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Tabella 1 – Riassunto dei principali risultati della revisione sistematica e metanalisi "Penny F. Whiting; Robert F. Wolff; Sohan Deshpande, et al. Cannabinoids for Medical Use A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis. JAMA 2015; vol 313 (24): 2456-2473" per indicazione terapeutica.

GLAUCOMA

Un solo clinical trial crossover ha confrontato THC (5mg), cannabidiolo (20 mg), cannabidiolo spray oromucosale (40 mg) e placebo. I risultati non hanno mostrato alcuna differenza tra il placebo e i cannabinoidi sui valori della pressione intraoculare.

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SPASTICITÀ DOVUTA A SCLEROSI MULTIPLA (SM) O PARAPLEGIA

14 studi (33 reports; 2280 partecipanti) hanno valutato la spasticità dovuta a SM o paraplegia. 11 studi (2138) hanno incluso pazienti con SM e 3 pazienti con paraplegia (142 partecipanti) causati da traumi al midollo spinale. 6 studi hanno valutato "nabiximols", 3 dronabinolo, 1 nabilone, 4 THC /CBD (2 di questi anche il dronabinolo) 1 ciascuno per ECP002A e THC fumata. Tutti gli studi erano verso placebo nessuno vs un comparator attivo. Due studi erano a basso rischio di bias, 5 a rischio non chiaro di bias e 7 ad alto rischio di bias. Gli studi suggeriscono che i cannabinoidi sono associati a miglioramenti della spasticità, ma senza raggiungere la significatività statistica in molti studi. Non c'erano differenze chiare nel tipo di cannabinoide. Solo gli studi nei pazienti con SM avevano dati sufficienti a generare stime conclusive. I cannabinoidi sono associati con un miglioramento maggiore nella scala di Ashworth per la spasticità rispetto al placebo, anche se non in maniera statisticamente significativa. Sono inoltre associati a un miglioramento medio della spasticità su scale numeriche.

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NAUSEA E VOMITO DA CHEMIOTERAPIA

28 studi hanno valutato nausea e vomito da chemioterapia. 14 studi hanno valutato il nabilone e 3 il dronabinolo, 1 "nabiximols", 4 levonantradol, 6 THC. Due studi includevano anche una combinazione di dronabinolo con ondansetron e prochlorperazina. 8 studi erano vs placebo, 3 verso un comparator attivo. I comparator attivi più comuni erano prochlorperazina (15 studi), clorpromazina (2 studi) e domperidone (2 studi). Altri comparator (alizapride, idroxizina, metoclopramide e ondansetron) sono stati valutati in singoli studi. Dei 28 studi, 23 erano ad alto rischio di bias, non chiaro per 5. Tutti gli studi suggeriscono un maggiore beneficio dei cannabinoidi rispetto ai comparator attivi e al placebo, ma non si raggiunge la significatività statistica in nessuno.

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DOLORE CRONICO

È stato valutato in 28 studi l'effetto dei cannabinoidi sul dolore cronico (63 report; 2454 partecipanti): 13 hanno valutato i "nabiximols", 4 THC fumata, 5 nabilone, 3 THC per via oromucosale, 2 dronabinolo, 1 cannabis vaporizzata (incluso 2 dosi), 1 capsule di acido ajulemico e 1 THC orale. Un trial ha confrontato il nabilone con l'amitriptilina; tutti gli altri studi erano verso placebo.

Le condizioni che causano dolore cronico variano tra gli studi e includono dolore neuropatico (centrale, periferico, o non specificato in 12 studi), 3 dolore oncologico, 3 neuropatia periferica diabetica, 2 fibromialgia, 2 neuropatie sensoriali HIV-associate, 1 studio per ciascuna delle seguenti indicazioni: dolore refrattario nella SM o altre patologie neurologiche, nella artrite reumatoide, nel dolore non-oncologico (nocicettivo e neuropatico), nel dolore centrale, nei problemi muscoloscheletrici, e nel dolore indotto da chemioterapia.

Due studi erano a basso rischio di bias, 9 a rischio non definito, e 17 ad alto rischio. Gli studi suggeriscono miglioramenti del dolore associati all'uso dei cannabinoidi ma senza raggiungere la significatività statistica in molti studi. Il numero medio di pazienti che ha riportato una riduzione del dolore di almeno il 30% era maggiore nel gruppo a cui erano somministrati cannabinoidi rispetto al placebo (OR 1.41 [IC 95% 0.99-2.00]. Un trial ha valutato il THC fumato e ha riscontrato i maggiori benefici (OR 3,43 [IC 95% 1.03-11.48] e 7 trial hanno valutato "nabiximols". In questi studi è stato valutato l'effetto su dolore neuropatico (OR 1.38 [IC95%0.93-2.03]; 6 trial) e dolore oncologico (OR 1.412 [IC95% 0.99-2.00]; 2 trial) senza differenze chiare tra le tipologie di dolore.

"Nabiximols" è anche associato con una riduzione media maggiore nel Numerical Rating Scale valutazione del dolore (differenza media pesata (WMD), -0.46 [IC 95% -0.80 a -0.11]; 6 trial), short form breve per la valutazione del dolore, indice complesso di severità (WMD, -0.17 [IC95%, -0.50 a 0.16]; 3 trial), dolore neuropatico (WMD, -3.89 [IC 95% -7.32 a -0.47]; 5 trial) e la proporzione di pazienti riportanti miglioramenti su una impressione globale di cambio di punteggio (OR 2.08 [IC 95%, da 1.21 a 3.59]; 6 trial) in confronto a placebo. Ci sono alcune evidenze a supportare questi dati ma non sono consistenti nei vari trial. Non c'è differenza nella media di punteggi di qualità di vita misurati con l'indice di stato di salute EQ-5D (WMD, -0.01 [IC95%, -0.05 to 0.02]; 3 trial) tra nabiximols e placebo. Due degli studi inclusi nella metanalisi per il NRS (scala da 0 a 10) hanno valutato pazienti con dolore oncologico, tutti gli altri studi hanno valutato il dolore neuropatico.

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4 studi hanno valutato la stimolazione dell'appetito in pazienti con infezione HIV /AIDS (4 reports; 255 partecipanti). Tutti gli studi hanno valutato dronabinolo, 3 vs placebo e 1 vs megastrol acetato. Ci sono alcune evidenze che il dronabinolo sia associato con aumento di peso rispetto al placebo. Evidenze più limitate che sia anche associato ad aumento di appetito, aumento massa grassa, riduzione di nausea, e miglioramento dello stato funzionale. Sono singoli studi che però non raggiungevano significatività statistica

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