

## Biodiversity in the alkaloids of Turkish *Papaver* species\*

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**Abstract:** There are about 35 *Papaver* species growing in Turkey, which are grouped into eight sections, namely Argemonidium, Carinata, Glauca, Miltantha, Oxytona, Papaver, Pilosa, and Rhoeadium.

As a result of our extensive work on the alkaloids of Turkish *Papaver* species the presence of several chemotypes has been shown. Among these chemotypes, medicinally important alkaloids such as noscapine (=narcotine), papaverine- and thebaine-containing samples have been found as new sources for the production of them.

The infraspecific variation encountered within the *Papaver* species has been demonstrated mainly in two sections of the genus, Miltantha and Oxytona. The alkaloids of seven species (*Papaver armeniacum*, *P. curviscapum*, *P. cylindricum*, *P. fugax*, *P. persicum*, *P. polychaetum*, and *P. triniifolium*) of the section Miltantha have been studied, and the existence of chemical strains has been shown mainly in *P. fugax*, *P. persicum*, and *P. triniifolium*.

Investigations on the species of the section Oxytona indicated that there is a relationship between the major alkaloid content and the chromosome numbers of the samples.

Isolation of new secoberbine-type alkaloids as well as promorphinan- and morphinan-types has revealed the biosynthetic relationship between the alkaloids of Miltantha and Oxytona species. Chemical races are also known for species of *Papaver* within other sections of the genus.

*P. lateritium* of Turkish origin from section Pilosa yielded some secoberbine and protoberberine types, whereas *P. rhopalotheca* of the section Rhoeadium contained narcotine as a major alkaloid. Isolation of spirobenzylisoquinoline type from *P. argemone* (sect. Argemonidium) was the first report of the occurrence of this type in the Papaveraceae.

## INTRODUCTION

Species of the genus *Papaver* are grouped together on the basis of their morphological characteristics into ten sections namely, Argemonidium, Carinata, Glauca, Horrída, Meconella, Miltantha, Oxytona, Papaver, Pilosa, and Rhoeadium [1–4]. With the exception of Horrída and Scapiflorae about 35 *Papaver* species exist in Turkey, that belong to eight sections.

Opium poppy, *P. somniferum* from section *Papaver*, has been cultivated since the Hittites in Turkey, and the production of opium, a latex obtained by incising the unripe capsules of the plant has been known for more than 2000 years. Isolation of medicinally important alkaloids, morphine, codeine, papaverine, and narcotine (=noscapine) has been of considerable interest in the alkaloids of opium.

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The illicit use of opium and its major alkaloid morphine as a drug of abuse led the Turkish government to ban the cultivation of *P. somniferum* in 1972. But increasing demand for morphine in the pharmaceutical industry was reconsidered by our government to start the cultivation again. Today, the plant is cultivated to obtain capsules for the production of morphine and its derivatives in the alkaloid factory located at Bolvadin in Central Turkey. The demand for codeine is much bigger than morphine, and this alkaloid has largely been prepared from codeine by methylation.

The increasing abuse of opiates has stimulated the search for raw materials other than *P. somniferum* which would meet the requirements of the pharmaceutical industry. Thus, plants containing nonaddictive thebaine as principal alkaloid could be used for the manufacture of codeine.

When the Turkish government banned the cultivation of *P. somniferum* in 1972, we decided to investigate the alkaloids of *Papaver* species growing wild in Turkey to find alternative sources for the medicinally important alkaloids as well as to evaluate the alkaloid contents of Turkish *Papaver* species. The location of the specimen collected in Turkey are shown in Figs. 1–4.

## REVIEW

### Alkaloids from section *Oxytona*

In *Flora of Turkey*, Cullen reported the existence of the following four species within the section [3].

- P. bracteatum* Lindl.
- P. lasiothrix* Fedde
- P. orientale* L.
- P. paucifoliatum* (Trautv.) Fedde

Revision of section *Oxytona* by Goldblatt resulted in the recognition of three species [5]. In this review, it was reported that each species could be characterized morphologically (e.g., by petal coloring and markings and by capsule shape). Furthermore, the three species were distinguished by cytological and chemical techniques:

- a) *P. bracteatum*,  $2n = 14$ , major alkaloid thebaine **7b**
- b) *P. orientale*,  $2n = 28$ , major alkaloid oripavine **7a**
- c) *P. pseudo-orientale*,  $2n = 42$ , major alkaloid, isothebaine **5c**

In this review, although the specimens from the locations where *P. bracteatum* and *P. lasiothrix* grow have not been obtained and the field observations have not been made, these samples have been accepted as synonyms of *P. pseudo-orientale*. *P. paucifoliatum* is treated as a synonym of *P. orientale* in this review.

Many specimens from this section were investigated, and the results were published [6–12]. Some confusing results have led us to extend the investigation on this section with careful field observation. Tables 1 and 2 summarize the type of the alkaloids obtained from 18 samples of *P. pseudo-orientale* and 5 samples of *P. orientale*. The samples of *P. pseudo-orientale* (P4–P16) having a chromosome number of  $2n = 42$  and containing aporphine **5** type, isothebaine **5c** as the major alkaloid should be considered as pure species. Three samples (P1, P3, and P17) have been found to contain either promorphinane **6** type, salutaridine **6d** and secoberbine **8** type, macrantaline **8a** or salutaridine **6d** and morphinane **7** type, thebaine **7a** as the major alkaloids and have a chromosome number of  $2n = 14$ . As a result of field observations, these samples may better be treated as varieties of *P. bracteatum* having two chemical strains.

Two samples of *P. pseudo-orientale* from Northeastern Turkey (P2 and P18) contain either salutaridine **6d** and mecambidine **9d** (protoberberine **9** type) or salutaridine **6d** and papaveroxine **8e** (secoberberine **8** type). The chromosome number of P2 was determined as  $2n = 28$ . This sample has spreading hairs on the peduncle and was previously identified as *P. lasiothrix* by Cullen. The field observations suggest that both samples could be intermediates between *P. bracteatum* and *P. pseudo-orientale*.

**Table 1** Major alkaloids from *Papaver* species of the section Oxytona in Turkey.

Species		Major alkaloid	Diploid chromosome number (2n)	Locality
<i>P. bracteatum</i> *	P3	salutaridine, thebaine	14	B7 TUNCELİ
"	P1	salutaridine, thebaine	14	B5 NİĞDE
<i>P. lasiothrix</i> **	P2	mecambridine, salutaridine	28	A7 GÜMÜŞHANE
<i>P. orientale</i>	01	oripavine		A9 KARS
	02	oripavine		A9 KARS
	03	mecambridine		A8 ERZURUM
	04	oripavine	28	B9 AĞRI
	05	oripavine		A9 KARS
<i>P. pseudo-orientale</i>	P4	isothebaine, mecambridine, orientalidine		A7 GÜMÜŞHANE
"	P5	isothebaine, mecambridine, orientalidine		A8 ERZURUM
"	P6	isothebaine, mecambridine, orientalidine		A9 KARS
"	P7	isothebaine, mecambridine, orientalidine		A9 KARS
"	P8	isothebaine, mecambridine, orientalidine		A9 KARS
"	P9	isothebaine, mecambridine, orientalidine		A9 KARS
"	P10	isothebaine, mecambridine	42	A9 KARS
"	P11	isothebaine, mecambridine		B9 AĞRI
"	P12	isothebaine, mecambridine		A9 AĞRI
"	P13	isothebaine, mecambridine	42	A9 KARS
"	P14	isothebaine, mecambridine	42	B9 VAN
"	P15	isothebaine, mecambridine		B9 VAN
"	P16	isothebaine	42	C10 HAKKARİ
"	P17**	salutaridine, macranthaline***, macrantaldehyde***	14	B7 SİVAS
"	P18	salutaridine, papaveroxine***		A7 GİRESUN

\* *P. pseudo-orientale*, Goldblatt 1974.

\*\*This species may better be treated as a variety of *P. bracteatum* or of *P. orientale*.

\*\*\* Novel alkaloids

**Table 2** Types of alkaloids in the section Oxytona.

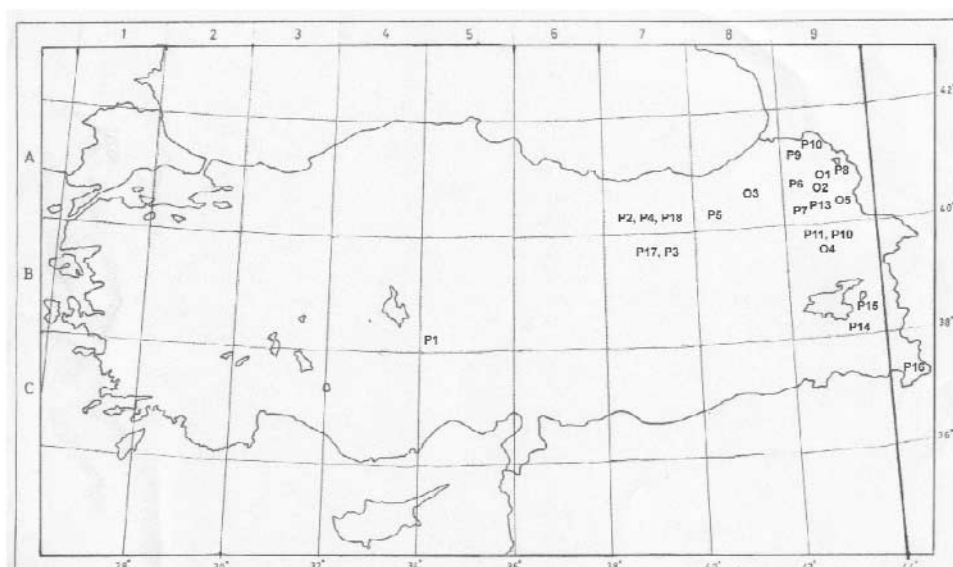
	<i>P. bracteatum</i>	<i>P. lasiothrix</i>	<i>P. orientale</i>	<i>P. pseudo-orientale</i>
<b>Simple isoquinoline 1</b>				
Cotarnine <b>1a</b>				+
Cotarnoline <b>1b</b>				+
<b>Proaporphine 4</b>				
Orientalinone				+
<b>Aporphine 5</b>				
Bracteoline				+
Isothebaine <b>5c</b>	+		+	+
<b>Promorphinane 6</b>				
Salutadimerine* <b>6e</b>		+		+

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**Table 2** (Continued)

	<i>P. bracteatum</i>	<i>P. lasiothrix</i>	<i>P. orientale</i>	<i>P. pseudo-orientale</i>
Salutaridine <b>6d</b>	+	+	+	+
Salutaridine-N-oxide*	+	+		
Norsalutaridine		+		
<b>Morphinane 7</b>				
Oripavine <b>7a</b>	+		+	
Neopine	+			
Thebaine <b>7b</b>	+	+	+	
Thebaine-N-oxide	+	+		
<b>Secoberbine 8</b>				
Macrantaline* <b>8a</b>				+
Macrantaldehyde* <b>8b</b>				+
Macrantoridine* <b>8c</b>				+
Narcotindiol* <b>8g</b>				+
Papaveroxine* <b>8e</b>				+
Papaveroxinoline* <b>8d</b>				+
Papaveroxidine* <b>8f</b>				+
<b>Protoberberine 9</b>				
Mecambridine <b>9d</b>		+	+	+
Orientalidine <b>9e</b>		+	+	+
<i>N</i> -methopapaverberbine* <b>9c</b>				
<b>Phthalideisoquinoline 11</b>				
Narcotine <b>11b</b>				+
Narcotinhemiacetale* <b>11a</b>				+
Narcotolinol* <b>11c</b>				+
<b>Rhoeadine 13</b>				
Alpinigenine			+	+
Alpinine				+

\*Novel alkaloids

**Fig. 1** Distribution of *Papaver pseudo-orientale* (P1–P18) and *Papaver orientale* (O1–O5).

Four samples of *P. orientale* (01, 02, 04, and 05) yielded oripavine **7a**, whereas one sample (03) was found to contain mecambidine **9d** as the major alkaloid. The chromosome number of 01 and 02 was determined as  $2n = 28$ . Although the chromosome number of 03 has not been reported, there was no difference between 03 and other samples of *P. orientale* morphologically. Hence, we accept 03 as a chemical strain of *P. orientale*.

Alkaloids of *P. paucifoliatum* of Turkish origin accepted as a synonym of *P. orientale* by Goldblatt have not been investigated yet.

### Alkaloids from section *Miltanthe*

According to Cullen, the following species exist in Turkey [3].

- P. acrochaetum* Bornm.
- P. armeniacum* (L.) DC.
- P. curviscapum* Nabelek
- P. cylindricum* Cullen
- P. fugax* Poir.
- P. persicum* Lindl. (syn.: *P. tauricola*. Boiss.)
- P. polychaetum* Schott & Kotschy
- P. triniifolium* Boiss.

With the exception of *P. acrochaetum*, the alkaloids of seven species have extensively been investigated [10,12–20]. Tables 3 and 4 summarize the alkaloid content of the species with their types.

Two samples of *P. armeniacum* (A1 and A2) were investigated and found to contain either rhoeadine **13** or proaporphine **4**–aporphine **5**–benzylisoquinoline **2** types as the major alkaloid that indicated the presence of two chemotypes.

**Table 3** Major alkaloids from *Papaver* species of the section *Miltanthe* in Turkey.

Species		Major alkaloid	Locality
<i>P. armeniacum</i>	A1	oreodine, rhoeadine	C9 HAKKARİ
"	A2	floripavidine, mecambrine, papaverine	B9 VAN
<i>P. cylindricum</i>		narcotine, oripavine, rhoeadine, thebaine	B9 VAN
"		narcotine	B9 AĞRI
<i>P. curviscapum</i>		berberine, protopine	C9 HAKKARİ
<i>P. fugax</i>	F1	thebaine, narcotine	B8 BİNGÖL
"	F2	floripavidine, mecambrine	A8 GÜMÜŞHANE
"	F3	armepavine, oreodine, rhoeadine	A9 KARS
"	F4	floripavidine, salutaridine	A9 KARS
"	F5	narcotine, narcotinehemiacetale, papaveroxine	C9 HAKKARİ
"	F6	oreodine, rhoeadine	C9 HAKKARİ
<i>P. persicum</i> *	P1	oreodine, oreogenine	B7 MALATYA
"	P2	glaucamine, glaudine	B5 KAYSERİ
"	P3	rhoegenine	C5 ADANA
"	P4	mecambidine, salutaridine	B7 ERZİNCAN
"	P5	oreodine, rhoeadine	B7 SİVAS
"	P6	salutaridine, floripavidine	A8 GÜMÜŞHANE
"	P7	armepavine, floripavidine	C9 HAKKARİ
<i>P. polychaetum</i>	Po	berberine	MERSİN

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**Table 3** (Continued)

Species		Major alkaloid	Locality
<i>P. triniifolium</i>	T1	floripavidine, rhoeadine	B5 NİĞDE
"	T2	oreodine, rhoeadine, thebaine	B8 ERZURUM
"	T3	mecambrine, narcotine, papaverine	B7 ERZİNCAN
"	T4	oreodine, thebaine	B7 ERZİNCAN
"	T5	mecambrine, oreodine, rhoeadine	B7 TUNCELİ
"	T6	oreodine, rhoeadine	B7 TUNCELİ
"	T7	oreodine	B7 MALATYA
"	T8	oreogenine, rhoeagenine	B4 ANKARA

\*This species is previously treated as *P. tauricola*

**Table 4** Types of alkaloids in the section *Miltantha*.

	<i>P. armeniacum</i>	<i>P. curviscapum</i>	<i>P. cylindricum</i>	<i>P. fugax</i>	<i>P. persicum</i>	<i>P. polychaetum</i>	<i>P. triniifolium</i>
<b>Benzylisoquinoline 2</b>							
Armepavine 2a			+	+	+		
Crykonisine							+
Miltanthaline* 2b							+
Papaverine 2c	+		+				+
<b>Isopavine 3</b>							
Amurensinine 3a					+		
<b>Proaporphine 4</b>							
Mecambrine 4a	+			+	+		+
<i>N</i> -methylcrotonosine							+
<b>Aporphine 5</b>							
Floripavidine 5b	+		+	+	+		+
<i>N</i> -methylassimilobine	+		+	+	+		
<b>Promorphinane 6</b>							
Amurine							+
Salutaridine 6d			+	+	+		+
<b>Morphinane 7</b>							
Oripavine 7a			+				
Thebaine 7b			+	+			+
<i>N</i> -methylthebaine			+				
<b>Secoberbine 8</b>							
Papaveroxine 8e				+			
<b>Protoberberine (with Tetrahydroprotoberberine) 9</b>							
Berberine 9a		+				+	
Cheilantifoline			+				+
Isocorypalmine							+
<i>N</i> -methylsinactine							+
Sinanctine					+		+
Scoulerine			+		+		
<b>Protopine 10</b>							
Allocriptopine 10b		+					
1-Methoxy- allocriptopine* 10c		+					
1-Methoxy-13-oxo- allocriptopine		+					
Protopine 10a		+					
<b>Phthalideisoquinoline 11</b>							

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Table 4 (Continued)

	<i>P. armeniacum</i>	<i>P. curviscapum</i>	<i>P. cylindricum</i>	<i>P. fugax</i>	<i>P. persicum</i>	<i>P. polychaetum</i>	<i>P. triniifolium</i>
Narceine							+
Narcotine <b>11b</b>	+		+	+			+
Narcotihemiacetale* <b>11a</b>				+			
N-Methylnarcotine* <b>11d</b>			+				
<b>Rhoadine 13</b>							
Epiglaudine					+		
Glaucamine <b>13e</b>					+		
Glaudine					+		
Oreodine <b>13b</b>	+			+	+		+
Oreogenine <b>13d</b>					+		+
O-Ethylrhoeagenine							+
O-Ethylloreogenine							+
O-Ethyltriniifoline							+
Rhoadine <b>13a</b>	+		+	+	+		+
Rhoeagenine <b>13c</b>					+		+
Triniifoline* <b>13f</b>							+

\*Novel alkaloids

The samples of *P. fugax* (F1–F6) and *P. persicum* (P1–P7) have been found to contain either proaporphine 4-aporphine 5, proaporphine 4-aporphine 5- benzylisoquinoline 2, aporphine 5, benzyltetrahydroisoquinoline 2-aporphine 5, proaporphine 4-promorphinane 6, aporphine 5-promorphinane 6, secoberberine 8 phthalideisoquinoline 11, benzyl-tetrahydroisoquinoline 2-rhoadine 13, or rhoadine 13 types as the major alkaloids. As a result, *P. fugax* and *P. persicum* of Turkish origin have been shown to exist in six and four different chemical strains, respectively.

The alkaloids of *P. triniifolium*, an endemic species of the section have been isolated from eight samples (T1–T8). Five different chemical strains have been found in this species containing either aporphine 5-rhoadine 13, aporphine 5-phthalideisoquinoline 14-benzylisoquinoline 2, proaporphine 4-rhoadine 13, rhoadine 13-morphinane 7, or rhoadine 13 types.

Distribution of this species extends from Central to East Turkey (Fig. 2).

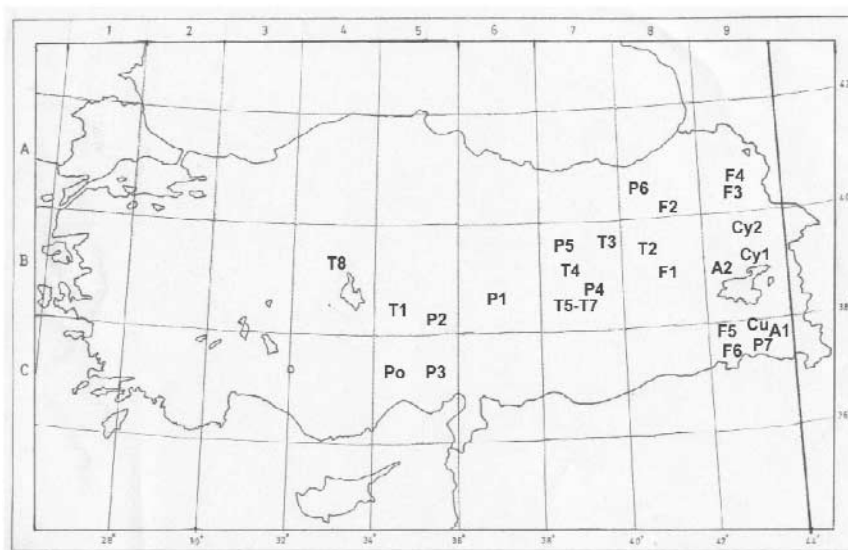


Fig. 2 Distribution of *P. armeniacum* (A1–A2), *P. curviscapum* (Cu), *P. cylindricum* (Cy), *P. fugax* (F1–F6), *P. persicum* (P1–P7), *P. polychaetum* (Po), *P. triniifolium* (T1–T8).

Two samples of *P. cylindricum* contained morphinane **7** (oripavine **7a**) together with phthalideisoquinoline **11** (narcotine **11b**) and rhoeadine **13** (rhoeadine **13a**) types.

The remaining two species of the section *Miltantha*, *P. polychaetum* and *P. curviscapum*, both yielded berberine **9a** as the major alkaloid. They also have morphologically similarities being subscapose plants bearing solitary flowers on long peduncles.

The existence of secoberbine **8** type (papaveroxine **8e**) has been reported from *Miltantha* section for the first time.

The presence of promorphinane **6**, morphinane **7**, phthalideisoquinoline **11**, and secoberbine **8** types as the major alkaloid in section *Miltantha* indicates the close relationship between *Oxytona* and *Miltantha*.

Chromosome numbers of some species have been determined, however, there was no relationship between the chromosome number and the major alkaloid content in section *Miltantha*.

The results of our recent investigations on sections *Miltantha* and *Oxytona* are the contributions to the review article published by J. D. Phillipson, who indicated the infraspecific variations in two sections of the genus *Papaver* [20].

### Alkaloids from section *Pilosa*

Section *Pilosa* contains five species that are endemic to Turkey [3].

- P. apokrinomenon* Fedde
- P. lateritium* Koch
- P. pilosum* Sibth. & Sm.
- P. spicatum* Boiss. & Bal.
- P. strictum* Boiss. & Bal.

Of these species, *P. lateritium* is in a different subgroup than the other four species having different morphological characters and different type of major alkaloids. The alkaloids of this section were investigated in detail [21–23] and the results have been summarized in Tables 5 and 6. The species in this section have no chemotypes. The new alkaloids of promorphinane **6** type (amurinine **6b** and epiaurinine **6c**) alkaloids have been found in this section.

**Table 5** Major alkaloids from *Papaver* species of the section *Pilosa* in Turkey.

Species	Major alkaloid	Diploid chromosome number (2n)	Locality
<i>P. apokrinomenon</i>	amurine, roemerine, <i>n</i> -methyllaurotetanine		B4 KONYA
<i>P. lateritium</i>	protopine, rhoeadine, rhoeagenine	14	A8 RİZE
<i>P. pilosum</i>	amurine, glaucine, roemerine	28	A2 BURSA
<i>P. spicatum</i> var. <i>luschani</i>	glaucine, roemerine		C3 ANTALYA
var. <i>spicatum</i>	glaucine, roemerine		C3 ANTALYA
<i>P. strictum</i>	amurine	14	B2 KÜTAHYA

**Table 6** Types of alkaloids in the section *Pilosa*.

	<i>P. apokrinomenon</i>	<i>P. lateritium</i>	<i>P. pilosum</i>	<i>P. spicatum</i>	<i>P. strictum</i>
<b>Aporphine 5</b>					
Dehydroglaucine	+		+	+	+
Dehydroroemerine	+		+	+	+

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Table 6 (Continued)

	<i>P. apokrinomenon</i>	<i>P. lateritium</i>	<i>P. pilosum</i>	<i>P. spicatum</i>	<i>P. strictum</i>
Glaucine <b>5f</b>	+		+	+	+
<i>N</i> -methylglaucine					+
<i>N</i> -methylaurotetanin <b>5g</b>	+				+
<i>N</i> -methylroemerine					+
Roemerine <b>5a</b>	+		+	+	+
<b>Promorphinane 6</b>					
Amurine <b>6a</b>			+	+	+
Amurinine* <b>6b</b>			+	+	+
Dihydronudaurine			+	+	+
Epiamurinine* <b>6c</b>			+	+	+
<b>Secoberbine 8</b>					
Macranthaline <b>8a</b>		+			
<b>Protoberberine 9</b>					
Mecambridine <b>9d</b>		+			
<i>N</i> -Methyltetrahydropalmatine		+			
<b>Protopine 10</b>					
Protopine <b>10a</b>		+			
Cryptopine		+			
<b>Rhoadine 13</b>					
Rhoadine <b>13a</b>		+			
Rhoeagenine		+			

\*New alkaloids

The existence of secoberbine **8** alkaloid macranthaline **8a** has been shown in this section for the first time.

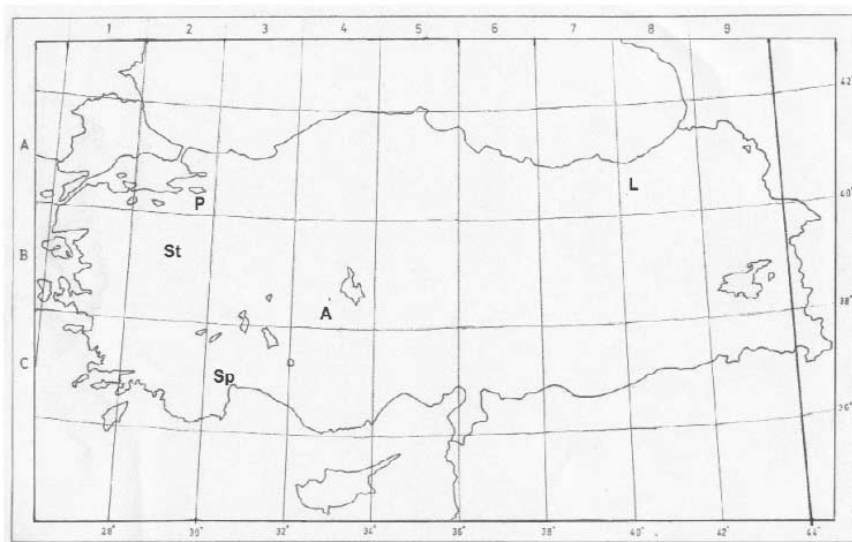


Fig. 3 Distribution of *P. apokrinomenon* (A), *P. lateritium* (L), *P. pilosum* (P), *P. spicatum* (Sp), and *P. strictum* (St).

### Alkaloids from section Rhoeadium

According to Cullen and Kadereit, the following species exist in Turkey [3,24]:

Cullen 1965	Kadereit 1988
<i>P. arenarium</i> Bieb.	<i>P. purpureamarginatum</i> Kadereit
<i>P. clavatum</i> Boiss. & Hausskn. ex Boiss.	<i>P. dubium</i> L. ssp. <i>dubium</i> ssp. <i>laevigatum</i> (syn.: <i>P. lacerum</i> ) ssp. <i>lecoquii</i>
<i>P. commutatum</i> Fisher & Meyer	<i>P. arachnoideum</i> Kadereit
<i>P. dubium</i> L.	<i>P. arenarium</i> M. Bieb
<i>P. lacerum</i> Popov	<i>P. commutatum</i> Fisher & C. Meyer ssp. <i>euxinum</i> Kadereit
<i>P. postii</i> Fedde	<i>P. guerlekense</i> Stapf. (syn.: <i>P. rhopalothece</i> )
<i>P. rhoeas</i> L.	<i>P. stylatum</i> Boiss. & Bal.
<i>P. rhopalothece</i> Stapf.	<i>P. clavatum</i> Boiss. & Hausskn. ex Boiss.
<i>P. stylatum</i> Boiss. & Bal.	<i>P. rhoeas</i> L.
<i>P. syriacum</i> Boiss.	

The alkaloids isolated from this section have been summarized in Table 7. Two major alkaloids aporphine **5** (isocorydine **5c**) and phthalideisoquinoline **11** (narcotine **11b**), types have been isolated from *P. guerlekense* (syn.: *P. rhopalothece*). The presence of narcotine as the major alkaloid in this species explains the traditional use of the plant as antitussive [25].

**Table 7** Major alkaloids from *Papaver* species of the section Rhoeadium.

Species		Major alkaloid	Locality
<i>P. commutatum</i> ssp. <i>euxinum</i>	C1*	isocorydine	A6 ORDU
	C2*	isocorydine	A4 ZONGULDAK
<i>P. dubium</i> ssp. <i>dubium</i>		berberine, thalifendine	A3 BOLU
		berberine	A3 BOLU
ssp. <i>laevigatum</i>		alloyryptopine, protopine	C1 MUĞLA
ssp. <i>lecoquii</i>		roemerine	B5 KAYSERİ
<i>P. lacerum</i> **		rhoeadine	A6 ORDU
<i>P. rhoeas</i>		isocorydine, narcotine	C2 MUĞLA
<i>P. rhopalothece</i> ***			

\*Different minor alkaloids

\*\*This species is treated as a subspecies, *P. dubium* ssp. *laevigatum* (Kadereit 1988)

\*\*\*Synonym of *P. guerlekense*

**Table 8** Types of alkaloids isolated from Turkish *Papaver* species, section Rhoeadium.

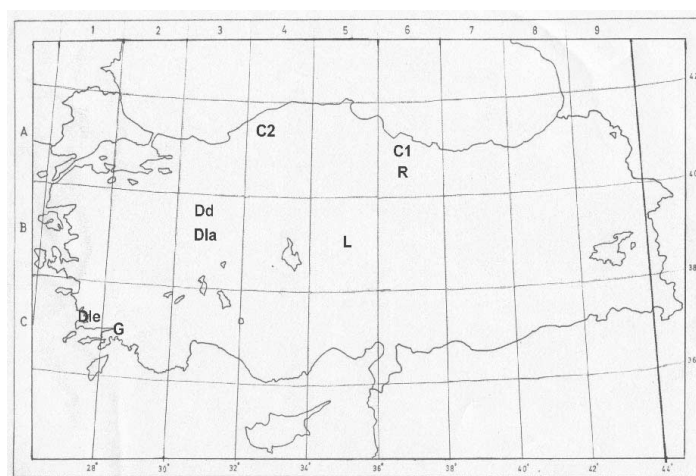
	<i>P. commutatum</i> ssp. <i>commutatum</i>	<i>P. dubium</i> ssp. <i>dubium</i>	<i>P. dubium</i> ssp. <i>laevigatum</i>	<i>P. lacerum</i>	<i>P. rhoeas</i>	<i>P. rhopalothece</i>
<b>Isopavine 3</b>						
Amurensinine <b>3a</b>	+					
<b>Proaporphine 4</b>						
Mecambrine <b>4a</b>			+	+		
Pronuciferine				+		
<b>Aporphine 5</b>						
Corydine		+				
Isocorydine <b>5d</b>	+	+			+	

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Table 8 (Continued)

	<i>P. commutatum</i> ssp. <i>commutatum</i>	<i>P. dubium</i> ssp. <i>dubium</i>	<i>P. dubium</i> ssp. <i>laevigatum</i>	<i>P. lacerum</i>	<i>P. rhoeas</i>	<i>P. rhopalothece</i>
<i>N</i> -Methylasimilobine				+		
Roemerine <b>5a</b>		+	+		+	+
Rhopalotine* <b>5e</b>						+
<b>Protoberberine 9</b> (with tetrahydro- protoberberine)						
Berberine <b>9a</b>		+			+	+
Cheilantifoline	+				+	
Coptisine						+
Sinactine					+	
Stylophine		+				
Tetrahydro pseudocoptisine		+				
Thalifendine <b>9b</b>		+				
<b>Protopine 10</b>						
Allocryptopine <b>10b</b>			+		+	
Couteropine						+
Cryptopine						+
Protopine <b>10a</b>					+	+
<b>Phthalideisoquino- line 11</b>						
Narceine						+
Narcotine <b>11b</b>						+
<b>Rhoeadine and Papaverrubine 13</b>						
Papaverrubine A	+					
Rhoeagenine <b>13c</b>	+					
Rhoeadine <b>13a</b>				+		

\* Novel alkaloids



**Fig. 4** Distribution of *P. commutatum* ssp. *euxinum* (C1–C2), *P. dubium* subsp. *dubium* (Dd), -ssp. *laevigatum* (D1a), -ssp. *lecoqii* (D1e), *P. lacerum* (L), *P. rhoeas* (R), *P. rhopalothece* (syn. *P. guerlekense*) (G).

Three subspecies of *P. dubium*, ssp. *dubium*, ssp. *Laevigatum*, and ssp. *lecoqii* have been found to contain different major alkaloids [26].

### Alkaloids from sections Argemonidium and Carinatae

Cullen and Kadereit have reported the existence of the following species in the section Argemonidium in Turkey [3,28]. Section Carinatae is represented by only one species named as *P. macrostomum* Boiss. & Huet ex Boiss. The alkaloids isolated from sections Argemonidium and Carinatae are shown in Table 9.

Cullen 1965	Kadereit 1986
<i>P. argemone</i> L.	<i>P. argemone</i> L. ssp. <i>davisii</i> Kadereit
<i>P. hybridum</i> L.	ssp. <i>minus</i> (Boiv.) Kadereit
	ssp. <i>nigrotinctum</i> (Fedde) Kadereit
<i>P. virchowii</i> Aschers & Sin. ex Boiss.	<i>P. hybridum</i> L.

**Table 9** Alkaloids from *Papaver* species of the sections Argemonidium and Carinatae.

Species	Major alkaloid	Locality
<i>P. argemone</i>	protopine, fumariline, fumarophycine	A1 ÇANAKKALE
<i>P. macrostomum</i>	isocorydine, amurensine	A4 ZONGULDAK

Fumariline **12a** and fumarophycine **12b** (spirobenzylisoquinoline **12** type) isolated from *P. argemone* have been found for the first time in the Papaveraceae.

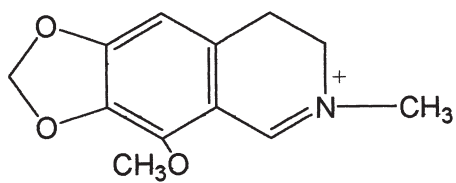
As a result of our investigations on Turkish *Papaver* species, the infraspecific variation has been demonstrated in Turkish sections Oxytona, Miltantha, and Rhoeadium. However, further investigations are necessary on some sections.

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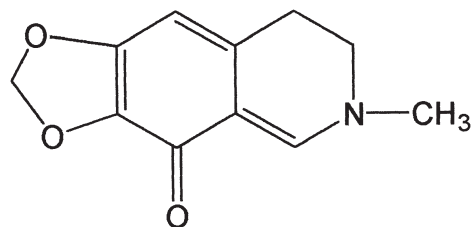
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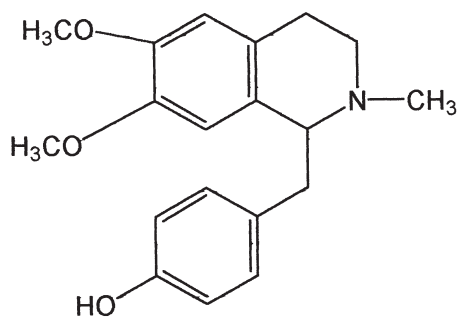


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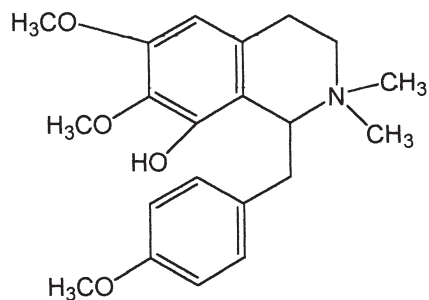


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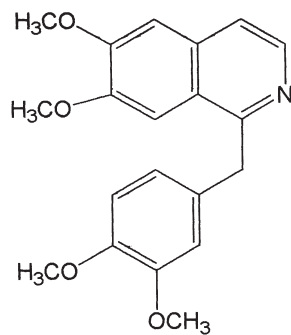
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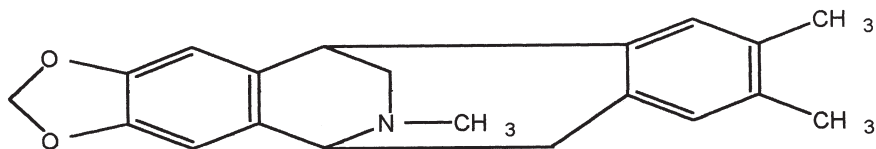


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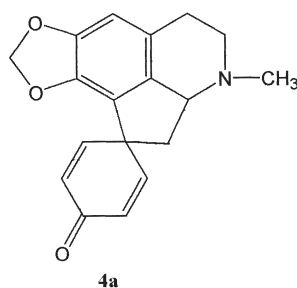
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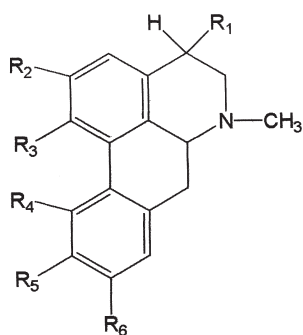


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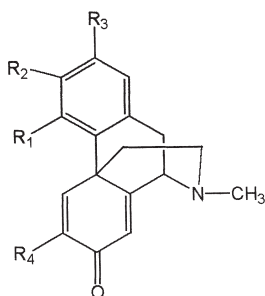
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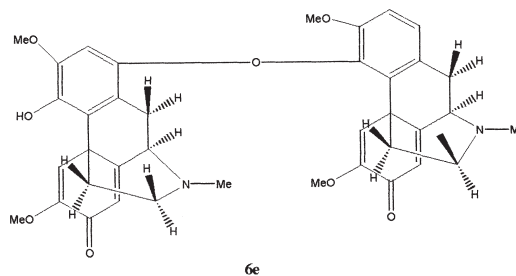
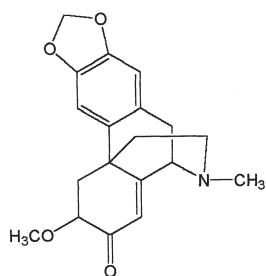
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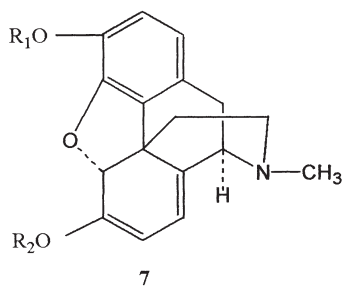


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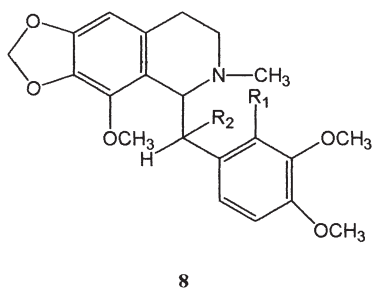


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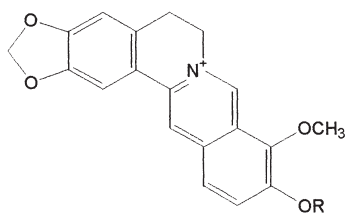
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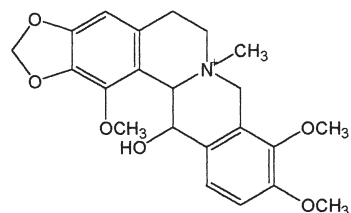


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8b	CHO	H
8c	COOH	H
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8g	CH <sub>2</sub> OH	OH

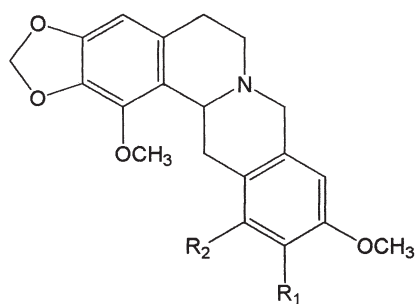
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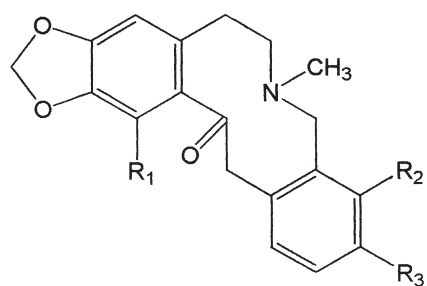
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9d  
9e

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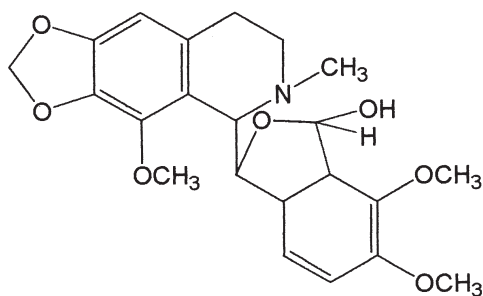
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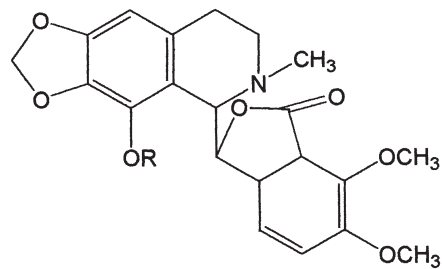
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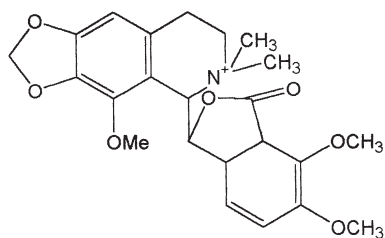
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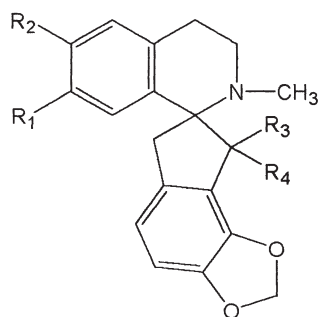


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11d

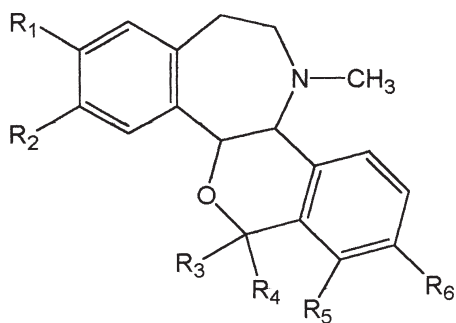
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<b>13c</b>	O-CH <sub>2</sub> O		H	OH	O-CH <sub>2</sub> O	
<b>13d</b>	OMe	OMe	H	OH	O-CH <sub>2</sub> O	
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