Ornithine derived Alkaloids

Tropane Alkaloids

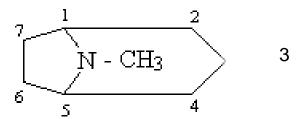
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Alkaloids of the Tropane group

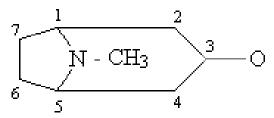
There are two important types of tropane alkaloids:



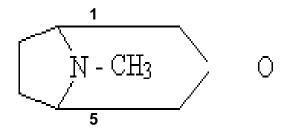
They all possess the tropane nucleus.



Bicyclic system made up of a 5-membered ring (1, N, 5, 6, and 7) and a 6-membered ring (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, N). N is common to both. The nucleus always carries an oxygen in position 3.



The nitrogen is always methylated. The oxygen is substituted with an aromatic acid, therefore, creating an ester.



 Being esters, they are unstable towards acid and alkali.

A) SOLANACEOUS ALKALOIDS:

Datura stramonium





Hyoscyamus niger



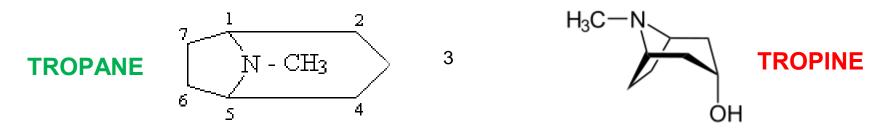


Atropa belladonna





The 3-hydroxy derivative of tropane is known as TROPINE.



Esterification of tropine with tropic acid yields hyoscyamine (tropine tropate)

Atropine & Hyoscyamine

Hyoscyamine is the major natural alkaloid with negative optical rotation (*F* form).

During extraction hyoscyamine racemizes to the optically inactive *dl* Atropine.

Both alkaloids composed of tropine base and tropic acid.

Pharmacological actions and uses of Atropine

- Atropine sulfate has an anti-cholinergic effect (parasympatholytic activity).
- It is used in medicine as:





2. An antispasmodic (relaxes the intestinal and bronchial smooth muscles).

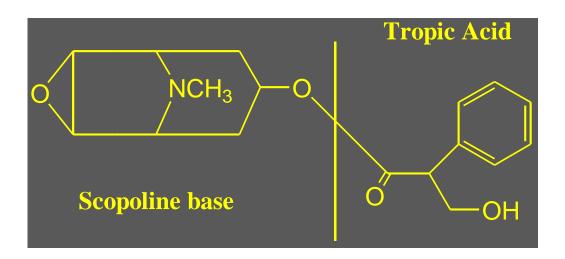


- 3. A pre-anesthetic medication to stop body secretions.
- 4. A CNS stimulant.
- 5. An antidote to organophosphorus insecticides.

Hyoscine (Scopolamine)

Hyoscine is an ester of *I*-tropic acid with scopoline base.

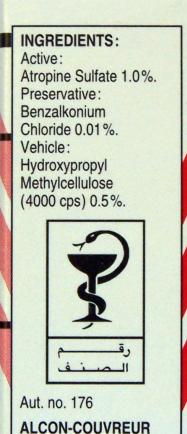
Hyoscine is a syrupy liquid.



Effects and uses of Scopolamine (Hyoscine):

- The action of Scopolamine (Hyoscine) differs from that of Atropine and Hyoscyamine in:
 - → It has no central nervous system stimulation effect, but in high doses it causes hallucination.

- Hyoscine HBr is commonly used in as sedative
- Has antiemetic effect
- N.B. Vitali's test is a special test for solanaceous alkaloids
 - + conc HNO₃ & alc. KOH → violet colour



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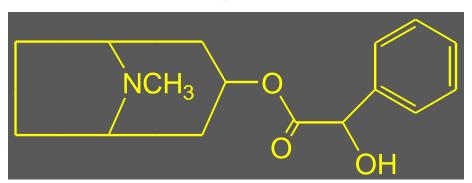


Synthetic and Semisynthetic Derivatives

Homatropine:

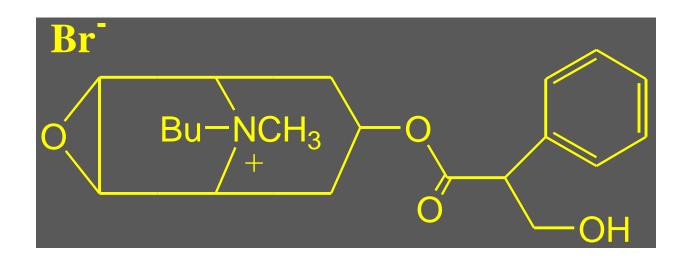
Synthetic drug prepared by passing HCl gas in a mixture of tropine base and mandelic acid in the presence of water.

Homatropine is less toxic than Atropine. It is hypnotic in small doses. Homatropine is used as Mydriatic with shorter effect than Atropine.



Hyoscine butyl bromide:

Quaternary Semisynthetic derivative of Hyscine. It is used as antispasmodic and antiemetic.



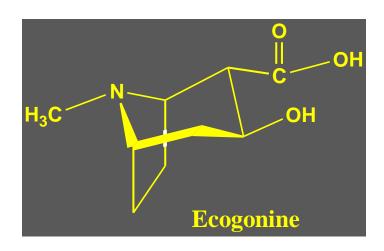
B- Erythroxylon (*Coca***) Alkaloids**

Occurrence:

Coca leaves contain about 2% total alkaloids.

Main Alkaloids are:

- 1- Cocaine.
- 2- Cinnamylcocaine.
- 3. α truxilline.



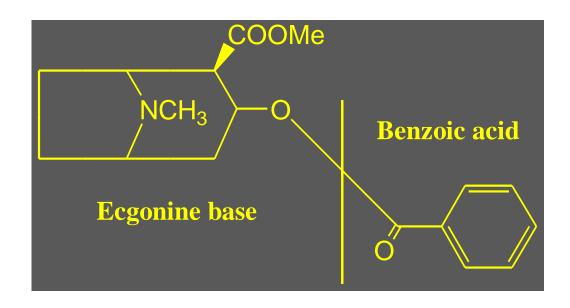
The base for Coca Alakloid is called "Ecogonine"

Cocaine

It is the major Alkaloid in Coca leaves.

Cocaine is diester Alkaloid.

Heating at 160 °C in conc. HCl leads to hydrolyses of cocaine to MeOH, Benzoic acid and Ecogonine base.





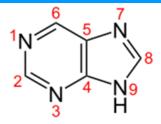
Uses:

Cocaine was used as local anesthetic.

Cocaine has a CNS stimulant activity so is one of the widely abused drugs.

Alkaloids derived from Glycine

Purine Alkaloids

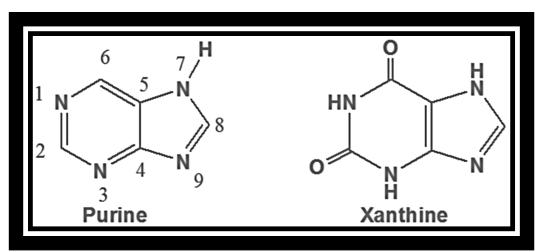


Purine alkaloids

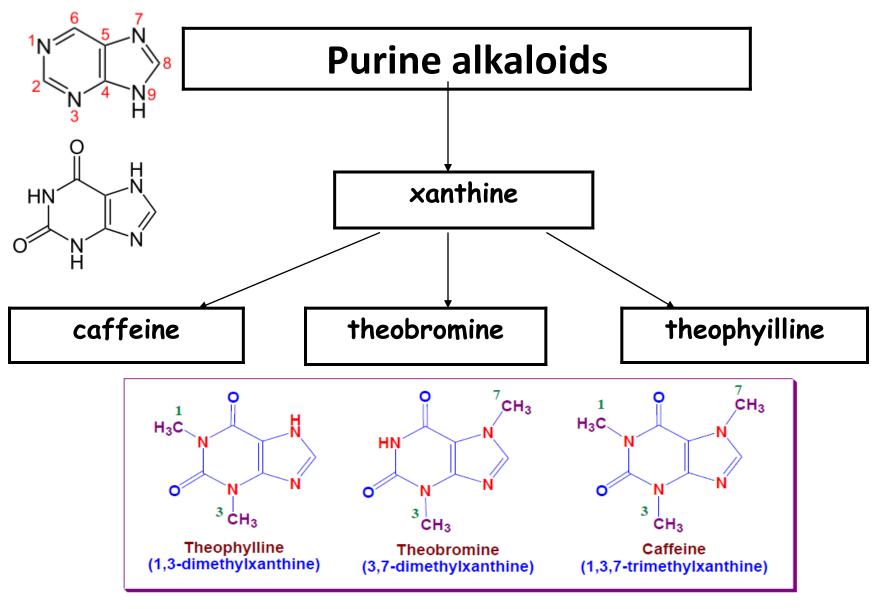
 Purines are derivatives of a heterocyclic nucleus consisting of a six-membered Pyrimidine ring fused to a five-membered
Imidazole ring.

☐ Purines are <u>Psudo alkaloids</u> (Are not derived from amino acids but have nitrogen in a heterocyclic ring)

☐ The pharmaceutically important bases of this group are all methylated derivatives of 2,6 dioxy-purine (Xanthine).



☐ These alkaloids are weak bases, they give no precipitate with Mayer's reagent.



They are all methyl derivatives of xanthine.

Caffeine

- 1,3,7-trimethylxanthine
- Tea leaves (2-5%), Coffee seeds (1-2%), Cola leaves (2-3%), Gurana seeds (2.5-5%) and Cacao seeds, (0.2-0.5%).
- White powder, bitter taste, very weak base, soluble in hot water, in alcohol and CHCl3, sparingly in ether.
- Sublimable.
- Doesn't precipitate with Mayer's reagent

Theophyline

- 1,3-dimethylxanthine
- Traces in Tea leaves
- White, odorless, bitter crystalline, soluble in H2O, alcohol
- Sparingly soluble in ether and CHCl3

Theobromine

- 3,7-dimethylxanthine (mainly in seeds of *Theobroma cacao*)
- White, odorless, bitter crystalline, sparingly soluble H2O
- Insoluble in ether
- Sublimable
- caffeine and theophylline are used in therapeutics

Pharmacology

Caffeine

- ▶ stimulation of CNS, effect on the psychic centers
- ► Causes flow of thought, lessen drowsiness, relieve headaches and gives a sense of comfort and well-being

Theobromine

▶ Diuretic effect and used in the treatment of various types of edema

Theophylline

► smooth muscle relaxant, myocardial stimulant and diuretic

Identification:

Murexide reaction

Alkaloids $+ H_2O_2 + HCl$ gives after evaporation yellow-red color which turns to red-violet upon addition of NH_3 .



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Color tests:

Murexide test: (caffeine, theobromine and theophylline).

Crystals of caffeine + drops of concentrated HCl and traces of KClO₃ \rightarrow evaporated on water bath \rightarrow red color is produced wich turns to violet on exposure to ammonia vapor.

Tannic acid test: (caffeine and theophylline):

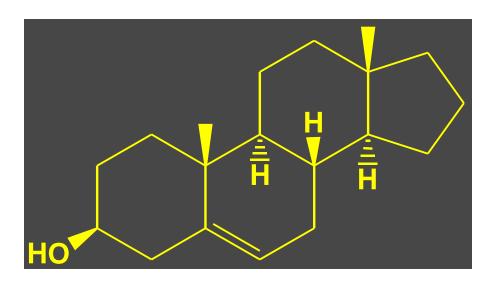
A concentrated solution of the alkaloid + tannic acid → white precipitate is obtained that dissolves in excess of the reagent.

Ferrous sulfate test: (theobromine):

To a solution of the alkaloid + drops of concentrated HCl + few drops of Br_2 water + a drop of $FeSO_4$ + few drops of ammonia \rightarrow Blue color.

Steroidal Alkaloids

- These contain the **perhydrocyclopentano-phenanthrene skeleton** characteristic of sterols.
- They usually occur in glycosidal combination with sugars and thus called glucoalkaloids e.g. Solanum and Veratrum alkaloids.



Solanum alkaloids

- Occurrence: They occurs in Solanum spp.
- <u>Consitituents:</u> Solanine, Solasonine.
- **Properties:** They are glucoalklaloids with a sugar parts.

Uses:

- 1- The aglycone of both alkaloids are used as a starting material for the synthesis of steroidal drugs.
- 2- Solasonine is used as agricultural insecticide.







<u>Diterpene Alkaloids</u> Taxol

- Occurrence: Barks of *Taxus brevifolia* known as Pacific Yew.
- Yield: 0.015 %. The bark obtained from about 4000 trees yields about one kg of Taxol. The amount isolated from three trees is required from treatment of only one cancer patient.



- Sources:
 - 1- Natural.

- 2- Semisynthesis from Baccatin III.
- Uses: Breast, Ovarian, lung and other solid tumors. (Antimitotic agent).

