

I only became aware of your website today, as it is linked to from the BBC news website which reported on the ACMD meeting today, which had I known it was open to the general public, would have liked to have been there to give evidence.

I thought you might like to know I submitted a scientific paper to the ACMD in December.

The paper demonstrates that THC is a mitochondrial inhibitor and potentially harmful in man, although it also suggests a role for purified (non-herbal) cannabinoids to be used medicinally under medical supervision in people with cancer as chemotherapy, in addition to the use of sativex, which is already used to treat MS pain states, and marinol which is used to treat wasting in AIDS and cancer.

Although there is a role for the use of purified cannabinoids in the treatment of disease, I very much support you and the stance of your organisation in that I think that all herbal cannabis (and particularly "skunk", which has high levels of THC) is potentially harmful, particularly in the young and developing brain.

I have been working in biomedical research for 25 years and am well qualified to make the above statements.

I hope today goes well for you, and that we do indeed see a re-classification of cannabis to a class B drug in the near future..