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“Smokewar” by Rui Zheng, 2013



The Bad Ol' Days



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**Typical day
in 2023**

Well OK, I Guess I Should Include SOME Stats...

- **Smoking causes over 140,000 cardiovascular deaths in the US per year**
- **Secondhand smoke is estimated to cause ~50,000 US deaths/year, mostly from cardiovascular disease**
- **Smoking bans in public places lead to reduction in frequency of heart attacks**

Matt



Back to the Future? (Denver, 2014)



Photo: Brennan Linsley / Associated Press

“Partygoers dance and smoke pot April 19, the first of two days of the annual 4/20 marijuana festival in Denver. The 4/20 event was the first one since Colorado legalized recreational marijuana in January.”

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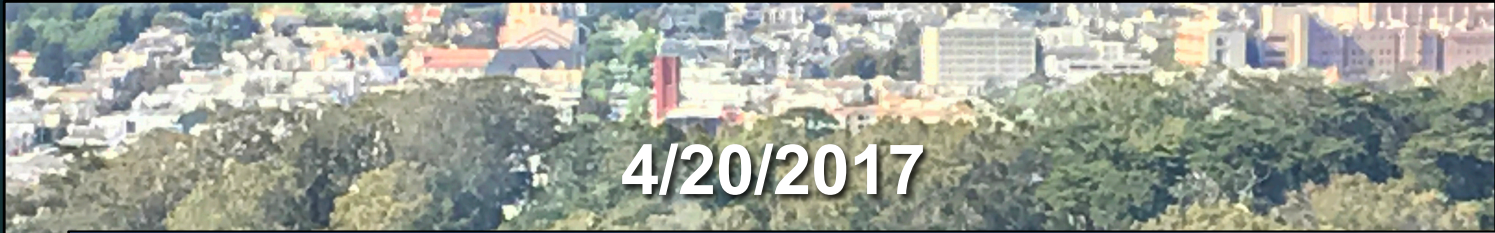
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SF, 2017... REALLY!!!

(the return of a familiar problem)



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Problem: General public avoids tobacco SHS but many think marijuana SHS is ok



“There’s no nicotine”

“It’s natural”

“It’s medicinal”

“No one said it ISN’T ok”

**Cannabis is not just a drug,
it's a smoke**

Marijuana = THC & CBD



Marijuana ≠ THC & CBD

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	tobacco	marijuana	tobacco	marijuana
	tar (mg/cig)	24.3 ± 1.8	49.7 ± 2.5*	17.2 ± 1.8
NO ($\mu\text{g}/\text{cig}$)	1101 ± 47	2087 ± 152*	1419 ± 124	2631 ± 241*
NOx ($\mu\text{g}/\text{cig}$)	1172 ± 44	2284 ± 229*	1521 ± 153	2880 ± 323*
CO (mg/cig)	61.7 ± 2.0	54.0 ± 3.7*	61.6 ± 2.9	50.6 ± 3.9*
nicotine (mg/cig)	4.77 ± 0.26	0.065 ± 0.018*	3.11 ± 0.23	0.074 ± 0.029*
ammonia ($\mu\text{g}/\text{cig}$)	5568 ± 322	14270 ± 472*	3919 ± 327	10743 ± 675*
HCN ($\mu\text{g}/\text{cig}$)	83.8 ± 7.8	685 ± 29*	103 ± 10	678 ± 72*
NNN	41 ± 4.8	<0.634*	28 ± 2.0	0.634–2.0*
NAT	17.4 ± 1.4	<2.34*	10.2 ± 1.1	<2.34*
NAB	2.71 ± 0.52	<0.793*	0.79–2.5	<0.793
NNK	92 ± 11.7	<4.65*	61 ± 5.1	<4.65*
mercury	8.32 ± 0.57	<4.40*	6.31 ± 0.61	<4.40*
cadmium	478 ± 19	4.0–13.4*	360 ± 20	4.0–13.4*
lead	34.5–115	<34.5	34.5–115	<34.5
chromium	31.0–103	31.0–103	<31.0	31.0–103
nickel	35.5–118	35.5–118	<35.5	<35.5
arsenic	<11.3	<11.3	<11.3	<11.3
selenium	<17.5	<17.5	<17.5	<17.5

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Table 5. Miscellaneous Organics Determined in Mainstream and Sidestream Smoke from Tobacco and Marijuana under Two Smoking Conditions^a

	ISO		extreme	
	tobacco	marijuana	tobacco	marijuana
	pyridine	31.1 ± 1.7	34.6 ± 4.3	59 ± 4.9
quinoline	1.31 ± 0.08	1.06 ± 0.26*	2.22 ± 0.22	2.68 ± 0.34*
1,3-butadiene	64.8 ± 2.2	79.5 ± 7.4*	124 ± 7	138 ± 17
isoprene	286 ± 15	74.0 ± 6.5*	540 ± 18	132 ± 19*
acrylonitrile	13 ± 1.2	36.6 ± 4.3*	24 ± 0.9	66.9 ± 9.5*
benzene	62.2 ± 3.5	58.3 ± 5.9	94.6 ± 2.6	84.4 ± 8.9*
toluene	103 ± 6	124 ± 15*	169 ± 3	199 ± 25*
styrene	15 ± 0.6	17.2 ± 2.3*	28.6 ± 2.0	44.7 ± 4.2*
	sidestream			
pyridine	265 ± 11	307 ± 14*	225 ± 9	278 ± 22*
quinoline	9.94 ± 0.92	11.3 ± 0.7*	8.53 ± 0.54	9.82 ± 1.10*
1,3-butadiene	372 ± 12	412 ± 27*	269 ± 13	420 ± 22*
isoprene	1459 ± 82	656 ± 40*	1153 ± 51	614 ± 31*
acrylonitrile	102 ± 4	295 ± 21*	73.8 ± 4.7	273 ± 17*
benzene	290 ± 11	341 ± 12*	203 ± 11	328 ± 18*
toluene	516 ± 20	704 ± 29*	393 ± 32	729 ± 28*
styrene	105 ± 10	162 ± 10*	85.2 ± 10.6	175 ± 9*

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marijuana was ammonia. In marijuana smoke, ammonia was found at levels about 20-fold those in tobacco in mainstream smoke (Table 3) and about 3-fold greater in sidestream smoke (Table 4), although the absolute values were very much greater in sidestream smoke. The amount of ammonia produced during combustion of tobacco has been related to the amount of nitrate fertilizer applied during growth (30). The simplest explanation for the very high levels of ammonia found in marijuana smoke may be that the marijuana used for this study contained more nitrate than the tobacco sample. The marijuana plants were grown on soil-less growth medium. All fertilizers were commercially available and consisted of water-soluble hydroponic vegetable fertilizers used for horticulture and contained nitrogen

Table 6. Aromatic Amines Determined in Mainstream and Sidestream Smoke from Tobacco and Marijuana under Two Smoking Conditions^a

	ISO		extreme	
	tobacco	marijuana	tobacco	marijuana
	mainstream			
1-aminonaphthalene	24.9 ± 2.6	84.4 ± 13.2*	35.1 ± 5.7	178 ± 17*
2-aminonaphthalene	9.38 ± 0.62	33.6 ± 3.5*	12.9 ± 1.2	66.3 ± 6.8*
3-aminobiphenyl	2.22 ± 0.18	9.15 ± 0.63*	3.68 ± 0.44	18.8 ± 1.8*
4-aminobiphenyl	1.56 ± 0.13	6.17 ± 0.44*	2.54 ± 0.17	13.5 ± 1.5*
sidestream				
1-aminonaphthalene	195 ± 16	305 ± 21*	144 ± 8	266 ± 23*
2-aminonaphthalene	136 ± 7	177 ± 19*	79.4 ± 7.4	139 ± 12*
3-aminobiphenyl	33 ± 2.1	50.4 ± 3.7*	19.7 ± 1.6	40.6 ± 2.4*
4-aminobiphenyl	23.2 ± 1.8	31.2 ± 2.8*	13.9 ± 1.3	27.3 ± 2.2

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Table 7. Selected Carbonyl Compounds Determined in Mainstream and Sidestream Smoke from Tobacco and Marijuana under Two Smoking Conditions^a

	ISO		extreme	
	tobacco	marijuana	tobacco	marijuana
	mainstream			
formaldehyde	200 ± 28	25.1 ± 2.7*	543 ± 91	66.5 ± 11.8*
acetaldehyde	872 ± 101	448 ± 44*	1555 ± 222	1021 ± 99*
acetone	454 ± 44	237 ± 23*	826 ± 93	514 ± 32*
acrolein	125 ± 13	54.3 ± 4.5*	251 ± 32	148 ± 13*
propionaldehyde	72.1 ± 8.1	32.3 ± 3.2*	97.8 ± 14.4	74.0 ± 6.4*
crotonaldehyde	62.9 ± 7.3	23.1 ± 1.5*	127 ± 17	56.7 ± 7.7*
methyl ethyl ketone	135 ± 16	62.4 ± 5.5*	265 ± 27	140 ± 7*
butyraldehyde	47.1 ± 5.7	46.5 ± 3.8	77.1 ± 10.0	110 ± 8*
sidestream				
formaldehyde	886 ± 47	383 ± 27*	662 ± 29	202 ± 34*
acetaldehyde	1587 ± 45	1170 ± 69*	1383 ± 37	896 ± 112*
acetone	828 ± 22	566 ± 34*	720 ± 22	405 ± 54*
acrolein	437 ± 10	304 ± 20*	316 ± 12	179 ± 24*
propionaldehyde	121 ± 6	120 ± 6	116 ± 5	93.4 ± 11.7*
crotonaldehyde	106 ± 3	49.9 ± 3.8*	97.5 ± 8.7	42.9 ± 4.7*
methyl ethyl ketone	222 ± 9	160 ± 11*	202 ± 17	116 ± 13*
butyraldehyde	67.1 ± 2.7	173 ± 12*	60.2 ± 1.7	139 ± 13*

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in the form of both nitrate and ammoniacal nitrogen. However, it is not known to what extent the differences in the growing conditions between the marijuana and the tobacco, including the types of fertilizers used, influenced the levels of nitrates in the plants. The temperature of combustion can also influence the production of ammonia. Burning tobacco results in a reduction of nitrate to ammonia, which is released to a greater extent during sidestream smoke formation (31), suggesting that lower combustion temperatures favor the production of ammonia. Combustion temperature differences between marijuana and tobacco may have also contributed to the differences in ammonia yield, but this was not verified.

Tobacco-specific nitrosamines were not found in the marijuana smoke (Tables 3 and 4). This result was expected, given that these compounds are derived from nicotine. Arsenic and lead were also noticeably absent from the marijuana smoke, which is consistent with the certificate of analysis provided with the plant material (data not shown). Again, this could be a function of the relatively controlled growth conditions.

NO and NO_x were significantly elevated in the marijuana smoke under both smoking regimes and in mainstream (Table 3) and sidestream smoke (Table 4). A logical explanation would be that these are arising from the nitrate present in the fertilizer and would be consistent with the very high ammonia yields.

Table 9. PAHs and Aza-arenes Determined in Mainstream Smoke from Tobacco and Marijuana under Two Smoking Conditions^a

no.		ISO		extreme	
		tobacco	marijuana	tobacco	marijuana
		1	naphthalene	2907 ± 159	2070 ± 290*
2	1-methylnaphthalene	2789 ± 176	2057 ± 302*	4888 ± 491	4409 ± 604
3	2-methylnaphthalene	2093 ± 137	1292 ± 189*	3666 ± 374	2917 ± 477*
4	acenaphthylene	385 ± 22	235 ± 31*	711 ± 51	459 ± 60*
5	acenaphthene	172 ± 10	91.2 ± 10.2*	309 ± 22	213 ± 48*
6	fluorene	769 ± 42	366 ± 37*	1369 ± 100	659 ± 64*
7	phenanthrene	293 ± 14	273 ± 23	515 ± 32	476 ± 45
8	anthracene	91.8 ± 5.4	70.9 ± 6.7*	162 ± 13	136 ± 9*
9	fluoranthene	96.8 ± 3.7	65.6 ± 6.5*	171 ± 11	117 ± 12*
10	pyrene	88.8 ± 4.3	45.6 ± 4.4*	154 ± 12	82.3 ± 11.2*
11	benzo(a)anthracene	30.5 ± 2.5	26.2 ± 3.4*	52 ± 5.8	43.1 ± 2.9*
12	chrysene	38.8 ± 2.3	26.2 ± 1.4*	61.7 ± 7.4	56.3 ± 7.9
13	benzo(b)fluoranthene	10.8 ± 0.6	7.18 ± 1.12*	21.9 ± 3.1	16.2 ± 3.6*
14	benzo(k)fluoranthene	3.42 ± 0.32	1.52 ± 0.26*	7.45 ± 1.47	4.54 ± 0.96*
15	benzo(e)pyrene	11 ± 0.6	6.15 ± 0.37*	19.2 ± 1.3	12.6 ± 2.7*
16	benzo(a)pyrene	14.3 ± 1.2	8.67 ± 1.12*	25.1 ± 2.5	15.5 ± 2.9*
17	perylene	3.9 ± 0.46	3.72 ± 0.79	10.8 ± 2.3	6.10 ± 0.82*
18	indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	4.58 ± 0.89	3.60 ± 0.48*	10.1 ± 0.9	8.65 ± 3.11
19	dibenz(a,h)anthracene	1.15 ± 0.21	1.41 ± 0.19*	4.84 ± 1.05	2.83 ± 0.59*
20	dibenz(g,h,i)perylene	3.77 ± 0.66	2.56 ± 0.36*	7.17 ± 1.02	6.03 ± 2.34
21	5-methylchrysene	<0.035	<0.035	<0.071	<0.071
22	benzo(b)fluoranthene	11.5 ± 1.4	6.47 ± 0.86*	19.1 ± 1.7	17.6 ± 1.7
23	benzo(j)fluoranthene	5.81 ± 0.44	4.27 ± 0.83*	13.3 ± 1.8	12.2 ± 2.1
24	dibenz(a,h)acridine	<0.314	<0.314	<0.628	<0.628
25	dibenz(a,j)acridine	<0.260	<0.260	<0.519	<0.519
26	7H-dibenzo(c,g)carbazole	<0.139	<0.139	<0.278	<0.278
27	dibenz(a,l)pyrene	<0.317	<0.317	<0.634	<0.634
28	dibenz(a,e)pyrene	0.531 ± 0.198	0.156–0.522	<0.313	<0.313
29	dibenz(a,i)pyrene	0.987 ± 0.145	0.164–0.548*	2.55 ± 0.60	<0.329*
30	dibenz(a,h)pyrene	0.177–0.589	<0.177	<0.354	<0.354

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no.		ISO		extreme	
		tobacco	marijuana	tobacco	marijuana
		1	naphthalene	6861 ± 419	16748 ± 2396*
2	1-methylnaphthalene	6265 ± 365	14812 ± 1511*	7115 ± 787	11016 ± 2954*
3	2-methylnaphthalene	6513 ± 306	11832 ± 1078*	7137 ± 778	9030 ± 2236
4	acenaphthylene	2684 ± 184	4056 ± 452*	2171 ± 123	2876 ± 571*
5	acenaphthene	960 ± 31	1345 ± 101*	791 ± 51	873 ± 163
6	fluorene	1429 ± 71	1073 ± 72*	1242 ± 56	873 ± 67*
7	phenanthrene	2818 ± 112	4932 ± 306*	2117 ± 98	3113 ± 477*
8	anthracene	755 ± 38	1135 ± 75*	542 ± 26	693 ± 111*
9	fluoranthene	699 ± 26	952 ± 61*	520 ± 24	619 ± 78*
10	pyrene	528 ± 35	609 ± 60*	377 ± 25	398 ± 38
11	benzo(a)anthracene	159 ± 8	245 ± 16*	113 ± 7	170 ± 21*
12	chrysene	401 ± 21	488 ± 28*	291 ± 18	331 ± 27*
13	benzo(b)fluoranthene	98.4 ± 8.4	114 ± 7*	79.8 ± 4.3	80.3 ± 8.0
14	benzo(k)fluoranthene	25.8 ± 4.1	27.3 ± 2.8	19.3 ± 3.1	19.7 ± 2.2
15	benzo(e)pyrene	94.9 ± 6.9	87.9 ± 7.5	72.9 ± 3.8	63.1 ± 6.2*
16	benzo(a)pyrene	91.7 ± 7.1	101 ± 9*	62.7 ± 4.2	69.7 ± 6.3*
17	perylene	23.6 ± 2.9	26.4 ± 4.7	16.4 ± 1.7	19.9 ± 2.7*
18	indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	41.7 ± 5.7	45.9 ± 6.8	32.8 ± 6.6	27.4 ± 3.3
19	dibenz(a,h)anthracene	13.8 ± 3.1	15.6 ± 3.2	13.9 ± 2.8	10.8 ± 1.2*
20	benzo(g,h,i)perylene	44.7 ± 8.0	41.8 ± 9.6	41.8 ± 7.2	30 ± 5.0
21	5-methylchrysene	<0.354	<0.354	<0.354	<0.354
22	benzo(b)fluoranthene	118 ± 9	102 ± 11*	90.4 ± 5.6	86.7 ± 12.5
23	benzo(j)fluoranthene	102 ± 7	120 ± 16*	72.3 ± 6.2	124 ± 14*
24	dibenz(a,h)acridine	<3.138	<3.138	<3.138	<3.138
25	dibenz(a,j)acridine	<2.597	<2.597	<2.597	<2.597
26	7H-dibenzo(c,g)carbazole	<1.389	<1.389	<1.389	<1.389
27	dibenz(a,l)pyrene	<3.172	<3.172	<3.172	<3.172
28	dibenz(a,e)pyrene	<1.565	<1.565	<1.565	<1.565
29	dibenz(a,i)pyrene	<1.644	<1.644	<1.644	<1.644
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phenanthrene	293 ± 14	273 ± 23	515 ± 32	476 ± 45
anthracene	91.8 ± 5.4	70.9 ± 6.7*	162 ± 13	136 ± 9*
fluoranthene	96.8 ± 3.7	65.6 ± 6.5*	171 ± 11	117 ± 12*
pyrene	88.8 ± 4.3	45.6 ± 4.4*	154 ± 12	82.3 ± 11.2*
benzo(a)anthracene	30.5 ± 2.5	26.2 ± 3.4*	51 ± 5.8	43.1 ± 7.9*
benzo(b)fluoranthene	10.8 ± 0.6	7.18 ± 1.12*	21.9 ± 3.1	16.2 ± 3.6*
benzo(k)fluoranthene	3.42 ± 0.32	1.52 ± 0.26*	7.45 ± 1.47	4.54 ± 0.96*
benzo(a)pyrene	11.4 ± 0.6	6.15 ± 0.37*	19.3 ± 1.3	12.6 ± 0.7*
benzo(a)pyrene	14.3 ± 1.2	10.5 ± 0.9*	25.0 ± 1.5	15.5 ± 2.9*
perylene	3.9 ± 0.46	10.8 ± 0.8*	10.1 ± 0.9	8.0 ± 0.82*
indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene	4.58 ± 0.89	3.60 ± 0.48*	10.1 ± 0.9	8.65 ± 3.11
benzo(b)fluoranthene	1.15 ± 0.21	0.19 ± 0.019*	4.3 ± 0.21	3.7 ± 0.24
benzo(k)fluoranthene	3.77 ± 0.66	<0.035	7.0 ± 0.45	<0.071
acetaldehyde (µg/cig)	11.5 ± 1.4	888 ± 47	13.3 ± 22	17.6 ± 1.4
formaldehyde (µg/cig)	5.81 ± 0.44	888 ± 47	13.3 ± 18	12.2 ± 2.1
acetaldehyde (µg/cig)	<0.314	1587 ± 45	<0.628	1170 ± 69*
acrolein (µg/cig)	<0.260	1587 ± 45	<0.519	1170 ± 69*
acrolein (µg/cig)	<0.317	437 ± 10	<0.278	304 ± 20*
methyl ethyl ketone (µg/cig)	0.531 ± 0.198	222 ± 9*	<0.313	160 ± 11*
phenol (µg/cig)	0.177 ± 0.589	264 ± 13	<0.354	260 ± 11
m + p-cresols (µg/cig)	<0.354	64.6 ± 2.5	<0.354	104 ± 6*
pyrene (ng/cig)	528 ± 35	609 ± 60*	528 ± 35	609 ± 60*
benzo(e)pyrene (ng/cig)	94.9 ± 6.9	87.9 ± 7.5	94.9 ± 6.9	87.9 ± 7.5
anthracene (ng/cig)	755 ± 38	1135 ± 75*	755 ± 38	1135 ± 75*

Dried plant smoke: similar chemicals in varied proportions

Sample comparisons of components of tobacco and marijuana secondhand smoke

	tobacco	marijuana
tar (mg/cig)	24.3 ± 1.8	49.7 ± 2.5*
NO (µg/cig)	1101 ± 47	2087 ± 152*
CO (mg/cig)	61.7 ± 2.0	54.0 ± 3.7*
nicotine (mg/cig)	4.77 ± 0.26	0.065 ± 0.018*
ammonia (µg/cig)	5568 ± 322	14270 ± 472*
HCN (µg/cig)	83.8 ± 7.8	685 ± 29*
pyridine (µg/cig)	265 ± 11	307 ± 14*
benzene (µg/cig)	290 ± 11	341 ± 12*
toluene (µg/cig)	516 ± 20	704 ± 29*
styrene (µg/cig)	105 ± 10	162 ± 10*

	tobacco	marijuana
naphthalene (ng/cig)	6861 ± 419	16748 ± 2396*
formaldehyde (µg/cig)	888 ± 47	383 ± 27*
acetaldehyde (µg/cig)	1587 ± 45	1170 ± 69*
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From Moir et al., 2008. Subset of 65 components analyzed under standard tobacco smoking conditions

ammonia was found at levels about 20-fold those in tobacco in mainstream smoke (Table 3) and about 3-fold greater in sidestream smoke (Table 4), although the absolute amount of ammonia in sidestream smoke. The difference between the ammonia in sidestream smoke from tobacco and marijuana may be that the marijuana used for this study contained more nitrate than the tobacco sample. The marijuana plants were grown on soil-less growth medium. All fertilizers were commercially available and consisted of water-soluble hydroponic vegetable fertilizers used for horticulture and contained nitrogen

in the form of both nitrate and ammoniacal nitrogen. However, it is not known to what extent the differences in the growing conditions between the marijuana and the tobacco, including the types of fertilizers used, influenced the levels of nitrate in the plants. The temperature of combustion can also influence the production of ammonia. Burning tobacco results in reduction of nitrate to ammonia, which is released to a greater extent during sidestream smoke formation (31), suggesting the lower combustion temperatures favor the production of ammonia. The differences between marijuana and tobacco may be attributed to the differences in ammonia yield, but this was not verified. Tobacco-specific nitrosamines were not found in the marijuana smoke (Tables 3 and 4). This result was expected, given that these compounds are derived from nicotine. Arsenic and cadmium were not found in the marijuana smoke, which is consistent with the certificate of analysis provided with the plant material (data not shown). Again, this could be a function of the relatively controlled growth conditions. NO and NO₂ were significantly elevated in the marijuana smoke under both smoking regimes and in mainstream (Table 3) and sidestream smoke (Table 4). A logical explanation would be that these are arising from the nitrate present in the fertilizer and would be consistent with the very high ammonia yields

Inhaling a whole chemistry lab...



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Acute and long-term cardiovascular risk is unclear

Risk of MI goes up ~5-fold in the hour after marijuana use (Mittleman, 2001)

Mortality from MI may or may not increase in marijuana users (Mukamal, 2008; Frost, 2013)

No clear correlation between long-term marijuana use and cardiovascular disease later in life (e.g., Reis, 2017 CARDIA study)

...but, increased MI, heart failure, stroke reported for marijuana users relative to non-users (e.g., Kalla et al., Chami et al., 2017 ACC conference)

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Acute and long-term cardiovascular risk of active cannabis use in humans?

NASEM report 2017: inconclusive evidence of harmful human cardiovascular effects, but then...

AHA Scientific Statement (Page et al., 2020) reported 18 “seminal human studies” in or after 2016, 11 of which showed adverse effects including increased:

- cardiac death rates
- systolic blood pressure
- vascular calcification
- prediabetes
- myocardial infarction
- stroke/TIA
- heart failure
- (higher MI incidence, lower mortality rate 🤔)

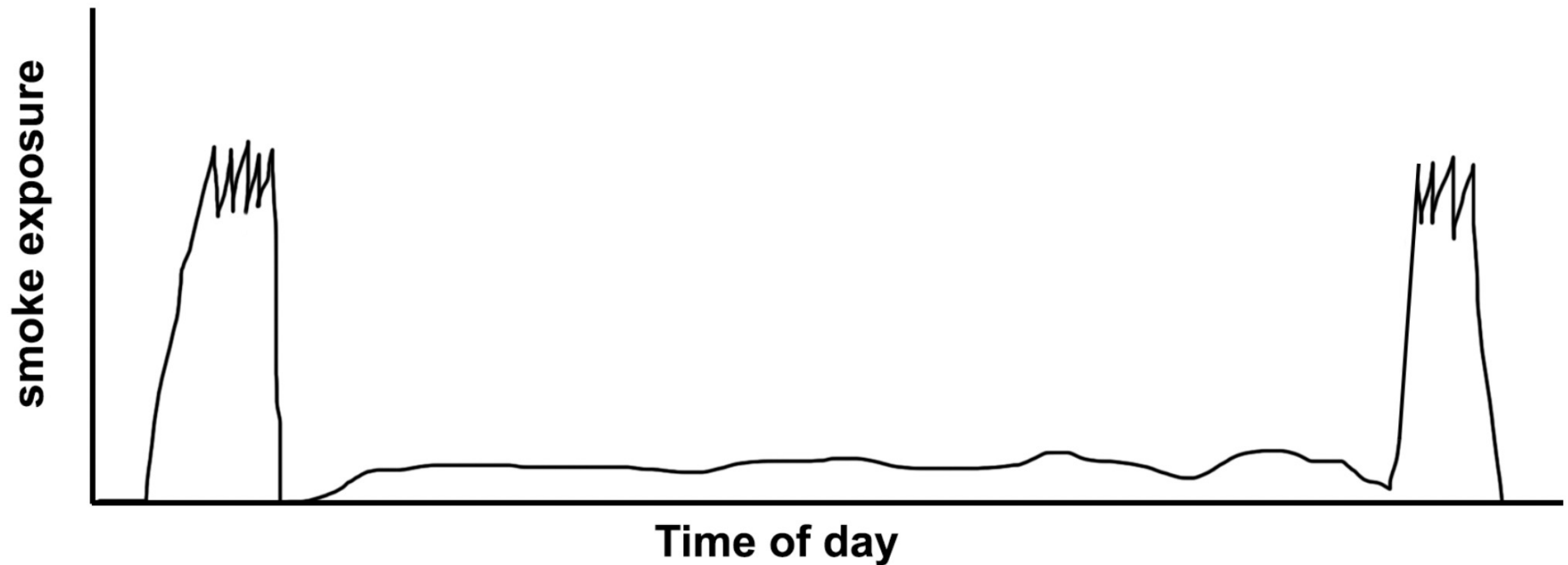
Is secondhand smoke from marijuana really an issue?

Wilson et al., Pediatrics, 2018:

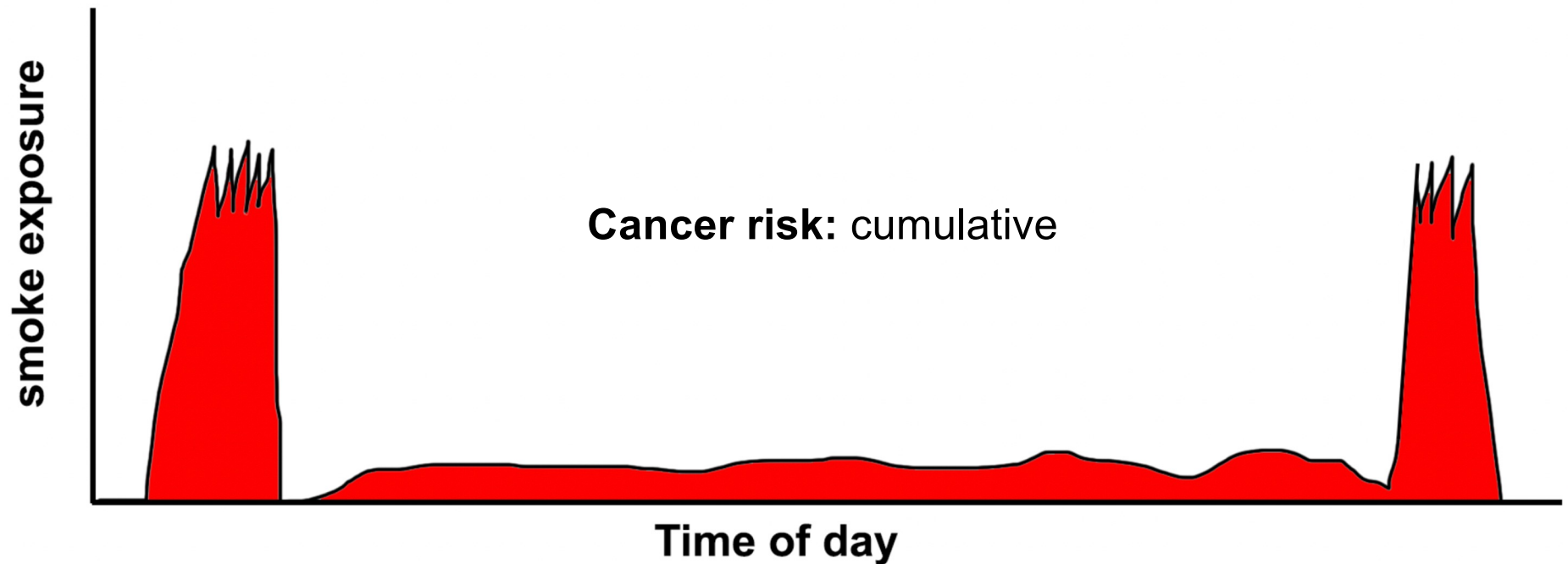
~Half of children of parents in a Colorado smoking cessation study showed evidence of marijuana exposure, correlating with parental smoking of marijuana in the home

For cardiovascular effects, exposure duration may be more important than cumulative exposure level

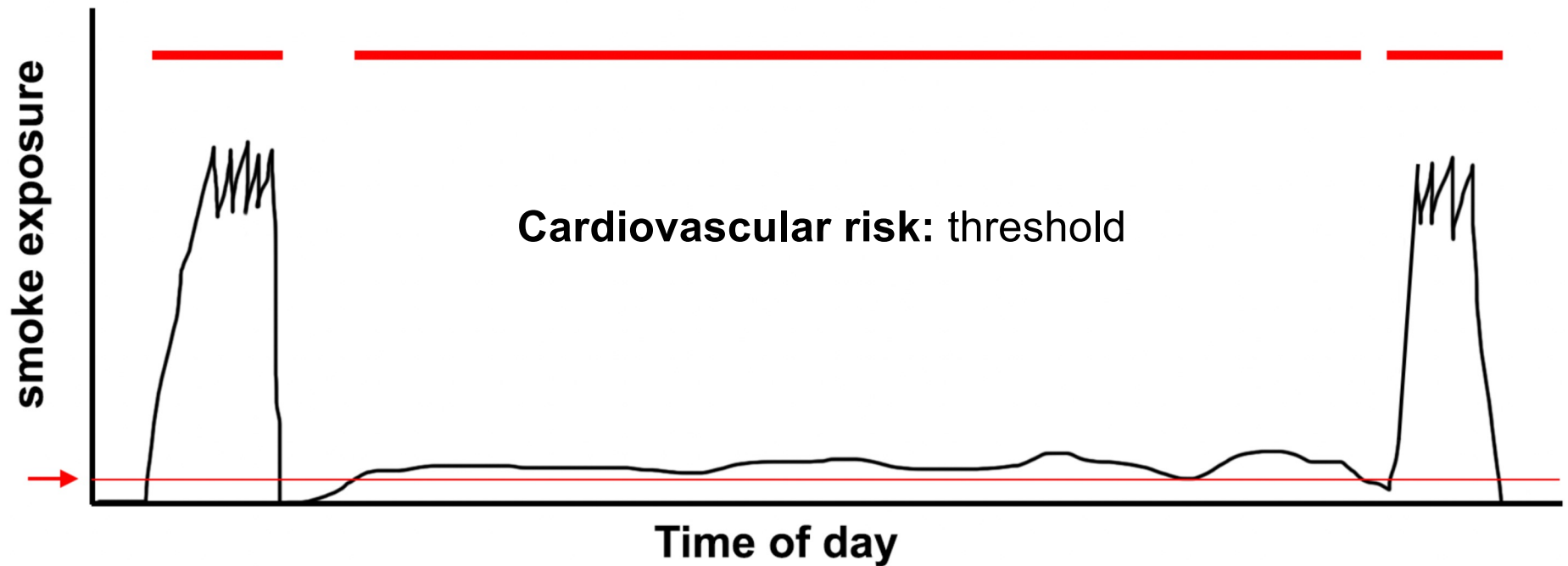
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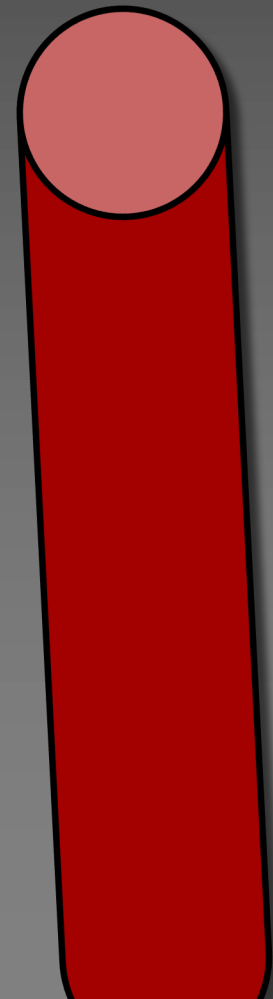


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Tobacco smoking and secondhand smoke exposure impairs ability of arteries to **vasodilate** when they need to pass more blood

Vasodilation: Arteries grow in diameter when necessary

**“Flow-Mediated Dilation”
(FMD)** of the artery



Brachial artery FMD gets lower with increasing cardiovascular risk factors

Dilation of coronary arteries in response to increased coronary blood flow gets lower with increasing cardiovascular risk factors
(Nabel, Selwyn, and Ganz, 1990)

Improves FMD:

Dark chocolate, green tea, red wine, *etc.*

Impairs FMD:

Age, smoking, secondhand smoke, *etc.*

Cigarette smoking is associated with dose-related and potentially reversible impairment of endothelium-dependent dilation in healthy young adults

DS Celermajer, KE Sorensen, D Georgakopoulos, C Bull, O Thomas, J Robinson and JE Deanfield

Circulation 1993;88;2149-2155

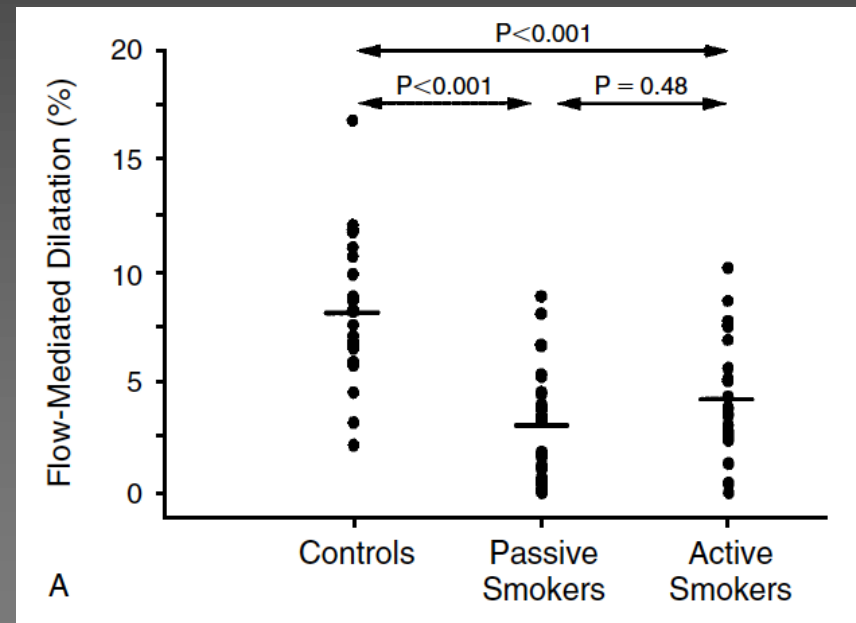
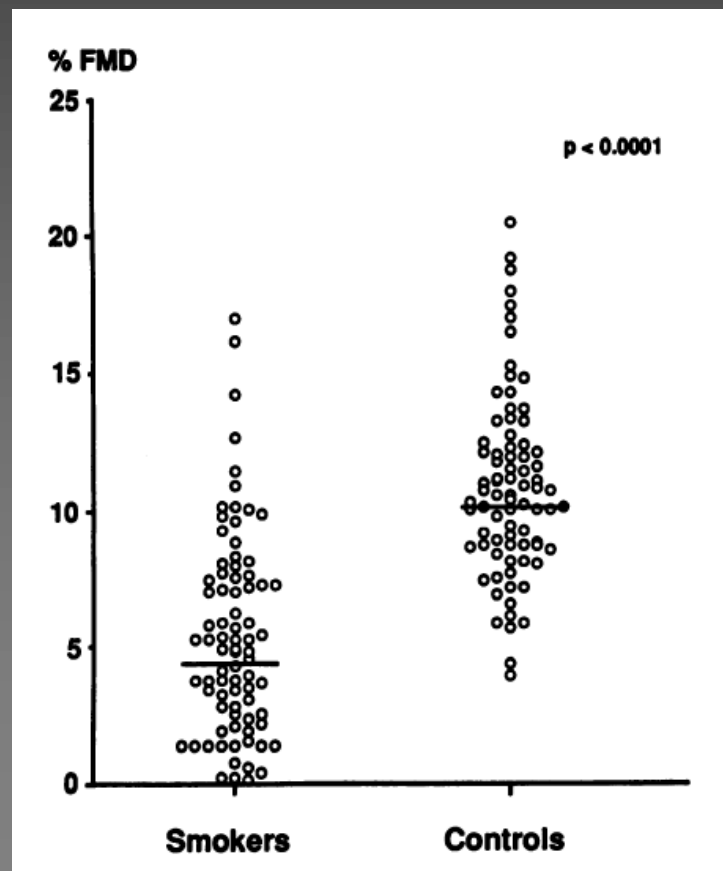
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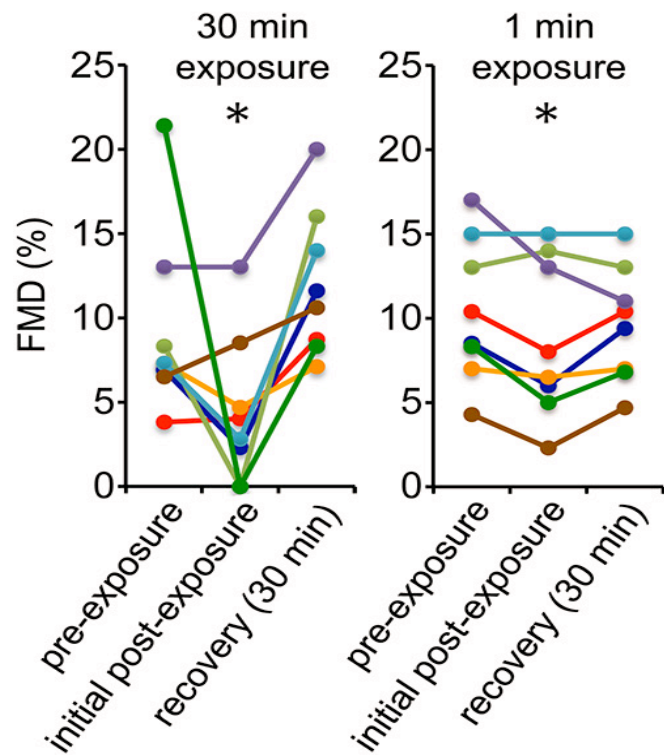
PASSIVE SMOKING AND IMPAIRED ENDOTHELIUM-DEPENDENT ARTERIAL DILATATION IN HEALTHY YOUNG ADULTS

DAVID S. CELERMAJER, PH.D., MARK R. ADAMS, M.B., B.S., PETER CLARKSON, M.B., B.S., JACQUI ROBINSON, R.N., ROBYN MCCREDIE, B.Sc., ANN DONALD, AND JOHN E. DEANFIELD, M.B., CH.B.



Several years of
secondhand smoke
exposure impairs FMD

1 minute of SHS exposure was enough to impair vascular endothelial function



n=8 for all groups

*P<.01 impairment vs. mean of pre-exposure and recovery







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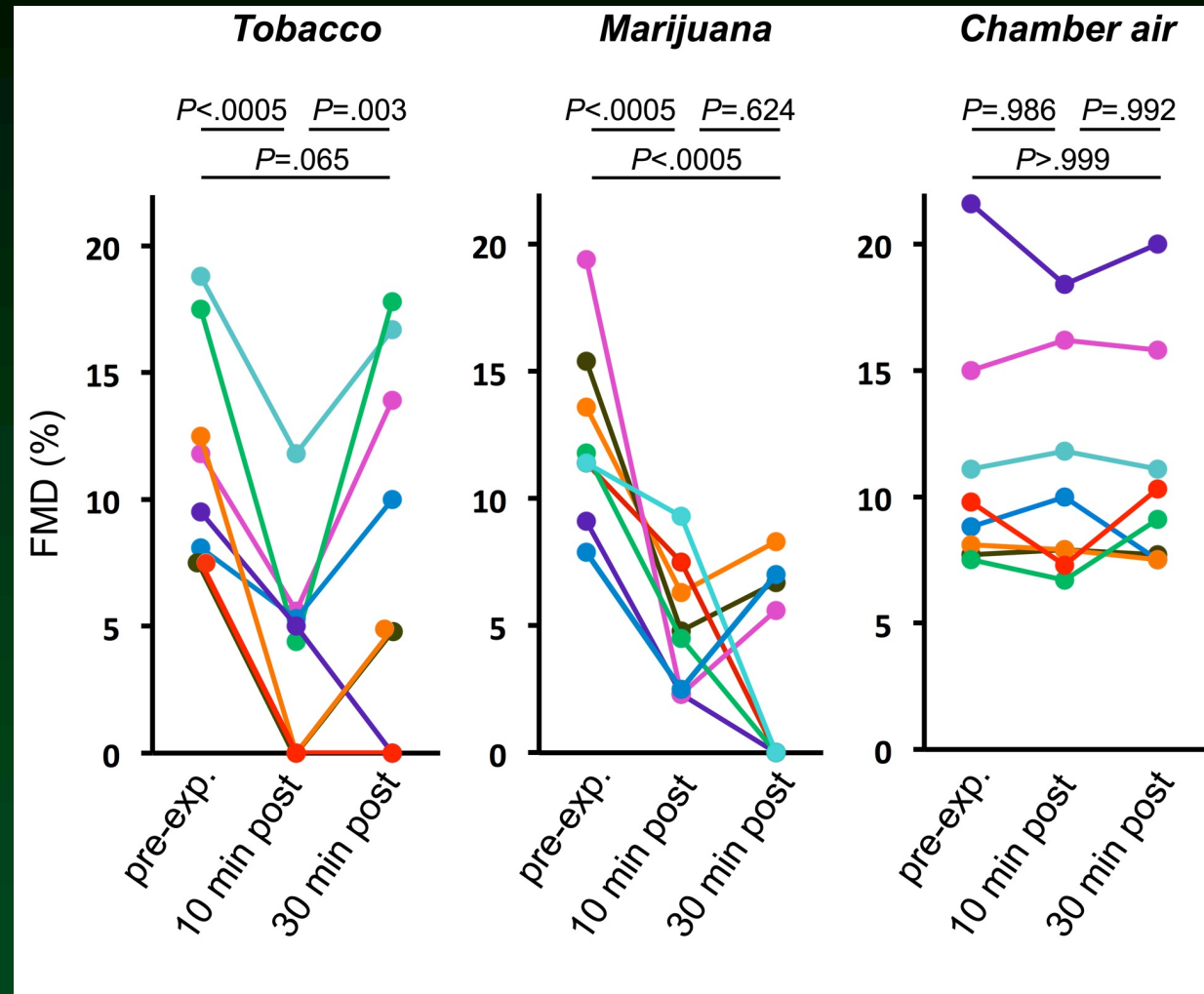
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Impairment from one minute of marijuana SHS persists longer than impairment from tobacco SHS



~670 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ particles (PM2.5)

Wang et al., 2016, J Am Heart Assoc 5:e003858

Marijuana SHS for one minute substantially impairs vascular endothelial function in rats.

Neither THC nor paper smoke are required for marijuana SHS to impair vascular function.

...nicotine is not required for impairment of vascular function by smoke.

One minute of marijuana SHS exposure impairs vascular function for at least 90 minutes, longer than impairment from tobacco SHS.

Public exposure to secondhand smoke should be avoided whether the source is tobacco or marijuana.



Is FMD impaired by *Volcano* vaporizer cannabis aerosol?

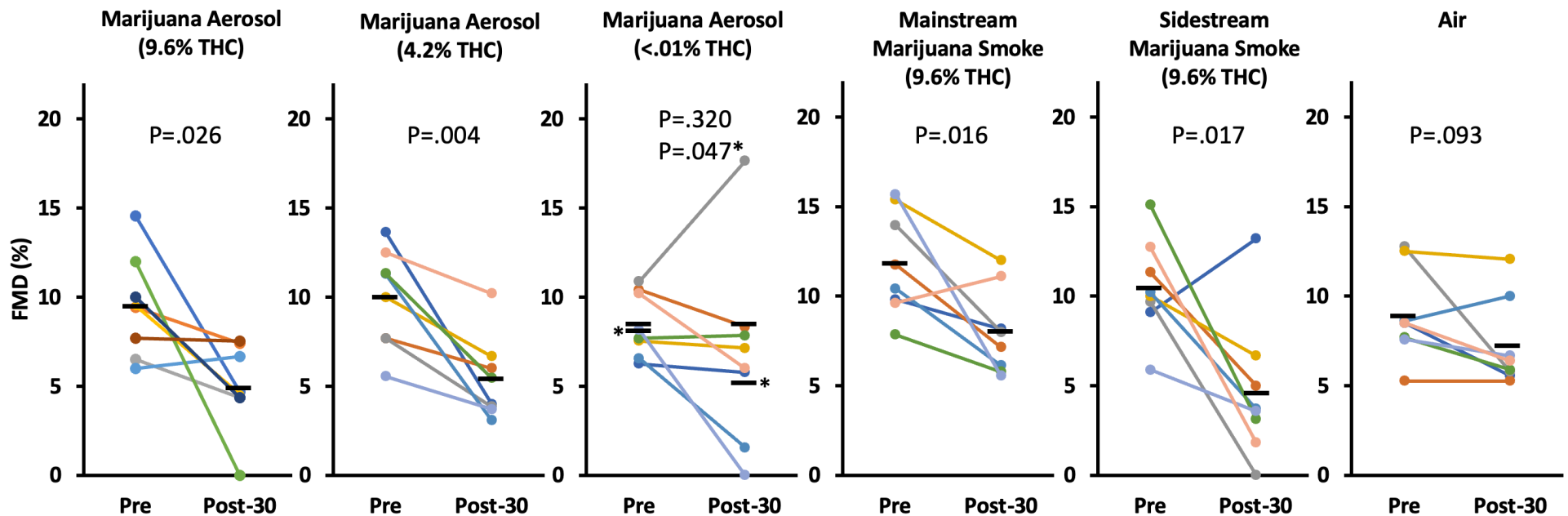


FMD is impaired by *Volcano* marijuana leaf vaporizer aerosol

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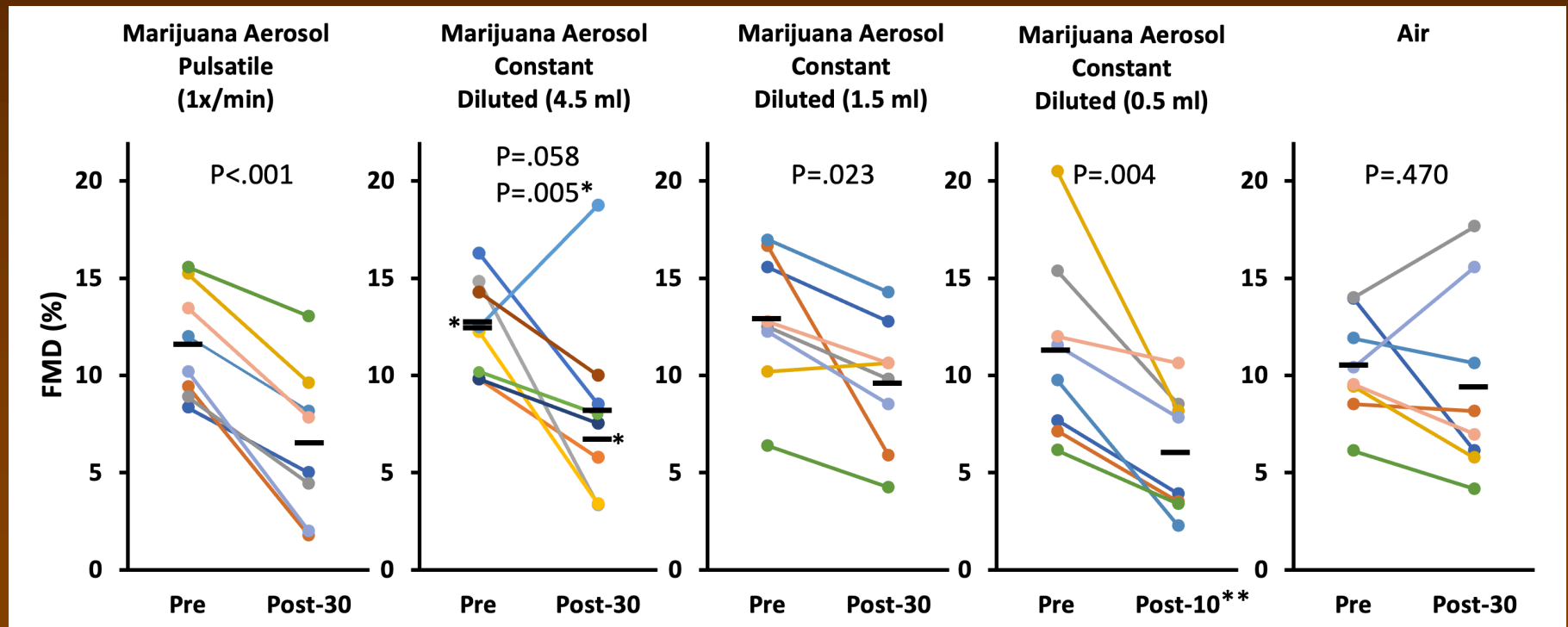


Pulsatile exposure:
5s 1x/min for 5 min



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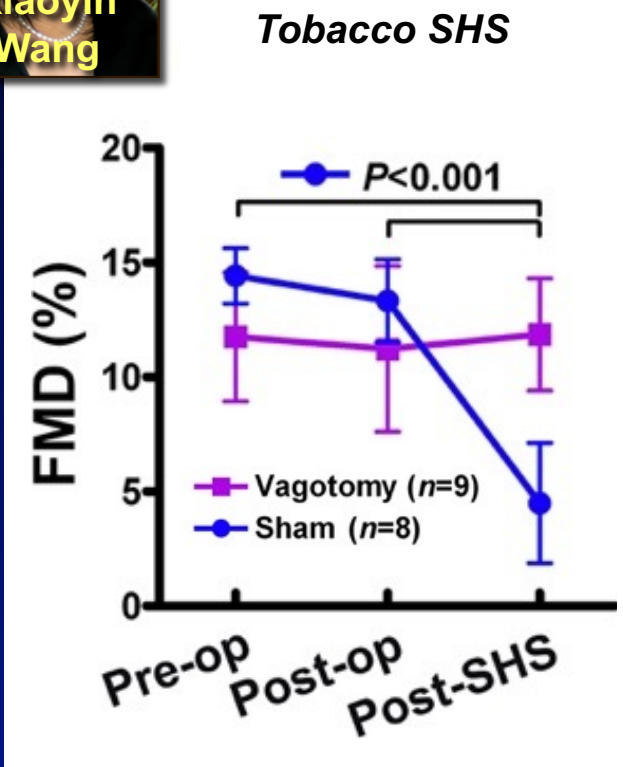
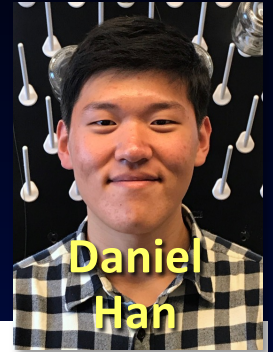


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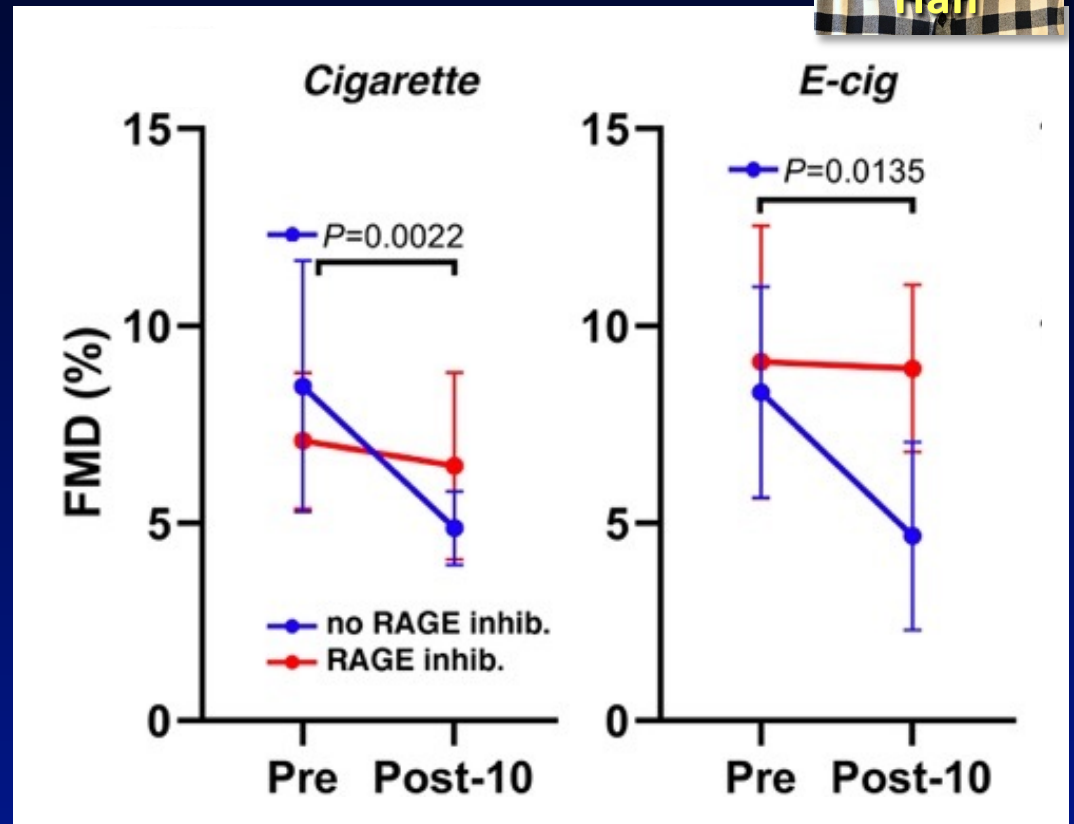
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Marijuana smoke	yes
Tobacco leaf vaporizer (IQOS) aerosol	yes
Marijuana leaf vaporizer aerosol	yes
E-cig aerosol (PG/VG + freebase nicotine)	yes
E-cig aerosol (JUUL: PG/VG + nicotine salts)	yes
E-cig aerosol (PG/VG no nicotine)	yes
Acrolein or acetaldehyde gas	yes
Inert carbon particles	yes
Water vapor	no
Air	no



Impairment of endothelial function involves the vagus nerve and the RAGE pathway

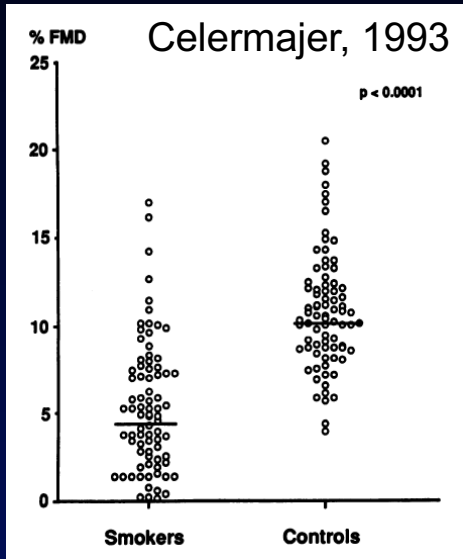


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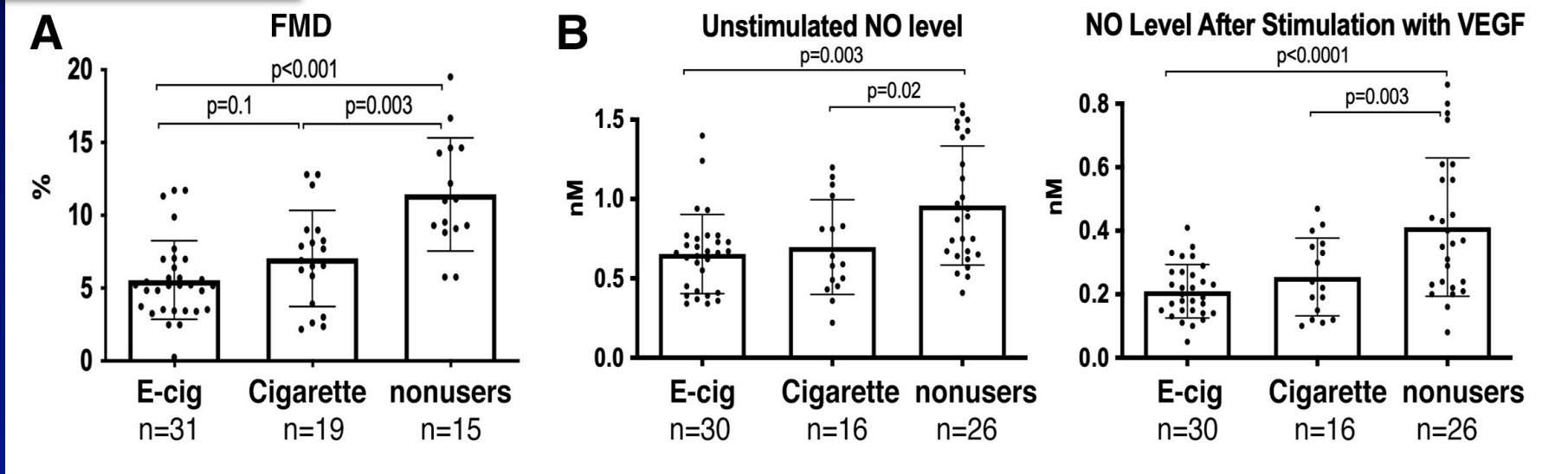


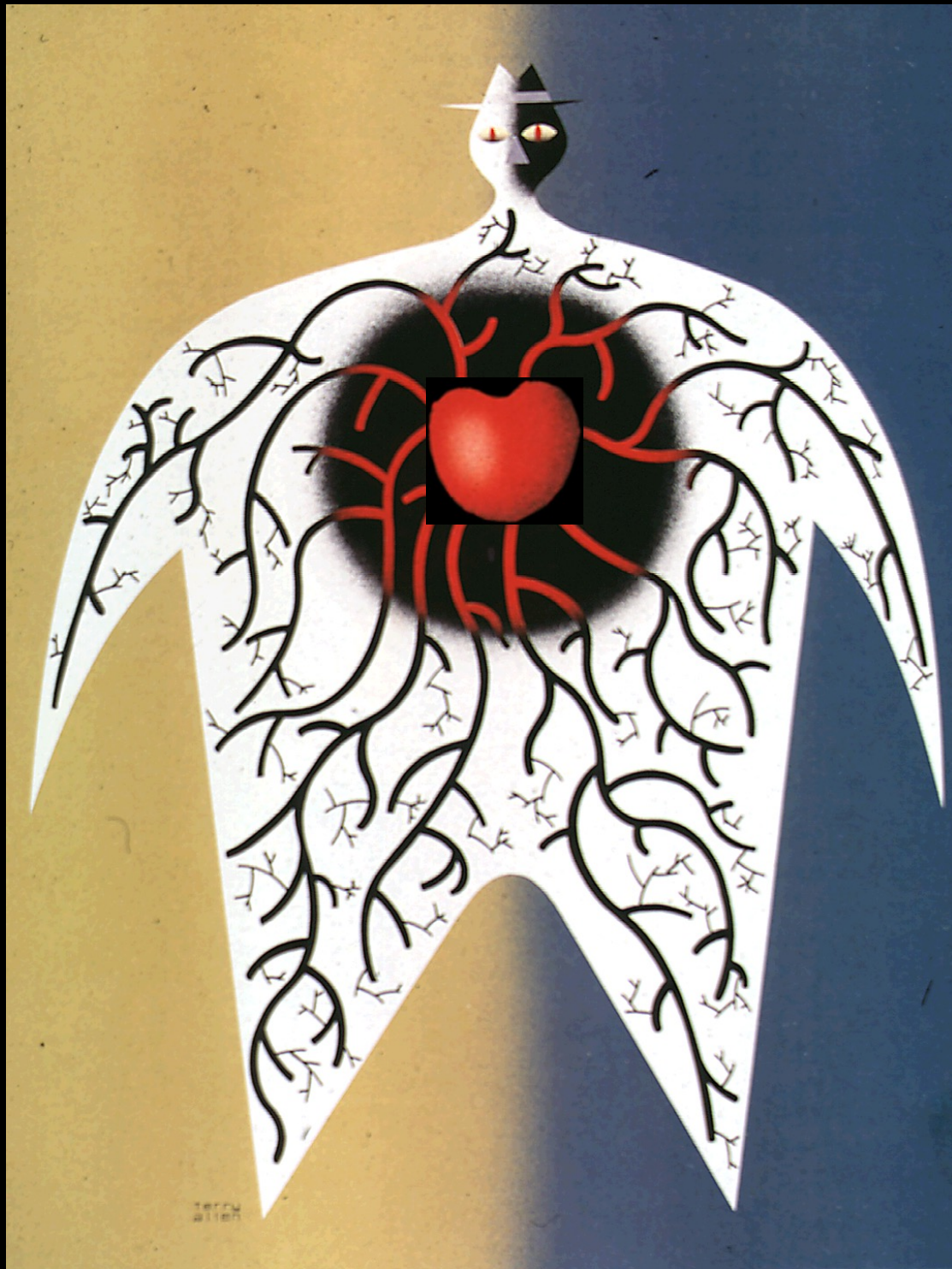
Han et al., submitted

Impairment of endothelial function from chronic smoking or vaping in humans



Ok, and how about marijuana??...





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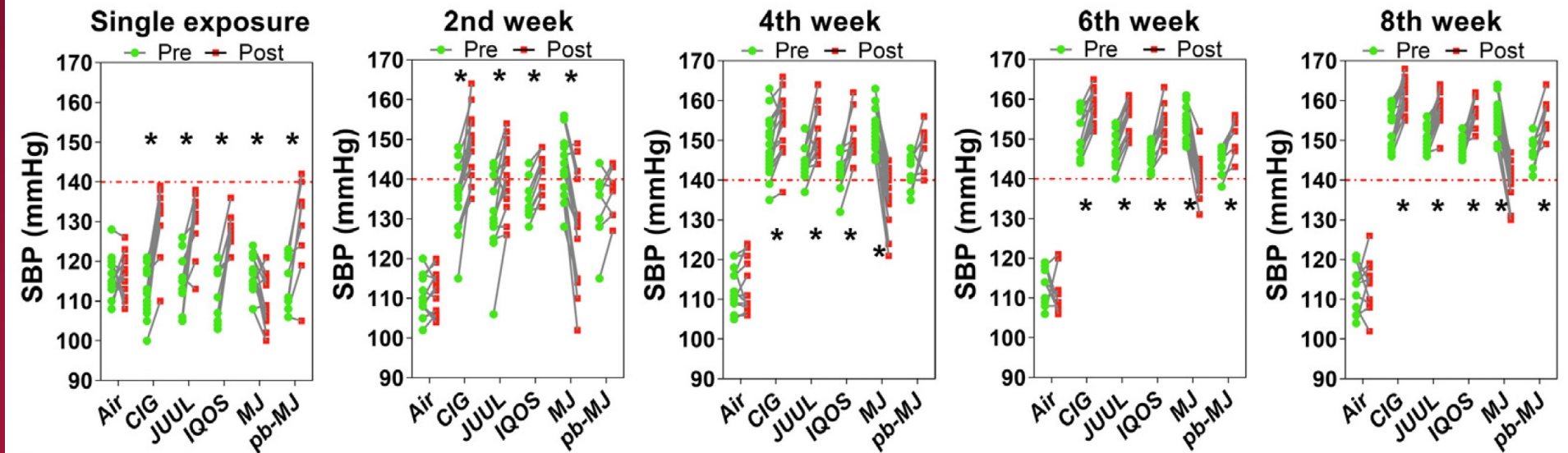
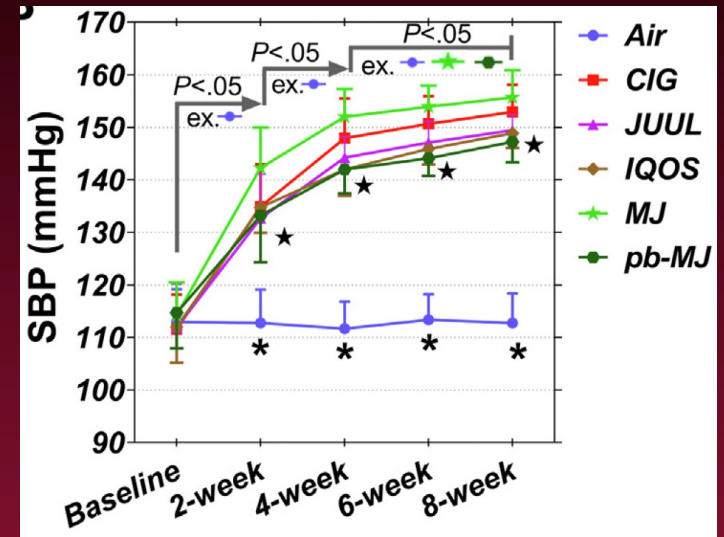
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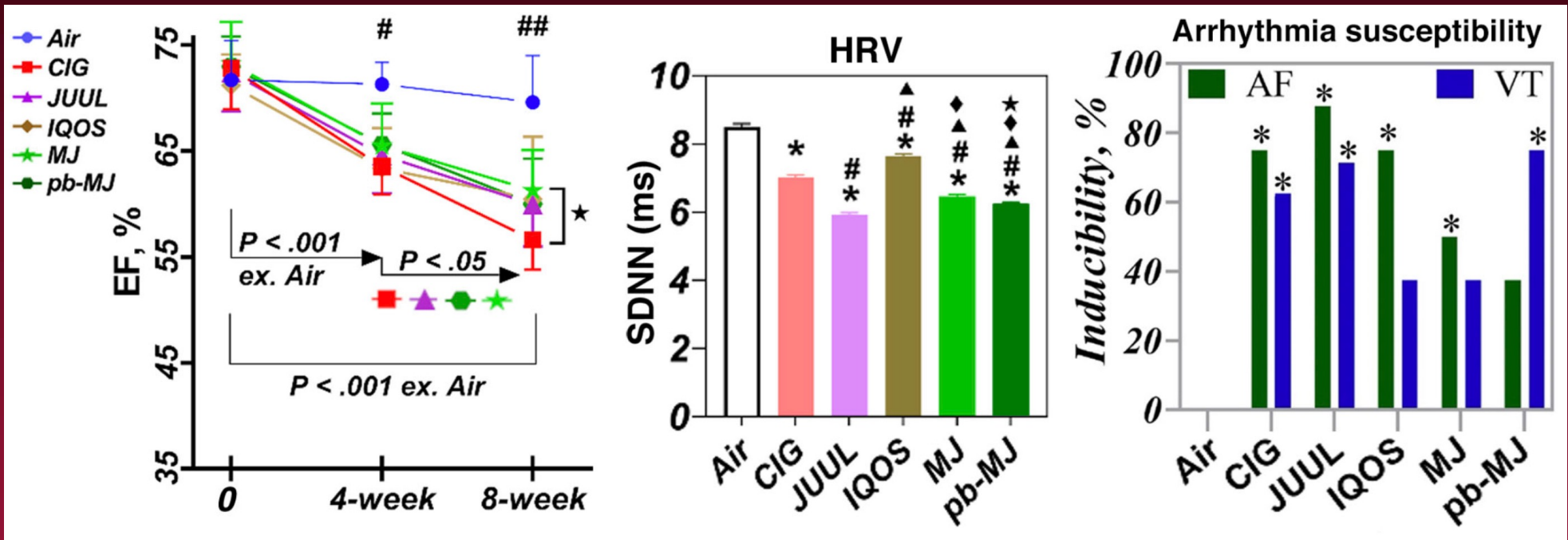
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Pulsatile exposure:
2s 1s/min for 5 min,
5 days/week, 8 weeks



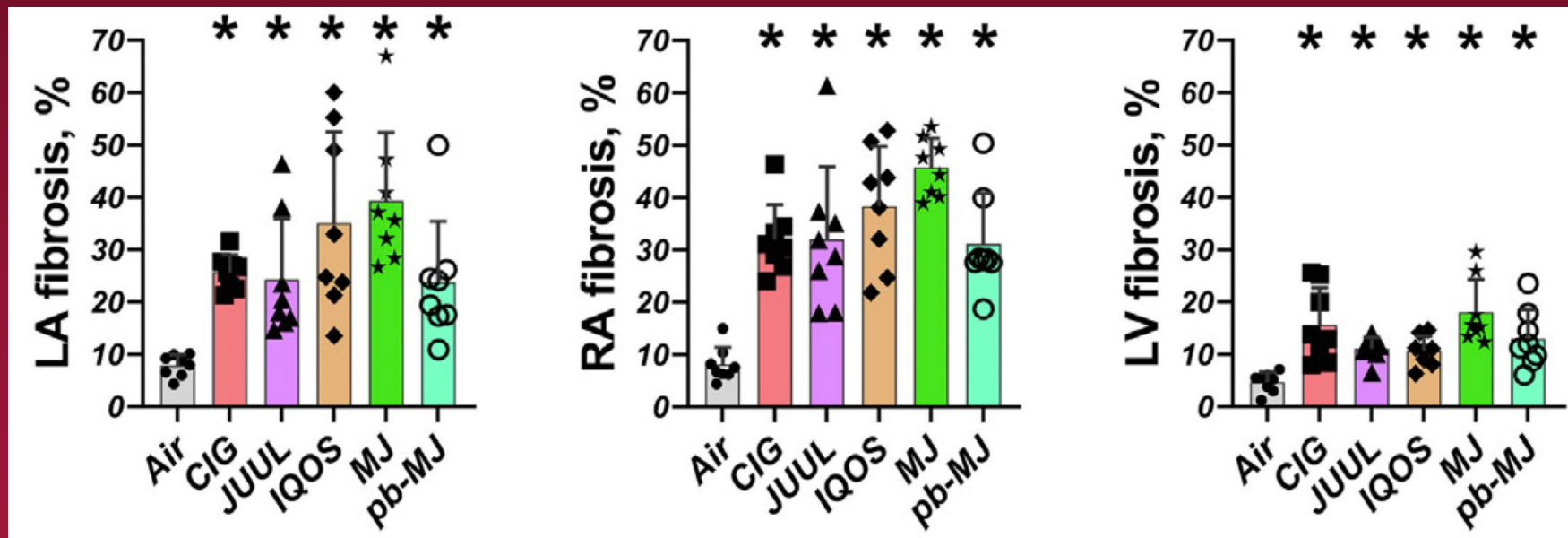
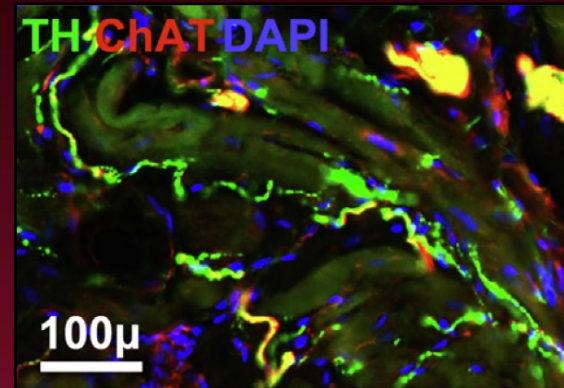
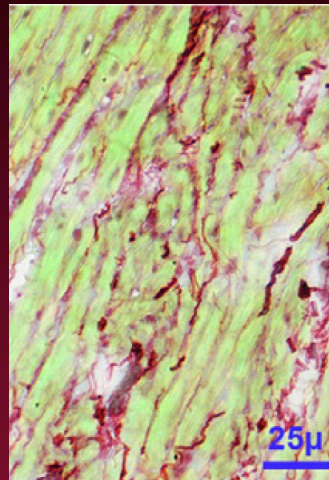
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Summary

Marijuana is not just a drug, it's a source of smoke

FMD in rats is impaired by tobacco smoke, e-cig aerosol, marijuana smoke, and marijuana vaporizer aerosol

FMD in humans is impaired by tobacco smoke, e-cig aerosol, and... (stay tuned)

Tobacco SHS impairs FMD in humans and rats; marijuana SHS and secondhand vaporizer aerosol impairs FMD in rats

FMD impairment from smoke is not dependent on a specific chemical

8 weeks of 1x daily tobacco or cannabis smoking/vaping in rats decreased cardiac function and heart rate variability; and increased BP, fibrosis, and susceptibility to arrhythmia

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