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NEW Cannabinoid Testing Packages

THE NEW COMPREHENSIVE CANNABINOID PACKAGES ARE AVAILABLE:

Complete Cannabinoid Profile (16):

CBCA, CBC, CBL, CBD, CBDA, CBDV, CBDVA, CBG, CBGA, CBN, CBNA, Delta-8 THC, Delta-9 THC, **Delta-9 THCA, THCV, THCVA**

- Includes Moisture (Loss of Drying)
- Recommended for Potency & Terpenes tests for proper THC results

Basic THC and CBD package:

Basic Cannabinoid Profile -Total CBD, Total THC (Non-Lot release + Hemp)

- · Includes Moisture (Loss of Drying) Recommended for Potency & Terpenes tests for proper THC results
- Ideal for basic potency analysis for R&D projects, Hemp production, basic batch potency

EXPANDED Terpenes Library Reports Now Include Total Terpene Percentage

THE LIST OF 38 TERPENES NOW AVAILABLE FOR ANALYSIS INCLUDES:

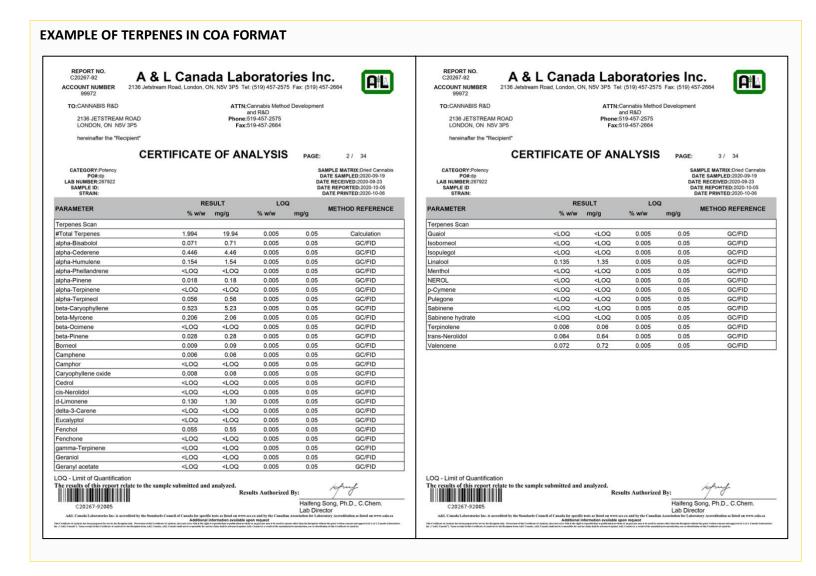
THE LIST	OF 38 TERPENES NOW A
1.	Valencene
2.	trans-Nerolidol
3.	alpha-Cederene
4.	alpha-Phellandrene
5.	Isoborneol
6.	Camphene
7.	Isopulegol
8.	alpha-Humulene
9.	beta-Pinene
10.	Cedrol
11.	Linalool
12.	Fenchone
13.	Caryophyllene oxide
14.	delta-3-Carene
15.	Menthol
16.	NEROL
17.	alpha-Terpineol
18.	Camphor
19.	Sabinene hydrate
20.	beta-Ocimene
21.	Sabinene
22.	gamma-Terpinene
23.	alpha-Bisabolol
24.	Guaiol
25.	beta-Caryophyllene
26.	Fenchol
27.	beta-Myrcene
28.	Eucalyptol
29.	p-Cymene
30.	Geraniol
31.	Pulegone
32.	Borneol
33.	Terpinolene
34.	alpha-Terpinene
35.	alpha-Pinene
36.	cis-Nerolidol
	Geranyl acetate
	d-Limonene
Tota	al 38+ Terpenes

A&L Canada Laboratories has further expanded the library of Terpenes available for testing. As the industry develops to further differentiate product based on quality parameters such as terpenes, this expanded capability supports clients in this effort to build out their product and brand profile.

If there are additional Terpenes which are of interest to clients, A&L is more than willing to include those for customized analysis

Example of Terpenes in Certificate of Analysis (COA) format on next page of newsletter





DISEASE DIAGNOSTICS: Hop Latent Viroid (HLVd) Testing

A&L Canada Laboratories has added Hop Latent Viroid (HLVd) testing to their Cannabis Disease Diagnostics Services (https://www.pdd.alcanada.com/disease-diagnostics-cannabis). We understand how important it is to get quality results back quickly and results are available in 3 days.

"Hop Latent Viroid in cannabis is a very serious and costly issue causing stunting, malformation or chlorosis of leaves, brittle stems, and reduction in yields. Additionally, cuttings taken from symptomatic plants for clonal propagation is cause for reduced rooting success rate." said Dr, Keri Wang, Microbiology Laboratories Director, Senior Scientist, A&L Canada Laboratories Inc. HLVd is primarily spread through mechanical transmission, meaning it can be easily controlled when using best practices for cleanliness in your grow rooms.

A&L Canada Laboratories has been providing Plant Disease Diagnostics (PDD) for over thirty years in row, horticultural and greenhouse crops. A&L offers complete pest diagnosis and services for the detection of plant pathogens including fungi, bacteria, viruses, and nematodes in association with plant tissues, soils, composts and water. Complete diagnostic service using many different technologies for our customers to meet their rigorous testing requirements are provided.

A&L's Disease Diagnostics team works closely with each customer, from researchers to diagnosticians and growers both in the greenhouse and field, to provide their results in the most cost effective and rapid way while maintaining customer confidentiality.

A&L is significantly scaling its cannabis analytical services and research and will be expanding its laboratory footprint this Fall on completion of renovations to a recently purchased building adjacent to the existing two laboratories.

To learn more about plant disease diagnostics, visit the A&L Plant Disease Diagnostics website at www.pdd.alcanada.com.

OUTDOOR PRODUCTION: Soil Test This Fall to Start Right Next Spring

Fall is a great time to take soil tests so you can amend your soils for the 2021 crop

Chances are you're already in the midst of harvesting this year's grow. Does that mean you're all done for the season? <u>A&L recommends post-harvest soil testing</u> as the ideal way to set yourself up for success next year. Without a current soil test, you'll just be guessing what shape your soil is in for next year's crop.



You might also conclude that since you're satisfied with this year's crop yield and quality, there's no reason to test. But even a good stand could be masking key nutrient deficiencies in your soil.

To improve your prospects for success in 2020, consider an intensive soil sampling program such as <u>site</u>-specific soil sampling or a soil audit. Site-specific sampling will clearly show the variability within fields,

data that can be used to address those field differences for optimal input applications.

Once you have the results of your fall soil test, you can start to plan your fertility program that considers balanced nutrition, source, timing and proper placement of crop nutrients.



GETTING STARTED	TESTS	SAMPLES	REPORTS
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KEY: HC = Health Canada; LP = Licensed Producer; COC = Chain of Custody; COS = Cannabis Online Submission; COA = Certificate of Analysis; LOQ = Limits of Qualification; LIMS = Library Information Management System; COD = Collect on Delivery

A&L CANNABIS LABS FAQs: GETTING STARTED		
How do I setup an account?	Please contact <u>clientcarecannabis@alcanada.com</u> and a representative will get you the proper paperwork to initiate account setup	
2. How do I pay?	 Clients with account & credit applications are invoiced weekly Clients can also choose to pay once samples arrive via credit card or E-Transfer Clients can also apply credit to their accounts in advanced. NOTE: Report results are held until payment is made if credit is not approved 	
3. IF you don't have an account or have a COD account	 Once samples are submitted, an invoice will be sent out for payment once samples arrive via credit card or E-Transfer NOTE: If you have an account and credit you will be invoiced 	
A&L CANNABIS LABS FAQs: TESTS		
4. What type of testing does A&L provide?	A&L provides comprehensive testing and production services for the cannabis industry. This includes cannabis lot release, plant disease diagnostics and DNA testing, plant nutrient leaf analysis, fertilizer nutrient solutions, media/soil testing. For more information visit our website: www.alcannabislabs.com	
5. How many Cannabinoids do you test for?	A&L has recently expanded its Cannabinoid profile to 16 Cannabinoids. A&L also has a basic THC/CBD option for preharvest checks or R&D for less cost.	
6. How many Terpenes do you test for?	A&L has recently expanded their Terpene profile to 38 commonly found Terpenes. We are actively consulting with clients and industry on other common abundant Terpenes to expand this profile. We also include total Terpene %.	
7. How long does it take before I get my results?	A&L has some of the best turnaround time for results in the industry. A&L reports Cannabinoid Profiles in 3 business days from the time we receive the samples in the lab. Some other tests take longer & cannot be expedited like standard USP/EP microbial methods which can take 3-5 business days depending on the parameters.	

A&L CANNABIS LABS FAQs: SAMPLES

- 8. How do I submit and fill out Submission paperwork?
- If you have an account set up, you can use the <u>Cannabis Online Submission (COS) Portal</u> (https://cos.alcanada.com/login) the COS makes submission easy and clean as well as let you track your submission progress. *Video: How to Use COS https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uV8jNn03y00*
- The other option, A&L has a <u>PDF fillable Chain of Custody (COC)</u> that can be filled out and submitted with samples. LINK to fillable COC: <u>CLICK HERE</u>
- 9. How much sample do I send?

For Dried Cannabis full lot release testing the lab requires approximately a 40g of sample

- 10. How do I package samples?
- 1. Samples need to be packaged depending on the matrix and test:
 - Most dried samples can be packaged in clean plastic containers / bags
 - Most Fresh Material should be in paper bags, this is to adsorb moisture
 - Liquids, semi-solids, oils should be in leakproof vials, tubes, syringes
 - For Plant Disease Diagnostics place in a Ziploc bag
- 2. Next, package samples securely together in a shipping container, box, or envelope.
- 3. Please ensure Submission paperwork accompanies the samples for laboratory sample reception. <u>DO NOT forget this requirement.</u>

11. How do I ship samples to the lab?

We recommend express couriers. Our preferred courier is Purolator because of their proximity and early scheduled drop offs to the laboratory. However, most couriers will provide good service to the laboratory. *NOTE: Canada Post will often cause shipping delays*.

- We do not require to be notified of your deliver and we do not manage these email notifications
- The faster the shipping method the faster results come back to clients
- Personal drop offs at a lab are an option if you are local
- Please track your own packages, A&L is not responsible for tracking LP packages

A&L CANNABIS LABS FAQs: REPORTS

12. How do I received my results and access my data?

EMAIL:

- Reports/COA's are emailed to clients using the emails used to setup in their accounts
- If client does not have an account A&L will use the email supplied on the COC/ Submission Form.

ONLINE:

- A&L's Online Reporting Portal (https://services.alcanada.com/dataweb2018/login) clients with accounts can retrieve their COA's at any time. There are many advantages and functions in the online portal including separating Lots and test results and it is also important for holding records for audits.
- A&L utilizes a LIMS (Laboratory Information Management System) which sends out and managers' report/COA release and distribution.
- 13. What happens if the Lab reports one of Health Canada's 96 Pesticides?
- IF you are a LP, you must test the cultivated product before transport, export, or processing. <u>All reported Pesticides on the COA must be reported to Health Canada by the LP.</u>
- While HC has required reporting limits for the laboratories to meet for testing & reporting, most labs have lower reporting limits/ Limits of Quantification (LOQ) based on their statistics of their methods. The LP must report pesticides reported above the Lab's LOQ.
- Should be noted, low level pesticide contamination can be common in some, mostly due previous or local agriculture operations. It does not necessarily mean the product is unusable.

Upcoming Events

This is our most up-to-date list of industry events:



Canadian Hemp Trade Alliance Nov 12-13, 2020 – Online



MJBizCon 2020 Dec 2-4, 2020 - Virtual Conference



Montreal Cannabis Expo February 2-3 2021 – Montreal, PQ



Ontario Fruit & Vegetable Conference General Meeting

February 23, 2021 - Virtual



Lift & Co May 27-31, 2021 – Toronto, ON



C-45 Quality Virtual Summit May 17, 18, & 19th, 2021



GrowUp Conference May 31-June 2, 2021 – Victoria, BC

GrowUp Conference Sept 1-3 2021 - Niagara, ON

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