

# BECOMING A MEDICAL CANNABIS USER REVISITED.

Understanding the role of low-threshold access  
points in British Columbia, Canada

1. To examine the process of becoming a medical cannabis user



2. To explore how low-threshold access points facilitate learning and sustained access

# DESIGN: QUALITATIVE CASE STUDY



## PARTICIPANTS:

Age 50+  
White,  
Low-income,  
gender-balanced



DATA:  
Interviews,  
Documents,  
Field Notes



# Key Findings

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Low-threshold access  
access points build  
communities for learning



Sustained access to  
cannabis is essential for  
therapeutic relief



Legalization has  
disrupted access to  
critical resources



## CONCLUSIONS

**Low-threshold access points support medical cannabis users through community, medicine, and space.**

These points foster learning and sustained therapeutic access.

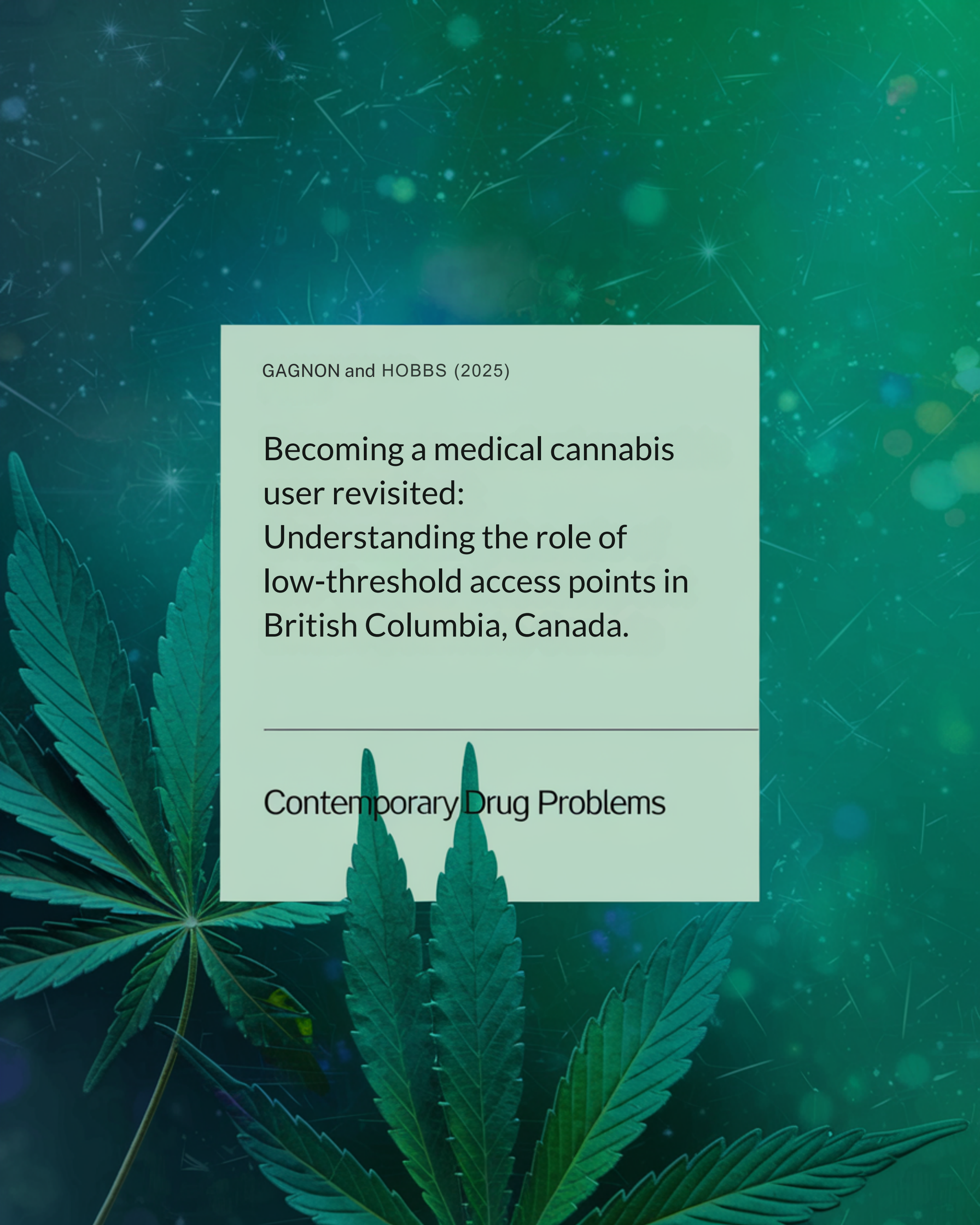
## **WHY IT MATTERS**

**Community-based access  
ensures equitable  
therapeutic benefits and  
fills gaps in formal  
healthcare systems.**

# Study Limitations

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- 1. Limited participant diversity (e. g,  
(primarily white, low-income individuals)**
- 2. Findings may not generalize  
beyond British Columbia**



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