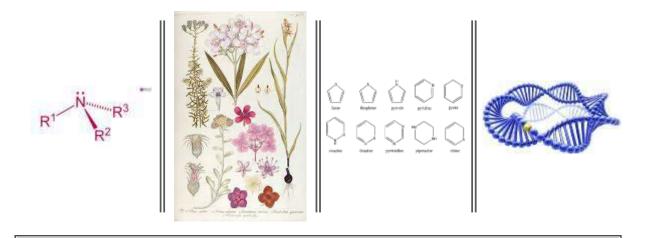


Definition

 Alkaloids are <u>natural</u> compounds, with <u>nitrogen</u> in structure, which in <u>minimum dose</u> give pharmacological properties.





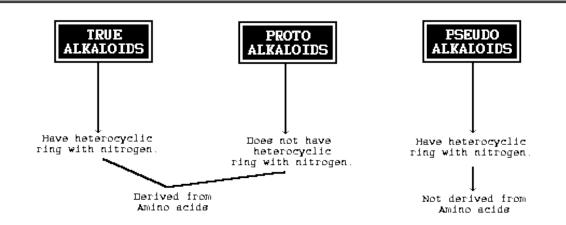
Classification of Alkaloids

According to Chemical Structure

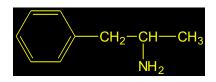
Non-heterocyclic or atypical alkaloids that are sometimes called "protoalkaloids' or biological amines. Heterocyclic or atypical alkaloids that are subclassified into different groups according to their ring structure.

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According to Hegnauer's classification

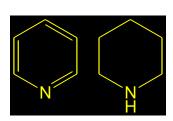


- Phenylalkylamines:
 - e.g. Ephedrine



Pyridine and piperidine

e.g. lobeline, nicotine





• Tropane e.g. Atropine.

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Quinoline

e.g.quinine and quinidine

Isoquinoline

e.g. papaverine

Phenantheren

e.g. Morphine

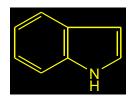
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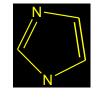
e.g.ergometrine

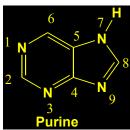
• Imidazole e.g. pilocarpine

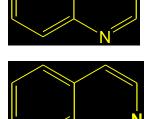
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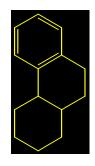
e.g. caffeine





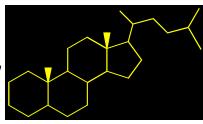


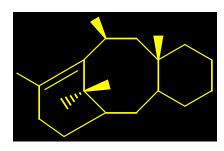




Steroidal

e.g. Solanum and *Veratrum* alkaloids





Terpenoid

e.g. Taxol

Biogenesis Classification

Robinson Classification

- 1. Ornithine & Lysine alkaloids
- 2. Carboline & Purine alkaloids
- 3. Phenylalanine alkaloids
- 4. Tryptophan alkaloids
- 5. Pseudoalkaloids

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- 7. Histidine alkaloids
- 8. Alline alkaloids
- 9. Pseudoalkaloids

Chemical rules stated that their trivial names should end by "ine"

- Atropine
- Cocaine
- Emetine
- Pellerierine
- Hygrine

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Prefixes & Suffixes

Nomenclature

- Prefixes:
 - "Nor" -designates N-emethylation or Ndemethoxylation, e.g .norpseudoephedrine and normicotine.
 - "Apo" -designates dehydration e.g . apomorphine.
 - "Iso"-, pseudo-, neo-, and epi-" indicate different types of isomers.
- Suffixes:
 - "dine" designates isomerism as in the case of the Cinchona alkaloids, quinidine and cinchonidine are optical isomers of quinine and cinchonine respectively.
 - "ine" indicates a lower pharmacological activity e.g .ergotamine is less potent than ergometrine.

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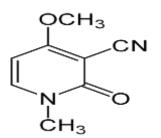
Basicity

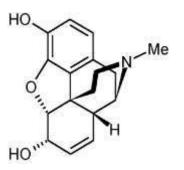
- In plants, alkaloids occur as free bases, salts or N-oxides (N O).
- Factors that may influence the degree of basicity
 - The structure of the molecule such as the <u>degree of unsaturation</u> of the heterocyclic ring .
 - Unsaturation increase the basicity e.g .Piperidine alkaloids are more basic than pyridine alkaloids.
- The presence and position of other substituents and functional groups:
 - The electron releasing groups, such as alkyl groups, increase the basicity.
 - The electron withdrawal groups, such as the **carbonyl groups, decrease the basicity** .

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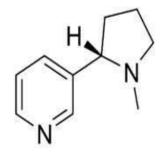
Alkaloids may, therefore, be <u>neutral or slightly acidic</u>, as the electron availability on the amino nitrogen atom decreases .An example of acidic alkaloid is **Ricinine.**

Some alkaloids are <u>amphoteric</u> due to the presence of acidic groups in their molecule such as **Morphine.**

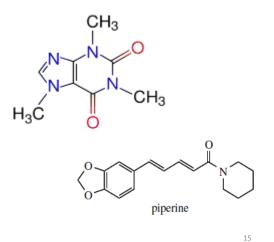




Most alkaloids contain oxygen in their molecules .Few alkaloids are oxygen-free such as **nicotine** and **coniine**



Very weak bases form unstable salts, Such as caffeine, piperine



Physical Properties

Condition

volatile e.g .nicotine and coniine, or

Non-volatile e.g . pilocarpine and hyoscine

Color

- Colchicines and berberine are yellow.
- Canadine is orange.
- The salts of sanguinarine are **copper-red**.

Solubility

- Alkaloids soluble in alcohol & organic solvents and insoluble in water
- Exceptions:
 - Bases soluble in water :caffeine, ephedrine, codeine, colchicines, pilocaepine and quaternary ammonium bases.
 - Bases insoluble or sparingly soluble in certain organic solvents :morphine and psychotrine ether, therobromine and theophylline in benzene.
 - Salts are usually soluble in water and, insoluble or sparingly soluble in organic solvents.

Optical activity

- L-ephedrine is 3.5 times more active than dephedrine and,
- L-ephedrine is 3.4times more active than dergotamine.
- d-Tubocuranie is more active than the corresponding 1-from.
- Both quinine)1-from (and its disomer quinidine are active.
- The racemic dl-atropine is physiologically active.

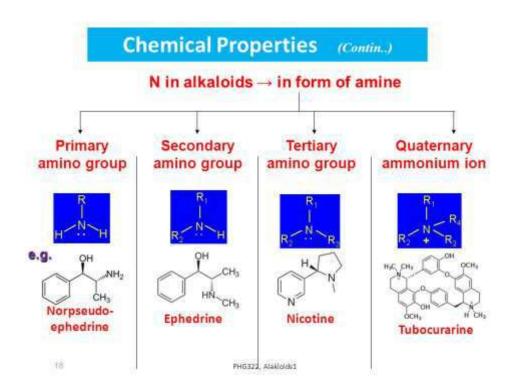
Chemical Properties:

I- Nitrogen:

- Primary amines R-NH₂ e.g. Norephedrine
- Secondary amines R₂-NH e.g. Ephedrine
- Tertiary amines R₃-N e.g. Atropine
- Quaternary ammonium salts R₄-N e.g *d*-Tubocurarine

II- Basicity:

- R_2 -NH > R-NH₂ > R_3 -N
- Saturated hexacyclic amines is more basic than aromatic amines.



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Chemical Properties

Salt formation

- Acid/base Weak/strong
- Amphoteric alkaloids containing phenolic or carboxylic group

Stability

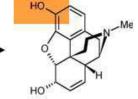
- Effect of heat
 - Alkaloids are decomposed by heat; expect caffeine that sublimes without decomposition.
 - Most tertiary amine alkaloids are easily transformed to the N-oxides when exposed to light and oxygen at elevated temperature.
- Effect of acid
- Effect of alkali

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- Dehydration:
 - morphine lead to apomorphine
 - Atropine to Apoatropine
- Demethylation:
 - Codeine to morphine
- Hydrolysis:
 - Reserpine, Solanine

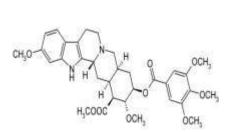


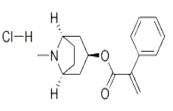


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Morphine

Codeine





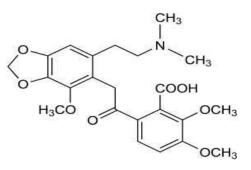


Reserpine

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Effect of Alkali

- Weak alkalis liberate most alkaloids from their salts (NH₃)
 - from salts with alkaloids containing a carboxylic group e.g. .narceine, when treated with NaHCO3,
- Strong alkalis :such as aqueous NaOH and KOH
- Hot alkalis :heating with alkalis results in :hydrolysis ester alkaloids
 - pilocarpine is transformed to pilocarpic acid.



Narceine

Tests for detection and identification

Precipitation reactions

- production of amorphous or crystalline precipitates of various colors, in which the precipitating reagent is added to extract.
- The reagents used contain heavy metals such as Hg, Pt, Bi and from double salts with most alkaloids.

Color Reactions

- Addition of color reagents to the solid free bases not to their salts to produce characteristic-colored solutions (*The reagents contain concentrated acid and an oxidizing agent*).
 - Van-Urk's test for ergot alkaloids, these give a blue colour
 - Vitalis' test for tropan alkaloids, these give a violet color

• Classification of Alkaloidal precipitating agents:

<u>1- Reagents that form double salts:</u>

- a- Mayer's Reagent: Potassium Mercuric Iodide.
- b- Dragendorff's Reagents: Potassium lodobismethate.

2- Reagents Containing Halogens:

a- Wagner's Reagent: Iodine/ Potassium Iodide.

3-Organic Acids:

- a- Hager's Reagent: Picric Acid
- b- Tannic Acid.

4- Oxygenated High Molecular Weight Acids:

- a- Phosphomolybdic acid
- b- Phosphotungestic acid
- c- Silicotungestic Acid

Extraction, Purification and Isolation of Alkaloids from Powdered plants

<u>Extraction and purification</u>

Method I:

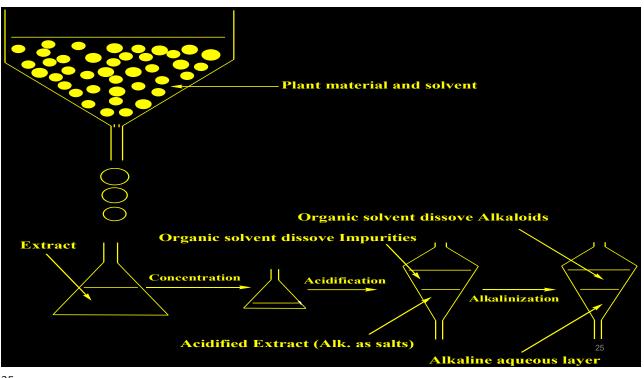
The powder is treated with <u>alkalis</u> to liberates the free bases that can then be extracted with water immiscible organic solvents.

Method II:

The powdered material is extracted with water or aqueous alcohol containing dilute <u>acid</u>. Alkaloids are extracted as their salts together with accompanying soluble impurities.

Method III:

The powder is extracted with <u>water soluble organic solvents</u> such as MeOH or EtOH which are good solvents for both salts and free bases.



• Extraction of the free bases:

∙ <mark>CHCl₃:</mark>

Strong solvent can extract most of the alkaloids.

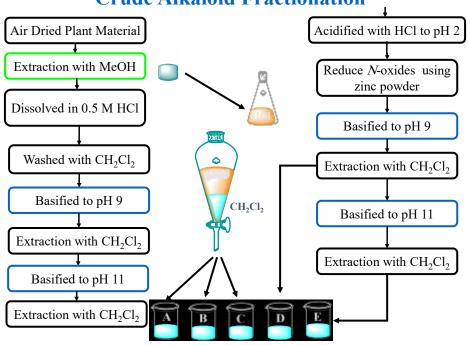
Extracts contain more impurities.

Carcinogenic.

• Ether:

Gives cleaner Extract but have some disadvantages:

- 1- High volatility
- 2- Peroxide formation
- 3- High water miscibility



Crude Alkaloid Fractionation

Crude Alkaloids Fractions

	MeOH fraction (g)	Fractions (mg)				
		А	В	C	D	Е
Dried plant Weigh (g)		HCI	pH9	pH11	pH9	pH11
		A	В	C		E
6161.6	628.4	2815.5	984.2	211.1	357.6	197.7
Dragendorff reagent test		-ve	++ve	+ve	+ve	+ve

- Fraction A: no alkaloids present
- Alkaloids are presents in all other fractions
- · Fraction B is the alkaloids rich fraction
- Fraction B applied for chromatographic process

➢ Purification of the Crude Alkaloidal Fractions:

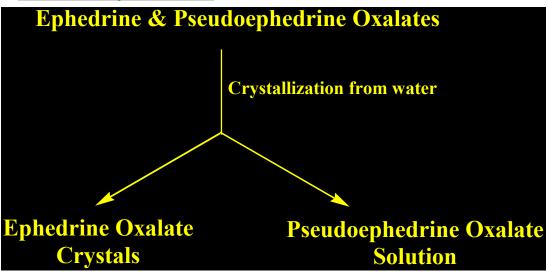
• Repeated Acid-Base procedures:

Render extract **Acidic**, extract with **organic solvent** (dissolve non alkaloidal impurities), **Alkalinize** and extract again with **organic solvents** (Dissolve Alkaloids).

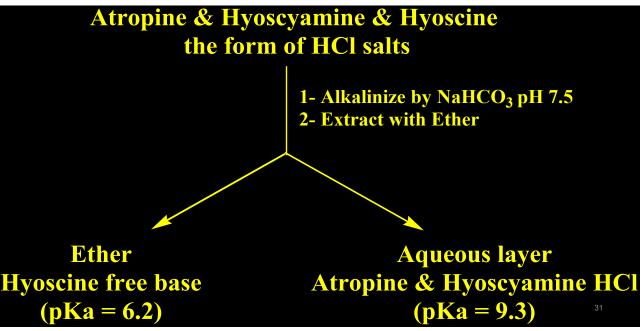
- Precipitation with alkaloidal precipitating agent.
- Convert to crystalline salts.

Separation of Alkaloidal Mixtures:

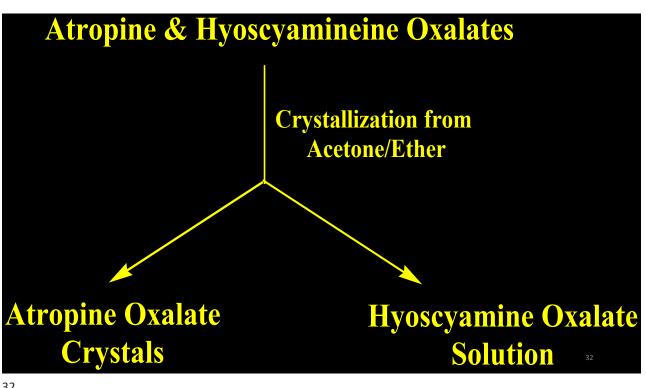
• Fractional Crystallization:



Fractional Liberation:







Identification of <u>Alkaloids:</u>

- Melting point
- Color test
- Optical Rotation
- Microcrystal test
- HPLC, GC, GC-MS
- UV, IR, NMR, MS.



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Quantitative Determination of Alkaloids:

- Volumetric methods
- Gravimetric methods
- Colorimetric Method
- Spectrophotometric Methods
- Polarimetric Method
- Fluorometric Method
- Chromatographic Methods

Pharmacological Properties

They can varieties from tonic to cancer

- 1. Aanalgesics and narcotics e.g.morphine and codeine
- 2. CNS stimulants e.g . caffeine and strychnine.
- 3. Mydriatics e.g .atropine.
- 4. Anti-asthmatics e.g . ephedrine.
- 5. Antitussive e.g .codeine.
- 6. Expectorants e.g . lobeline.

7. Anti-hypertensives e.g. reserpine.

8. Smooth muscle relaxants e.g . atropine and papaverine

9. Skeletal muscle relaxants e.g .d-tubocurarine.

10 Anthelmintics e.g .pelletierine and arecoline.

11. Antiparasitics e.g .quinine and emetine.

12. Anticancers e.g. vincristine, vinblastine and colchicine

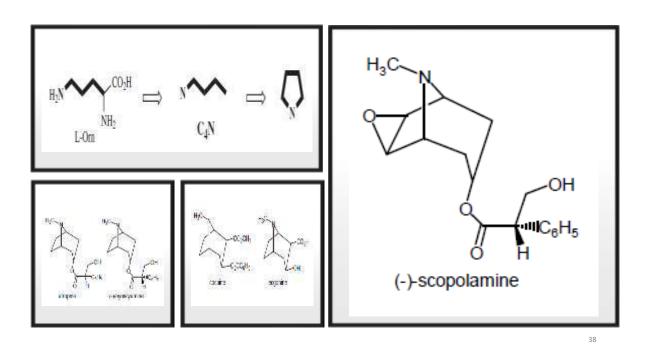
Ornithine Alkaloids Tropan Nucleus



- L-Ornithine is a <u>non-protein amino acid</u> forming part of the <u>urea cycle in animals</u>, where it is produced from <u>L-arginine</u> in a reaction catalyzed by the enzyme arginase.
- In plants it is formed mainly from L-glutamate.

Chemistry

- Ornithine contains both δ -and α -amino groups, and it is the nitrogen from the former group which is incorporated into alkaloid structures along with the carbon chain, except for the carboxyl group.
- Ornithine supplies a C₄N building block to the alkaloid, principally as a pyrrolidine ring system, as part of the tropane alkaloids.



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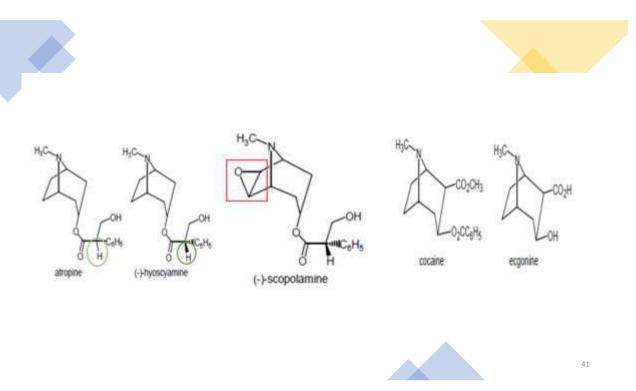
Structure of Tropane Alkaloids



- Tropanols
 - These alcohols <u>depending on the orientation of</u> <u>the OH in 3 position.</u>
 - These can be tropan 3α -ol and tropan 3β -ol.
 - Tropan 3α-ol are essentially specific to Solanaceae family.
 - Tropan **3β-ol** are essentially specific to **Erythroxylaceae** family.
 - In the absence of other substituents, the Tropanols are optically inactive.
 - The tropanols are often hydroxylated at C6 or/and C7.
 - The tropanols are often **epoxidized at C6 and C7**.

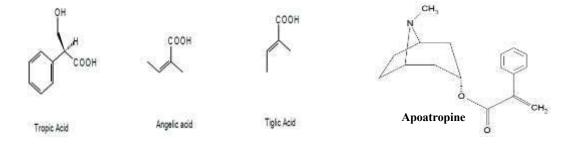
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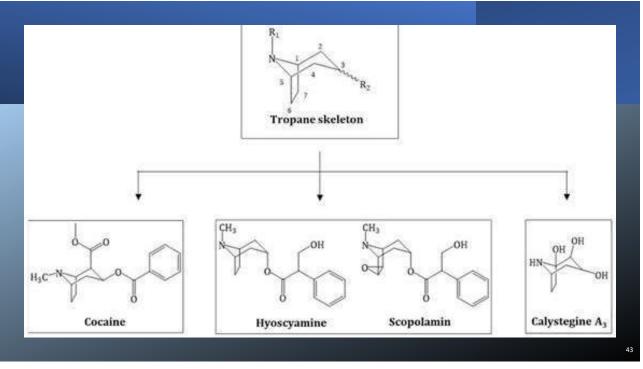
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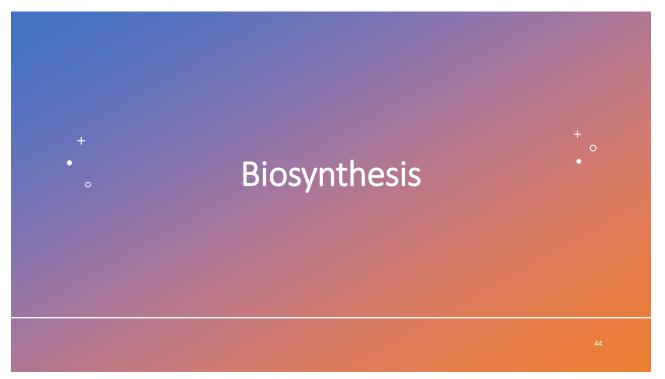


Properties: Acid & Base

Acid (aliphatic or aromatic) Base (Alkaloids)







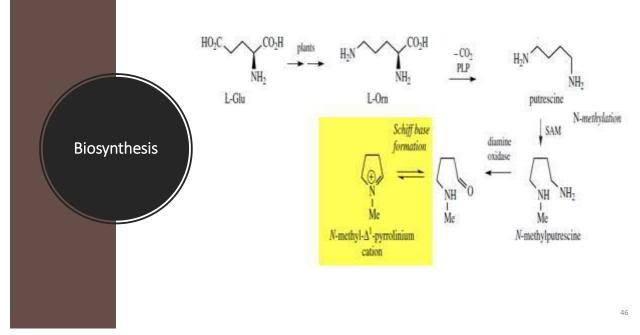


Pyrrolidine & Tropane Alkaloids

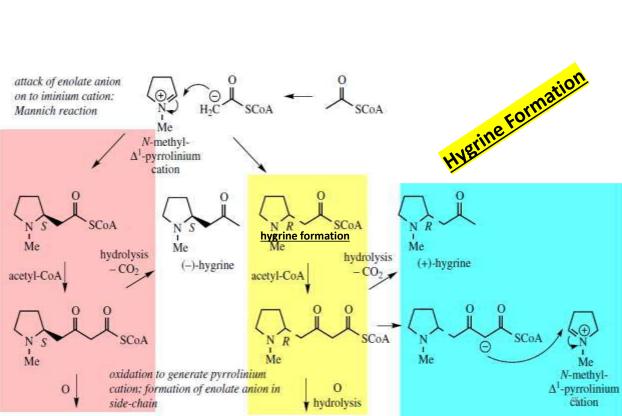
- Simple pyrrolidine-containing alkaloid structures are exemplified by hygrine and cuscohygrine;
- the pyrrolidine ring system is formed initially as a $\Delta 1$ -pyrrolinium cation.
- Biosynthesis of tropane alkaloids started when Pyridoxal 5'-phosphate (PLP) dependent decarboxylation of ornithine gives putrescine, which is then methylated to N-methyl-putrescine (SAM reaction).
- SAM reaction is a biological methylator. ... SAM's biochemical role is to transfer a methyl group to another molecule.
- Oxidative deamination of N-methyl-putrescine by the action of a diamine oxidase gives the aldehyde, and Schiff base in formation produces the N-methyl-Δ1-pyrrolinium cation.



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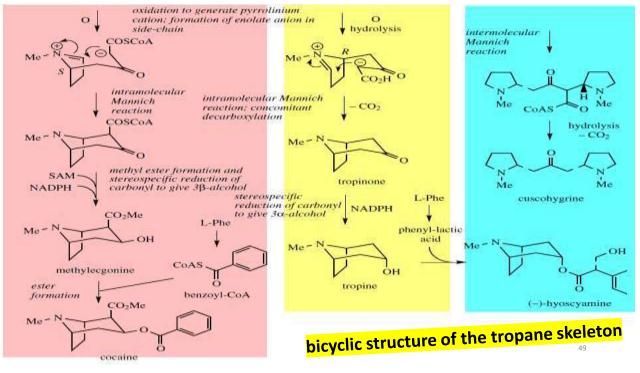


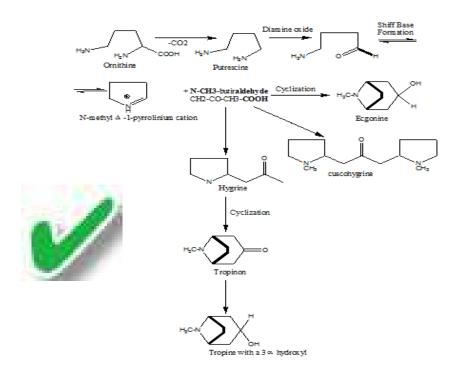




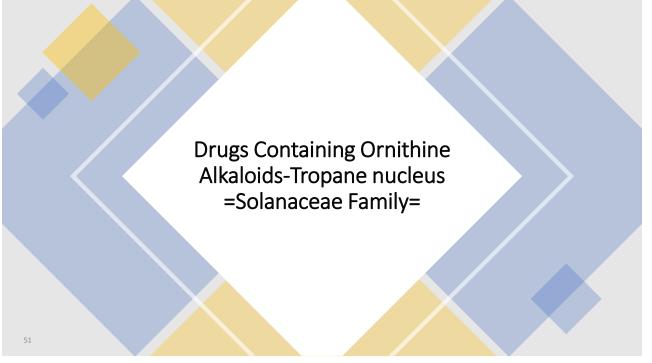
 The extra carbon atoms required for <u>hygrine formation</u> are derived from acetate via acetyl-CoA, and the sequence appears to involve stepwise addition of two acetyl-CoA units.

- In the <u>first</u> step, the enolate anion from acetyl-CoA acts as nucleophile towards the pyrrolinium ion in a Mannich-like reaction;
- The <u>second</u> addition is then a <u>Claisen condensation</u> extending the side-chain, and the product is the <u>2-</u> <u>substituted pyrrolidine</u>;
- The bicyclic structure of the tropane skeleton in hyoscyamine and cocaine is achieved by a repeat of the Mannich-like reaction just observed
- <u>This requires</u> an oxidation step to generate a <u>new</u> $\Delta 1$ pyrrolinium cation, and removal of a proton α to the carbonyl.





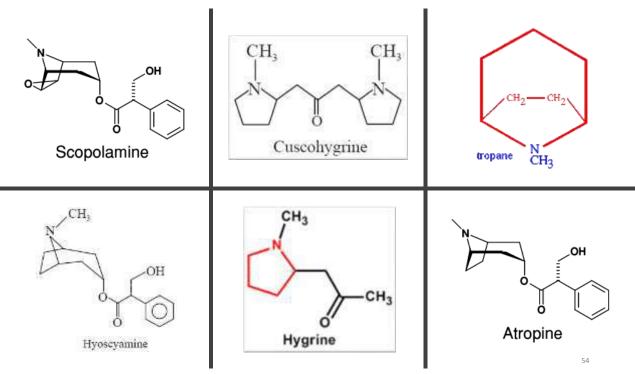
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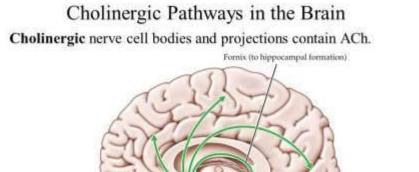
Atropa belladonnae	Hyocyamus aureus/niger	Datura stramonium
• Folium	• Folium	• Folium
• Semen	• Semen	• Semen
• Radix	• Radix	• Radix



To Remember

Anticholinergic	Acetylcholine
 An anticholinergic agent is a substance that blocks the neurotransmitter acetylcholine in the central and the peripheral nervous system. Anticholinergics inhibit parasympathetic nerve impulses by selectively blocking the binding of the neurotransmitter acetylcholine to its receptor in nerve cells. 	 Acetylcholine, the first neurotransmitter discovered In the autonomic nervous system, acetylcholine (ACh) is the neurotransmitter in the preganglionic sympathetic and parasympathetic neurons. When activated, it causes the contraction of skeletal muscles and activates glandular functions in the endocrine system.

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Hippocampus (under the Cerebellum

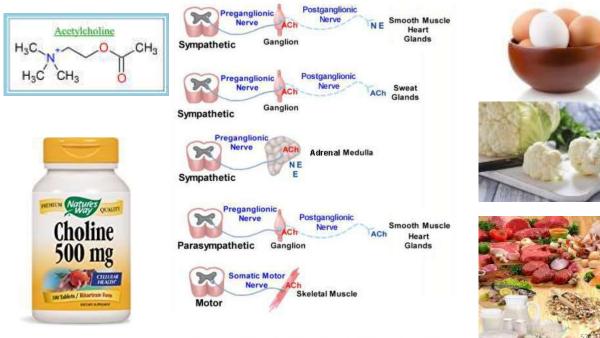
Pedunculopontine nucleus and laterodorsal tegmental nucleus

surface) BIOLOGICAL PSYCHOLOGY 7e. Figure 4.3

Nucleus basalis Medial septal nucleus and nucleus of diagonal band Hit

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Peripheral and autonomic sites where ACh is neurotransmitter.

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How anticholinergics work?

- Anticholinergics block acetylcholine from binding to its receptors on certain nerve cells.
- They inhibit parasympathetic nerve impulses.
- These nerve impulses are responsible for involuntarily muscle movements in the gastrointestinal tract, lungs, urinary tract, and other parts of the body.
- The nerve impulses help control functions such as salivation, digestion, urination, and mucus secretion.

Effect

Atropa belladonnae	Hyocyamus aureus/niger	Datura stramonium
 Anti-cholinergic- parasympatholytic , spasmolytic, positive, dromotropic and chronotropic effect. 	 Anti-cholinergic- parasympatholytic, spasmolytic, positive, dromotropic and chronotropic effect. 	 Anti-cholinergic- parasympatholyti c, spasmolytic, positive, dromotropic and chronotropic effect.
 Relaxation of organs with smooth muscles. 	 Relaxation of organs with smooth muscles. 	 Relaxation of organs with smooth muscles.

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Effect

Atropa belladonnae	Hyocyamus aureus/niger	Datura stramonium
 Blocking the action of acetylcholine at muscarinic receptors. Competitive antagonist of the muscarinic acetylcholine receptors. 	 Produce a parasympatholytic or anticholinergic effect by competitive inhibition of acetylcholine. Exert peripheral actions on the autonomic nervous system and on smooth muscle, as well as the central nervous system. Relieve muscular tremors of central nervous origin. 	 Blocking the action of acetylcholine at muscarinic receptors. Competitive antagonist of the muscarinic acetylcholine receptors. Antiepileptic Hallucinogenic Narcotic

Muscarinic receptors producing, or mediating the effects (as a slowed heart rate, increased secretion by exocrine glands, and increased activity of smooth muscle

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Indication

Atropa belladonnae	Hyocyamus aureus/niger	Datura stramonium
Mydriatic	• <i>Spasm</i> and <i>pain</i>	spasm of bronchitis
 Mild sedation 	Sedative (stomach	in asthma
	pain).	 Sedative, hypnotic
	 Nervous depression 	and narcotic.
	• Sharp, dry, nervous	 Antihistaminic
	cough	 Helps in curing of
	Hypnotic	motion sickness,
	• Diuretic	nausea and dizziness.

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Contraindication

Atropa belladonnae	Hyocyamus aureus/niger	Datura stramonium
• Glaucoma	 Tachycardiac arrhythmias, prostatic adenoma, angle-closure glaucoma, acute pulmonary edema Pregnancy and lactating women 	 Glaucoma, suspicion of glaucoma, paralytic ileus, pyloric stenosis, enlarged prostate, tachycardia, arrhythmias, acute pulmonary edema.

Side Effects & Overdose

Atropa belladonnae

- Ventricular fibrillation, supraventricular or ventricular tachycardia, giddiness, nausea, blurred vision, loss of balance, dilated pupils, photophobia, confusion, hallucinations and excitation.
- In overdoses, atropine is poisonous.

Hyocyamus aureus/niger

 Dry mouth, red skin, constipation, overheating, reduced sweating, vision disturbances, increased heart rate, urination problems, drowsiness, restlessness, hallucinations, delirium, manic episodes, and death.

Datura stramonium

- Poisoning & narcotic
- Datura increases the heart beat and may lead to cardiac arrest.
- Dilated pupils.
- Amnesia
- Blurred vision, nausea, giddiness, confusion, rapid pulse & hyperthermia

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Emergency

Atropa belladonnae	Hyocyamus aureus/niger	Datura stramonium
 Injections of atropine are used in the treatment of bradycardia & cases of cardiac arrest. 	• Not used	• Not used

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Drugs Containing Ornithine Alkaloids-Tropane nucleus =Erythroxylaceae Family=

Erythroxylum coca



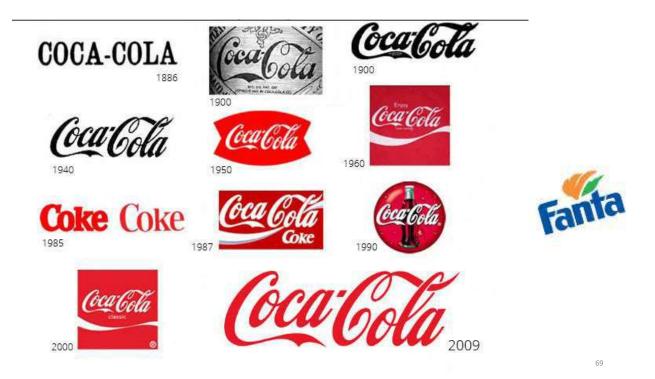
Erythroxylum coca History

- The Coca leaf has been cultivated, at the first time, by Indian peoples to avoid starvation.
- In <u>1855</u> the cocaine alkaloid "erythroxyline", was first isolated.
- In <u>1860</u>, Albert Niemann, a Ph.D .student at the University of Göttingen in Germany, who then developed an improved purification process of cocaine.
- In <u>1879</u> cocaine began to be used to treat morphine addiction.
- In <u>1884</u> cocaine was introduced into clinical use as a local anesthetic in Germany.

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- In <u>1886</u> John Pemberton introduced in Atlanta, a beverage consisting of coca leaf extracts, African kola nuts, and sweet carbonated syrup. The product was named Coca-Cola.
- Coca-Cola was sold in bottles for the first time on March 12, 1894
- The first synthesis and elucidation of the structure of the cocaine molecule was by Richard Willstätter in <u>1898</u>
- Originally intended as a patent medicine when it was invented in the late 19th century by John Pemberton
- Patterns of coca consumption changed dramatically in the 20th century.
- In <u>1923</u>, Richard Willstatter was able to synthesize a mixture of Dcocaine, L-cocaine, D-pseudococaine, and L-pseudococaine.
- A registered trademark of The Coca-Cola Company in the United States since <u>March 27, 1944</u>.
- In 1955, first can of coca-cola.

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Addiction Terms & Definitions



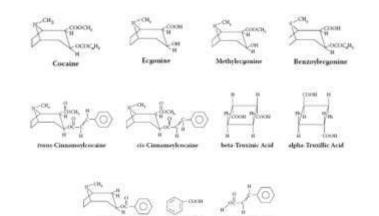
- Abuse means using a drug, alcohol or other substance in a way not intended by its manufacturers. They divide the misuse of substances into two categories: substance abuse and substance dependency.
- Addicted refers to the state of being compelled to use a habit-forming drug, substance or to perform an activity even when you have tried to quit or have the desire to quit.
- Addict- An addict is someone who is physiologically or psychologically dependent upon a potentially harmful drug or substance or form of compulsive behavior.
- Addiction is a chronic, progressive but treatable disorder in which someone becomes dependent on a substance or behavior that's psychologically or physically dangerous and habit-forming. Addiction is a brain disease able to relapse.
- Addictive substances are chemicals or materials that can create physical and/or psychological dependencies.
- **Blackout**—a blackout is a period of amnesia or memory loss, typically caused by chronic, highdose substance abuse. The person later cannot remember the blackout period. Blackouts are most often caused by sedative-hypnotics such as alcohol and the benzodiazepines.
- **Bipolar disorder** is a mental disorder characterized by drastic and unusual mood shifts. It used to be called manic depression.
- **Controlled substance**-a "controlled substance" is a drug or substance of which the use, sale, or distribution is regulated by a state government entity. These controlled substances are listed specifically or by classification on the governmental level in the controlled substances act (CSA).

- **Crack**—cocaine (cocaine hydrochloride) that has been chemically modified so that it will become a gas vapor when heated at relatively low temperatures. Also called "rock" cocaine.
- **Drug abuse-**refers to the use of illicit drugs or to the inappropriate use of a legal drug or substance, such as alcohol, nicotine, prescription drugs, or inhalants.
- **Drug craving**, according to the United Nations International Drug Control Programme and the World Health Organization, "is the desire for the previously experienced effects of a psychoactive drug.
- **Drug addiction**-is defined as the continued compulsive use of drugs despite adverse health or social consequences.
- Ecstasy—slang term for methylenedioxymethamphetamine (mdma).
- **Euphoria** is a state of extreme happiness, usually accompanied by overwhelming emotion.
- Hallucinogens—a broad group of drugs that cause distortions of sensory perception.
- **Neuroleptic medication**—a drug used to treat psychosis, especially schizophrenia.
- **Paranoia**—a type of delusion, or false idea, that is unchanged by reasoned argument or proof to the contrary.

- Physical dependence: take place when a drug has been used habitually and the body has become dependent on its effects. The person must then continue to use the drug *in order to feel normal*, or its absence will trigger the *symptoms of withdrawal*.
- Psychological dependency: take place when a drug has been used habitually and the <u>mind</u> has become emotionally dependent on its effects, either to elicit pleasure or relieve pain, and does not feel capable of functioning without it .Its absence produces intense cravings, which are often brought on or magnified by stress.
- **Psychosis**—a mental disorder that is characterized by distinct distortions of a person's mental capacity, ability to recognize reality, and relationships to others to such a degree that it interferes with that person's ability to function in everyday life.
- **Relapse**—a breakdown or setback in a person's attempt to change or modify any particular behavior.
- Stigma—a negative association attached to some activity or condition. A cause of shame or embarrassment.
- **Tolerance** Tolerance occurs when the body needs increasingly larger doses to get the same effect from a substance or a behavior.
- Withdrawal is a general term describing the physical and psychological symptoms that may occur when a person suddenly stops using an addictive drug.

Phytochemicals

- Coca contains several alkaloids 0.75 -2%, tropane alkaloids from cis serial as ecgonine respectively pseudotropine ester and tropococaine.
- The main alkaloid is Cocaine.



What is Cocaine?

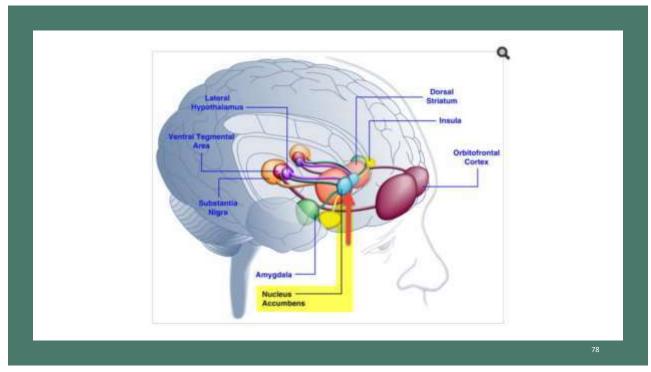
- Cocaine is a **POWERFULLY ADDICTIVE STIMULANT DRUG** made from the leaves of the coca plant.
- Although health care providers can use it for valid medical purposes, such as local anesthesia for some surgeries, recreational cocaine use is illegal.
- Popular nicknames for cocaine include:
 - Blow (shock, disappointment)
 - Coke (Coca)
 - Crack (Crash)
 - Rock (shock)
 - Snow (Ice)

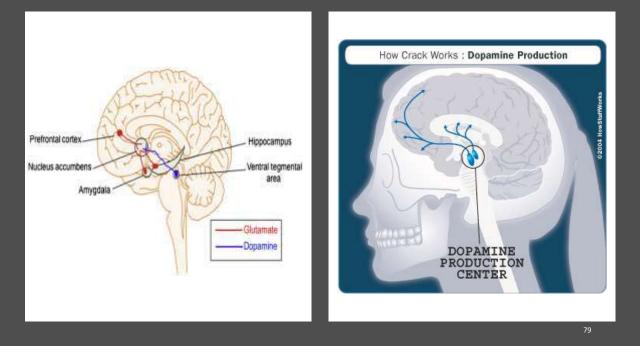
Mechanism of Action

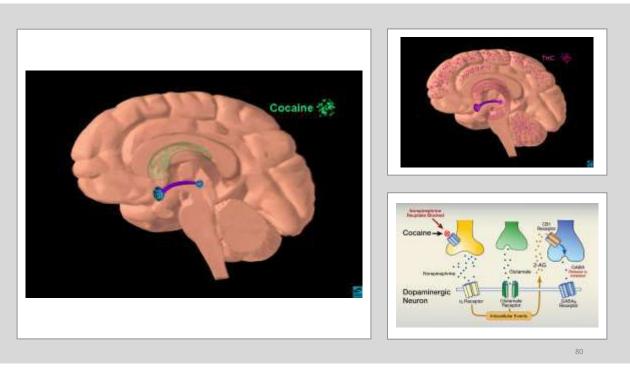
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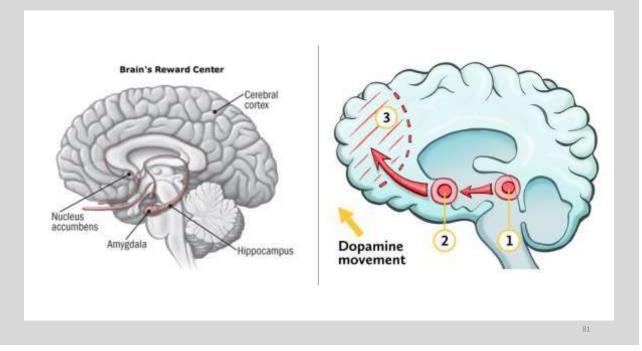
- Dopamine: A brain chemical, classified as a neurotransmitter, found in regions of the brain (<u>Nucleus accumbens</u>) that <u>REGULATE</u> movement, emotion, motivation, and pleasure.
- Gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA): The main INHIBITORY neurotransmitter in the central nervous system. GABA provides the needed counterbalance to the actions of other systems, particularly the excitatory neurotransmitter glutamate.
- **Glutamate:** An **EXCITATORY** neurotransmitter found throughout the brain that **influences the reward system** and is involved in learning and memory, among other functions.

Nucleus accumbens: A brain region involved in motivation and reward. Nearly all drugs of abuse directly or indirectly increase dopamine in the nucleus accumbens, contributing to their addictive properties.

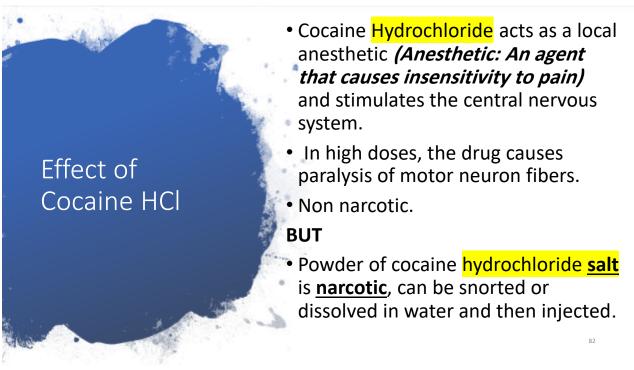












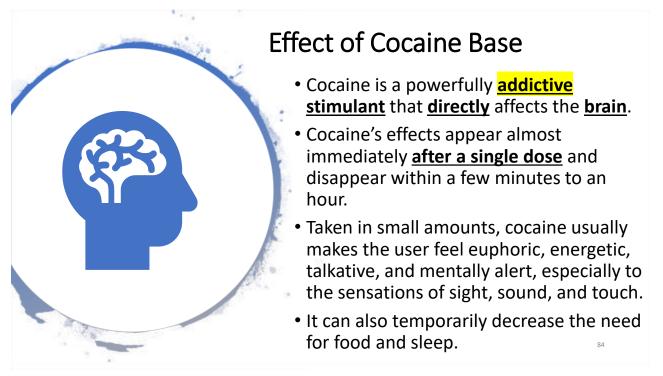
Crack Cocaine

- Crack cocaine is the **freebase** form of cocaine that can be **smoked**.
- Crack cocaine is a highly addictive and powerful stimulant that is derived from powdered cocaine using a simple conversion process.
- Crack users may experience acute respiratory problems, including coughing, shortness of breath, and lung trauma and bleeding.
- Crack cocaine smoking also can cause aggressive and paranoid behavior.









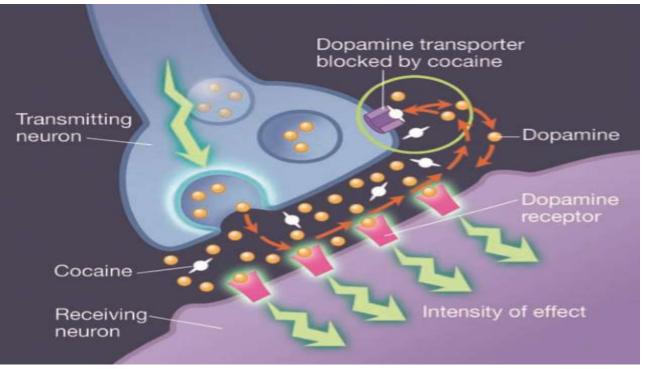
Effect of Cocaine Base

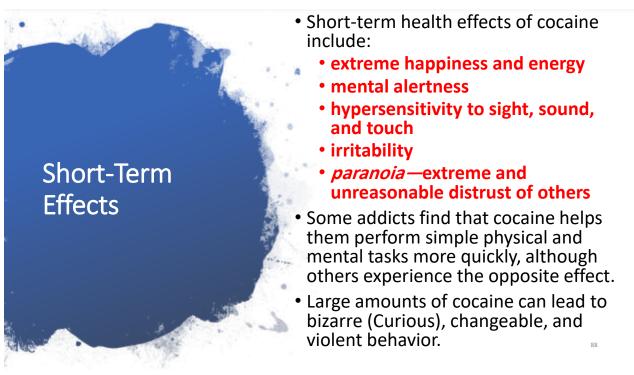
- The duration of cocaine's euphoric effects depend upon the route of administration.
- The faster absorbed drug, the more intense the resulting high, but also the shorter the duration.
- The high from snorting is relatively slow to arrive, but it may last from 15 to 30 minutes; in contrast, the effects from smoking are more immediate but may last only 5 to 10 minutes.
- All routes of administration are commonly used for cocaine:
 - Snorting,
 - Smoking, and
 - Injecting
- The LD₅₀ of cocaine when administered to mice is 95.1 mg/kg.
- There is no specific antidote for cocaine overdose.

Cocaine is a strong central nervous system stimulant that increases levels of dopamine, associated with pleasure and movement, in the brain's reward circuit.

How Does Cocaine Affect the Brain? **Normally**, dopamine is released by a neuron in response to a pleasurable signal (e.g., the smell of good food), and then recycled back into the cell that released it, thus shutting off the signal between neurons.

Cocaine acts by <u>preventing the dopamine from being</u> <u>recycled</u>, causing excessive amounts of the neurotransmitter to build up, <u>amplifying</u> the message to and response of the receiving neuron, and ultimately <u>disrupting normal communication</u>.





Short-Term Effects

Long-Term

Effects

- Cocaine's effects appear almost immediately and disappear within a few minutes to an hour.
- How long the effects last and how intense they are depend on the method of use.
- Injecting or smoking cocaine produces a quicker and stronger but shorter-lasting high than snorting.
- The high from snorting cocaine may
 last 15 to 30 minutes.
- The high from **smoking** may last 5 to 10 minutes.
- Some long-term health effects of cocaine depend on the method of use and include the following:
 - snorting: loss of smell, nosebleeds, frequent runny nose, and problems with swallowing
 - *smoking:* cough, asthma, respiratory distress, and higher risk of infections like pneumonia
 - consuming by mouth: severe bowel decay from reduced blood flow
 - needle injection: higher risk for contracting HIV, hepatitis C, and other bloodborne diseases, skin or soft tissue infections, as well as scarring or collapsed veins



Death from overdose can occur on the first use of cocaine or unexpectedly thereafter



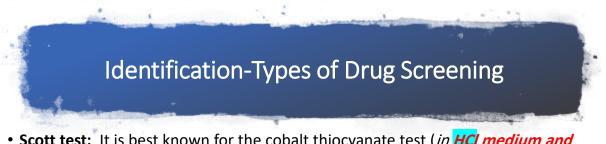
Withdrawal symptoms

- Withdrawal symptoms include:
 - Depression
 - Fatigue/headach
 - Increased appetite
 - Unpleasant dreams and insomnia
 - Slowed thinking

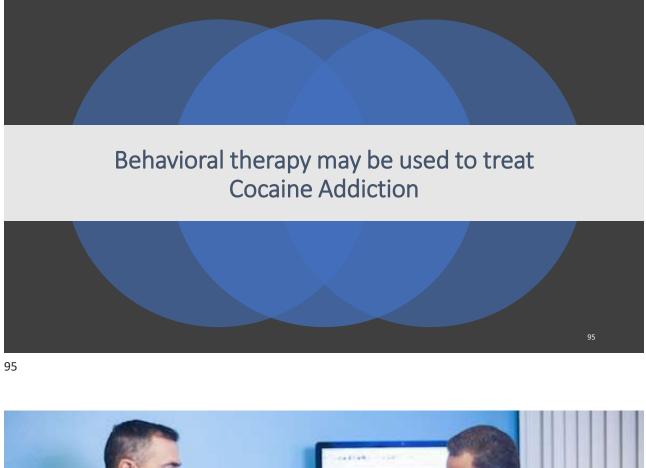
- 1. Constricts blood vessels
- 2. Dilates pupils
- 3. Increases body temperature, heart rate, and blood pressure.
- 4. Headaches
- 5. Gastrointestinal complications
- 6. Loss of the sense of smell; nosebleeds; problems with swallowing; hoarseness; and a chronically runny nose.
- 7. Ingesting cocaine can cause severe bowel gangrene as a result of reduced blood flow.
- 8. Injecting cocaine can bring about severe allergic reactions and increased risk for contracting HIV/AIDS and other blood-borne diseases & hepatitis.
- 9. Severe paranoia
- 10. Heart attack or stroke, which may cause sudden death
- 11. Respiratory arrest.



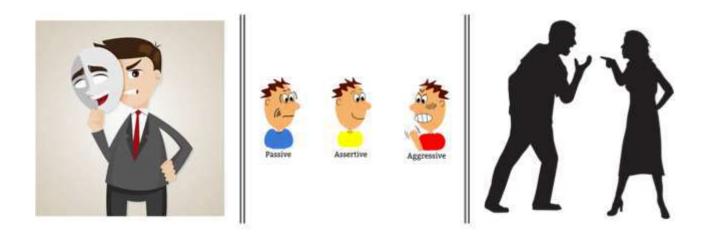
"Adverse Effects" of Cocaine



- Scott test: It is best known for the cobalt thiocyanate test (*in HCl medium and extraction with chloroform*), in which blue color is indicate the presence of cocaine.
- Saliva test- Cocaine is detectable in saliva after 5 to 10 minutes of taking the drug. It may be detected in saliva till 2 to 4 days.
- Urine test- Detectable after 2 to 5 hours of use, till a period of 3 to 4 days.
- **Blood testing** is more specific. The drug is detected after 5 to 6 hours till around 5 to 7 days or even more.
- Hair test: The drug starts showing in hair after 5 to 7 days till around 80 to 90 days.

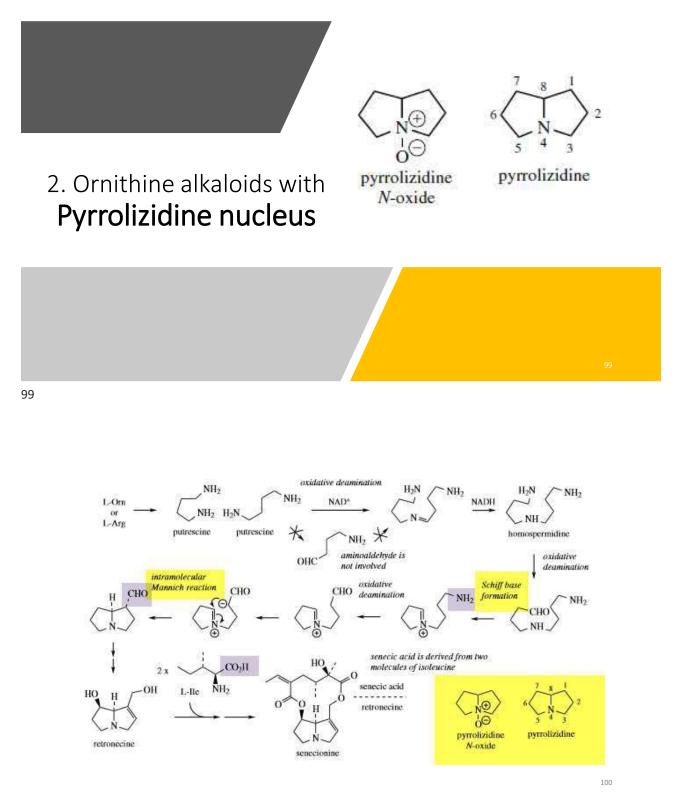


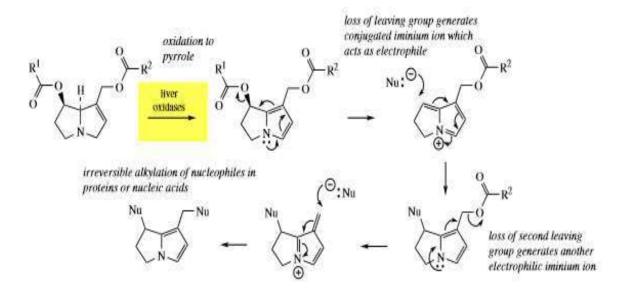


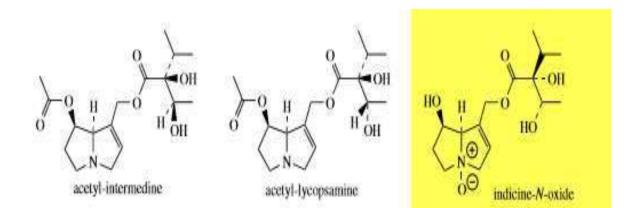


Strategies for Managing Difficult Behavior











Drugs Containing Pyrrolizidine alkaloids

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Borago officinalis

Symphytum officinalis

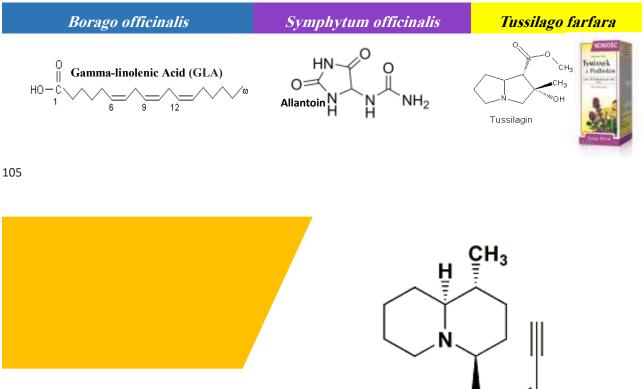
Tussilago farfara











3. Ornithine alkaloids with **Quinolizidine nucleus**

Quinolizidine Alkaloid

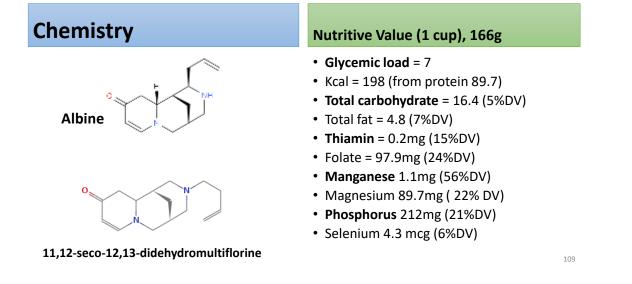




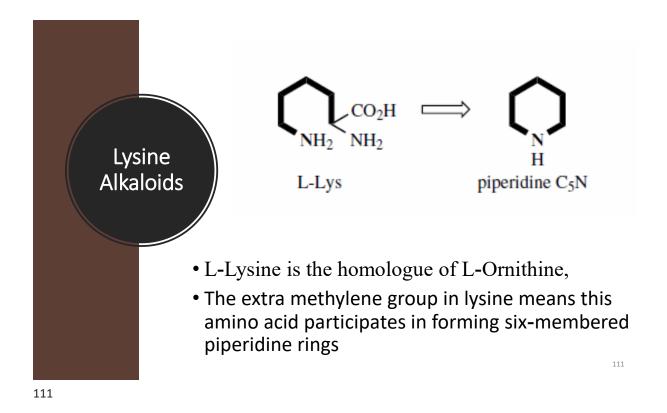
Lupinus albus (Lupinus termis)

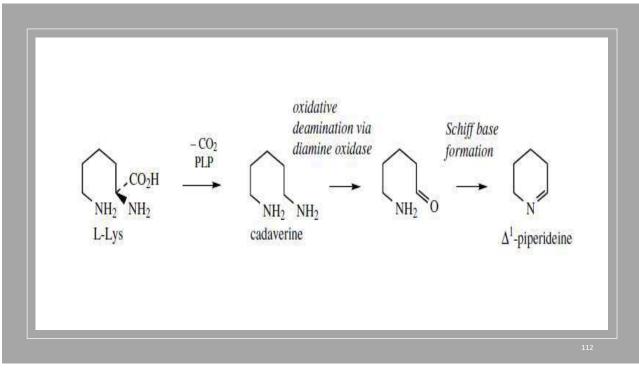


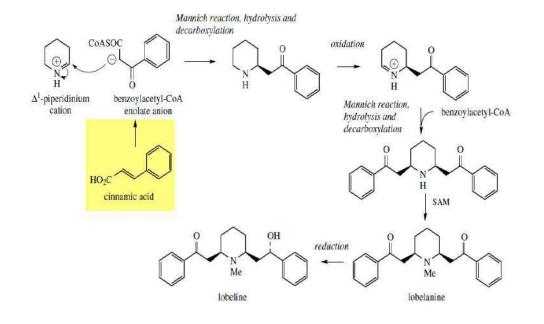
Lupinus albus



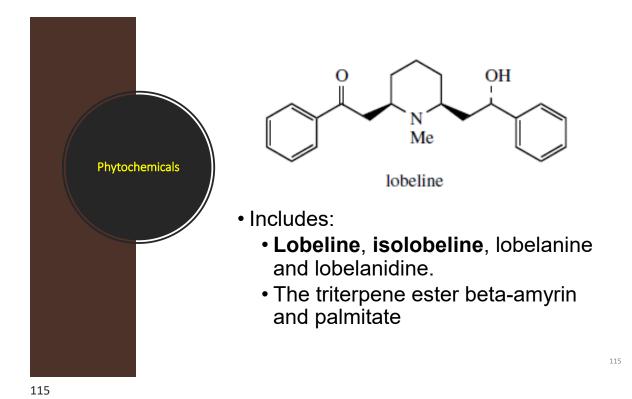


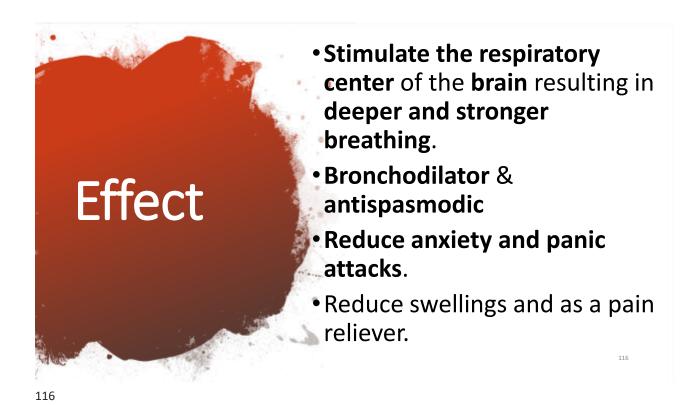






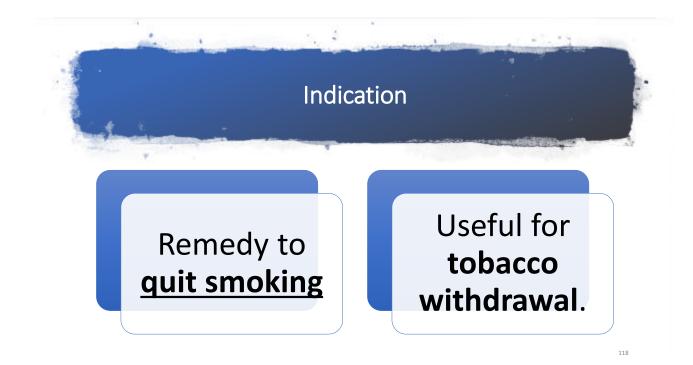


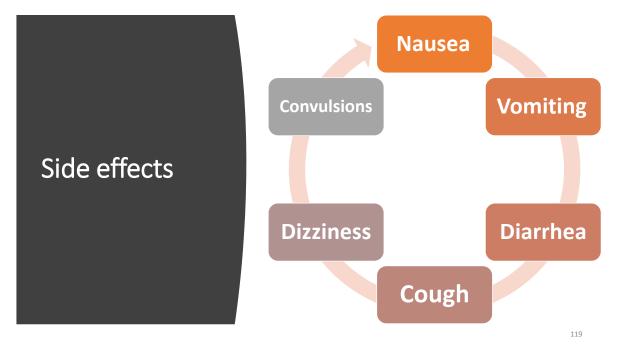


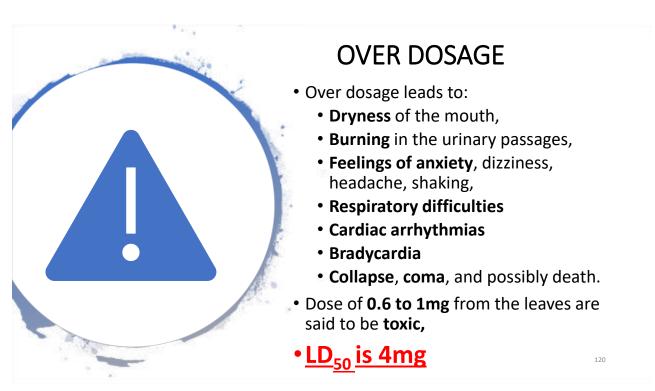


Mechanism of action

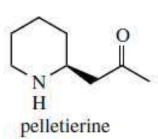
- The active ingredient, Lobeline, is a <u>both</u> a <u>nicotine agonist</u> and <u>antagonist</u> nicotinic receptors.
- Lobeline inhibits nicotine-evoked dopamine release .
- However, lobeline <u>does not release dopamine</u> from its presynaptic terminal,
- Lobeline modifies dopamine function reveals that its primary mechanism is:
 - inhibition of dopamine uptake and
 - promotion of dopamine release from the storage vesicles within the presynaptic terminal.

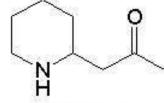




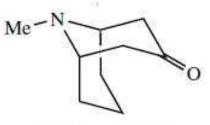












pseudopelletierine

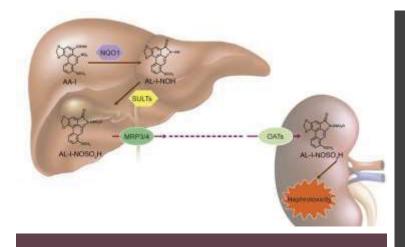
Phytochemicals

Piperidine Alkaloids

Indication

- As in folk medicine
 Pomegranate as cortex is used for infestation with tapeworm and other worms, for diarrhea and dysentery
- Abortifacient and astringent.
- Hemorrhoids





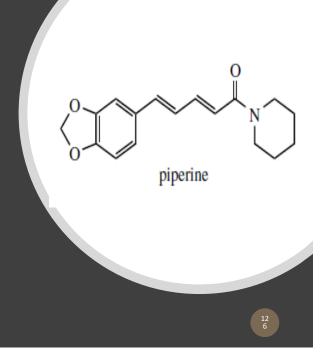
Punica cortex lead to liver toxic & kidney damage

Precaution



Piper nigrum

- Black Pepper
- *pungent substances* (piperine)
- <u>3,4-dihydroxy phenyl ethanol</u> <u>glycosides</u> substratum for the enzymatic black coloring.
- Volatile oil 1.2-2.6 :% chief components -sabinene
- Polysaccharides 45%
- Fatty oil 10%









active form niacinamide)

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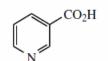


Nicotine

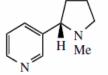
Alkaloids Derived from Nicotinic Acid



Nicotiana tabacum



nicotinic acid (niacin / vitamin B₃)



nicotine

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nornicotine

nicotinamide

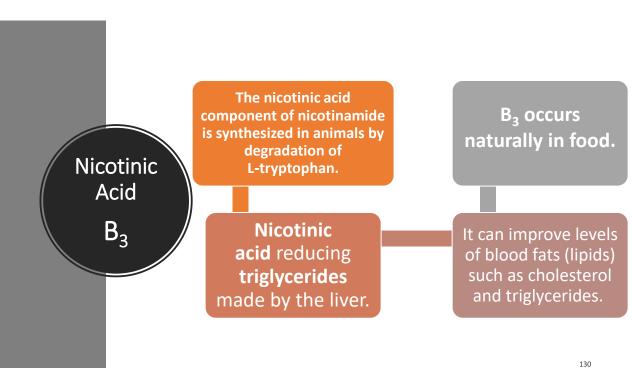
CONH₂



co₂[⊖]

anabasine

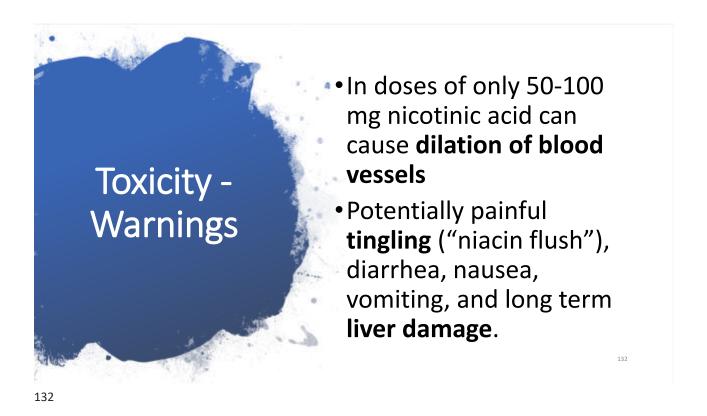
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B-3 Deficiency

- Pellegra
 - disease caused by B-3 deficiency
- Gastrointestinal disturbance, loss of appetite.
- Headache, insomnia, mental depression.
- Fatigue, aches, and pains.
- Nervousness, <u>irritability</u>.







Health Conditions

- Pellagra
- Depression
- Diabetes
- Hallucinations
- Headaches
- Alzhiemer's disease
- Vertigo
- Taste disorders

- IBS
- Hypothyroidism
- Menstrual pain
- Multiple sclerosis
- Osteoarthritis
- Rheumatoid arthritis
- Smelling disorders



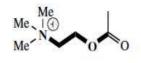


Nicotiana tabacum

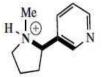
- Tobacco leaves may contain from 0.6– 9 %of -(–)nicotine an oily, volatile liquid alkaloid.
- Nicotine in small doses can act as a respiratory stimulant, though in larger doses it causes respiratory arrest and depression.
- Tobacco smoke contains a number of highly carcinogenic chemicals including
 - benzopyrene,
 - 2-naphthylamine, and
 - 4-aminobiphenyl.
- Powdered tobacco leaves have long been used as an **insecticide**.

Nicotiana tabacum

 Nicotine is toxic to animals & human due to its effect on the nervous system, interacting with the nicotinic acetylcholine receptors, though the close-fitting binding observed is only partially accounted for by the structural similarity between acetylcholine and nicotine.



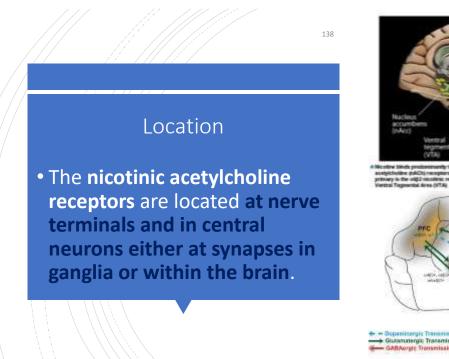
acetylcholine

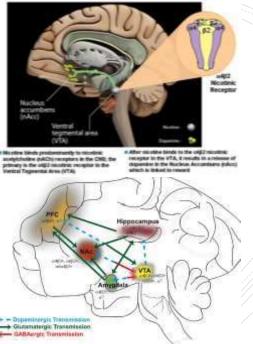


nicotine (as conjugate acid)



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What do nicotinic acetylcholine receptors?

- **Nicotinic acetylcholine receptors**, are **receptor** polypeptides that respond to the neurotransmitter **acetylcholine**.
- Nicotinic receptors get their name from nicotine, which does not stimulate the muscarinic acetylcholine receptor, but instead selectively binds to the nicotinic receptor.
- It has been demonstrated that **nicotine** interferes with acetylcholine, which is the major neurotransmitter of the brain.
- Acetylcholine can bind to two different kinds of receptors:
 - 1. nicotinic receptors, which are activated by nicotine, and
 - 2. muscarinic receptors, which are activated by muscarine.

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Mechanism of Action

- Each neurotransmitter has its own specific family of receptors. Nicotine happens to imitate the neurotransmitter **acetylcholine**, and binds to those receptors (**specifically nicotinic receptors**).
- However, unlike acetylcholine, nicotine is not regulated by the body.
- While neurons typically release small amounts of acetylcholine in a regulated manner, nicotine activates cholinergic neurons.
- Thus, unregulated stimulation and disruption, the body increases its release of acetylcholine, leading to heightened activity in cholinergic pathways throughout the brain.
- Activity in the cholinergic pathways calls the body and brain into action, <u>and smoker feel re-energized</u>.

Mechanism of Action

- Stimulating those cholinergic neurons also increases how much dopamine gets released by the limbic system, which activates reward pathways in the brain.
- When drugs like cocaine or nicotine activate the reward pathways, it reinforces your desire to use them again because it feels good
- Nicotine also stimulates the release of another neurotransmitter glutamate; glutamate is involved in learning and memory and enhances the connections between sets of neurons.
- when smoker use nicotine, glutamate may create a memory loop of the good feelings you get and further drive the **desire to use nicotine**.

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Mechanism of Action

 Nicotine also increases the level of other neurotransmitters and chemicals that modulate how the brain works. (Endorphins)

Nicotine Stimulates Dopamine Release

- Stimulates release of catecholamines, stress hormones, adrenaline, epinephrine, etc..
- Constricts blood vessels in skin, producing cold, thin, wrinkles (faster aging).
- Inhibits stomach secretions,
- Stimulates bowel (laxative in nontolerant person).
- Increase metabolism of fat;
- Dull taste buds.
- Slows stomach contractions;
- Increases blood sugar.

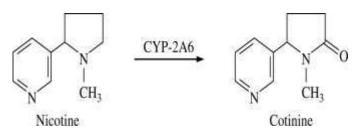
Pharmacokinetics

- Nicotine taken in by cigarette or cigar smoking takes only 10-15 seconds to reach the brain but has a direct effect on the body for only ~30 minutes
- Nicotine in smoke peaks in brain very rapidly, despite relatively slow increase in blood concentration
- A typical cigarette contains 20 mg of nicotine
- 3 mg of nicotine is absorbed
- Half-life: ~ 2 hours
- 80-90% metabolized in liver
- LD₅₀= 50-60mg (around 0.8 mg/kg)
- Ingestion of tobacco at doses up to 6 mg/kg nicotine was reported to evoke symptoms of intoxication without causing death.

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Pharmacokinetics

- Metabolism & Elimination
 - About 80 percent of nicotine is broken down to cotinine by enzymes in your liver (e.g., CYP2A6)

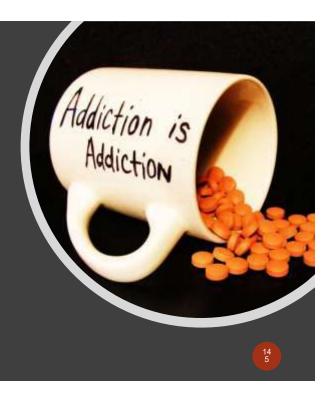


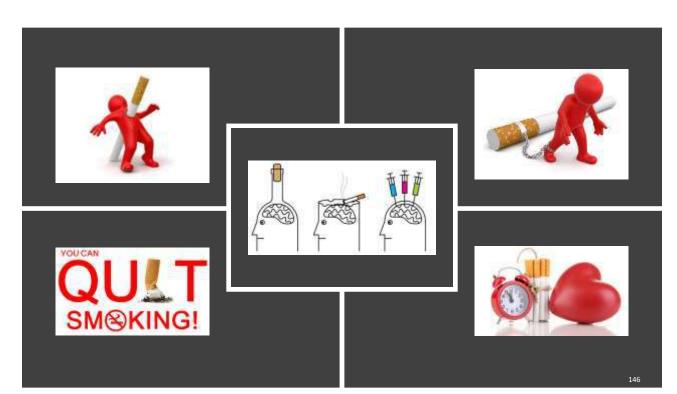
- Nicotine is also metabolized in the lungs to cotinine and nicotine-N-oxide
- Cotinine and the remaining nicotine is filtered from the blood by your kidneys and excreted in the urine.

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Withdrawal Symptoms

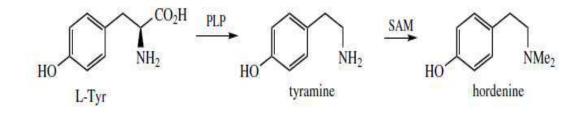
- Anxiety/Irritability
- Poor concentration
- Restlessness
- Craving
- Headaches
- Drowsiness
- Depression
- Hunger





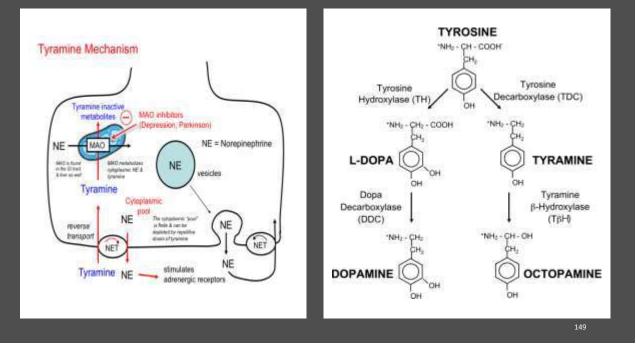
ALKALOIDS DERIVED FROM PHENYALANINE & TYROSINE

I. Phenylethylamine derivatives



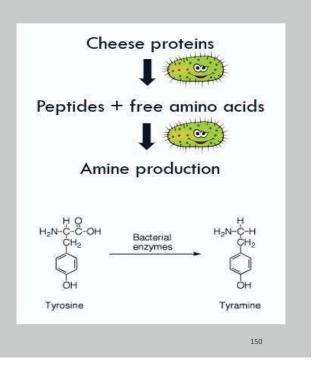
Barley - Hordeum vulgare; (Graminae/Poaceae)

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Tyramine

- Tyramine-rich foods:
- Aged chicken liver
- Aged cheese
- Aged cheddar, swiss and parmesan
- Meats that have been fermented or air-dried
- Smoked meats or fish, such as sausage or salami

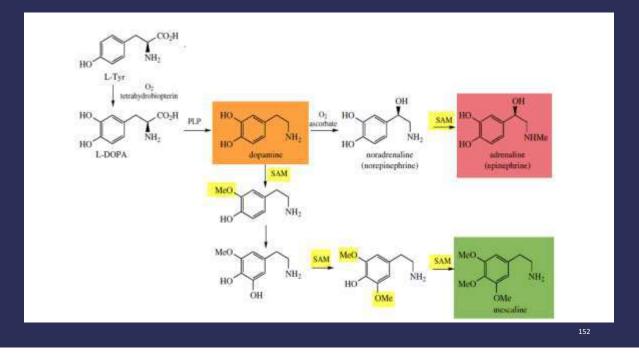


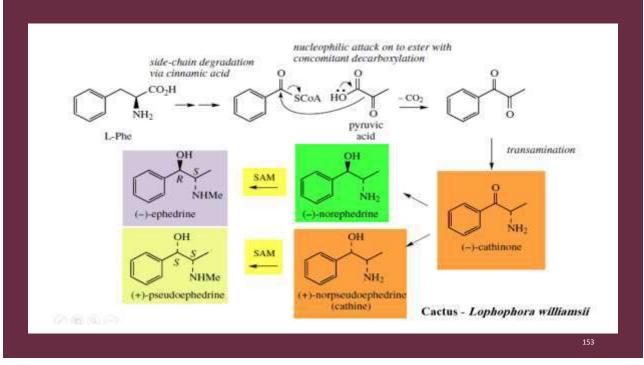
Hordeum vulgare – Barley-(Poaceae)

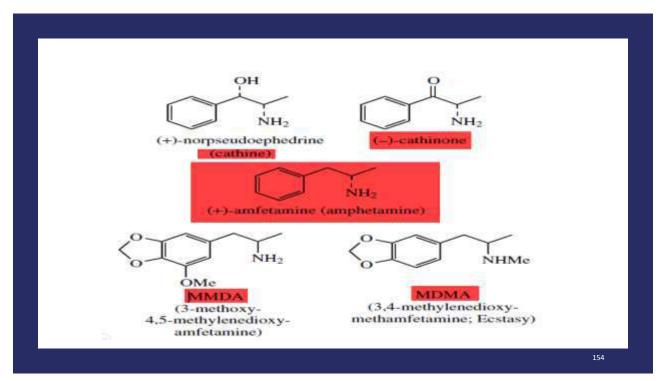
- Barley is used for lowering blood sugar, **blood pressure**, and **cholesterol**, and for promoting **weight loss**.
- Barley's fiber, potassium, folate, and vitamin B6 content, coupled with its lack of cholesterol, all support a healthy heart.
- It is also used for **digestive** complaints including **diarrhea**, stomach **pain**, and inflammatory bowel conditions.
- Some people use barley for increasing strength and endurance.









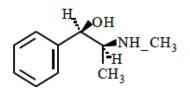


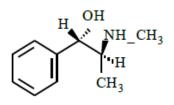
Ephedra spp.-Ephedraceae - Ma Huang



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Ephedra spp.-Ephedraceae - Ma Huang





(-) Ephedrine

(+) Pseudoephedrine

Ephedra spp.-Ephedraceae - Ma Huang

- Identification:
 - Color test: Chen's test (Copper sulphate test):
 - few drops of 5 %CuSO4 added to water extract
 - Alkalization with NaOH ----- Violet color
 - Extraction with benzene:
 - Organic phase: Purple color indicated present of ephedrine
 - Aqueous layer: blue color
 - Crystal test
 - Long plates crystals with Dragendorff

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EFFECTS

• Ephedrine

- Indirectly acting sympathomimetic amine with effects similar to noradrenaline .
- Lacking the phenolic groups of the catecholamines, it has only **weak action on adrenoreceptors**, but
- it is **able to <u>displace noradrenaline from storage vesicles</u>** in the nerve terminals, which can then act on receptors.
- It is orally active and has a longer duration of action than noradrenaline.
- It also has bronchodilator activity, giving relief in <u>asthma</u>, plus
- A vasoconstrictor action on mucous membranes, making it an effective <u>nasal</u> <u>decongestant</u>.
- Ephedra is used by bodybuilders and other athletes, and by those wanting to lose weight/body fat, for two main reasons. First of all it increases their energy and second for training drive.

Ephedrine

- Dietary supplements that contain ephedrine are illegal in the United States.
- While **ephedrine** is **excluded** in diet and sports supplements, it still is commonly used to treat allergic disorders such as bronchial asthma.
- It is also used in certain medical procedures involving anesthesia to prevent dangerous drops in blood pressure.
- Increases the heart rate,
- Increases blood pressure,
- Expands bronchial tubes,
- Brain Stimulant (Physical Dependent)
- Thermogenic agent (FDA: Ephedra Free)
- Precursor of methamphetamine = Herbal Ecstasy=
- Duration of action: IV/IM (60 min), by mouth (2 h to 4 h)
- Elimination half-life: 3 h to 6 h

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EFFECTS

Pseudoephedrine

- Pseudoephedrine is a sympathomimetic drug of the phenethylamine and **amphetamine chemical classes**.
- It may be used as a **nasal/sinus decongestant**, as a stimulant, or as a wakefulness-promoting agent.
- Widely used in compound **cough and cold preparations** and **as a decongestant**.
- Pseudoephedrine contraindication to a child younger than 4 years old.

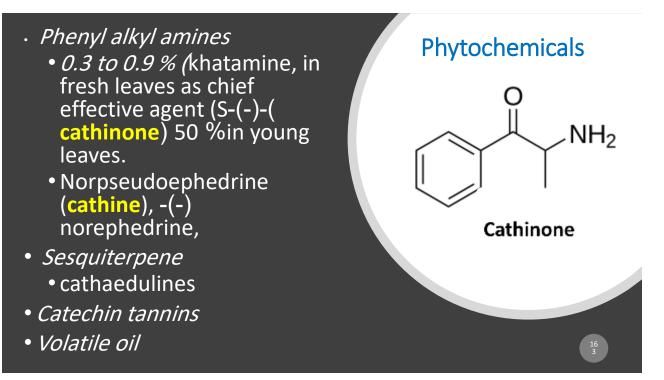
Side effects/Contraindication

- Nausea, vomiting, trouble sleeping, dizziness, anxiety, headache, or nervousness may occur.
- Stop taking this medication and tell your doctor promptly if you have **dizziness**, **nervousness**, or trouble sleeping.
- Avoid taking pseudoephedrine if you also take diet pills, caffeine pills, or other stimulants (such as ADHD medications).
- Taking a stimulant together with a decongestant can increase your risk of unpleasant side effects.
- Blood pressure medications
- An antidepressant such as amitriptyline





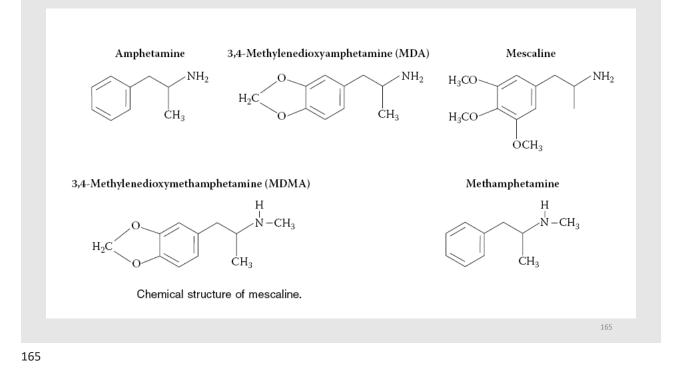
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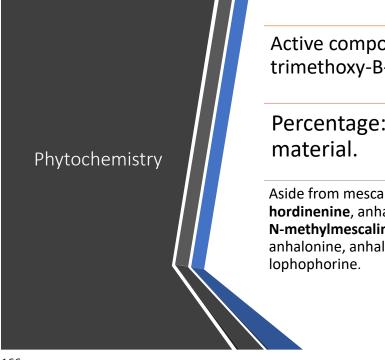


Lophophora williamsii – Cactaceae- Peyote





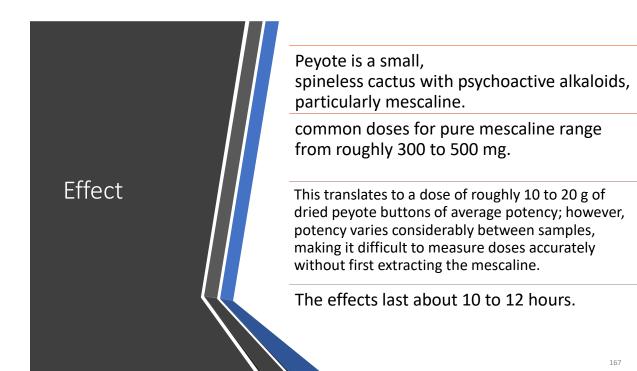




Active compounds: mescaline (3,4,5trimethoxy-B-phenethylamine)

Percentage: 10% of the dried material.

Aside from mescaline Peyote also contains **tyramine**, **hordinenine**, anhalaninine, anhalonidine, pellotine, **N-methylmescaline**, **N-acetylmescaline**, anhalonnine, anhalonine, anhalamine, O-methyllanhalonidine and lophophorine.



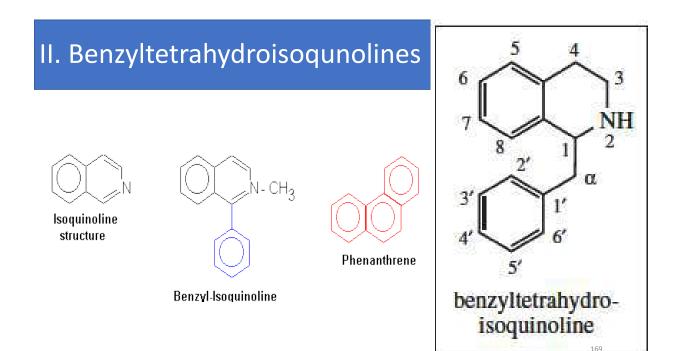


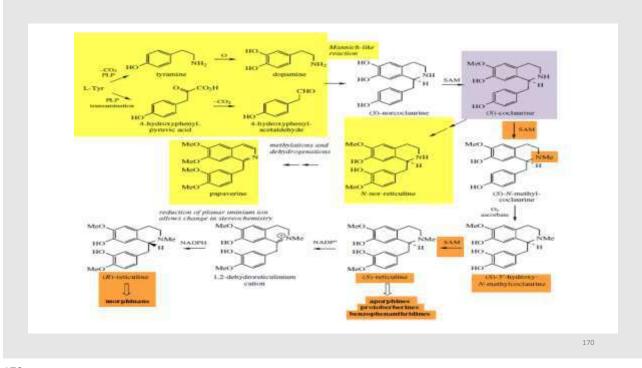
Traditionally it has been used as an analgesic, against toothache, rheumatism, asthma and the cold.

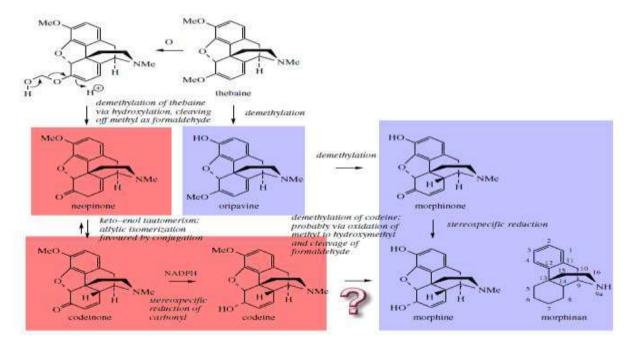
In psychotherapy, under medical prescription, Peyote has been used for the treatment of the neurasthenia.

Mescaline has been used as a hallucinogen in experimental psychiatry.

Research has shown that it has powerful antibacterial properties, (Peyocactin) being able to eliminate bacteria that were resistant to penicillin.











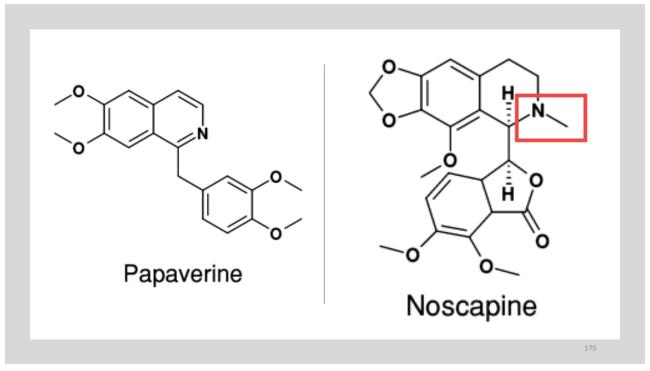
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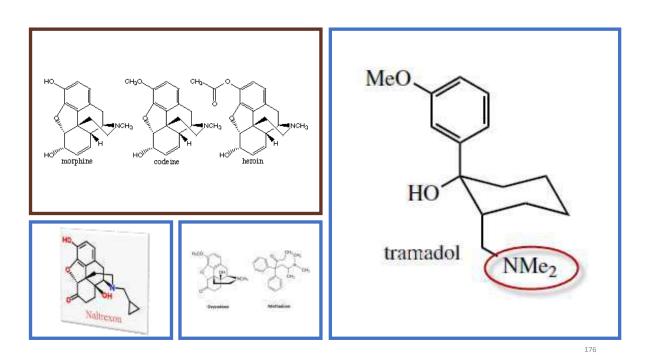
Isoquinoline alkaloids (20-30%): chief alkaloids

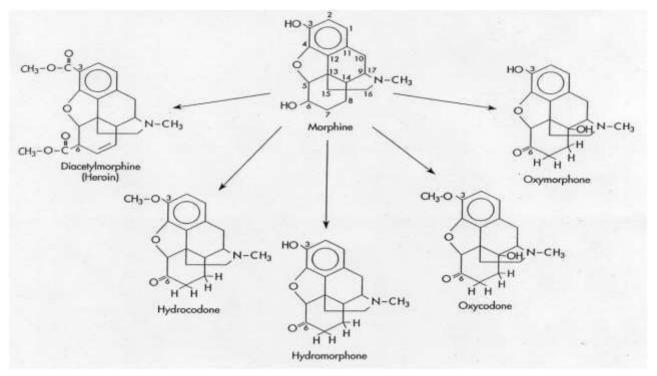
- Morphine (3-23%),
- Narcotine (2-10%),
- Codeine (0.2-3.5%),
- Papaverine (0.5-3%),
- Thebaine (0.2-1%).
- **Noscapine** (4-8%) of (non-addictivecough suppressant)

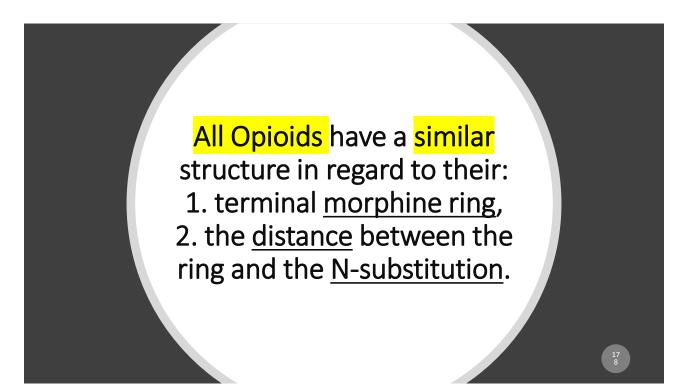
Benzyl isoquinoline type: papaverine (0.5 to 3%).

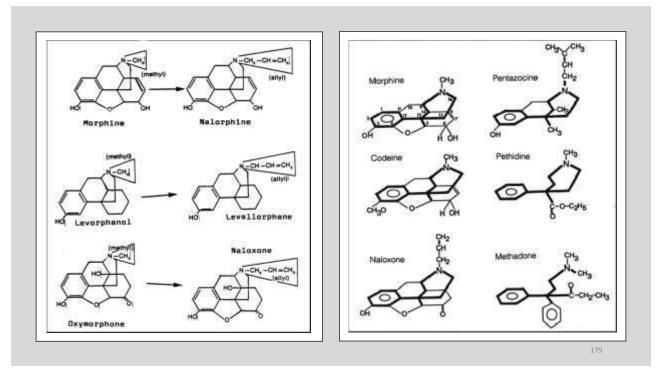
Phthalide isochinoline type: **narcotine**.



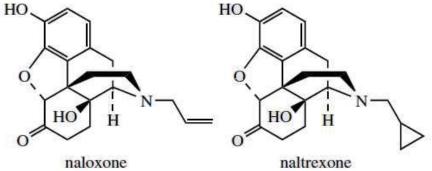


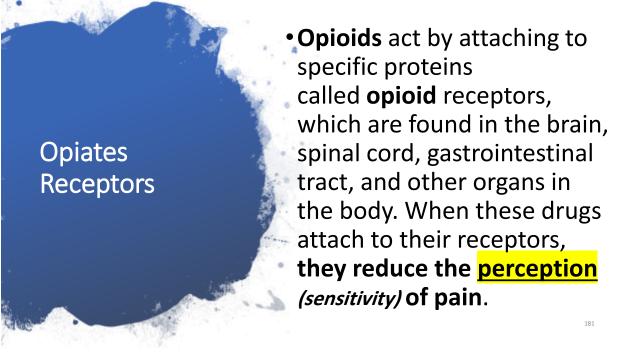












Receptor	Location	Function
Delta (δ)	Brain Peripheral sensory neurons	 Analgesia Antidepressant Convulsant effect Physical dependency
Карра (Қ)	Brain Spinal cord Peripheral sensory neurons	 Analgesia Anticonvulsant effect Dysphoria Neuroprotection Sedation
Mu (μ)	Brain Spinal cord Peripheral sensory neurons Intestinal tract	 μ 1: Analgesia Physical dependency μ 2: Respiratory depression Physical dependency μ 3: Vasodilatation
Nociceptin	Brain Spinal cord	 Anxiety Depression Appetites Tolerance to μ agonists

Effect

- Euphoria
- Relaxation
- Reduced anxiety
- Sense of emotional detachment or floating outside one's self
- Reduced pain
- Reduced stress
- Sleepiness
- Altered mood, altered mental state

- Reduced appetite
- Weight loss
- Reduced energy
- Reduced sex drive
- Sweating
- Difficulty concentrating
- Impaired vision
- Coma
- Death

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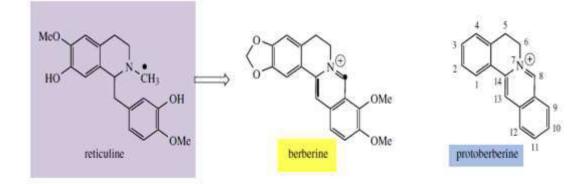
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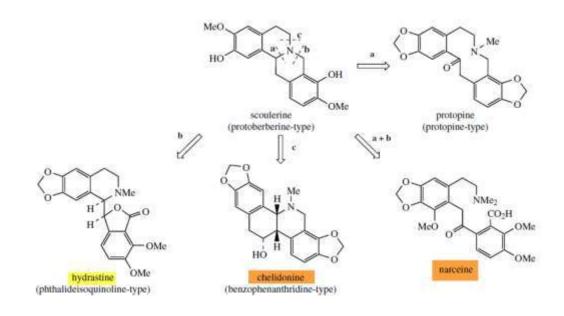
- Anxiety
- blurred vision
- blue lips and fingernails
- chest pain or discomfort
- coma
- confusion
- constricted, pinpoint, or small pupils
- depression
- difficult, fast, or noisy breathing, sometimes with wheezing
- difficulty sleeping
- Nervousness
- seizures

- hallucination
- headache
- increased hunger
- increased sweating
- irregular, fast or slow, or shallow breathing
- lethargy
- lightheadedness
- mood or other mental changes
- Shakiness
- Unconsciousness
- stopping of heart

Top 5 Dangers of Opium Effects

- Respiratory Depression
- Addiction
- Opium Injection Effects
- Intoxication Effects "slowed movement and reflexes"
- Depression



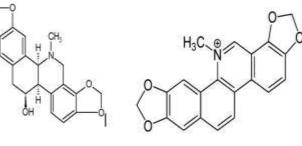




Phytochemicals

- Isoquinoline alkaloids of the protoberberine type: including coptisine (main alkaloid), and berberine.
- Isoquinoline alkaloids of the benzophenanthridine type: including chelidonine and sanguinarine.





Sanguinarine

Chelidonine

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- Celandine has mild analgesic, cholagogic, antimicrobial and centralsedative effects.
- It also acts as a spasmolytic on smooth muscles.
- In animal tests, Celandine is a cytostatic.
- It also has a nonspecific immune-stimulating effect.

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

- •Liver and gallbladder complaints.
- Celandine is used also for spasmodic pain of

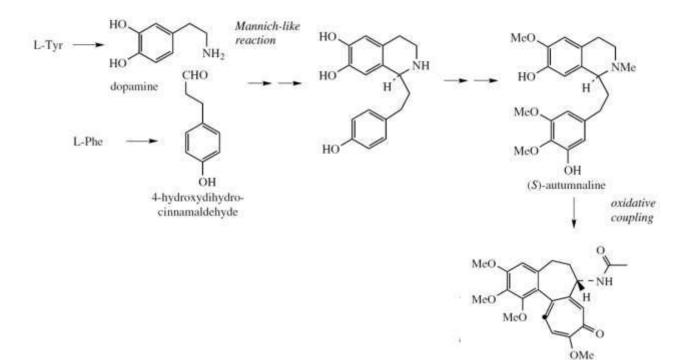
the bile ducts and the gastrointestinal tract.

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III. Isoquinoline Alkaloids (Phenethylisoquinolines)

• Colchicum autumnale





Phytochemicals

01

Tropolone alkaloids: Seeds contains 0.2 to 1.2- % alkaloids, which colchicine represents 65%. Colchicine does not display any significant basicity, and does not form well-defined salts.

02

Seeds contain 17% fatty acids as palmitic acid and linolic acid. In bulb we found salicylic acid, benzoic acid and tannins.

EFFECTS

- Colchicum inhibits mitosis through the inhibition of motility, particularly of the phagocytosing lymphocytes.
- This is of therapeutic use for blocking the immigration and the autolysis of phagocytes in inflammatory processes and thereby producing an antiphlogistic effect.

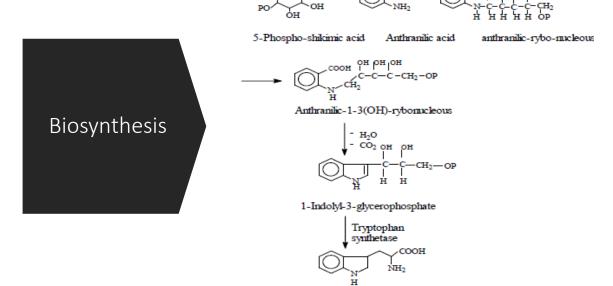


IV. Terpenoid Tetrahydroisoquinoline Alkaloids



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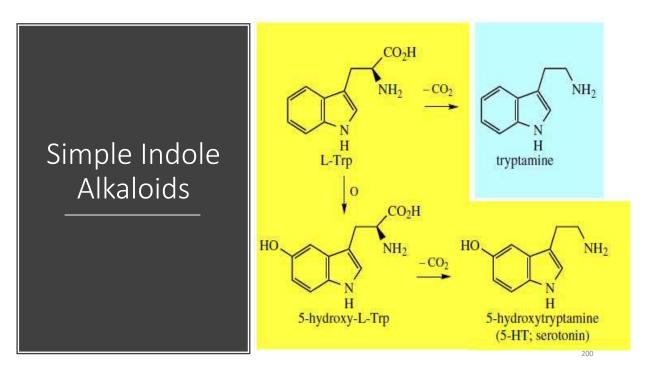
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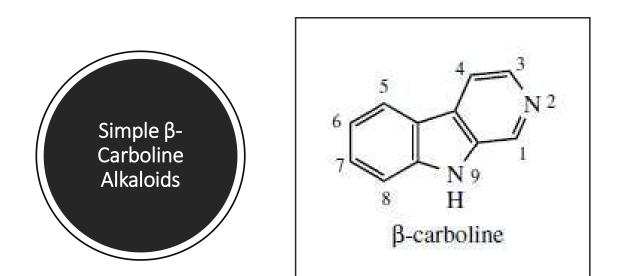
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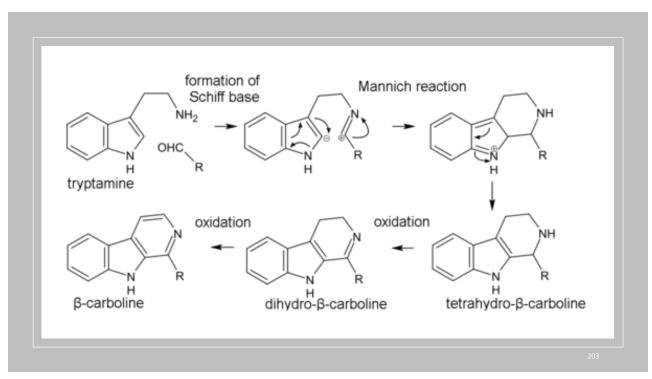
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Hordeum vulgare Barley Graminae/ Poaceae



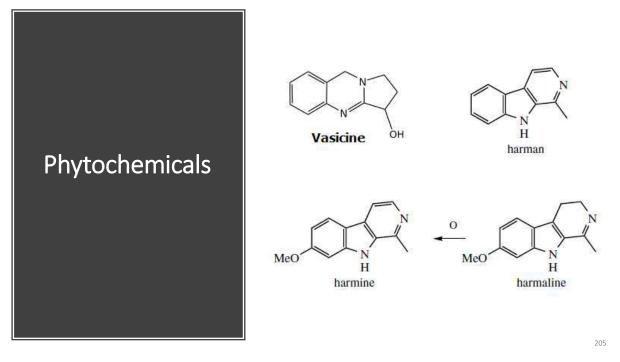






Peganum harmala Harmal

Zygophyllaceae (Nitrariaceae)



EFFECT/ INDICATION

- *Peganum harmala* is used as an analgesic and antiinflammatory agent.
- In Yemen it was used to treat depression, and it has been established in the laboratory that harmaline, an active ingredient in *Peganum harmala*, is a central nervous system stimulant and a "reversible inhibitor of MAO-A (RIMA)," a category of antidepressant.
- Antidepressant

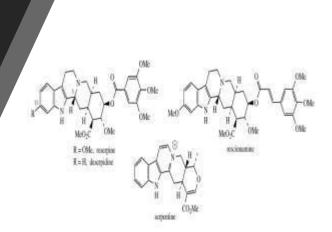


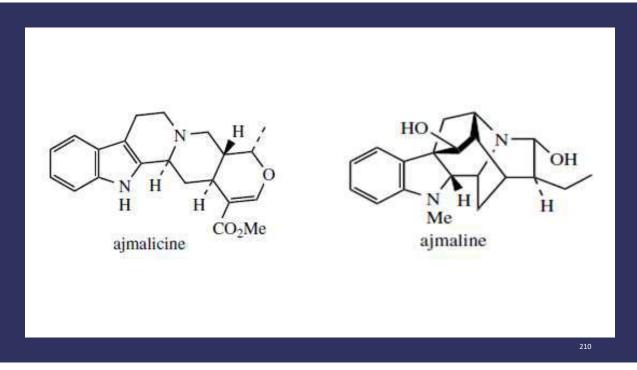
Traditional Medicine

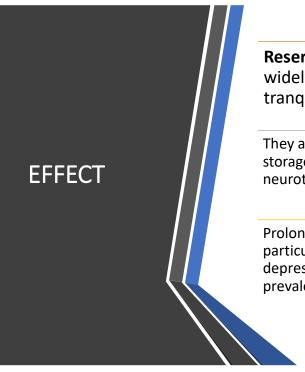
- It was used as an antidote to snake-bite,
- to remove white spots in the eyes,
- against stomach pains,
- fever,
- vomiting,
- headache, and
- to treat irrationality.

Phytochemicals

 Rauwolfia serpentine contains a wide range of indole alkaloids, totaling 0.7–2.4%, though only 0.15–0.2% consists of desirable therapeutically active compounds, principally reserpine, rescinnamine, and deserpidine.





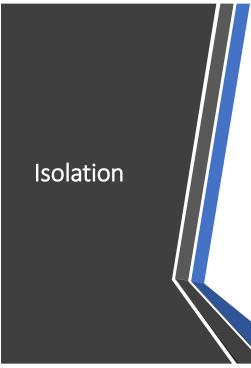


Reserpine and **deserpidine** have been widely used as antihypertensive and mild tranquillizers.

They act by interfering with catecholamine storage, depleting levels of available neurotransmitters.

Prolonged use of the pure alkaloids, reserpine in particular, has been shown to lead to severe depression in some patients, a feature not so prevalent when the powdered root was employed.

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Powdered Rauwolfia root is moistened with 10 % NaHCO3 solution and extracted with benzen,

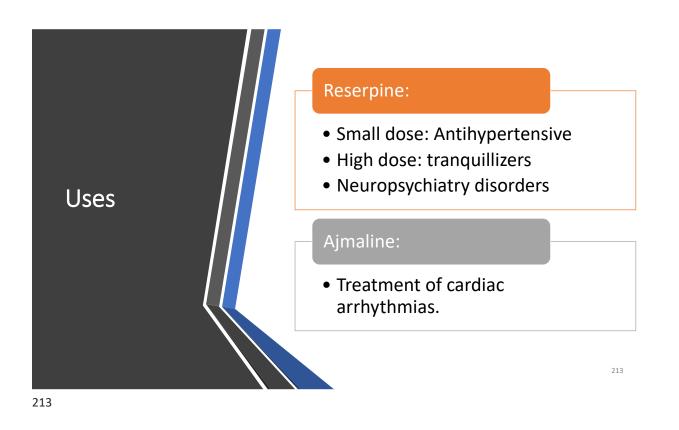
solvent is evaporated,

residue dissolved in methanol, concentrated and crystallized,

assisted by addition of few crystals of reserpine.

The mother liquid (containing deserpidine, recinnamine and other alkaloids) is evaporated to dryness and

individual alkaloids are separated using column chromatography.





In small doses produce chronic diarrhea and

In big dose neuropsychiatries disorders, drowsiness, nasal congestion, salivary and gastric hypersecretion, anxiety and depression.

Doses

Adult: P.O. 0.5mg / 24h P.O (0.25mg) / daily (minimum dose)

Contra indications

- Pregnancy;
- Renal hypertension;
- Ulcer;
- Chirurgical intervention;
- Epilepsy;
- Depression;
- Breast Cancer
- Combination with MAO inhibitors or levodopa.



Catharanthus vinca roseus

- The Vinca plant extract is useful for the treatment of dysentery and diarrhoea.
- It is also anti-inflammatory in nature.
- The plant contains 2 types of active compound such as alkaloid and tannins. The plant contains resperine.
- Ornamental design

Catharanthus vinca roseus



- It decreases blood pressure
- It is also proved anti-diabetic.
- It has antibacterial and antiviral property.
- It is also anti-inflammatory in nature.
- The flower petals and seeds have antioxidant property.
- It cures various skin diseases such as acne, eczema and dermatitis.
- Anti-Helminthic

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Phytochemicals

- The **root** contains bornesitol, **d**-yohimbine ajmalicine, olenolic acid, alstonine and urosolic acid.
- The root bark contains alstonine, serpentine, vincaline I and vincaline II.
- The leaves contain cartharanthine, leurosin, 21-oxo-leurosine, catharanthamine, coronaridine, vindoline, vimblastine, leurosidine, vincristine, tetrhydrolastonine, lochnerine, vincarodine,

Tests for identification

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Vanillin /HCl reagent gives with;

Vinblastine a pink color, and

Vincristine an orangeyellow color.



para-dimethylaminobenzaldehyde (PDAB) reagent (Van-Urk's reagent): gives vinca alkaloids in presence glacial acetic acid and concentrated H_2SO_4 a reddish brown color.

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These active substances are anti-carcinogen, anti-oxidative, hypoglycaemic, anti-allergic and antibiotic in nature.

The anticancer alkaloids (vinblastine and vincristine) found in the leaf and stem of Catharanthus roseus inhibits cancer and tumor cells in the body.

The vinca alkaloids delay all fast-dividing cell types including cancer cells.

This suggests why vinblastine is used for treating neoplasms, choriocarcinoma (such as type of cancer that occurs in a woman's uterus and Hodgkin's disease (painless enlargement of the lymph nodes, liver, and spleen).

Vincristine *has superior antitumour activity compared to vinblastine but is more neurotoxic.*

Strychnos nux-vomica Loganiaceae

The fruit is a large berry with a hard coat and a pulpy interior containing three to five flattish grey seeds.

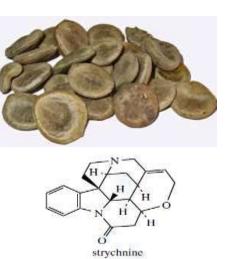
These seeds contain 1.5–5% of

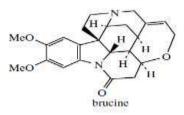
alkaloids, chiefly strychnine

(about 1.2%) and brucine (about

1.6%).

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Pharmacological properteis

- The powdered seeds are employed in atonic dyspepsia.
- The tincture of Nux Vomica is often used in mixtures for its stimulant action on the gastro-intestinal tract.
- In the mouth it acts as a bitter, increasing appetite; it stimulates peristalsis, in chronic constipation due to atony of the bowel it is often combined with cascara and other laxatives with good effects.
- **Strychnine**, the chief alkaloid constituent of the seeds, also acts as a bitter, increasing the flow of gastric juice; it is rapidly absorbed as it reaches the intestines, after which it exerts its characteristic effects upon the central nervous system.
- Strychnine is very toxic, affecting the CNS and causing convulsions.



In cases of poisoning by strychnine an emetic or the stomach pump should be used at once and tannin or potassium permanganate given to render the strychnine inactive.

Violent convulsions should be controlled by administration of chloroform or large doses of chloral or bromide.

Urethane in large doses is considered an antidote.

Amyl nitrite is also useful owing to its rapid action during the convulsion, and in absence of respiration 3 to 5 minims may be hypodermically injected.

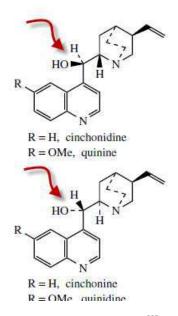
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Quinoline Alkaloids -*Cinchona spp.*

Phytochemicals

- A considerable number of alkaloids have been characterized in cinchona bark, four of which account for some 30–60% of the alkaloid content.
- These are quinine, quinidine, cinchonidine and cinchonine, long prized for their antimalarial properties.



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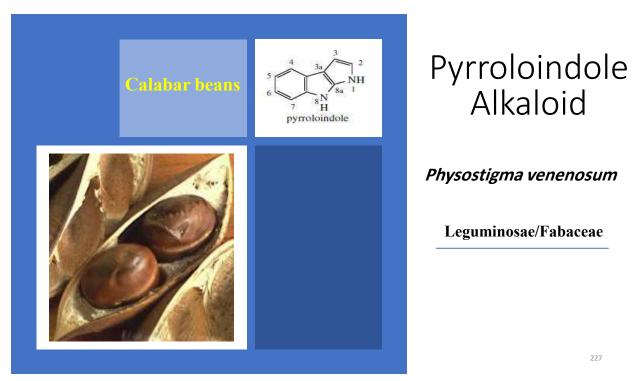


Quinine is a major alkaloid, continues to be used for treatment of <u>multidrug-</u> <u>resistant malaria</u>, though it is not suitable for prophylaxis.

Quinidine is the principal cinchona alkaloid used therapeutically, and is administered to treat cardiac arrhythmias.

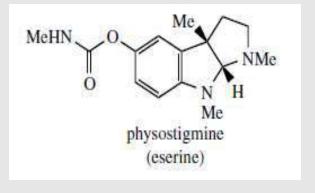
• It inhibits fibrillation, the uncoordinated contraction of muscle fibers in the heart.

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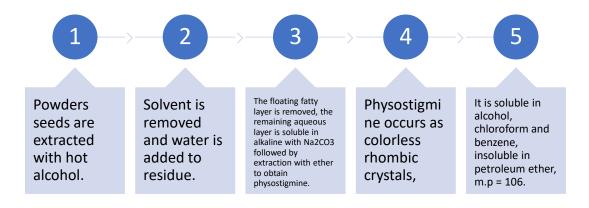


Phytochemicals

 The seeds contain several alkaloids (alkaloid content about 1.5%), the major one (up to 0.3%) being physostigmine (eserine).



Isolation



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EFFECT

- Increase in tone in the parasympathetic system and the striated muscles.
- Eserine is a reversible inhibitor of cholinesterase, preventing normal destruction of acetylcholine and thus enhancing cholinergic activity.
- Its major use is as a miotic, to contract the pupil of the eye, often to combat the effect of mydriatics such as atropine.
- It also reduces intraocular pressure in the eye by increasing outflow of the aqueous humour, and is a valuable treatment for glaucoma, often in combination with pilocarpine.
- physostigmine can be used as an antidote to anticholinergic poisons such as hyoscyamine/atropine

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Precautions and adverse reactions

01

Symptoms of poisoning

Diarrhea , dizziness, nausea, salivation, stupor, sweats and vomiting.

02

Lethal doses can cause muscle twitching, spasms, tachycardia and **cyanosis** through asphyxiation.

LD:6 to 10 mg of physostigmine (2-3 seeds)

Ergot Alkaloids



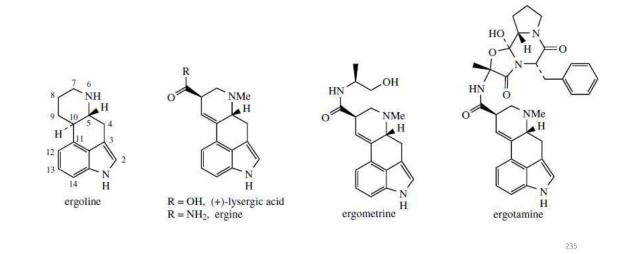


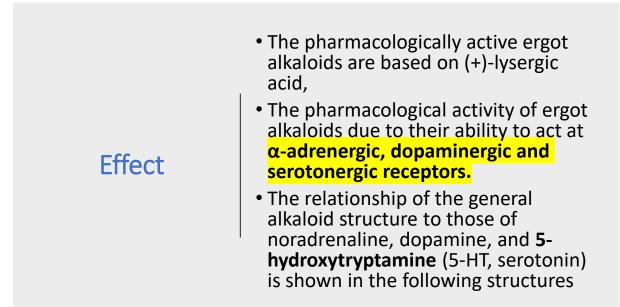
Claviceps purpurea - Secale cereale – Graminae/Poaceae

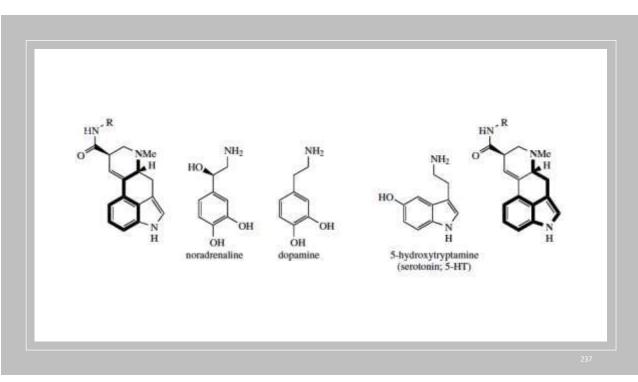
- The ergot sclerotia contain from 0.15–0.5% alkaloids, and more than 50 have been characterized.
- Medicinally useful compounds are derivatives of (+)lysergic acid and can be separated into two groups:
 - Water-soluble amino alcohol derivatives (up to about 20% of the total alkaloids), like **Ergometrine** (an amide of lysergic acid) and
 - water-insoluble peptide derivatives (up to 80% of the total alkaloids), like ergotamine, ergoxine and ergotoxine (a cyclized tripeptide fragment bonded to lysergic acid via an amide linkage, based on 3 aminoacids).

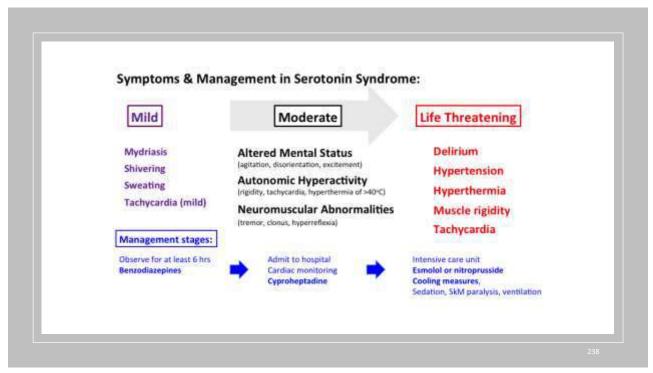
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Phytochemistry











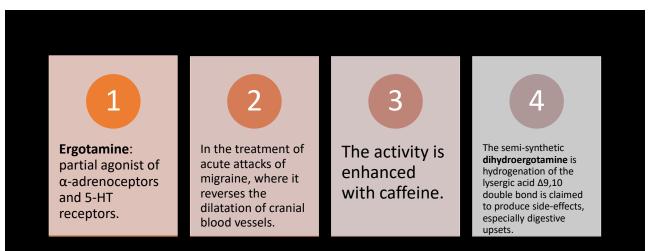
Indication

- Ergometrine is used as an oxytocic, and is injected during the final stages of labor and immediately following childbirth, especially if haemorrhage occurs.
- Caesarian operations. It is sometimes administered in combination with oxytocin itself.
- Ergometrine is also orally active. It produces faster stimulation of uterine muscle than do the other ergot alkaloids, and probably exerts its effect by acting on α -adrenergic receptors, though it may also stimulate 5-HT receptors.

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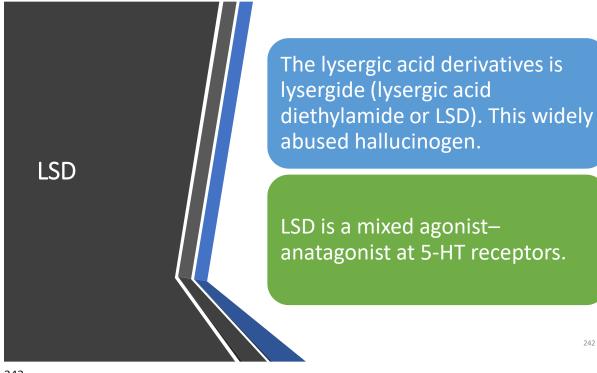
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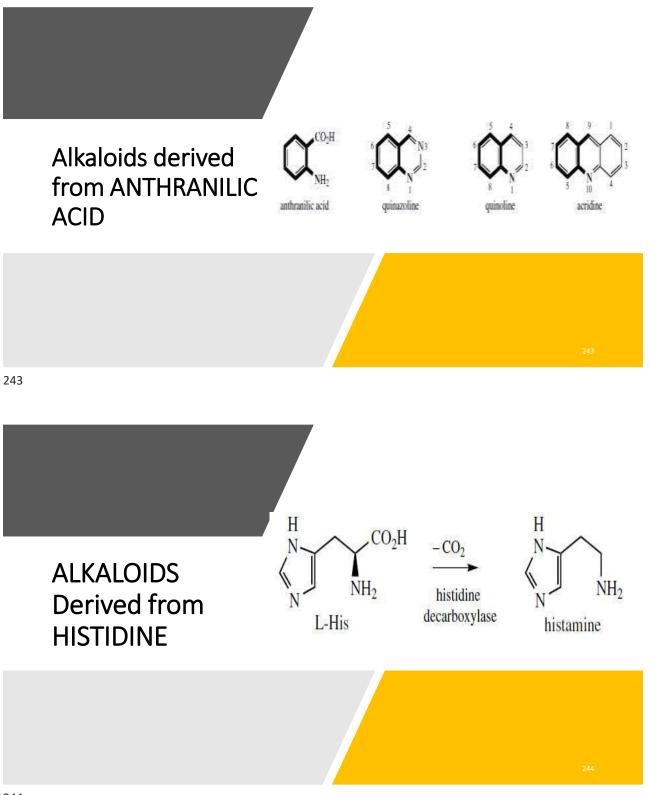


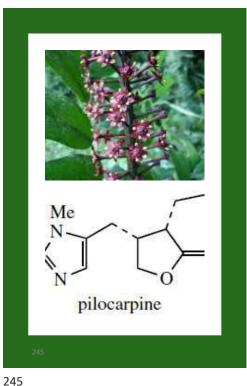
TOXICITY

- Alimentary upsets, e.g. diarrhoea, abdominal pains, and vomiting.
- Circulatory changes, e.g. coldness of hands and feet due to a vasoconstrictor effect, a decrease in the diameter of blood vessels, especially those supplying the extremeties.
- Neurological symptoms, e.g. headache, vertigo, convulsions, psychotic disturbances, and hallucinations.
- Abortion (Rupture of uterus).

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Imidazole Alkaloids

Pilocarpus microphyllus Pilocarpus jaborandi

Rutaceae

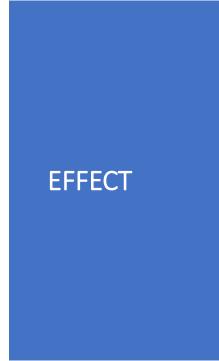
- *Imidazole alkaloids (0.5-1.0%):* chief alkaloid is pilocarpine.
- Also includs:
 - isopilocarpine, companion alkaloids including pilocarpidine, pilosine and others.
- *Volatile oil (0.5%):* chief component is limonene.

- Isolation
- Powdered Jaborandi leaves are treated with sodium carbonate then extracted with benzene,
- followed by shaking the benzene extract with dilute HCL or nitric acid.
- The aqueous solution is then made alkaline and shaken with chloroform.
- The chloroform solution is then shaken with acid, and the alkaloidal salt allowed crystallizing.

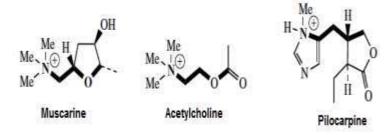
Identification

• Helche's test: Aqueous solution of pilocarpine salt when treated with H₂O₂, few drops of diluted K₂Cr₂O₇ SOLUTION, a violet color is formed; upon shaking with benzene, the benzene layer will give a blue color while the aqueous layer becomes yellow.

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- **Pilocarpine** salts are valuable in ophthalmic practice and are used in eyedrops as miotics and for the treatment of glaucoma.
- Pilocarpine is a cholinergic agent and stimulates the muscarinic receptors in the eye, causing constriction of the pupil and enhancement of outflow of aqueous humour.



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In folk medicine, it has been used for epilepsy, convulsions.

In modern medicine Jaborandi has been used in the treatment of glaucoma.

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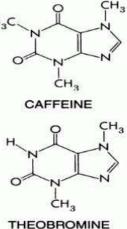
The <u>incorrect administration</u> of pilocarpine eyedrops can lead to **poisoning** through leakage into the nose or mouth.

Symptoms include bradycardia, bronchial spasms, colics, collapse and possible cardiac arrest, convulsions, drop in blood pressure, dyspnea, nausea, severe salivation, strong secretion of sweat and vomiting.

The **lethal dose** is approximately 60 mg of pilocarpine, corresponding to 5 to 10 mg of the drug.

PURINE ALKALOIDS







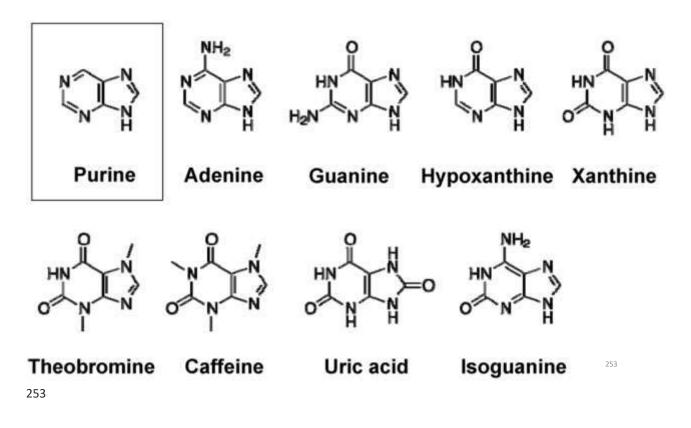
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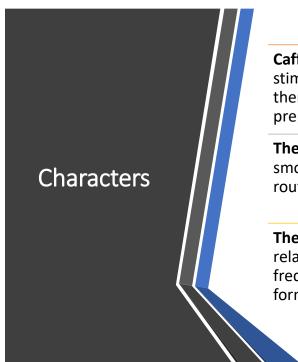


Purine origins are very closely linked with those of the purine bases adenine and guanine, fundamental components of nucleosides, nucleotides, and the nucleic acids.

The purine alkaloids caffeine, theobromine, and theophylline are all methyl derivatives of xanthine and they commonly co-occur in a particular plant.

The major sources of these compounds are the beverage materials such as tea, coffee, cocoa, and cola, which owe their stimulant properties to these water-soluble alkaloids.





Caffeine is used medicinally as a CNS stimulant, usually combined with another therapeutic agent, as in compound analgesic preparations.

Theobromine is of value as a diuretic and smooth muscle relaxant, but is not now routinely used.

Theophylline is an important smooth muscle relaxant for relief of bronchospasm, and is frequently dispensed in slow release formulations to reduce side-effects.



Purine alkaloids are **weak bases**, form salts only with strong acids; they can combine with organic acids, as citric, or with salts of organic acids as sodium acetate or benzoate.

They **do not give precipitate with Mayer's reagent**, but give a **brown precipitate with Wagner's reagent** and are precipitated, as well, by tannic acid.

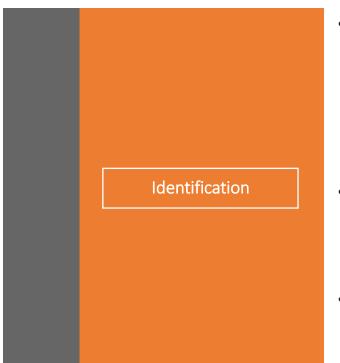
They give **positive Murexide test**.



Powder Tea leaves is extracted with boiling water, filtered, filtrate is treated with lead acetate solution, to precipitate tannins and other impurities, and again filtred.

Filtrate is concentrated and delayed by sodium hydrogen phosphate and filtred again.

Caffeine is extracted from the filtrate with chloroform and is purified by recrystallization from water.



- Murexide test: little of solid alkaloid is mixed with conc. HCL and traces of KCLO₃ are added, evaporate on water bath, a reddish color is produced changing to purple on exposure to ammonia vapor. The color is destroyed by fixed alkalies.
- Tannic acid: Caffeine is precipitated from its concentrated solution by tannic acid; the precipitate is soluble in excess of the reagent.
- Caffeine gives precipitates with Wagner's (in acid solution) and Dragendorff's reagents.

Caffeine equivalents

Food/Drink	Average amount of caffeine (mg)
Brewed coffee (8 ounces)	137 mg
Instant coffee (8 ounces)	76 mg
Coffee ice cream or frozen yogurt (4 ounces)	2 mg
Brewed tea (8 ounces)	48 mg
Instant tea (8 ounces)	26 to 36 mg
Soft drinks (like cola) (12 ounces)	37 mg
Energy drinks (8 ounces)	100 mg
Hot cocoa mix (3 teaspoons or 1 packet)	8 to 12 mg
Chocolate milk (8 ounces)	5 to 8 mg
Dark chocolate (1.45 ounce bar)	30 mg
Milk chocolate (1.55 ounce bar)	11 mg
Chocolate syrup (1 tablespoon)	3 mg

Oolong tea - Theaceae

• *Oolong tea* is semi-fermented. Tea contains 1–4% caffeine, and small amounts (up to 0.05%) of both theophylline and theobromine.

Cola acuminate - Sterculiaceae

• Cola seeds contain up to 3% caffeine and about 0.1% theobromine, partly bound to tannin materials.

Ilex paraguensis - Aquifoliaceae

Mate[′] or Paraguay tea, the dried leaf contains 0.8–1.7% caffeine and smaller amounts of theobromine (0.3–0.9%) with little or no theophylline.



