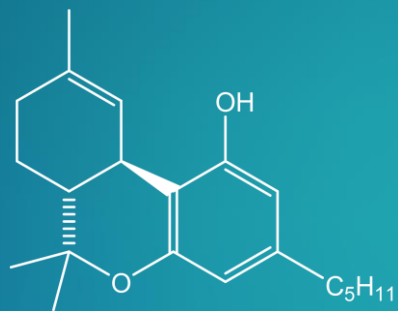
- BA/BE Studies
- Certain research involving marketed drug products.
  - Drug is lawfully marketed in U.S.
  - The investigation isn't intended to be reported to FDA for a new indication or to support significant labeling change.
  - For an Rx drug, the investigation isn't intended to support a significant change in advertising.
  - The investigation doesn't involve route of administration, dose, patient population, or other factor that significantly increases risk.
  - IRB approval and informed consent obtained.
  - Not promoted or commercialized.

## When don't you need an IND?

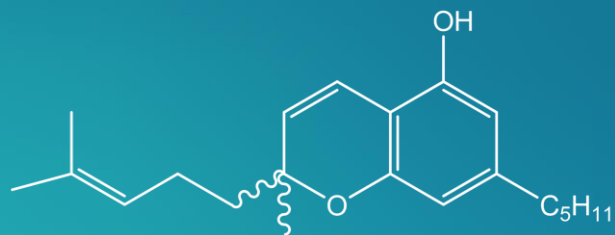
- Investigations involving products that aren't drugs.
  - Foods and dietary supplements.
  - Depends on intent of the clinical investigation.
- For dietary supplements.
  - “If the clinical investigation is intended only to evaluate the dietary supplement's effect on the structure or function of the body, an IND is not required.”
  - “However, if the clinical investigation is intended to evaluate the dietary supplement's ability to diagnose, cure, mitigate, treat, or prevent a disease, an IND is required under part 312.”
- For foods.
  - “[A] clinical investigation intended to evaluate the effect of a food on a disease would require an IND under part 312.”

- For more information
  - 21 C.F.R. Part 312
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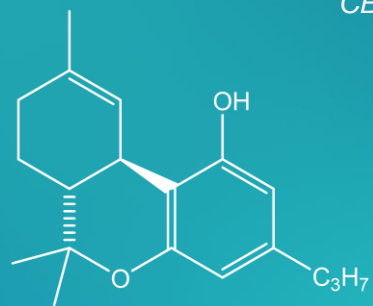
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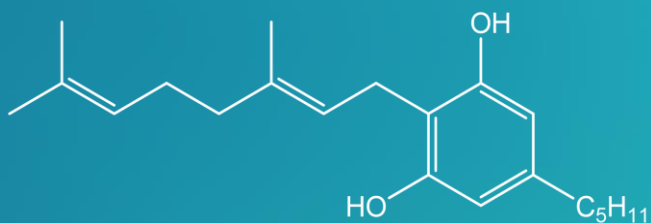
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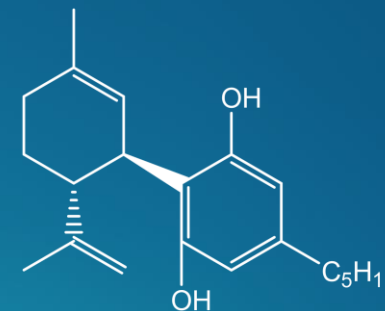
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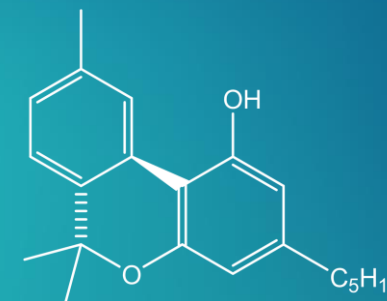
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CBD



CBN

# Developing Cannabis-Based Medicines Through the FDA Process

Alice Mead, J.D., LL.M.



# Greenwich Biosciences

## RESEARCH

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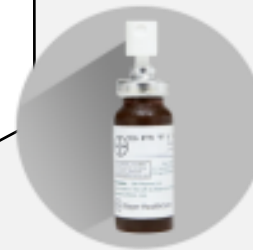
years  
experience  
in researching and  
developing novel Rx  
cannabinoid  
medicines

- 14 cannabinoids evaluated in pre-clinical research
- >100 peer-reviewed publications
- Cannabinoids exported to >35 countries for research

## DEVELOPMENT

1000+

person  
in-house  
team  
with expertise in  
bringing drugs to  
regulatory approval in  
US and ROW



- >60 Phase 2/3 clinical trials
- >135,000 pt-years of human safety data
- Sativex® (nabiximols) approved in >25 countries (ex-US) for relief of MS spasticity\*
  - Complex Botanical Mixture
  - \*Not approved in US for any indication
  - Clinical trials underway in US

## COMMERCIALIZATION



- Epidiolex® (cannabidiol) approved by FDA for seizures associated with Dravet syndrome, Lennox Gastaut syndrome and tuberous sclerosis complex in patients 1 year or older
  - Active ingredient is highly purified CBD
  - Oral liquid 100 mg/ml

## World Leader in Cannabinoid Science

# FDA approval answers critical questions important for all, but especially for vulnerable patients

## **Vulnerable populations and patients with serious illnesses**

**+**

### **DOES THE DRUG WORK?**

- What does it work for?
- What doesn't it work for?
- How well does it work?
- Does something else work better?
- How long does it take to work?
- Will it stop working?
- How much should I take?
- How long should I take it for?
- Should I take it with or without food?

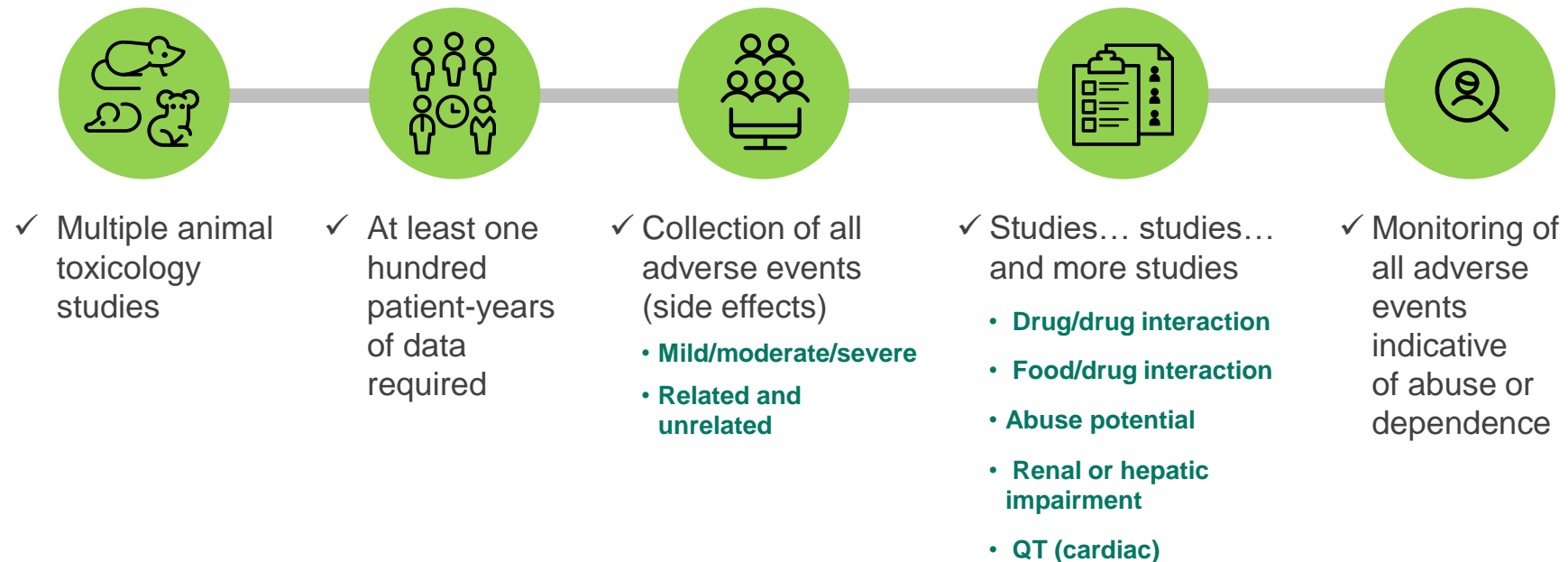
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### **IS THE DRUG SAFE?**

- What are the side effects?
- How closely should I be monitored?
- Can I take it if I'm pregnant or trying?
- Can the elderly take it?
- Is it free of contaminants?
- Will it conflict with my other drugs?
- How is it manufactured?
- Is it consistently manufactured?
- Is each dose the same?

# What additional studies must be done to show that medicines are safe?

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45 acre / 18 hectare glasshouse  
Material to supply 36,000 children for one year



20 acre / 8 hectare glasshouse across 2 locations  
Material to supply 18,000 children for one year

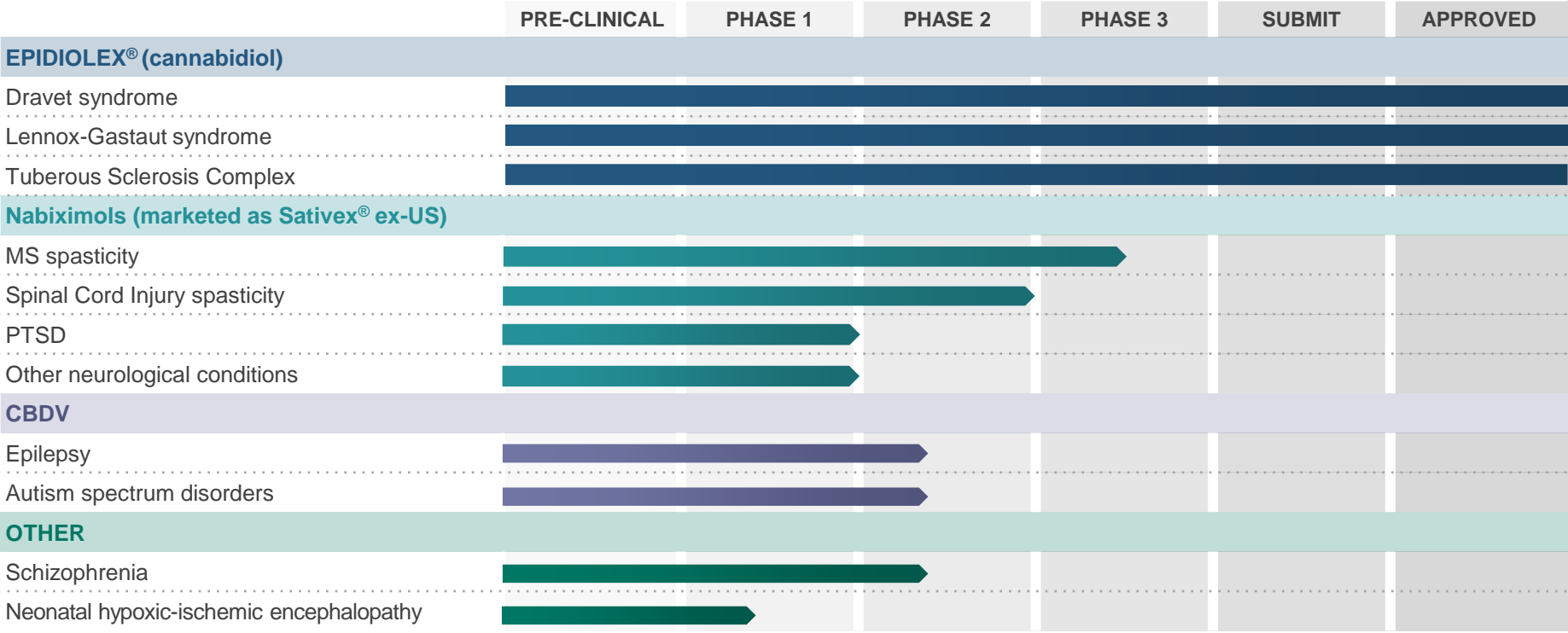
# Epidiolex commercial growing site Norfolk/East and Yorkshire/North







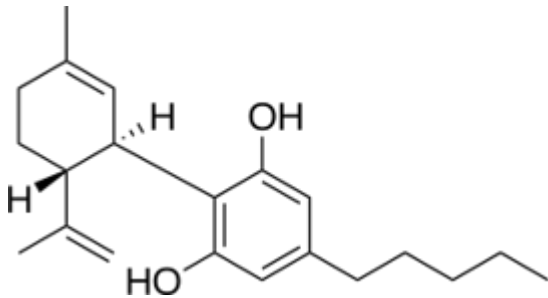
# GW is exploring a range of investigational cannabinoids for serious conditions



# Early GW CBD Research

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## Cannabidiol



# Listening To Patients

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In the summer of 2012, a California family reached out to us.

They had a son with intractable epilepsy

They desperately needed help.

# Epidiolex Development Program

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- IND opened with FDA in 2014 to conduct clinical trials.
- Expanded access sites joined as clinical trial sites.
- Patient recruitment was swift.
- FDA approval in record time in June 2018.
- DEA rescheduled to Schedule V 3 months later.

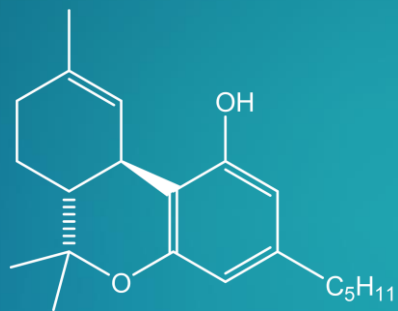


# Work toward innovative cannabis medicines has just begun

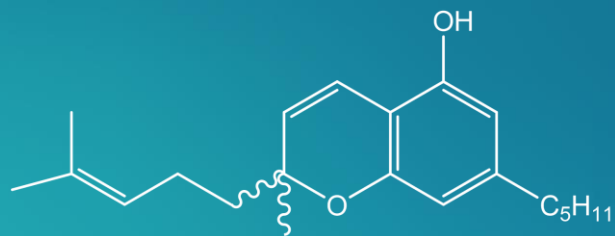
## CANNABINOID POTENTIAL

GW studying  
cannabinoids **for 8  
serious illnesses**  
with unmet need

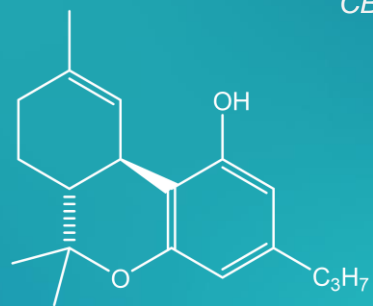
**Research needed**  
in many other  
indications with  
significant unmet  
need



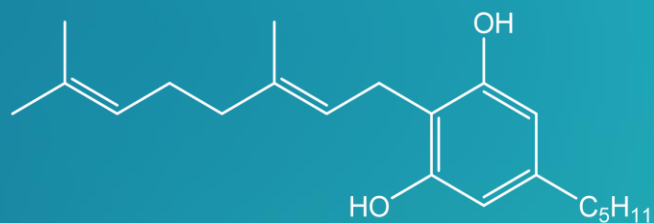
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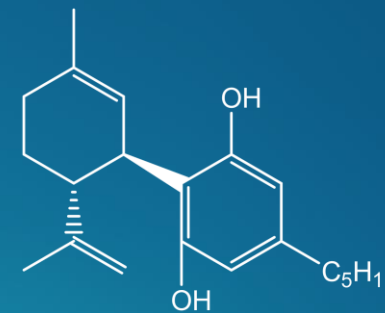
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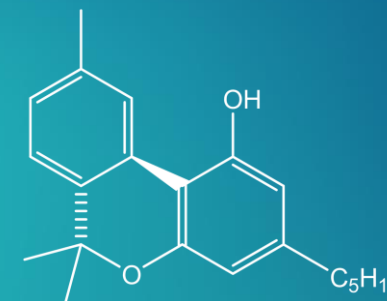
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CBD



CBN3

# Thank You!









Lead F22 New Product Ideas: New formats, higher dosing



Packaging being Tested

	Deep Space Flavour Extension(s)	Houseplant Flavour Extension	(Loose Leaf) Iced Tea	(Tweed) Cannabis Seltzers	Multipacks	Quatreau (USA)
Dosage	10mg THC	2.5mg THC	5mg THC	5mg THC	THC & CBD	20 mg CBD
Primary Need State	Enhance	Unwind / Connect	Connect	Connect	Connect	Mind & Body Wellness
Competitive Analog	Cannabis Edibles	Bev Alc RTD	Twisted Tea	White Claw	Bev Alc Multi-Packs	Enhanced Waters
Competitive Difference	Rapid Onset	Alcohol Free; Low Cal	Alc Free; No hangover	Alc Free; Low Sugar	Alcohol Free	CBD

# Competitive Landscape - Beverage





Share Position	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
LP	Tilray Canada LTD	Canopy Growth Corp	Canopy Growth Corp	Canopy Growth Corp	The Green Organic Dutchman	Terrascend
SKU Portfolio	5 SKUs	1 SKUs	2 SKUs	2 SKUs	4 SKUs	5 SKUs
Top SKUs	Lemon & Lime CBD - 269 ml 	Deep Space 222ml 	Bakerstreet - 355ml 	Graperfruit - 355ml 	Dissolvable Powder - 1 x 0.45g 	No.550 Rise Tea - 1pk 
F21 YTD Sales	\$1,261,700	\$1,200,843	\$1,010,242	\$1,001,524	\$780,585	\$568,333

Source: Provincial Data (ON+NB+NS+PEI+BC+AB), FY21 YTD (April - Nov)

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# Competitive Landscape - Edible Extracts



Share Position	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6
LP	Redecan Pharm	Aphria Inc	Organigram		Peace Naturals Product	Canopy Growth Company
SKU Portfolio	4 SKUs	7 SKUs	5 SKUs	4 SKUs	3 SKUs	3 SKUs
Top SKUs	Reign Drops - 30:0 - Oils - 30ml 	Free - Oils - 30ml 	CBD - Oils - 25ml 	Yawn Drops - 27ml 	CBD - Oils - 20ml 	Indica - Oils - 20ml 
F21 YTD Sales	\$6,069,701	\$5,500,560	\$1,337,442	\$1,083,591	\$1,014,062	\$965,791

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Product:

Portfolio Role:  
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Consumer


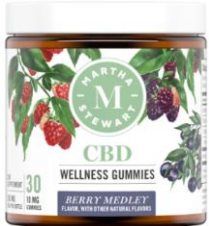







Price to  
Consumer\*:

Points of  
Difference:

Competitors:

US CBD Portfolio

CAD THC Portfolio

					
Martha Stewart CBD Gummies, Citrus Medley	Martha Stewart CBD Gummies, Berry Medley	Tweed Bakerstreet + Peppermint, Milk Chocolate	Tweed Houndstooth + Mocha, Milk Chocolate	Tokyo Smoke Pause, Dark-Milk Chocolate	Tokyo Smoke Go, Dark-Milk Chocolate
Proactive Mind + Body Wellness		Mood Modulation			
Long term health		Unwind with a Reward		Enhance	
CBD intenders	CBD intenders	Practical Value Seekers	Practical Value Seekers	Explorers, Quality Seekers	Explorers, Quality Seekers
USD \$34.99	USD \$34.99	CAD \$7.79 (wavg)	CAD \$7.97 (wavg)	CAD \$9.51 (wavg)	CAD \$9.31 (wavg)
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\*Variance in CAD driven by provincial mix

# SPECTRUM FLOWER PRODUCT PORTFOLIO

Spectrum Red accounts for 80% of F21 YTD flower Sales in Canada



Red No 1



Red No 2



Orange



Purple



Blue



Green



Yellow

Size / Price

2g - \$16  
5g - \$34  
15g - \$98

5g - \$34  
15g - \$98

THC: CBD Ratio

High THC, No CBD

Med. THC, No CBD

Low THC, Low CBD

Balanced  
Med. THC: CBD

Balanced  
Low THC: CBD

No THC, High CBD

Phenotype

Indica

Sativa

Indica

Hybrid

Hybrid

Hybrid

Hybrid

FY21 YTD Share of  
Sales % (Canada)

51%

29%

3%

2%

7%

3%

6%

Direct Competitors  
(top 1-3)

Canada: Shopper’s Drug Mart, Aurora, Aphria, Tilray, Organigram  
Germany: Bedrocan, Tilray, Aurora

# U.S. Portfolio Introduction

*A Firm Grasp on Existing & Future Consumers*

## Therapeutic CBD

Today's Focus



First  
& Free

## Lifestyle CBD

Today's Focus

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Tweed



STORZ & BICKEL

## Sports Nutrition & Beverages



Today's Focus



## Wellness / Beauty

thisworks®  
24HR SKIN SOLUTIONS

## Animal Health





Martha Stewart CBD: Brand Introduction



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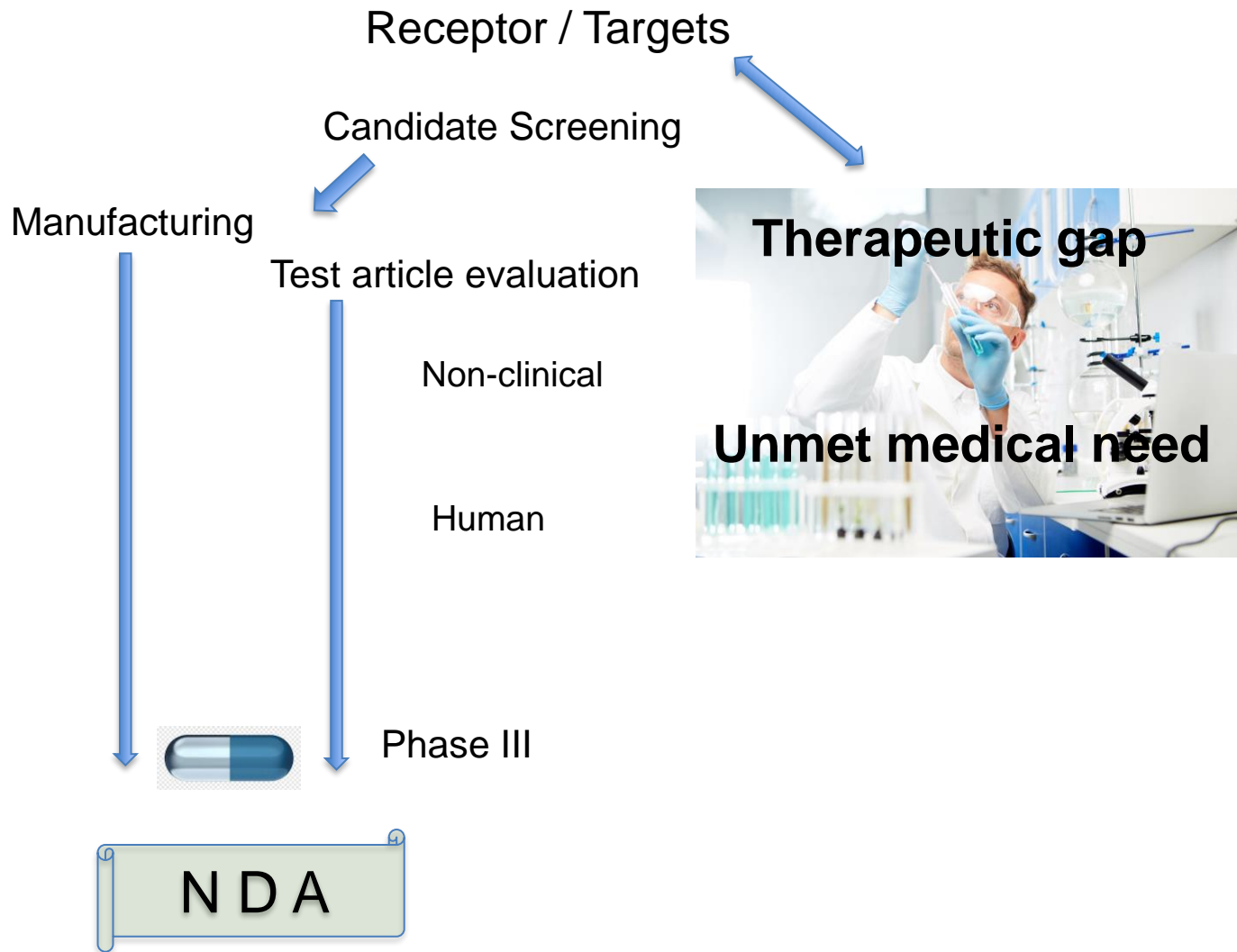


# Cannabis and the IND Pathway

Why bother?

*I know cannabis works.....*

# Conventional Drug Development



## Controlled Data:

- Formulation,
- In vitro characteristics,
- Drug-drug interactions,
- In vivo characteristics,
- Safety profile,
- Efficacy profile

# Peri / Post Registration Research

Academic / Business

**Clinical Program Design**

Manufacturing



Blinding

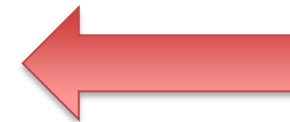
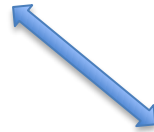
*Alternate  
formulation*

Test article evaluation



Phase III- like

**New indication / changes to Label**



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...The agency recently updated the public on concerns about potential harm from CBD products.....

- potential liver injury,
- interactions with other drugs and
- male reproductive toxicity,
- side effects such as drowsiness.
- potential effects of sustained and/or cumulative use,
- co-administration with other medicines,
- risks to vulnerable populations.

**FDA STATEMENT**

**FDA Advances Work Related to Cannabidiol Products with Focus on Protecting Public Health, Providing Market Clarity**

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**For Immediate Release:** March 05, 2020  
**Statement From:** Commissioner of Food and Drugs - Food and Drug Administration  
Stephen M. Hahn M.D.

Over the past year, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has embarked on a comprehensive evaluation of cannabidiol (CBD) products, with a focus on educating the public about the risks and unknowns of these products, gathering the science needed to better understand both these safety concerns and potential benefits to inform our regulatory approach, as well as taking steps when necessary to address products that violate the law in ways that raise a variety of public health concerns.

Today, we are providing updates on our efforts in this area, including several new steps in areas of education, research and enforcement with the ultimate goal of continuing to protect the public health and working to provide market clarity.

# FDA Guidance (draft)

20 July 2020

## Cannabis and Cannabis-Derived Compounds:

Quality Considerations for Clinical Research Guidance for Industry

Focus – *manufacturing*



## The FDA Releases Their Cannabis Research Playbook

# Definitions Matter

cGMP



# 21 CFR Part 111 vs. Part 211

## Raw Materials

[111.75(a)(2)] There is no requirement for the dietary supplement manufacturer to confirm the identity of non-dietary ingredients used in the finished dietary supplement product if the supplier has been previously qualified by the manufacturer.

**vs.**

[211.84(d)(1)] There is a requirement that at least one test shall be conducted to verify the identity of each component of a drug product. Specific identity tests, if they exist, shall be used.



# 21 CFR Part 111 vs. Part 211

## Finished Product Testing

[111.75(c) and 111.75(d)] There is an option of testing a subset of finished batches based on a sound statistical sampling plan or testing all finished product batches. Manufacturers may also exempt one or more finished product specifications from verification prior to release of the batch for good cause and with appropriate documentation.

**VS.**

[211.165(a)] There is a requirement to test each active pharmaceutical ingredient in each finished drug product batch.



# So why file an IND?

... “**drug**” ..by reference to its intended use...

“in the *diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease*”

