

# **Predklinične raziskave kanabinoidov kot osnova personaliziranega zdravljenja rakavih bolnikov**

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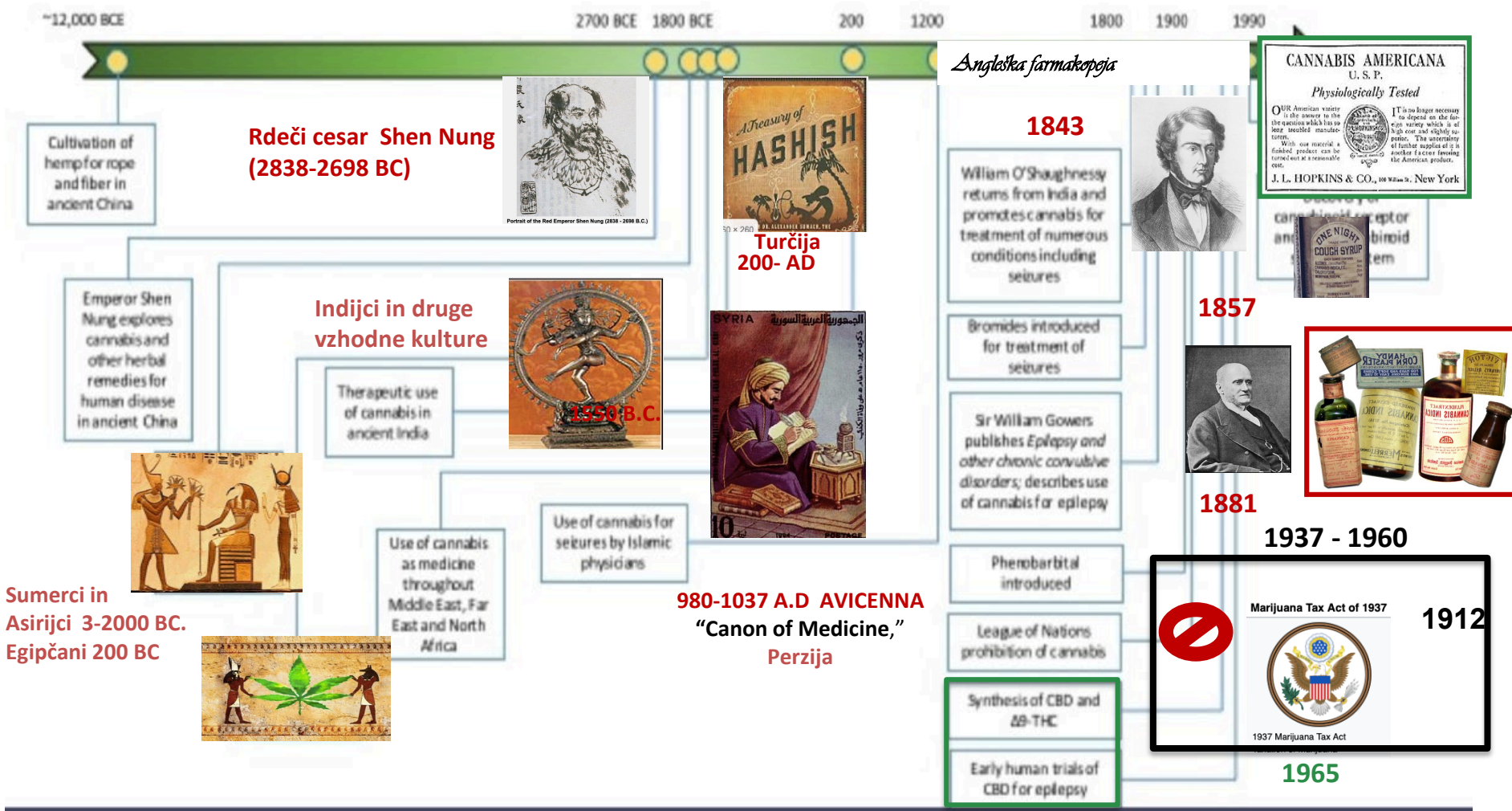
**Odd za genetsko toksikologijo in biologijo raka**



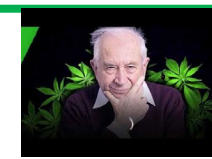
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# ZGODOVINA & PREDSTAVITEV MEDICINSKE UPORABE KONOPLJE

Konopljo (*Cannabis*, lat.) je pračlovek uporabljal že pred 25 000 leti, zapisi od 5000 B.C., a njeno mnogostransko delovanje kot zdravilo za ljudi in živali, še ni dokončno pojasnjeno.



Mechoulam and Carlini – 9 bolnikov ..+ XY danes!





# Raznovrstnost naravnih izvlečkov različnih križancev konoplje

The “breeds” contain different cannabinoids - 124 strains can be clustered into 5 groups

Clusters are rich in **CBG**, **CBD**, **CBDA**,  **$\Delta$ 9-THC**,  **$\Delta$ 9-THCA**

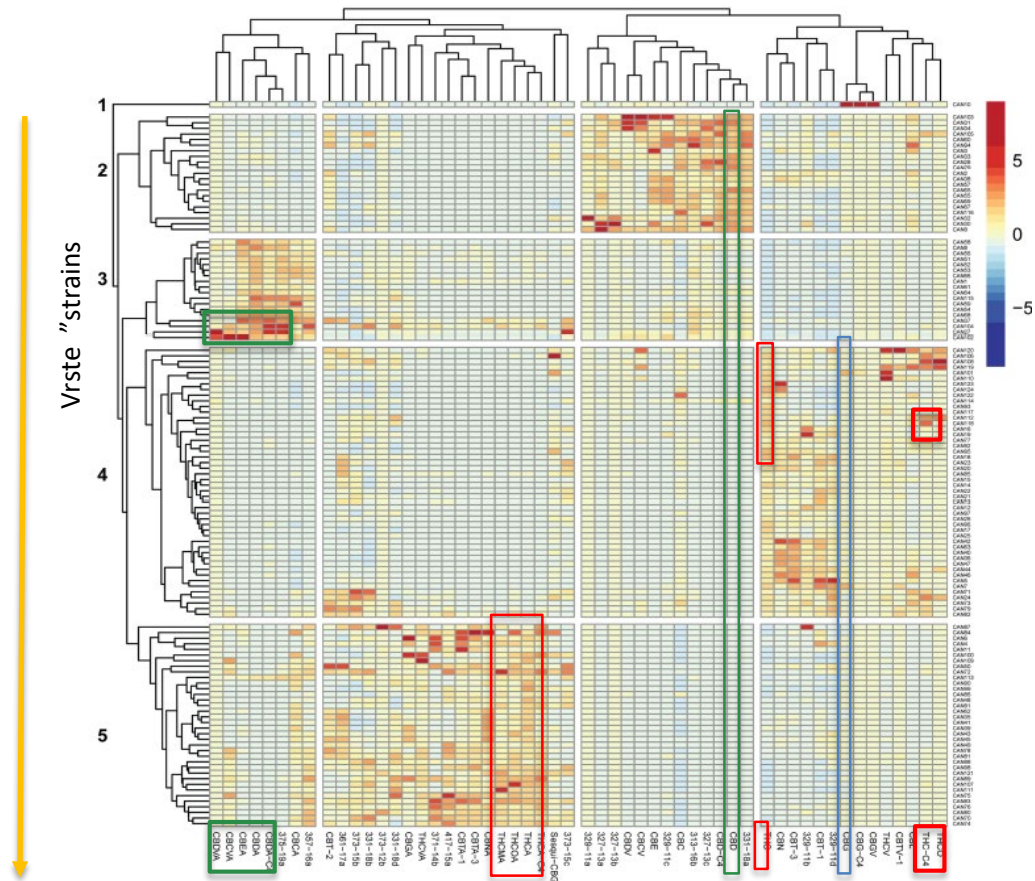
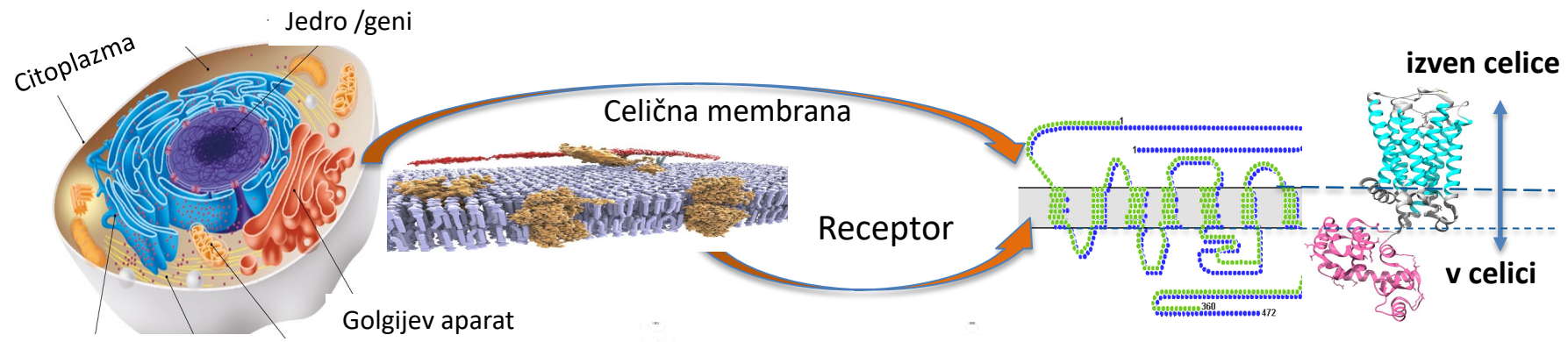


Figure 1: Heat map of unsupervised hierarchical clustering of the cannabinoid profile of 124 Cannabis extracts.

# Cannabinoids: Mechanism of acting on human cell

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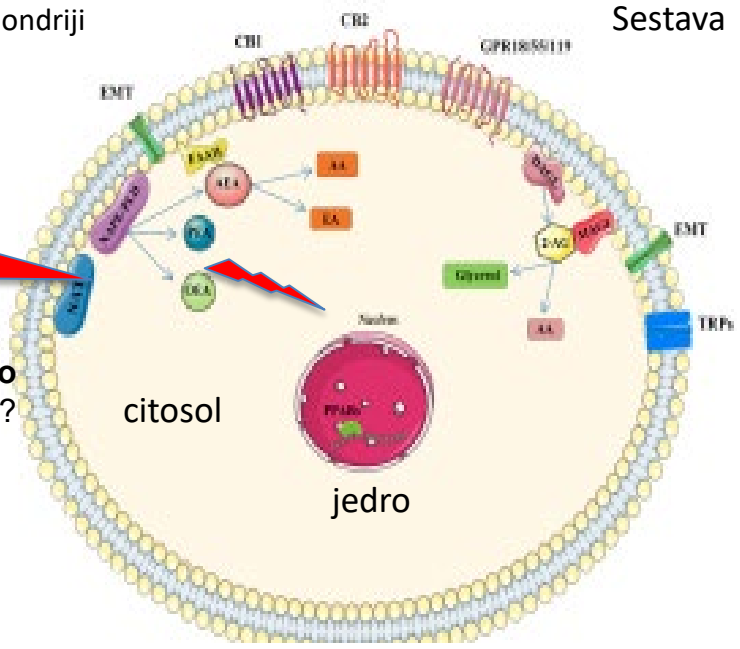
2. Transmembrane receptors



Sestava CBR1 ali CBR2 (aminokisljine!)

Signaliziranje v celico in v celici z endo kanabinoidi?

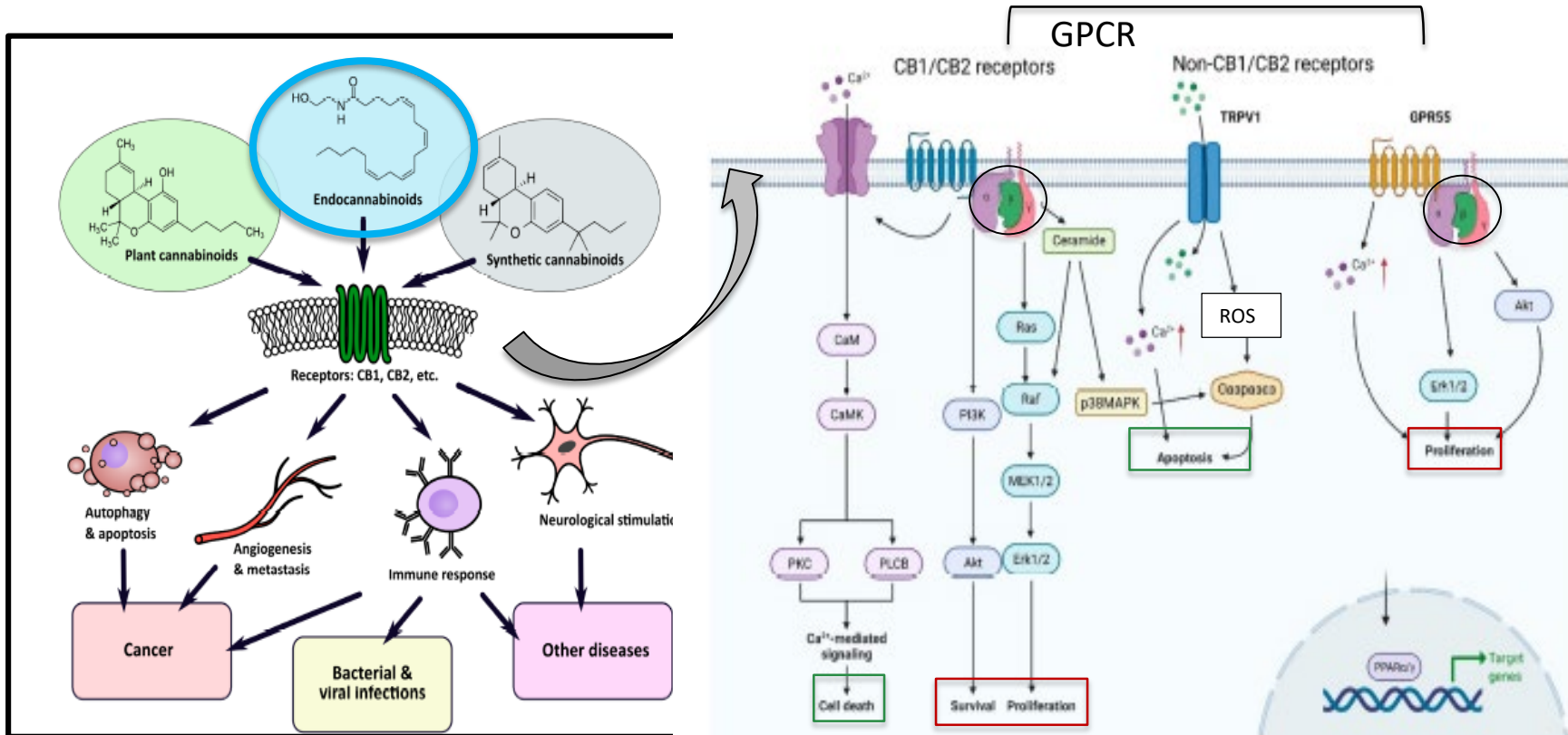
Kaj sporočajo kanabinoidi in zakaj?



3. Intelligent cell response by -  
-gene activation and  
-protein synthesis  
= signalling

# Cannabinoids signaling mechanisms in normal and diseased cells

goes via specific and non-selective receptors & complex molecular pathways

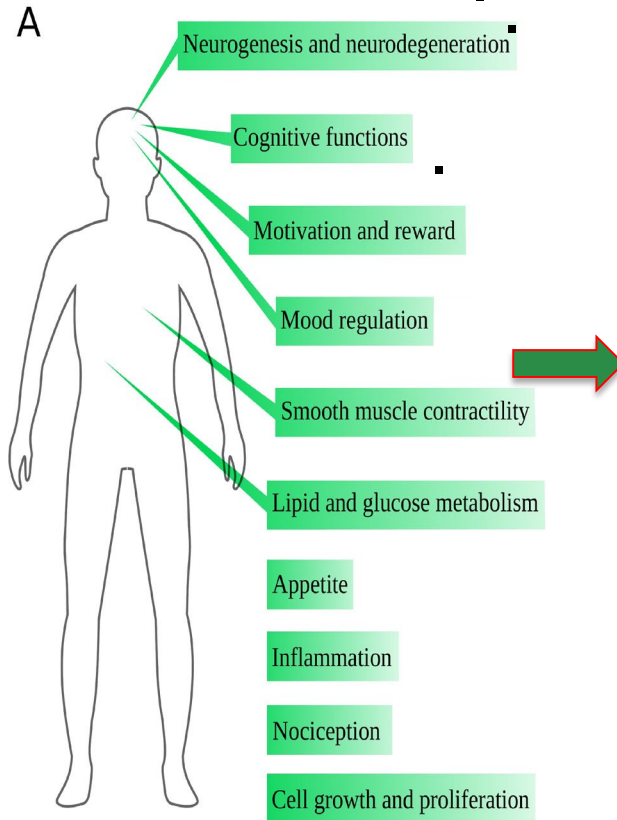
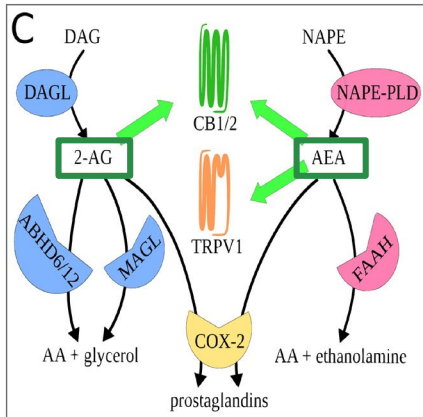


**CB1, CB2 & GPR55** = G-protein coupled receptors, **TRPV** – Transient Ion Receptor Protein -Vanilloid

# Endokanabinoidni sistem (ECS)

**B ECS COMPONENTS**

<b>Receptors</b> CB1, CB2 GPR18, GPR55, GPR119 TRPV1 PPARγ	<b>Enzymes</b> DAGL, NAPE-PLD MAGL, ABHD6/12 FAAH NAAA
<b>Transport proteins</b> FABPs HSP70s AMT (?)	<b>Endocannabinoids</b> 2-AG AEA PEA OEA



- Obvladovanje stresa, depresije in tesnobe, spomina, zavedanja
- Bolečina (fibromegalija)
- Nevrološke bolezni (Parkinson, Multipla skleroza, epilepsija)
- Črevesne bolezni, (Crohn), bruhanje in apetit
- Imunski sistem, pomirja vnetja in podpira odpornost.
- Kardivaskularno delovanje
- Hormonska neravnovesja
- **Deluje proti razvoju in napredovanju raka –celična rast**

## 4. Komponente

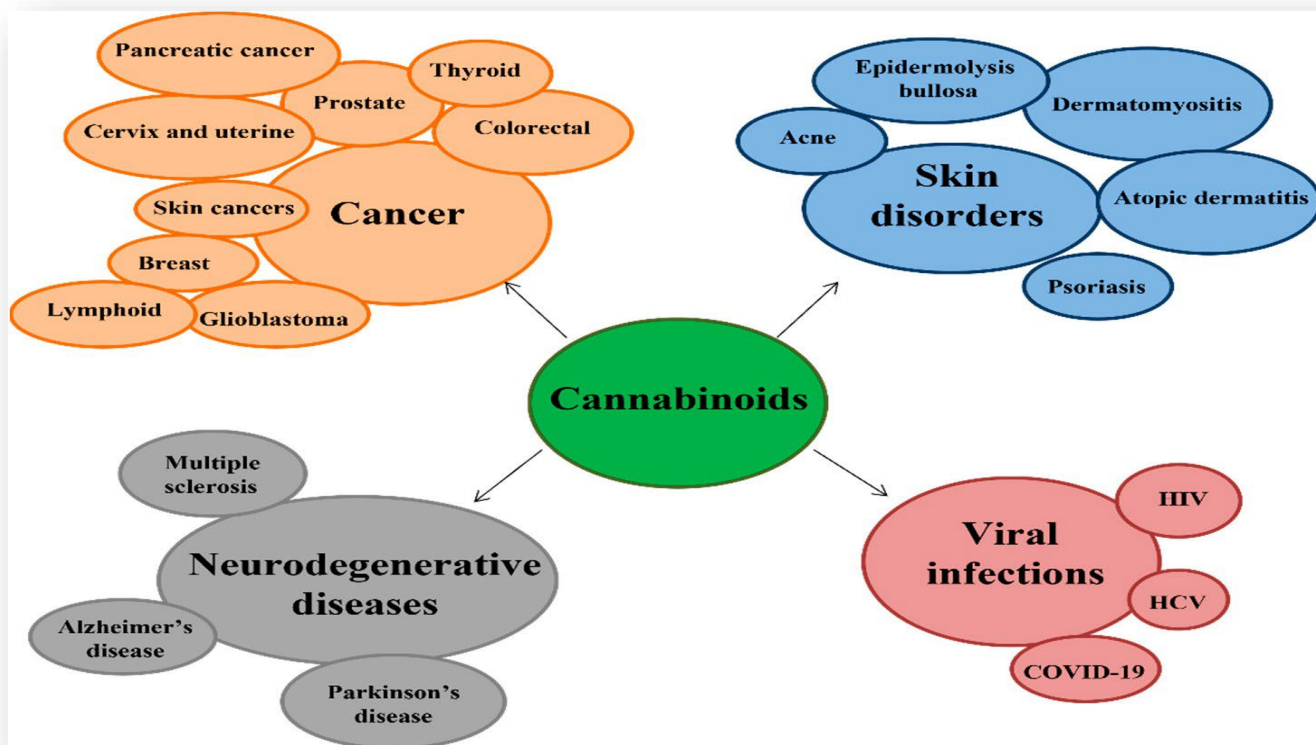
- (1) endokanabinoidi
- (2) encimi biosinteze in razgradnje,
- (3) prenašalni-proteini in
- (4) receptorski proteini

## Smo odkrili šele z rastlinskimi kanabinoidi!

Ima vlogo zaščite pred pred prevelikim vzburjenjem celic - organizma (n.rp. nevrona - regulira sinapse) zaradi **bolezenskih** povzročiteljev in ohranja homeostazo!



# Terapevtski pomen kanabinoidov



**Dobro preskušeno - klinična uporaba**

**Nezadostno preskušeno – priporočeno?**

**High quality evidence**

**Moderate-low quality evidence**

- ❖ Pain (neuropathic pain):  $\Delta^9$ -THC
- ❖ Multiple sclerosis (spasticity):  $\Delta^9$ -THC
- ❖ Epilepsy: CBD
- ❖ Cancer (palliative treatments):  $\Delta^9$ -THC
- ❖ Weight loss (AIDS):  $\Delta^9$ -THC



**CANNABINOIDS**

- ❖ Parkinson's disease
- ❖ Alzheimer's disease
- ❖ Huntington's disease
- ❖ Addictions
- ❖ Glaucoma
- ❖ Post-traumatic stress syndrome
- ❖ Tourette syndrome:  $\Delta^9$ -THC
- ❖ Anxiety: CBD
- ❖ Cancer:  $\Delta^9$ -THC, CBD

# **UPORABA MEDICINSKE KONOPLJE** **V RAKU**

# Incidenca in prevalenca raka narašča !!

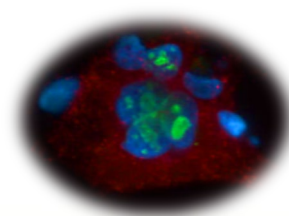
## Tudi znanje? !



# Kaj se dogaja v celici tekom karcinogeneze ?

## Zunanji dejavniki

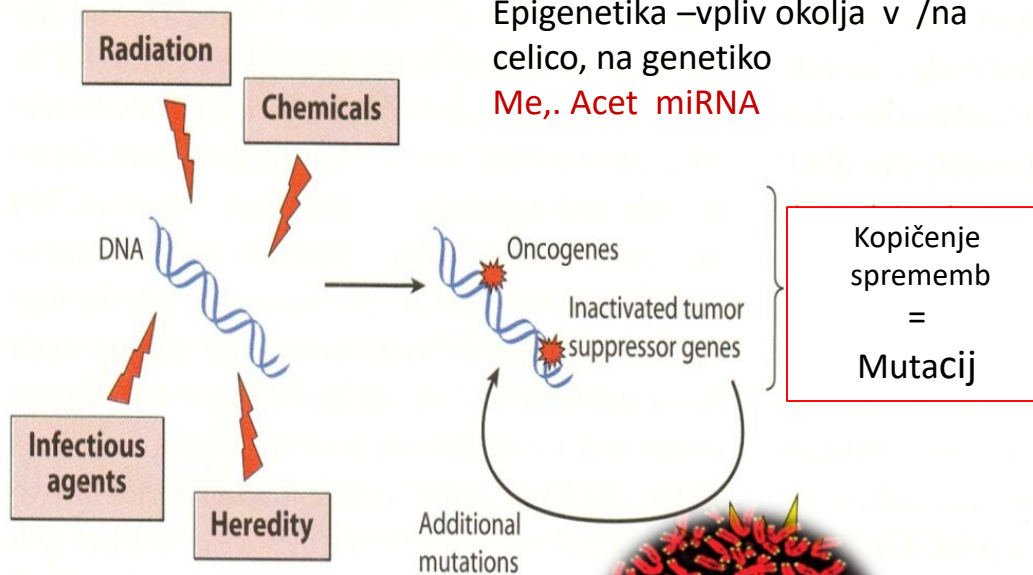
Sistemski



Rakava matična celica

HALLMARKS OF CANCER

- 1 Self-sufficiency in growth signals
- 2 Insensitivity to antigrowth signals
- 3 Evasion of apoptosis
- 4 Limitless replicative potential
- 5 Sustained angiogenesis
- 6 Tissue invasion and metastasis



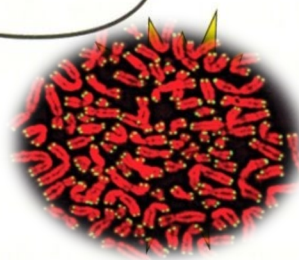
Mikroorganizmi:  
Virusi, bakterije

Dedovani geni in epigenetski učinki

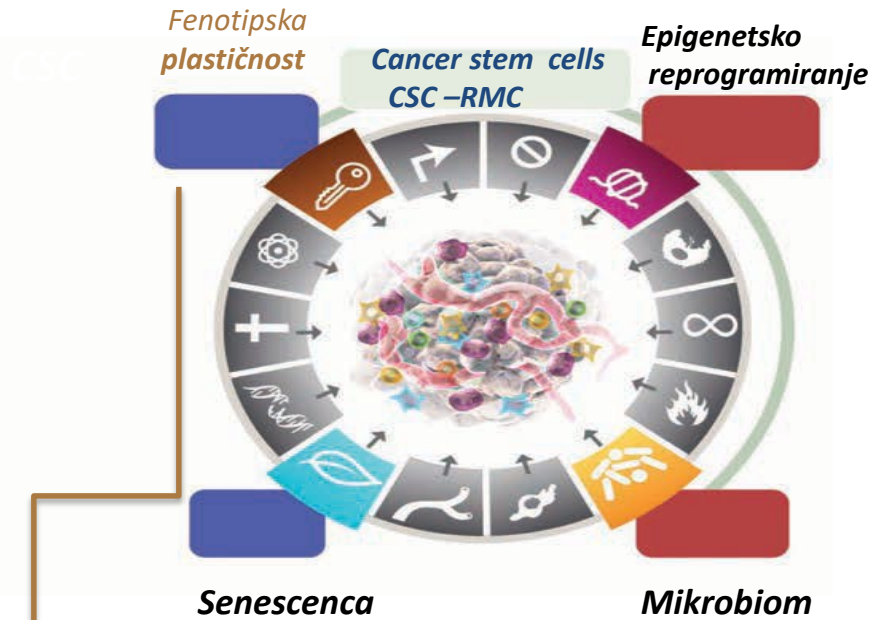
Spremembe, kromosoma  
genetska nestabilnost

## Notranji dejavniki

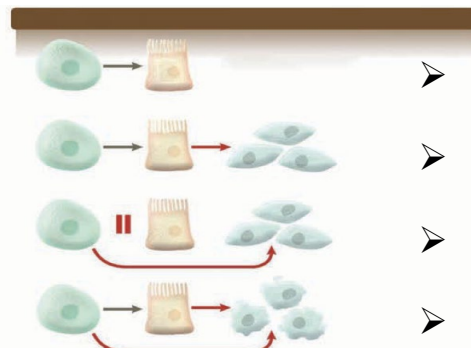
Tumorsko mikrookolje



# Značilnosti rakavih celic od 7 (leta 2000), 11 (leta 2011) do 14 (leta 2022) in rakavih matičnih celic



## Nastanek rakavih matičnih celic CSC



- Normalna diferenciacija
- Dediferenciacija
- Ustavljene diferenciacija
- Trans-diferenciacija

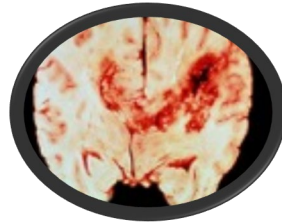
Hanahan in Weinberg, *Cancer Discovery*, 2022

# **MOŽGANSKI TUMORJI –REDEK, ZELO AGRESIVEN RAK**

# Možganski tumor glioblastom – GBM

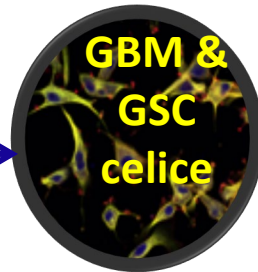
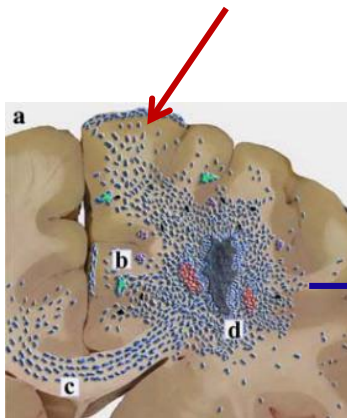
## Dodatna – kombinirana terapija cilja GBM matične celice ?

- Ožiljenje vs nekroza
- Rast
- Invazija celic v možganovino



Incidenca 7-10 /100 000 prebivalcev

Proгноza cca 14-16 mesecev preživetja



Kirurgija  
↓  
Obsevanje  
↓  
Kemoterapija  
↓

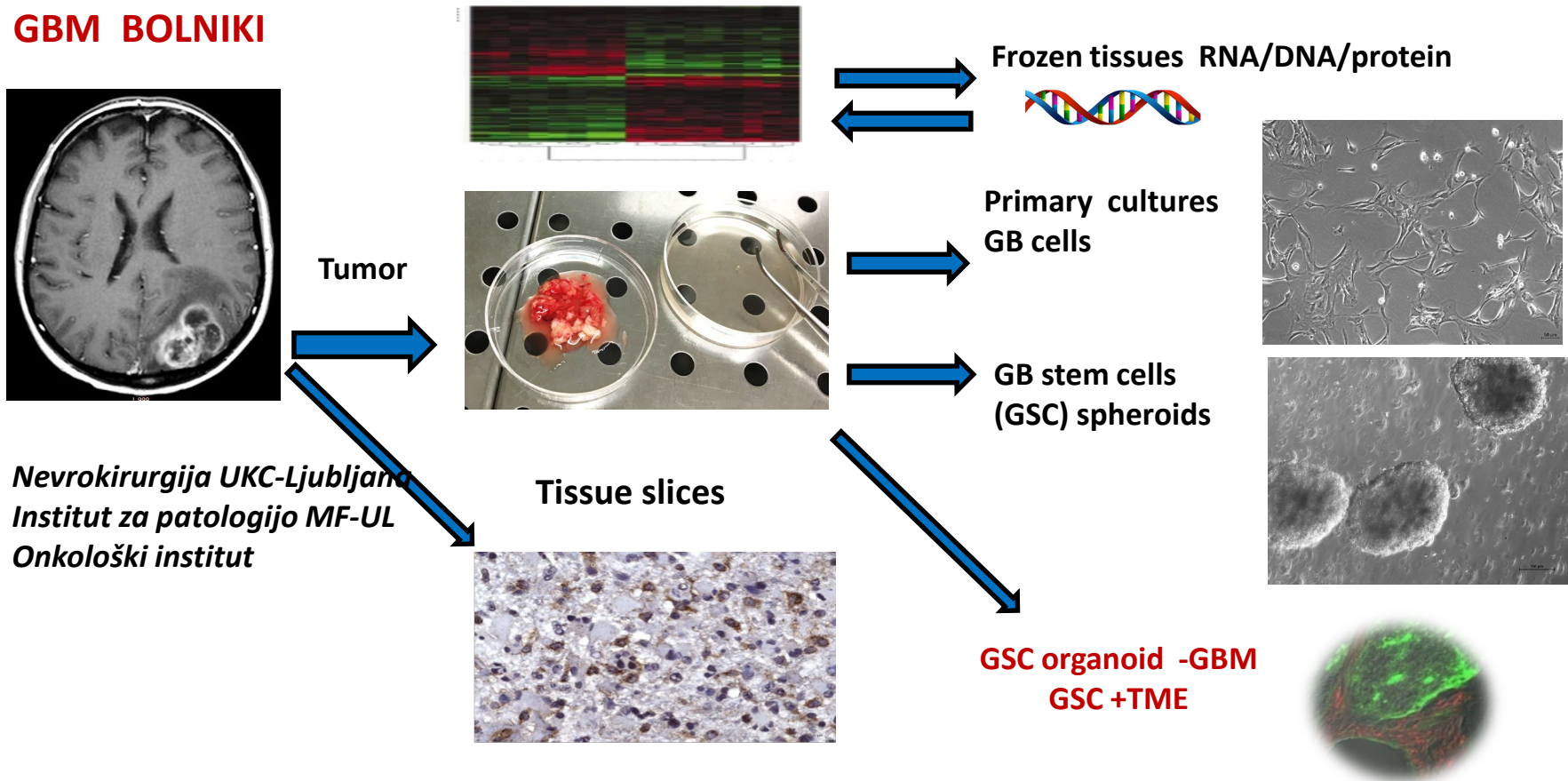
Podaljša preživetje za 2-4 mesece ☹ !



# Personaliziran pristop

Ali lahko napovemo, kateri bolnik bo dozeten za sočasni učinek standardnega zdravljenja in dodatnega s kanabinoidi – s katerimi in v kakšnem razmerju?

## GBM BOLNIKI



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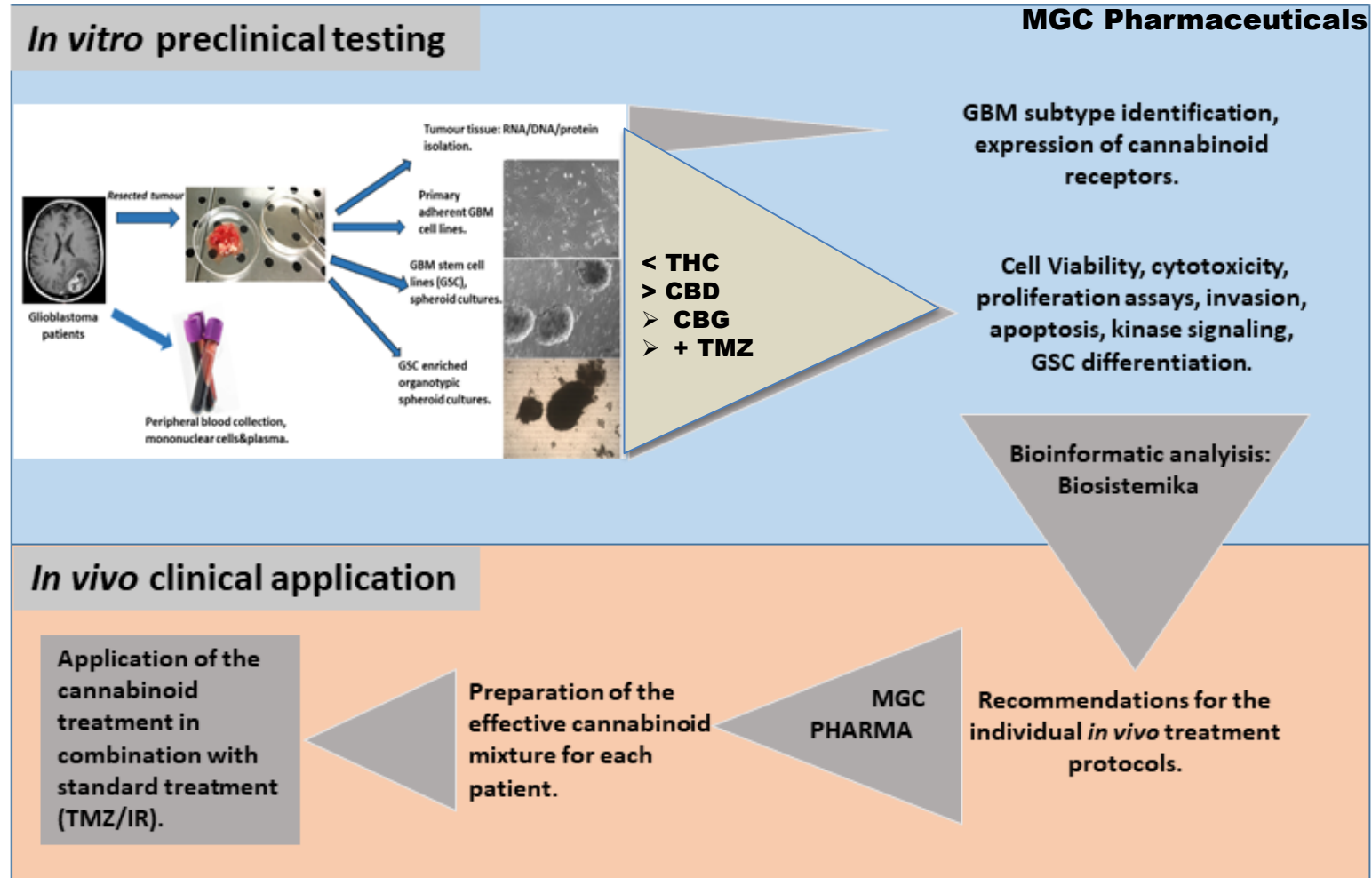
Shema priprave tumorskih vzorcev za analize tkiv in celic: primarne kulture za testiranje in raziskave - personaliziran pristop analiz !



# Platforma

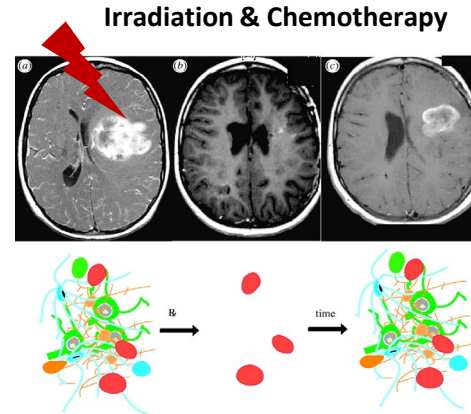
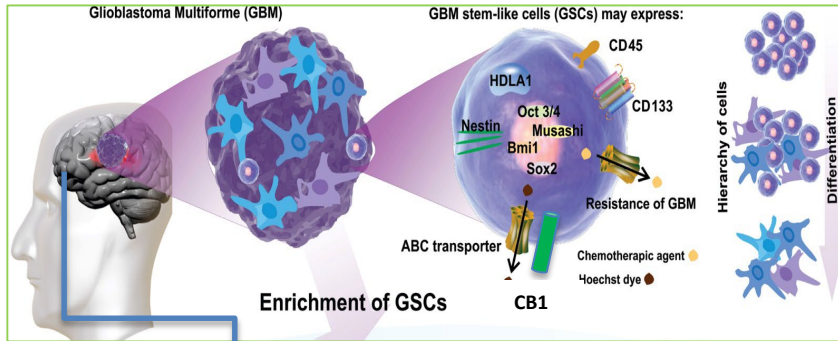
za *in vitro* predklinično testiranje odgovora na tretiranje učinka

kanabinoidnov in receptorjev v bolnikovih celicah, *in vitro* **napoved učinka na GBM bolnikih?**

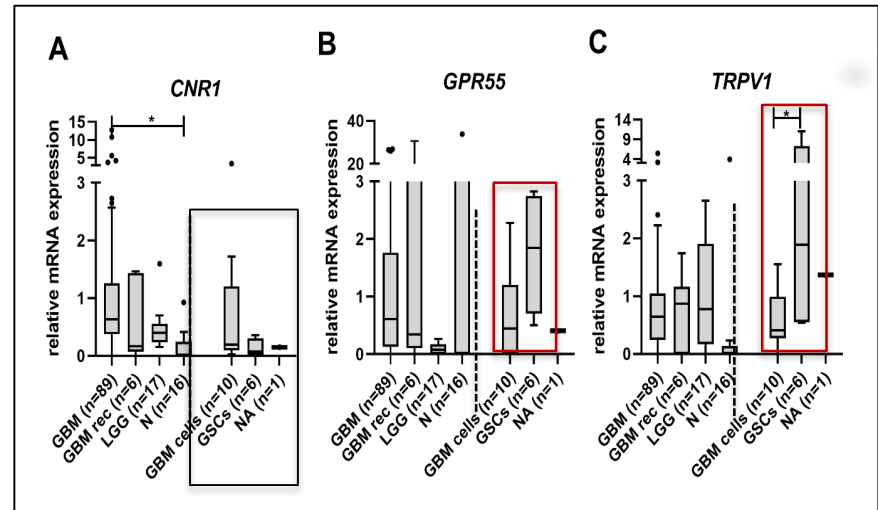
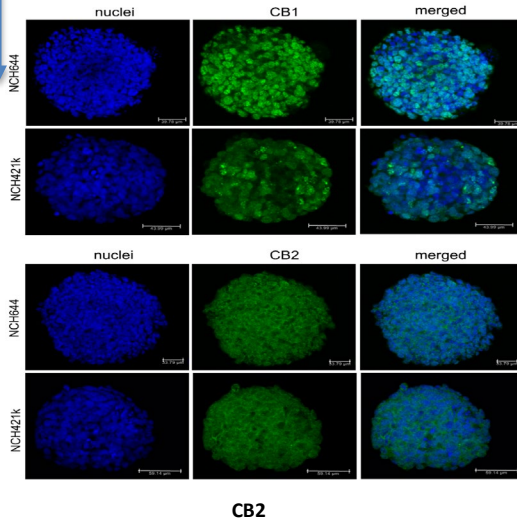


# Glioblastoma stem cells

are highly **therapy - resistant** and express receptors  
CB1 & > CB2 and much higher GRP55 & TRPV1



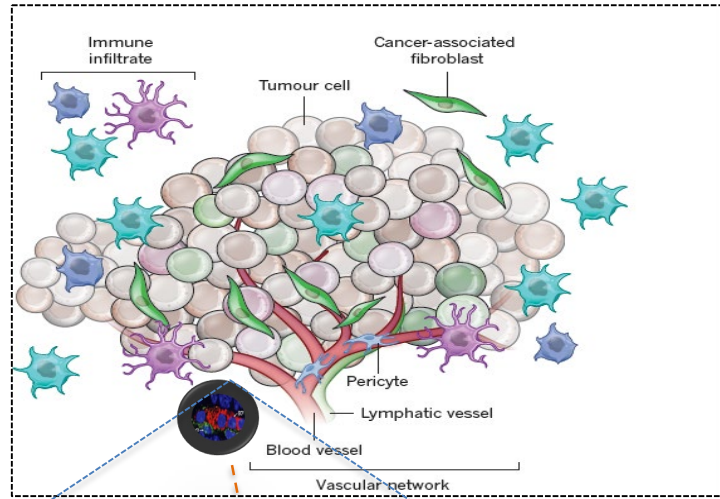
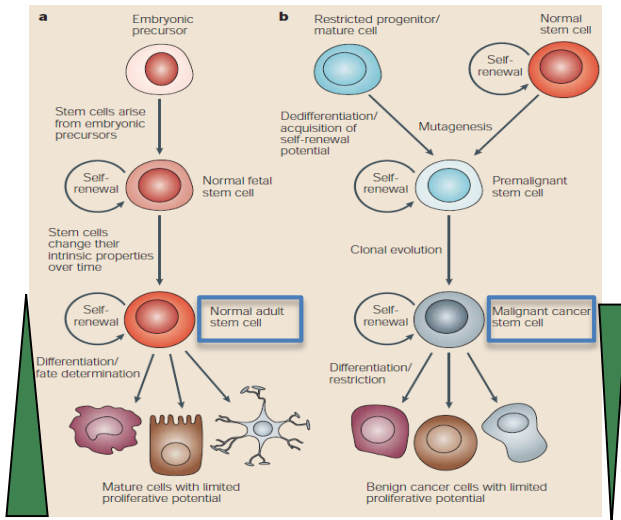
**GSC spheroids**



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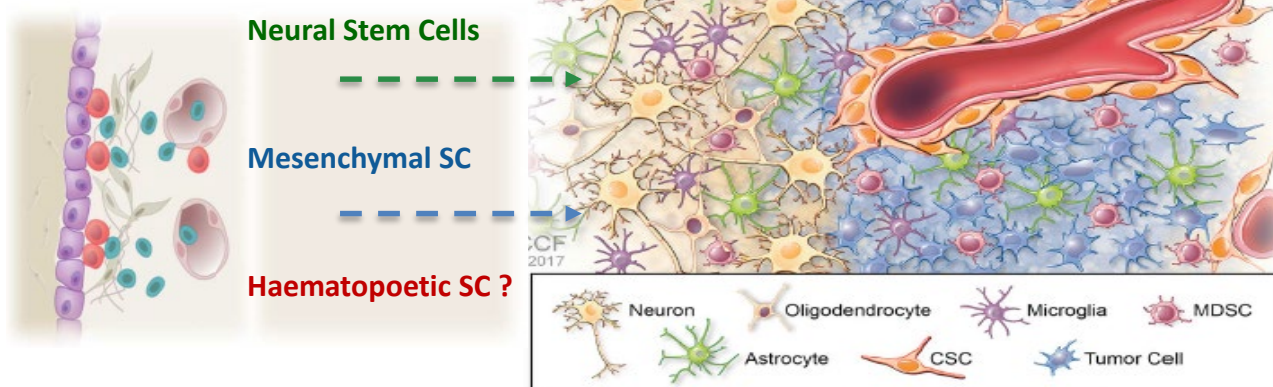
# Tumor microenvironment (TME) is NOT affected by applied effective dosed of CBD or CBG



Cancer Stem Cell niche

GENETIC STABILITY: **LOW** in NEURAL STEM/ PROGENITOR CELLS (NPC)  
 but **HIGH** IN GSC - resistant to therapy  
**TRPV1 RECEPTORS** ROLE?

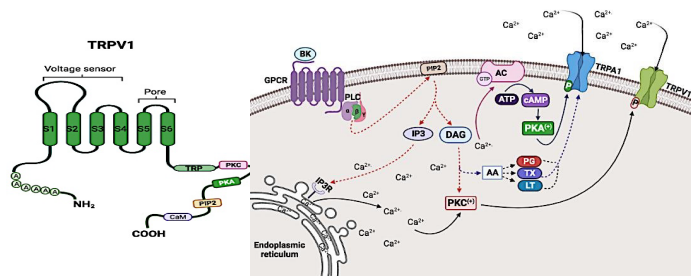
GBM Microenvironment



# CBD is known "neuroprotective agent"

There is no danger to brain in childhood and in adults –shown also in clinical applications

There is danger consumption in pregnancy

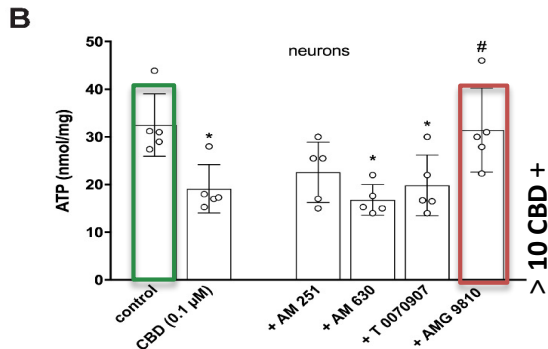


TRV1 is highly expressed NSC and NPC during postnatal development, but decreased and is no/low in neurons in brain \*

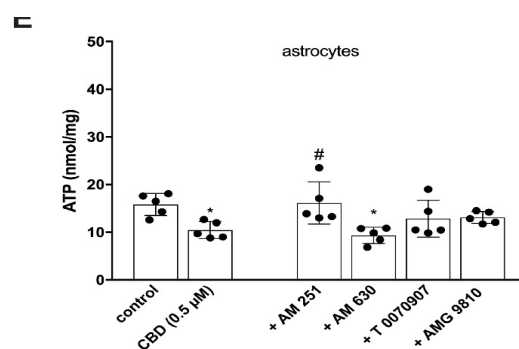
Cannabinoid activation of TRPV1 displays significant dependence on internal and external calcium levels and does not appear to induce the highly permeant channels\*\*

## Neural progenitor/stem cells

Fetal rat NPC > sensitive to neurons



## Astrocytes more resistant



CBD 0.1- 0.5 μM caused cca 10 % cells early apoptosis that not increasing with time and concentration and would be inhibited by in vitro synthetic inhibitor.

CBD is TRPV1 inverse agonist, blocking and desensitising THC would also inhibiting apoptosis at > 10 μM \*\*\*

Jurić, D.M.; Brvar, M. Cytotoxic Effects of Cannabidiol on Neonatal Rat Cortical Neurons and Astrocytes: Potential Danger to Brain Development. *Toxins* 2022, 14, 720. <https://doi.org/10.3390/toxins1410072>

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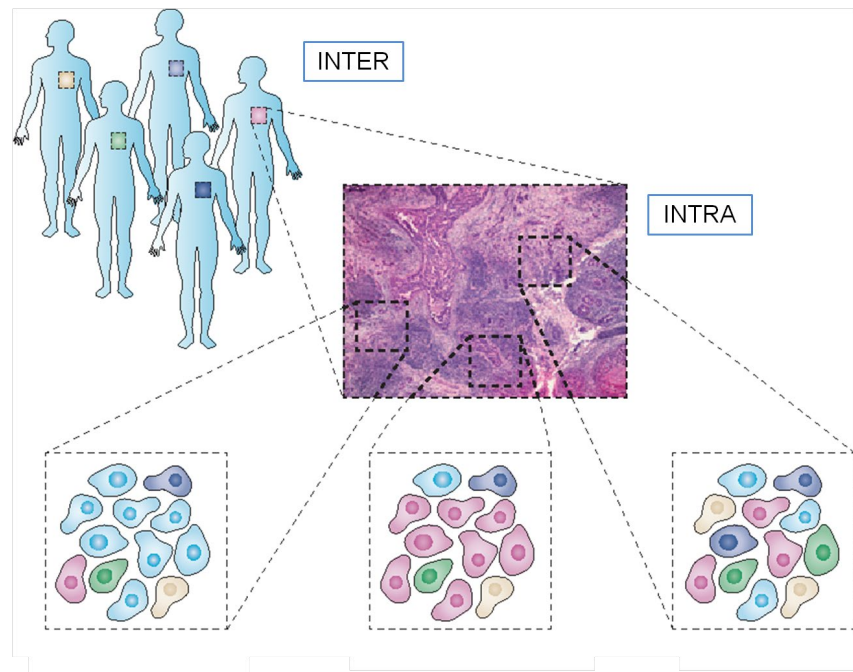
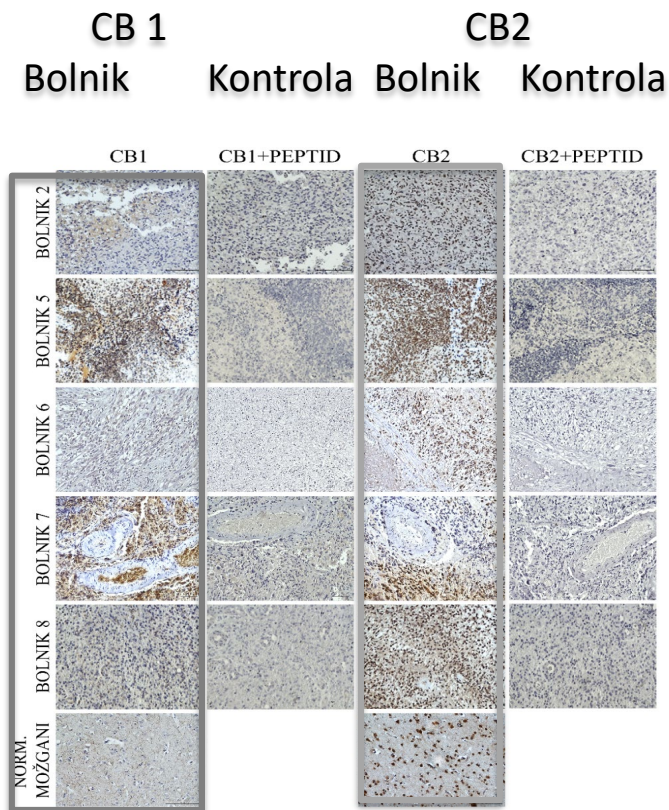
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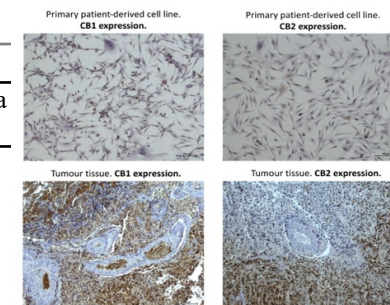
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# Izražanje receptorjev CB1 in CB2 v tkivih GBM je med bolniki različno - heterogenost tumorjev: personalizirano zdravljenje!



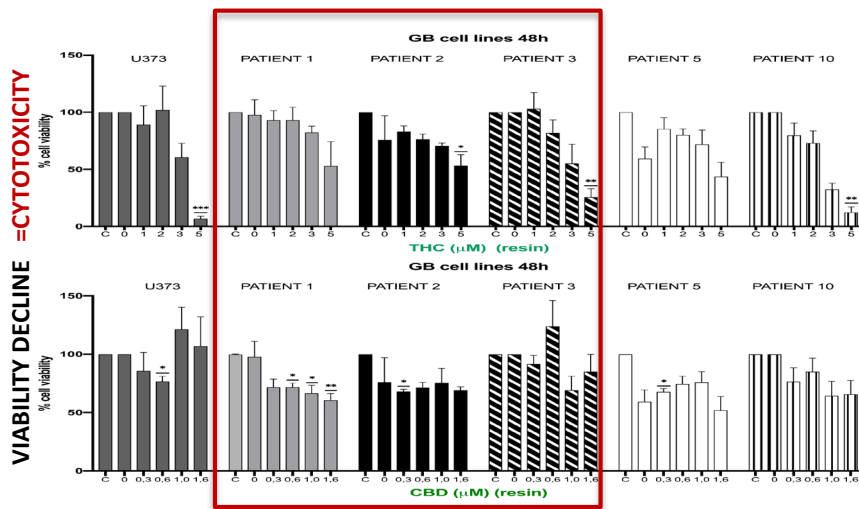
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	Intenziteta barvanja	Pozitivne celice	Lokalizacija	Intenziteta barvanja	Pozitivne celice	Lokalizacija
Bolnik 2	1	1	C	1	3	J
Bolnik 5	2	1	C	2	3	J
Bolnik 6	0	0	-	2	3	J, C
Bolnik 7	1,5	3	J, C	2	3	J, C
Bolnik 8	1	1	J, C	2	1	J, C
Norm. možgani	2	1	C	3	2	J, C



# Variability in inhibition of viability = cytotoxicity response of patients-derived GBM cells upon THC & CBD:

Individualize the **effective dose!**

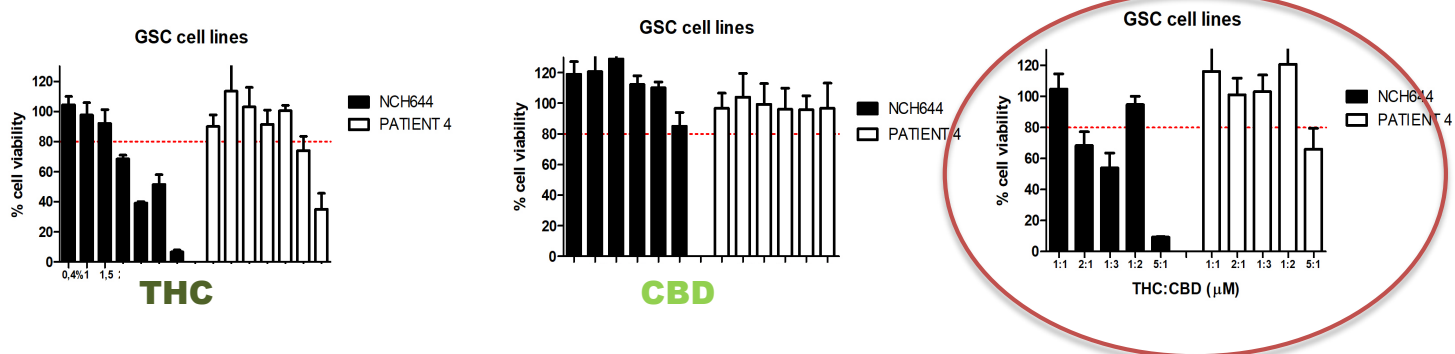
THC  
GBM cells



CBD  
GBM cells

## Synergistic/Additive **cytotoxicity** on GBM and **GSC** cells

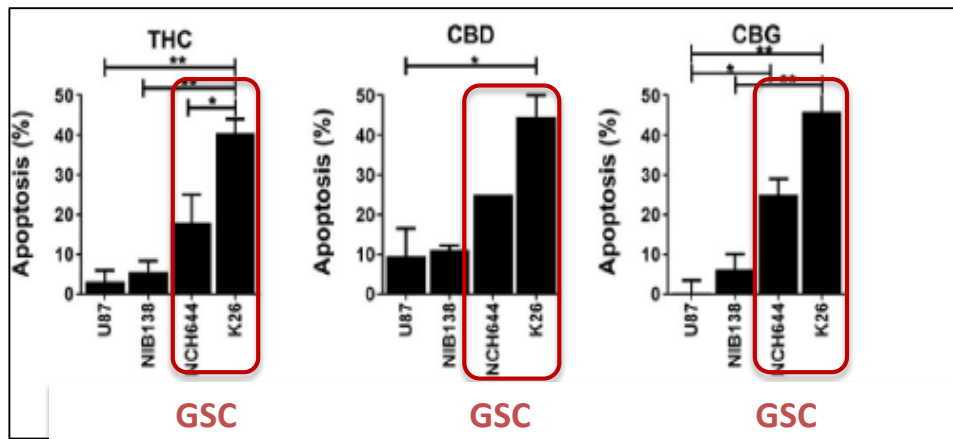
THC + CBD  
GSC cells



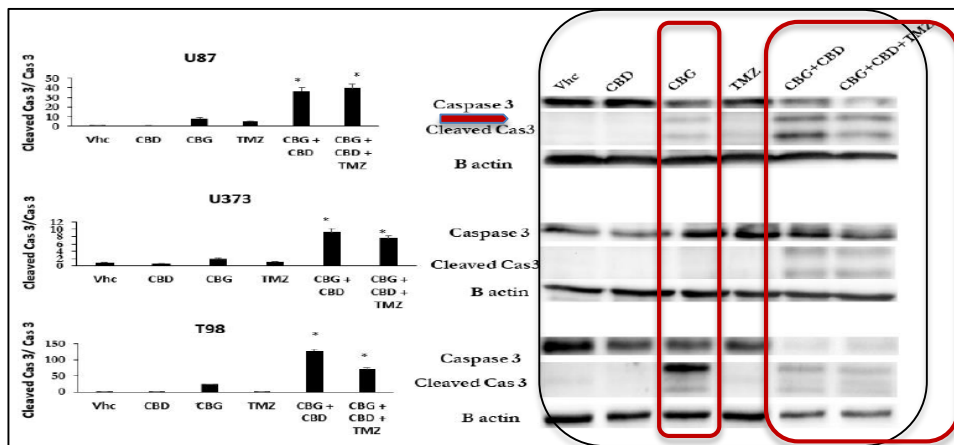
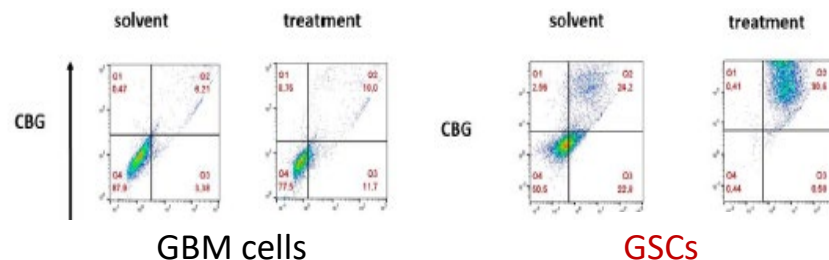
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**Cannabigerol Is a Potential Therapeutic Agent in a Novel Combined Therapy for Glioblastoma**

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# CBG induces apoptosis in GBM and GSC - overcoming therapy resistance!



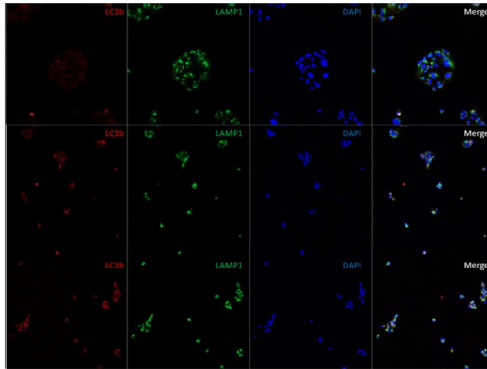
- Besides cell cycle arrest, apoptosis is the second reason for observed cytotoxicity, both, in differentiated and even more so in **GBM stem cells**



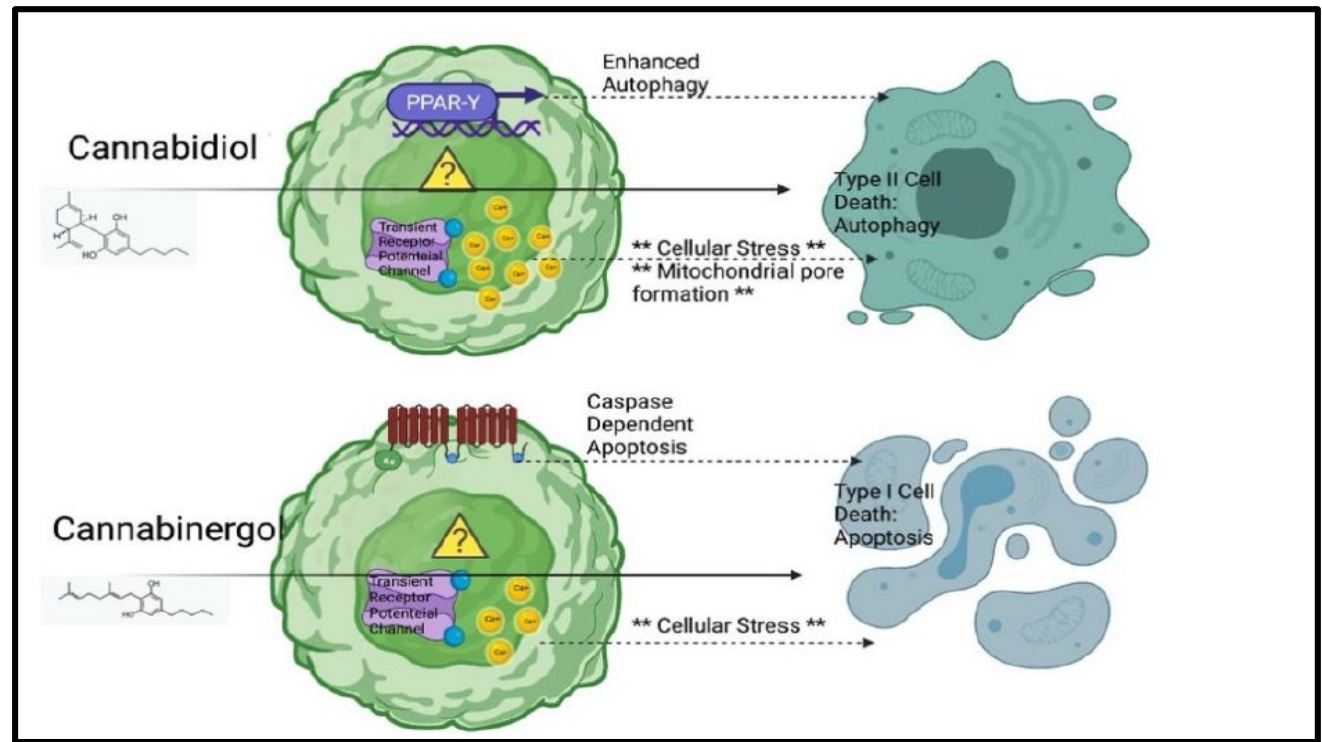
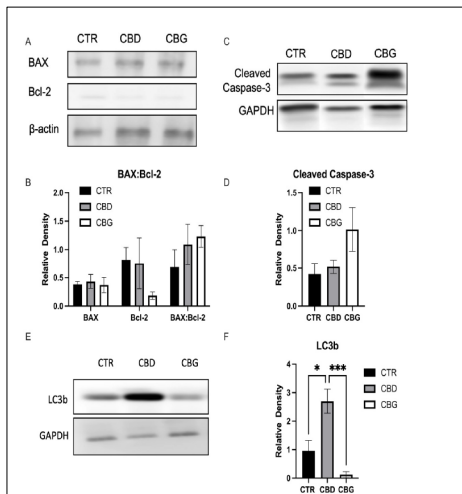
- Intrinsic apoptosis mechanism goes via activation = enzymatic cleavage of the **executive caspase 3**
- This is **only triggered by CGG & accelerated by CBD** in combination!
- But not by THC, which is affecting apoptosis via autophagy**

# Cannabidiol and Cannabigerol inhibit Cholangiocarcinoma growth *in vitro* via divergent cell death mechanism (autophagy & apoptosis)

## Autophagy (LC3)



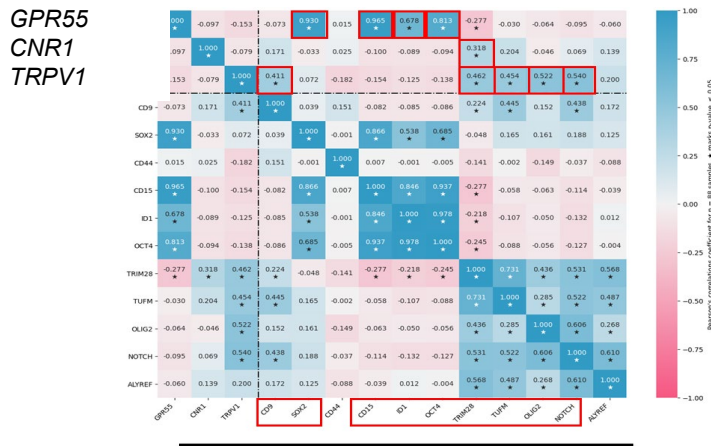
## Apoptosis / Caspase 3



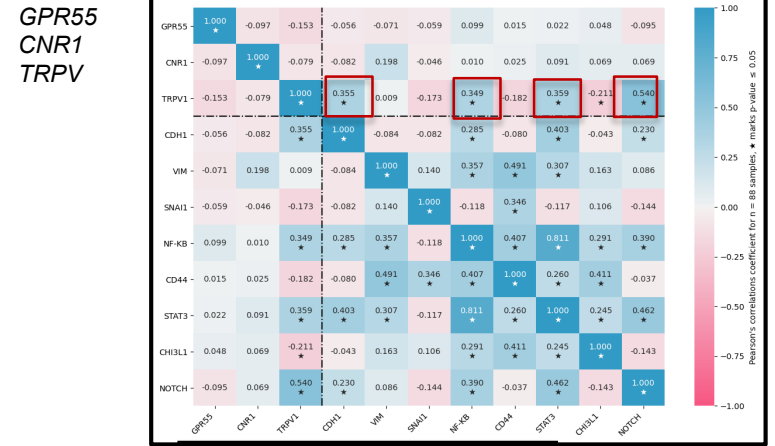


# Significant correlation of receptors **GPR55** and **TRPV1** with stemness (left) and EMT markers (right) suggests:

that inhibition of **GPR55/TRPV1** would lead to **GSC differentiation** to **less resistant GBM cells** against standard treatment



GBM Stemness genes



Epithelial – Mesenchymal Transition genes

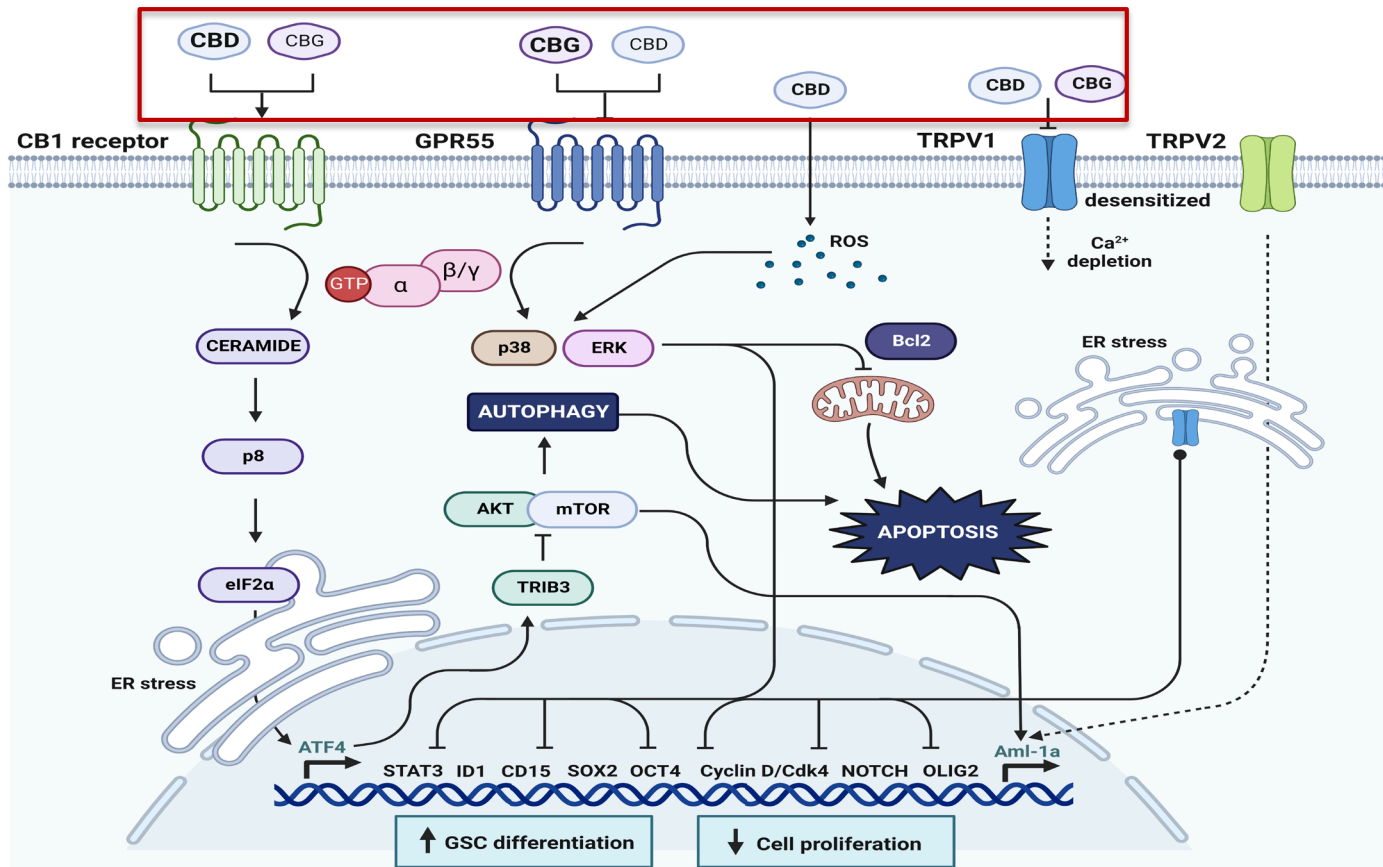
**TRPV1** correlation (r) with **NOTCH** and **OLIG2** and putative GSC genes **CD9**, **TRIM28** and **TUFM** and with EMT related genes, like **CDH1**, **NF-KB**, **STAT3**, **CHI3L1**-

**GPR55** correlated with **SOX2**, **OCT4**, **CD15**, **ID1** and **S100A4** and **KCNF** genes

Correlation of cannabinoid receptors expression with GSC markers and EMT markers in in cohort of 86 GBM patients. Correlations coefficient (r) with cannabinoid receptors are marked in red (-) and blue (+) frames, significance by \*



**Signaling mechanisms, leading to differentiated **GSC** upon **GPR55** and **TRPV1** blocking. This is followed by induced apoptosis of GB cells, which take another route to apoptosis via **CB1****



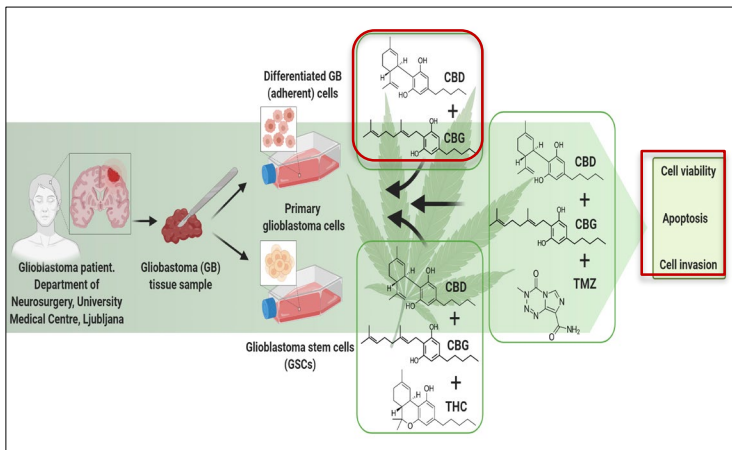
**Treatment by CBD:CBG mixture induces two parallel mechanisms in GSCs and differentiated GBM cells.**

**First,** due higher GPR55 and TRPV1 expression in GSCs, the two cannabinoids preferentially **inhibit GPR55** and **desensitize TRPV1** on GSC cells, thereby triggering their differentiation- downregulating stemness genes.

**Secondly,** in parallel, CBD (CBG) are **activating CB1** and **inhibit differentiated GBM cells** proliferation and induce autophagy as well as apoptosis by the ER stress signalling pathways, **linked to eIF2a, ATF 4-TRIB3 AKT/mTor= common intermediate signalling molecules**

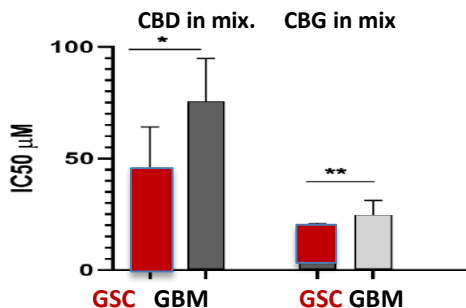
# Summary

## NOVEL CBG & CBD effects



**CBD & CBG combination is more effective to GSCs than GBM cells!**  
**CBD & CBG induce GSC differentiation, inhibiting their resistance.**  
**CBG efficiently replaces THC cytotoxicity to:**

- ✓ Arrest cell cycle G1
- ✓ **Proliferation**
- ✓ GBM apoptosis
- ✓ Inhibits invasion



**Higher GSC cytotoxicity at CBD:CBG combination** →

## Cannabinoid receptors

**CB1, CB2, GPR55, TRPV1** expression

In GBM cohort of 86 patients

&

**Prognosis:**

no effect (*GPR55?*)

**Subtypes:**

no correlation

**Stemness and invasion markers:**

high correlation: *GPR55 & TRPV1*  
*SOX2, OCT4, CD15, ID1*  
*NOTCH, OLIG2, CD9, TRIM28, TUF, STAT3*

**Gene Expressions *GPR55, TRPV1***

2x *GSC* > *GBM* cells

**Signaling mechanisms:**

**Blocking *GPR55* and *TRPV1* signaling:**  
**downregulating stemness genes ?!**  
***GSC* differentiation → apoptosis** →

# POVZETEK

**CBG predstavlja novo, še neraziskano možnost adjuvantnega zdravljenja bolnikov z GBM, tako kot pri nekaterih drugih oblikah raka –**

**Sam CBG in dodan CBD najučinkoviteje odstrani matične celice GBM, sicer odporne na terapijo, najprej z diferenciacijo celic po vezavi na receptorje GPR55 in/ali TRPV1**

Temu sledi **sprožena. Apoptoza diferenciranih celic , verjetno po** usklajenem signaliziranju tudi s specifičnim CB1 receptorjem

**THC nima dodane vrednosti pri kombinirani terapiji glioblastoma, kar nakazuje, da bi morali ta psihotropni kanabinoid v prihodnjih kliničnih študijah nadomestiti s CBG!**

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**GPR55 in TRPV1 sta močno izražena v GSC** in sta povezana s selektivnimi, vendar različnimi nizi genov selektivnih za matične celive.

Inhibicija njunega signaliziranja omogoča večjo **občutljivost GSC na terapijo**

Raven kanabinoidnih receptorjev pri posameznih bolnikih žal v naši študiji **ne napoveduje njihovega odziva na kanabinoide**

# **RAK DOJKE POGOST Z DOBRO NAPOVEDJO PREŽIVETJA**

# Rak dojke in kanabinoidi

**Incidenca - pojavnost** 1.5 mio letno /Slo:1224 (2019)

**Umrljivost** 500 000 letno /Slo: ca 16 /100,000 prebivalcev

## Simptomi

- Otrdlina v dojki
- Aksiliarne metastaze bezgavk, spremembe v dojki, inverzija bradavic, izsedek

## Diagnostika in presejalni testi

- Mamografija
- Ultrazvok MRI, PET, samopregledovanje

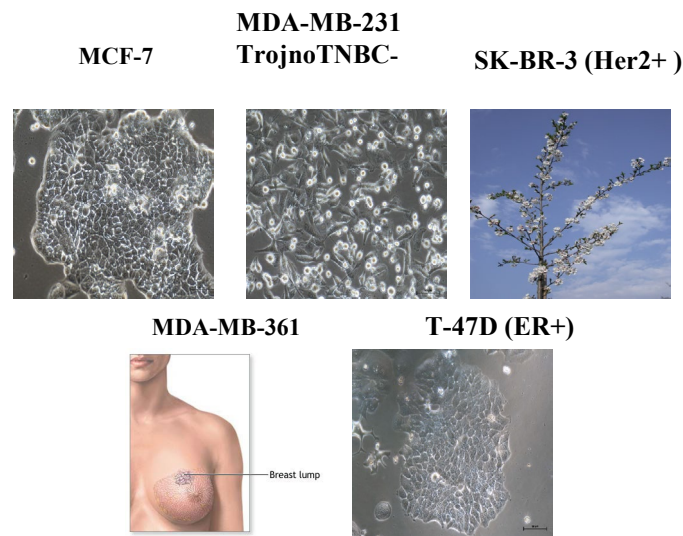
## Podtipi:

- **Hormonsko pozitivni (HR+)**
- **Pozitivni za rastni factor Her2neu**
- **Trojno negativni**

## Zdravljenje

- Biopsija
- Kirurgija (mastektomija, konzervativna kirurgija )
- Radioterapija (5-6 tednov)

## Heterogenost raka dojke

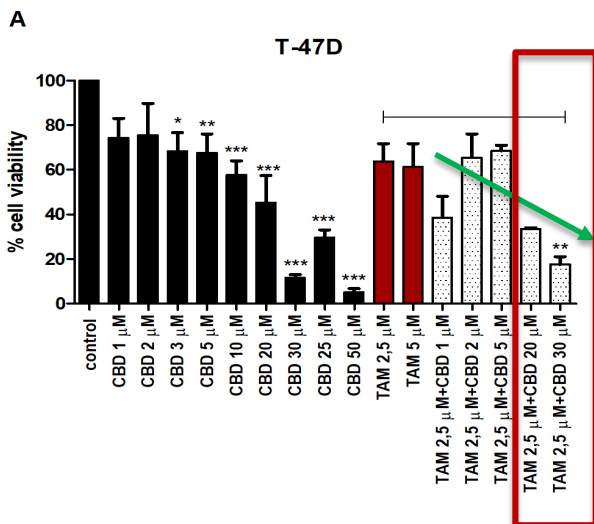


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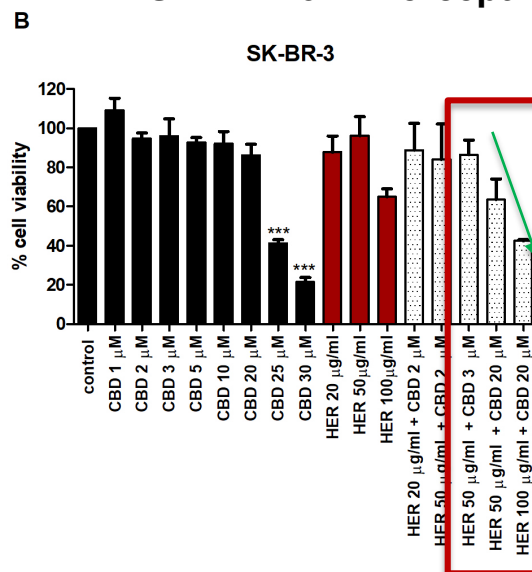
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# V linijah raka dojke deluje CBD citotoksično v sinergiji s Herceptinom, Tamoksifenom in Cisplatinom

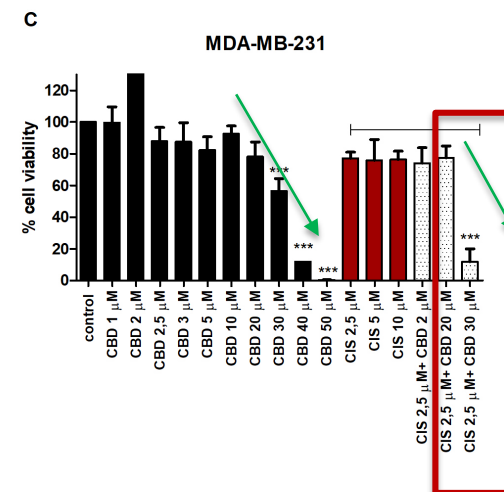
## T-47D - Tamoksifen



## SK-BR - 3 in Herceptin



## MDA-MB-231 . Cisplatin



- **CBD ni oslabil učinka** standardnega zdravljenja s **hormoni** **receptorsko pozitivnega** raka dojke
- CBD je **povečal učinek** Herceptina **v HER2 + rakavihm celicah**
- Poleg tega CBD **ni oslabil učinka** standardnega zdravljenja **trojno negativnega** raka dojke **s cisplatinom.**

# Zaključki

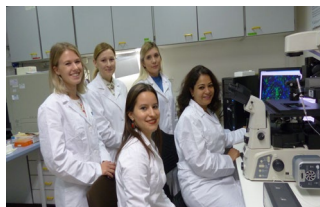
- ✓ Kanabinoidi večinomama upočasnijo rast tumorja in/ali podaljšanje preživetja pri **živalih**.
- ✓ Podobna opažanja pri človeku (n.pr. CBD za GBM 30 % podaljšanje preživetja), a trenutno podpira to le malo kliničnih študijim a zelo veliko poročil o posameznih primerih.
- ✓ Niti psihoaktivni THC / niti NOVO predlagani CBG niti CBD nista **univerzalno učinkovita pri dokončem uničenju tumorskih celic**, čeprav dokazano zavirata deljenje in rast, povečata avtofagijo in apoptozo ter neodvisno od teh inhibirata invazijo rakavih celic. **Priporočena je adjuvantna in aditivna teraija s CBD /CBG!**
- ✓ In vitro je čisti CBD zelo pogosto enako ali bolj učinkovit kot le izvlečki CBD, ki dokazano nimajo stranskih učinkov.
- ✓ Izvlečki in čisti THC je neprimeren za bolnike z **možganskimi tumorji-**
- ✓ **Izvlečki – smole - so neznane sestave in izvora(!) niso priporočljivi za „samozdravljenje“ – vedno nadzor lečečga zdravnika!?**



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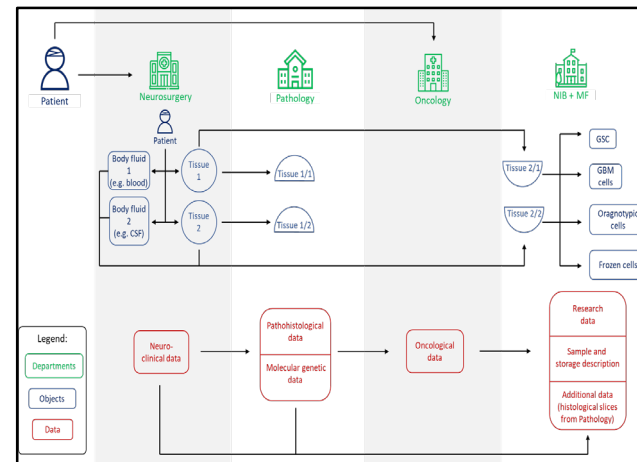
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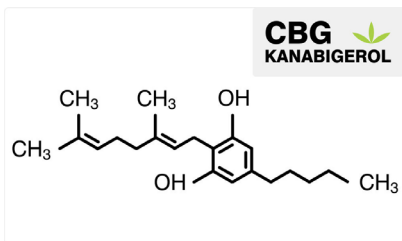
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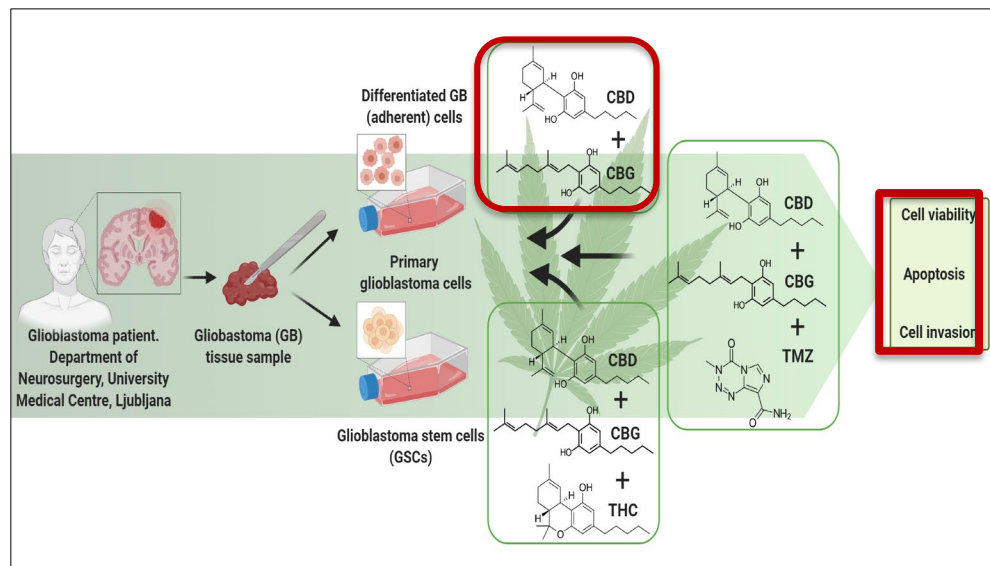
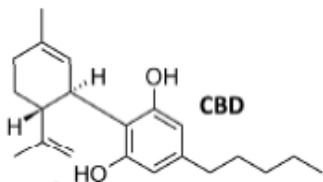
# Article Cannabigerol Is a Potential Therapeutic Agent in a Novel Combined Therapy for Glioblastoma

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## Summary I



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- **CBG is non-psychoactive cannabinoid, first used against GBM**
- **CBD + CBG optimized combination is more toxic to GSCs than GBM cells!**
- **CBD + CBG & treatment induced GSC differentiation, inhibiting their resistance to IR&TMZ.**
- **CBG efficiently replaces THC cytotoxicity, induces GBM apoptosis and inhibits invasion.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

HVALA ZA VAŠO POZORNOST





# Zaključki

## FDA odobreno je

- ✓ Zdravljenje simptomov – paliativno
- ✓ Anti-memetično delovanje zaradi kemoterapije
- ✓ Povečan apetit zaradi kaheksije
- ✓ Zmanjšanje bolečine, analgetik

- **Ni odobreno: proti-tumorsko delovanje za:**

- ❖ Zmanjšanje tumorske mase
- ❖ Zmanjšanje invazije in metastaz
- ❖ Splošno preživetje- adjuvantna terapija

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## Problemi

- Tumorska heterogenost = **personaliziran pristop!**
- Različne ravni CBN receptorjev
- Različni genetski podtipi istega raka
- Matične celice raka - odpornost?!P

- **Potrebne raziskave**

- ✓ Sinergija ali kontra-indikacija z drugimi tretmaji?
- ✓ Novi *in vitro* modeli in poskusi s humaniziranimi (GSO) živalmi

- ✓ **NOVI KANABINOIDI!**

# Živalski poskusi in klinične študije

## Neuro-Oncology Practice

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### The use of cannabis in supportive care and treatment of brain tumor

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## Cannabidiol and Other Phytocannabinoids as Cancer Therapeutics

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### Concomitant Treatment of Malignant Brain Tumours With CBD – A Case Series and Review of the Literature

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Table 3 Results of THC and/or CBD in animal models of glioma

Treatment	Model	Results	Reference
THC peritumoral, 15 mg/kg/day for 14 days	Human U87MG astrocytoma, s.c. xenograft, mice	~50% reduced tumor growth, increased apoptosis;	66, 67,
CBD peritumoral, ~25 mg/kg/day, 5 days per week for 23 days	U87MG astrocytoma s.c. xenograft, mice	~70% regression at day 18, but ~50% regression at day 23/end	68, 59,
CBD intraperitoneal, 15 mg/kg, 5 days per week for 28 days	U251 glioblastoma cells, intracranial xenograft, mice	~95% decrease of tumor area; in 1/5 mice treated no tumor cells were observed in any of the brain regions analyzed	61,
THC peritumoral, 15 or 7.5 mg THC or 7.5 mg CBD/kg/day, or 7.5 mg THC + 7.5 mg CBD/kg/day over 14 days	Human glioma U87MG or T98G cells, s.c. xenograft, nude mice	15 mg THC much more effective than 7.5 mg; 7.5 mg CBD/kg was slightly more effective than 7.5 mg THC/kg; THC + CBD was most effective and similar to 15 mg THC/kg; tumor volume was stable on day 14 & 15; further enhancement by combination of cannabinoids with 5 mg TMZ/kg; T98G cells were resistant to THC or TMZ but not to their combination (CBD was not included)	70,
THC intratumoral, total dose 2.5 mg THC or 0.25 mg WIN-55,212-2 / rat over 7 days (~1.5–2 mg THC/kg/day)	Intracerebral C6 glioma model, rats (250–300 g b.w.)	THC was ineffective in 3/15 rats, tumor was completely eradicated in 3/15 rats, survival prolonged in 9 rats; WIN-55,212-2 was similarly effective	71,
CBD + THC (each ~2 mg/kg), intra-peritoneal, on day 9, 13, and 16 after tumor implantation; X-ray (4 Gy) on day 9; CBD-BDS (main: 63.5% CBD, 3.6% THC, 5.2% CBC) or THC-BDS (main: 65.4% THC, 0.4% CBD, 1.8% CBC)	Mouse glioma GL261 cells, orthotopically implanted	>85% decrease of tumor volume and of vascularization on day 21 (animals sacrificed); CBD + THC reduced progression, further enhanced by irradiation (stagnant tumor sizes throughout the experiment); X-rays alone had no dramatic effects	72,

Abbreviations: BDS, botanical drug substance; CBD, cannabidiol; THC, delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol.

Relativno visoke doze CBD in THC so v živalih signifikantno znižale **med 54 % do 90 %** tumorski volume ali ga celo eliminirale

Kemoterapija s Temazolomidom in obsevanje **sta učinke še povečala.**

Prenos uporabe **na človeka** je lahko **drugačen** zaradi imunskega sistema in strukture možganov.

**Paliativa se priporoča, ker deluje** protibolečinsko, proti slabosti in anti-depresivno (CBD), a dvojna vloga THC- ali vzhičeno ali panično odvisno od koncentracije

# Klinične študije na glioblastomu- majhno število bolnikov...

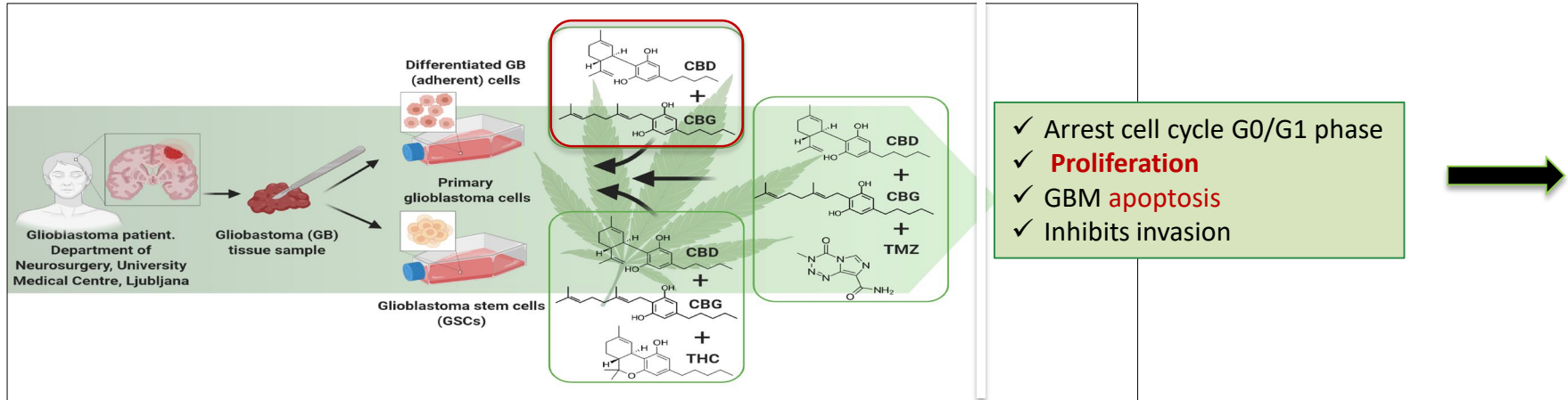
**Table 3** Anticancer effects of cannabinergic preparations in man

Disease, no. of patients	Drug	Results	Reference
Glioblastoma multiforme, grade IV, 15 patients	Pure CBD (mainly 400 mg/day PO) in addition to standard therapy (maximum resection of the tumour followed by radiochemotherapy)	Of 15 patients, 7 (46.7%) survived for at least 24 months, and 4 (26.7%) survived for at least 36 months. This is more than twice as long as has been previously reported in the literature. The mean overall survival is currently 24.2 months (median 21 months) and the 1-year survival rate was 87%	[77]
Glioblastoma multiforme, 9 patients (6 were grade IV)	Pure CBD (mainly 400 mg/day PO) in addition to standard therapy (maximum resection of the tumour followed by radiochemotherapy)	Of 9 patients, only 1 had died; mean survival time was 22.3 months (range 7–47 months)	[78]
Brain tumours, 2 patients	Pure CBD with <0.3% THC (case 1: glioblastoma multiforme: 300–450 mg/day; case 2: oligodendroglioma grade III: 100–200 mg/day following resection and chemoradiotherapy)	Treatment reduced oedema and inflammation and induced remission (MRI)	[79]
Pilocytic astrocytoma, WHO grade 1; 2 females: case 1 was aged 11 years and case 2 was aged 13 years at diagnosis	Consumption of cannabis of unknown composition via inhalation, on average 3 × weekly during the last 3 years of follow-up	The volume of tumour remnant was calculated using VOXAR volumetric software, and was found to be 1.28 cm <sup>3</sup> at 9 months and 0.27 cm <sup>3</sup> at 6 years post-surgery in the first case, and 3.3 cm <sup>3</sup> at 18 months and 0.28 cm <sup>3</sup> at 6 years postoperatively in the second case; the regular use of cannabis coincided with the time course of radiological tumour regression	[126]
Glioblastoma multiforme, 12 patients with nabiximols, 9 with placebo	Nabiximols (CBD:THC ≈ 1:1, maximum 32.4 mg THC + 30.0 mg CBD) following standard chemoradiotherapy treatment with dose-intense TMZ, as described by Stupp et al. [88]	Median survival in the placebo group was >550 days in the CBD:THC treatment group (not significant) and 369 days in the placebo group; 1-year survival was 83% and 56% in the CBD:THC and placebo groups, respectively ( <i>p</i> = 0.042)	[89]
Glioblastoma multiforme, 9 patients with progressive tumours	THC solution, 20–40 mg at Day 1, increased for 2–5 days up to 80–180 mg/day, infused into the resection cavity, starting at Days 3–6 after surgery; median duration of an administration cycle was 10 days	5 patients received more than 1 cycle. In 3 of these 5 patients, a temporary reduction of tumour proliferation was observed. Median survival of the cohort from the beginning of THC administration was 24 weeks	[87]

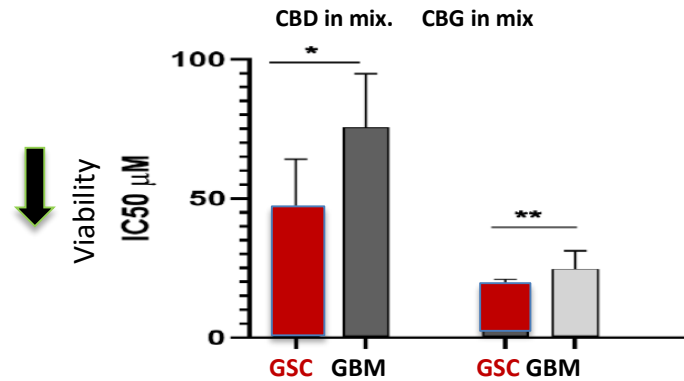
# Cannabigerol - neglected cannabinoid??

NOVEL cannabinoid CBG effect replacing/ omitting THC on GSCs

Role of cannabinoid receptors ?



CBG efficiently replaces THC cytotoxicity



More effective inhibition of GSC proliferation was shown at certain CBD:CBG combination!

# Summary

- **CBG** represents a new, as yet unexplored possibility of adjuvant treatment of GBM patients, as in some other cancers –similar mechanism as in cholangiocarcinoma \*
  - **CBG** alone, and added to CBD, most efficiently **eliminates therapy-resistant GBM stem cells**, first by **differentiation upon binding to GPR55 and/or TRPV1 receptors**, followed by triggering apoptosis, possibly in coordinated CB1-activation signaling.
  - **THC has no added value** in combination therapy for glioblastoma, suggesting that this **psychotropic cannabinoid** should be replaced by **CBG in future clinical studies!**
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- **GPR55 and TRPV1 are highly expressed in GSCs and co-related to selective, yet different sets of stemness genes**, The inhibition of their signaling differentiate **GSC to become sensitive to therapy**
  - **Cannabinoid receptors level in individual patients do not predict their response to cannabinoids** \*