



Hello S3 Collective friend,

Welcome to S3 Collective's July 2024 Newsletter! S3 Collective, in partnership with the Medical Cannabis Student Association (MCSA), submitted a comprehensive [public comment](#) to the DOJ and DEA supporting the reclassification of cannabis to Schedule III. Our response provides additional scientific evidence underscoring the medical uses of cannabis and its lower abuse potential compared to other substances. We hope these federal agencies will follow the science in making a final decision on rescheduling. Now that we're on the other side of the public comment period deadline, we can finally take a deep breath and celebrate this significant milestone while awaiting the next steps.

[Thank you](#) to all our volunteers for shaping our public comment!

Want to help? Get added to our [volunteer list](#) for future projects.

Want to support our cause? Your tax-deductible [donations](#) help us continue working towards meaningful change!

Why tune in? Our newsletter is your window into the evolving world of cannabis standards, science, and safety! If you know someone who may be interested in our newsletter, let them know that they can [sign up here](#).

S3 Collective Updates

- S3 Collective received official IRS confirmation of our 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status, retroactive to our filing date of 8/01/23. As we approach our first anniversary, this is a wonderful milestone for us!
- Read more about our recent public comment submission [here](#).
- Check out the S3 Collective [website](#) and sign out [pledge](#)!

Standards Snapshot

NIST announced the release of new [Hemp Plant Reference Material](#) that will help labs and researchers to accurately measure THC, CBD, and other compounds. Read more [here](#).



ASTM D37 Open Ballots

D37 Main Committee ballots expected to *close on 7/29/24*:

- Revision Of D8245-2019 Guide for Disposal of Resin-Containing Cannabis Raw Materials and Downstream Products WK89374
- Guide for Working With Dust of Ground Cannabis sativa L. plant Parts and Crystallized Cannabinoids WK84667
- Guide for Determining a Point of Departure (POD) or assigning a Threshold of Toxicological Concern (TTC), if needed, for use in a Toxicological Risk Assessment of a Non-Cannabinoid Ingredient Intended WK85192
- Practice for an Approach to Calculating the Daily Inhalation Exposure Limit for a Non-cannabinoid Ingredient intended for use in Cannabinoid Products for Vaporization WK89731
- Guide for Payment Processing Compliance in US Regulated Cannabis Industry WK86606

D37.04 Processing and Handling Subcommittee: Guide for Standard Guide for Irradiation of Inflorescence of *Cannabis sativa* L. Products WK905602 (*closes on 8/26/24*)

D37.03 Laboratory Subcommittee: Test Method for Determination of Cannabinoid Concentration in Cannabis Flower and Hemp Using High Performance Liquid Chromatography With UV or Diode Array Detection WK65013 (*closes on 8/29/24*)

Science Spotlight

Several organizations have contributed their scientific and regulatory insights to the recent rescheduling public comment period. We encourage you to review these valuable contributions.

- Cannabis Regulators Association ([CANNRA](#))
- [Former cannabis regulators](#)
- American Trade Association for Cannabis and Hemp (ATACH) and the Coalition for Cannabis Scheduling Reform ([CCSR](#))
- Doctors for Drug Policy Reform ([D4DPR](#))
- University of Mississippi's National Center for Natural Products Research (NCNPR) and National Center for Cannabis Research and Education ([NCCRE](#))
- National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws ([NORML](#))
- American Nurses Association ([ANA](#))
- American Association of Hospice and Palliative Medicine ([AAHPA](#))
- Pennsylvania State Nurses Association ([PSNA](#))
- Maryland Cannabis Administration ([MCA](#))
- New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Commission ([NJ-CRC](#))
- Maine Office of Cannabis Policy ([OCP](#))
- Michigan Cannabis Regulatory Agency ([CRA](#))
- Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission ([CCC](#))
- New York State Office of Cannabis Management ([OCM](#))
- Colorado [Governor Jared Polis](#) and the Institute of Cannabis Research at Colorado State University Pueblo (ICR-CSU)
- Kentucky [Governor Andy Beshear](#)

A [recent study](#) from ICR-CSU looked at the conversion rate of acidic cannabinoids in air-dried inflorescence extracts compared to secretory cavities, providing insights for optimizing cannabinoid stability in hemp products.

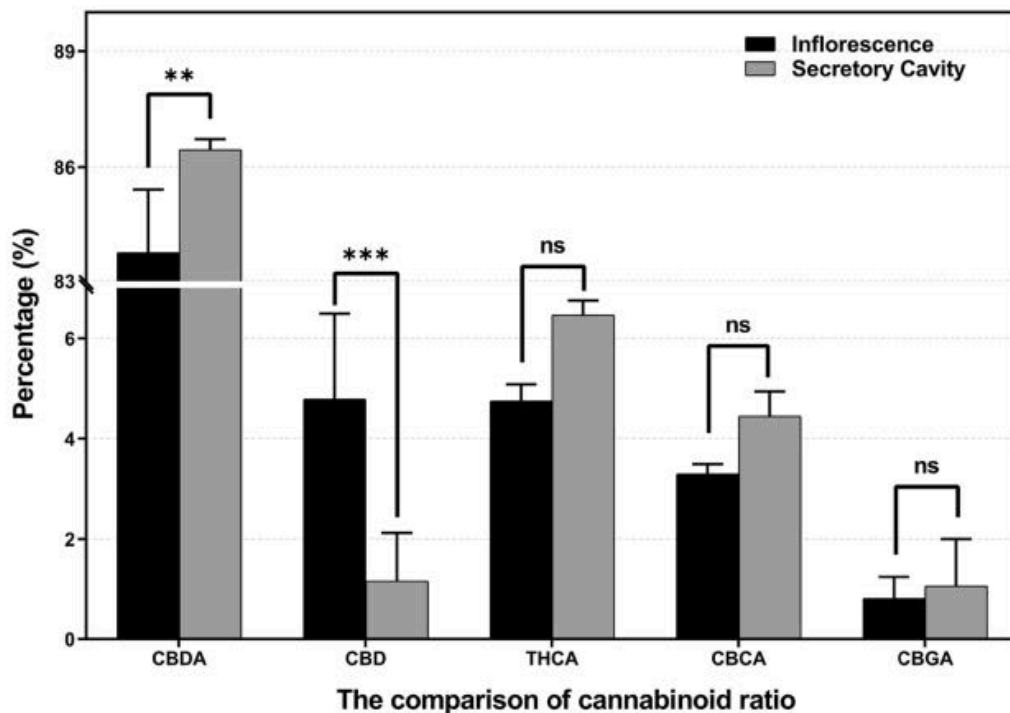


Figure 4. Comparison of the percentage of acidic and neutral cannabinoids of inflorescence extracts and secretory cavity contents. Data was analyzed using two-way ANOVA. ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$, ns: not significant ($p > 0.05$).

Safety Scoop

FDA issued more [warning letters](#) to companies marketing cannabis-derived products containing CBD and delta-8 THC that resemble other popular snacks and candies.

Events

- **8/07 - 8/09/24:** [Cannabis Research Conference](#) in Fort Collins, CO.
- **9/20/24:** [Cannabinoids in Clinical Practice](#) 1st Annual Medical Cannabis Symposium hosted by New York State Office of Medical Cannabis & Roswell Park in Buffalo, NY.
- **12/03 - 12/06/24:** [MJBizCon](#) featuring S3 Collective at [Associations Day](#) on 12/03 in Las Vegas, NV. There will also be a [Science Symposium](#) on 12/03.
- **1/27 - 1/29/25:** [ASTM D37 Meeting](#) at the Hyatt Regency Houston in Houston, TX.

Rulemaking Meetings, Regulatory Events, & Public Comments

All times listed are in local time.

- **Alaska** - The next Marijuana Control Board (MCB) meetings will be on [9/11 and 11/20](#) at 9am.
- **Arizona** - The Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) posted [draft rules](#) and has a [survey](#) open requesting feedback until **8/18**.
- **California** - The next Cannabis Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting will be on [9/12](#).

- **Colorado** - The Marijuana Enforcement Division's (MED) announced their [2024 rulemaking schedule](#) and will be holding rulemaking meetings on [8/01](#), [8/22](#), [9/12](#), and [10/01](#).
- **Delaware** - The Office of the Marijuana Commissioner (OMC) published [revised proposed regulations](#) in the Register of Regulations and is accepting public comments until [7/31](#) (email comments to OMC@delaware.gov).
- **DC** - The next Alcoholic Beverage and Cannabis Administration (ABC) Board meetings will be on [7/30](#) at 9:30am and [7/31](#) at 10:30am.
- **Kentucky** - Team Kentucky Medical Cannabis Workgroup met recently on 7/24 and will meet again on [10/23](#).
- **Maine** - The Office of Cannabis Policy's (OCP) Cannabis Hospitality Task Force will meet on [8/14 and 8/28](#) from 1 - 4pm. OCP staff will be visiting Oxford County for a town hall-style event to ask questions, share feedback, and learn more about Maine's regulated cannabis programs on [7/31](#) at 6pm.
- **Maryland** - The Maryland Cannabis Administration (MCA) Advisory Board on Medical and Adult-Use Cannabis recently met on 7/18 ([minutes to be posted](#)).
- **Massachusetts** - The Cannabis Control Commission's (CCC) Executive Director Search Subcommittee is meeting on [8/01](#) from 10am - 4pm. The CCC will also meet on [8/08](#) from 10am - 4:30pm and [9/12](#) at the same time.
- **Michigan** - The Cannabis Regulatory Agency (CRA) will meet on [9/11](#) at 9:30am. They will be hosting a webinar on Understanding Cannabis-Related Taxes with the Michigan Department of Treasury on [9/26](#) at 10am.
- **Minnesota** - The Office of Cannabis Management (OCM)'s Cannabis Advisory Council will meet on [8/22 and 12/12](#) from 10am - 12pm.
- **Missouri** - The Division of Cannabis (DCR) is hosting the next Research License Listening Session on [8/05](#) from 1 - 5pm. You must [register by 7/31](#).
- **New Hampshire** - The next Therapeutic Cannabis Medical Oversight Board meeting will be on [10/02](#) from 5:30 - 7:30pm.
- **New Jersey** - The next Cannabis Regulatory Commission (CRC) public meetings will be on [9/19, 10/17, and 12/12](#) at 11am.
- **New York** - The Office of Cannabis Management (OCM)'s Cannabis Advisory Board recently met on 6/26 ([minutes](#)).
- **Oklahoma** - The Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority (OMMA) published [permanent rules](#) on 7/25.
- **Pennsylvania** - The Medical Marijuana Advisory Board (MMAB) will meet on [9/18 and 11/13](#) from 10:30am -12:30pm.
- **Rhode Island** - The Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) is meeting on [7/30](#) at 1pm.
- **South Dakota** - On 7/25, the Medical Cannabis Program notified cultivators that, as of [1/01/25](#), it will be mandatory to obtain a Commercial Pesticide Applicator

License.

- **Vermont** - The Cannabis Control Board (CCB) had a special meeting on 7/12 ([recording](#)). They are hosting peer networking roundtable events on [8/07 and 8/14](#).
- **Virginia** - The Cannabis Control Authority (CCA) Board of Directors will meet on [8/22](#) from 1 - 3pm.
- **Washington** - The Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) is taking public comments on a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry to transfer cannabis testing laboratory accreditation to the Washington State Department of Agriculture until [8/16](#). They are also taking public comments on a Proposed Rule-Making Order on the Medical Cannabis Patient Excise Tax Exemption until [8/28](#). On [7/17](#), the Board denied a petition to consider increasing the existing 10 mg THC serving limit for edibles.
- **West Virginia** - The Office of Medical Cannabis (OMC)'s Medical Cannabis Advisory Board will meet on [8/20 and 9/19](#).

Are we missing one from your state? [Let us know!](#)

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