



RESOURCE CENTER FOR CANNABIS  
AND CANNABINOID RESEARCH

## R3CR Blog Post Standards & Guidelines

The Resource Center for Cannabis and Cannabinoid Research ([R3CR Blog](#)) is a collaborative platform that facilitates dialogue, bridges knowledge gaps, and shares insights across the cannabis research community. We welcome contributions from researchers, regulatory experts, clinicians, and related stakeholders passionate about advancing evidence-based cannabis and cannabinoid science.

### 1. Focus Areas & Content Priorities

We seek original, well-reasoned content that informs, educates, and inspires action within the cannabis research community. Acceptable topics include but are not limited to:

- **Overcoming Research Barriers:** Insights into navigating regulatory complexities, federal/state compliance, schedule classifications, sourcing research-grade materials, or funding hurdles.
- **Methodology & Research Tools:** Discussions on innovative study designs, analytical standardization, cannabinoid profiling techniques, or novel measurement tools.
- **Scientific Commentary:** Evidence-based reviews and emerging cannabinoid science, including preclinical and clinical research advances and health outcomes.
- **Lessons Learned & Case Studies:** Reflections on successful research collaborations, interdisciplinary studies, or institutional setup for cannabis research programs.

### 2. Editorial & Formatting Requirements

- **Word Count:** Submissions should generally range from 600 to 1,200 words.
- **Originality:** We only accept original work that has not been published elsewhere (in print or online). By submitting, you confirm that the work is your own.
- **Tone:** Professional, objective, and evidence-based. Content must maintain a scientific, neutral stance and avoid hype, speculative claims, or advocacy for commercial products.
- **Citations & Sources:** All data, claims, quoted text, and research studies must be properly attributed using inline hyperlinks or reference citations linking directly to peer-reviewed literature, official government/regulatory, or other valid sources.
- **Structure:** Use clear section headings, bulleted lists, and concise paragraphs to enhance readability for a broad audience of multidisciplinary stakeholders.
- **Non-Commercial Policy:** Content designed to market, promote, or sell specific commercial products, services, or entities will not be considered.
- **Compensation:** Please note that the R3CR does not offer financial compensation for guest blog submissions, nor do we accept payment for publishing content.



### 3. Submission Package Requirements

When submitting your draft, please include the following in a single document or email body:

1. **Article Title:** A concise, engaging headline
2. **Author Bio:** A short biography (50–75 words) specifying your current institutional affiliation, title, and primary research interests
3. **Headshot:** A high-resolution author photo (minimum 600x600 pixels in JPEG or PNG format)
4. **Visuals (optional but encouraged):** Relevant tables, figures, or royalty-free high-resolution images that help illustrate the post. Include image credits/attributions for all graphics provided. If you wish to use royalty-free images, consider Adobe Stock, Pixabay, or Unsplash as resources.

### 4. How to Submit & Selection Process

- **Submission Channel:** Email your pitch or completed draft to [info@r3cr.org](mailto:info@r3cr.org) with the subject line: "R3CR Blog Submission: [Working Title of Post]".
- **Review Process:** The R3CR leadership team reviews all submissions for scientific relevance, tone, and adherence to these guidelines.
- **Edits & Revisions:** R3CR reserves the right to edit accepted posts for length, style, and clarity. Authors will receive notification of any proposed substantial edits prior to publication.
- **Publication Timeline:** Accepted submissions are queued based on the editorial calendar. Authors will be notified via email regarding acceptance and the planned publication date.

### 5. Republication & Promotion Policy

- **Sharing:** Once published on the R3CR blog, authors are encouraged to promote their article across personal and institutional social media networks. Please tag R3CR so we can amplify your post.
- **Cross-Posting:** If you wish to re-publish the piece elsewhere at a later date, we request prior notification and the inclusion of a standard attribution statement: *"This article was originally published on the Resource Center for Cannabis and Cannabinoid Research (R3CR) Blog [Link]."*

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