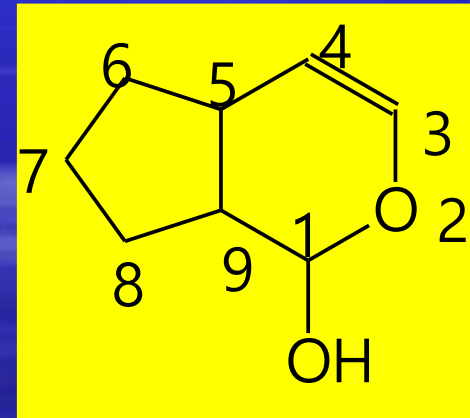


# **PHARMACOGNOSY-II**

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# IRIDOIDS

- Cyclopentanopyran main structure
- C1 → OH
- The glycosidic bond is generally from the –OH on first position.
- There is a double bond between C3-C4.
- Number of C atom:
  - 8
  - 9 ---- substitution on C4 or C8
  - 10 ----- substitution on both C4 and C8.

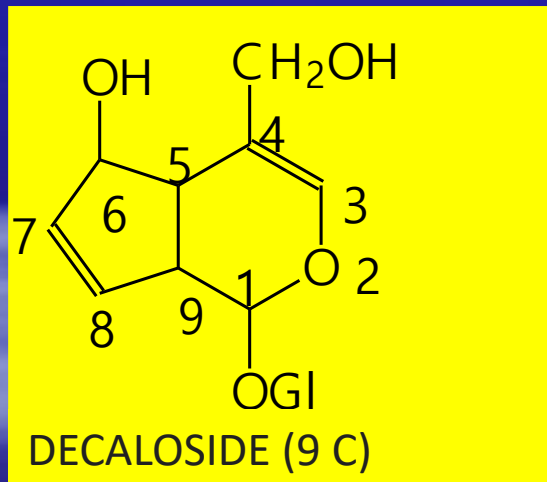


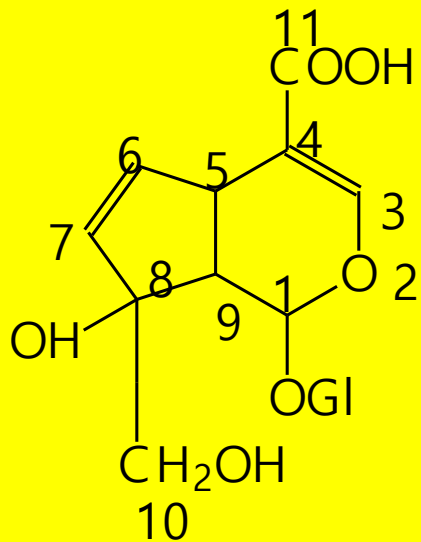
# IRIDOIDS

- $-\text{CH}_3$ ,  $-\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ,  $-\text{COOH}$ ,  $-\text{CHO}$  can be found as substituents.
- Besides,  $-\text{OH}$ , epoxide or lactone can also be found as substituent.
- Firstly isolated from an ant species, "*Iridomyrmex detectus*" that's why they are called as iridoids!

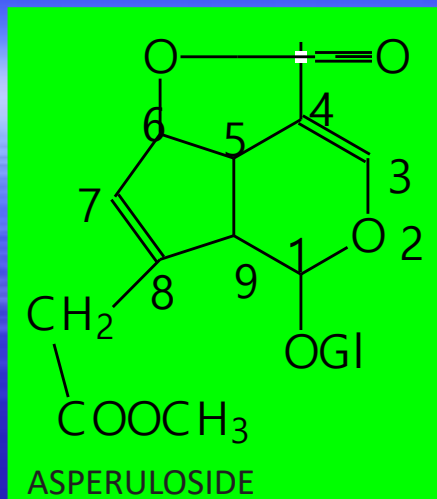
# IRIDOIDS

- There can be a double bond on cyclopentane ring at 7-8 position

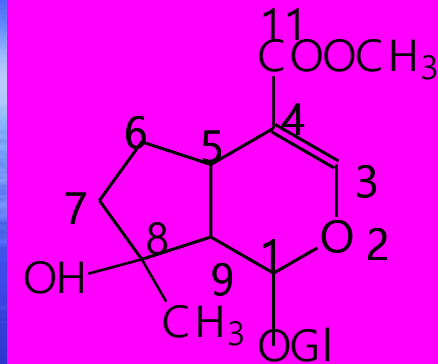




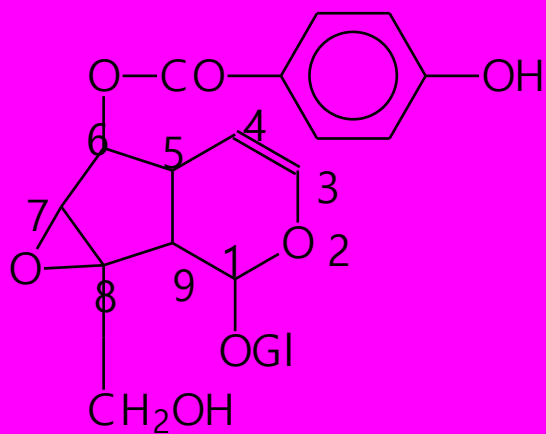
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(10 C)



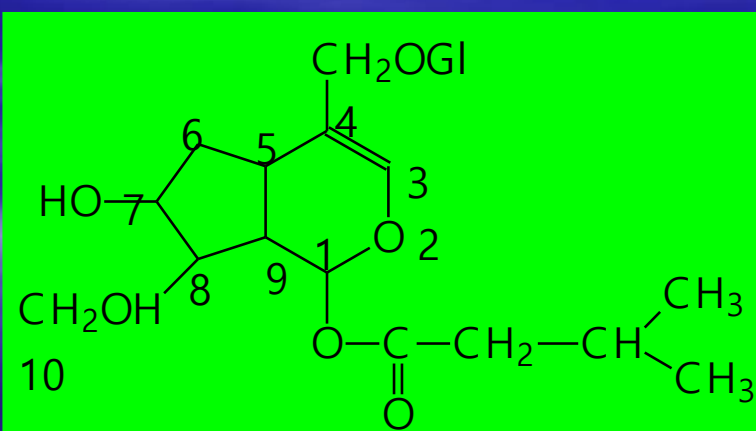
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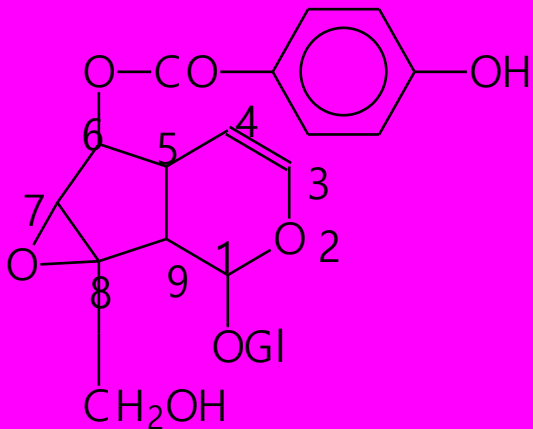
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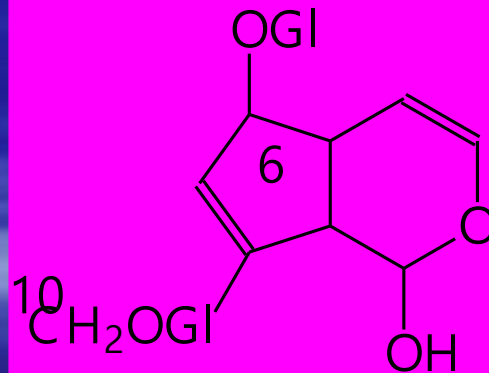
PATRINOSIDE (10 C)

# IRIDOIDS

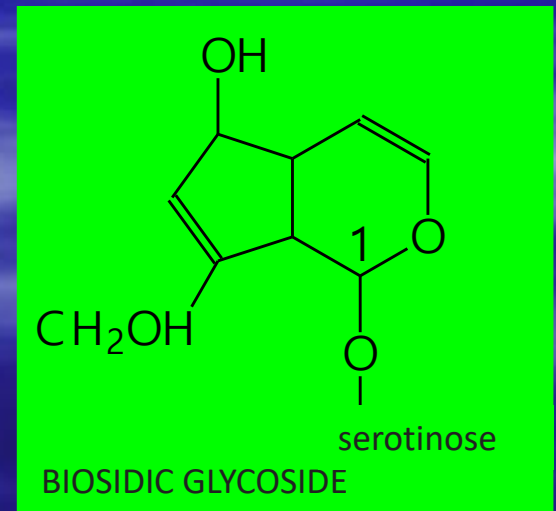
- They can be found in nature as monoglycosidic, diglycosidic or biosidic:



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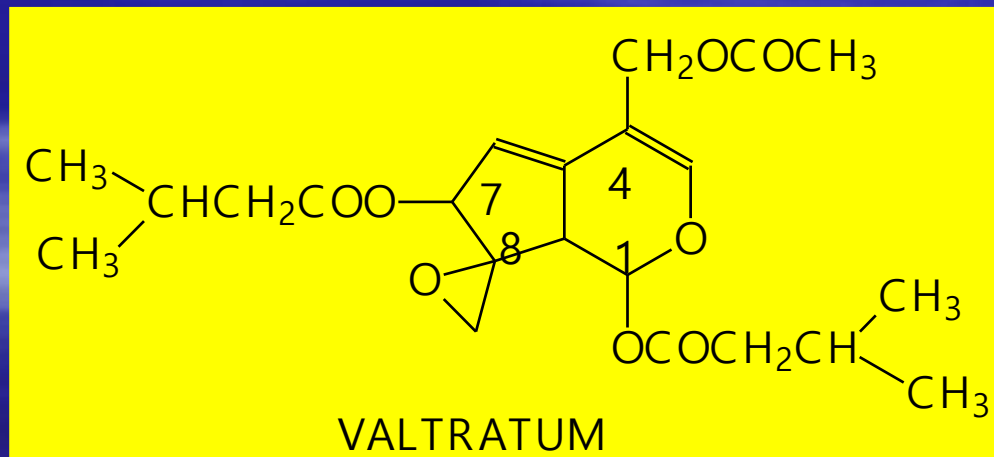
DIGLYCOSIDIC



BIOSIDIC GLYCOSIDE

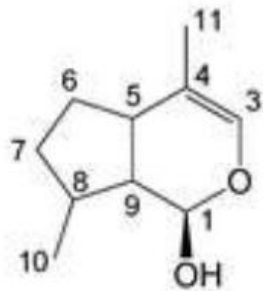
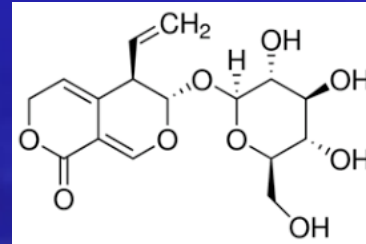
# IRIDOIDS

- Non-glycosidic iridoids:
- Valepotriates found in *Radix Valerianae* (valerian root) → (esters of isovalerianic acid)

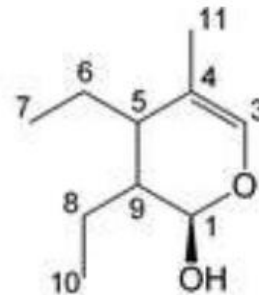


# IRIDOIDS

- **Secoiridoids** → can be regarded as being formed from iridoids by cleavage of the cyclopentane ring between C-7 and C-8 (e.g. Gentiopicroside)



General iridoid skeleton



General secoiridoid skeleton





# IRIDOIDS

## DISTRIBUTION

- SPERMATOPHYTA division
- DICOTYLEDONAE class
  - 1) APETALAE---Urticales--Eucommiaceae
  - 2) DIALYPETALAE--Geraniales-Meliaceae  
--Rosales--Saxifragaceae
  - 3) SYMPETALAE—Apocynaceae/ Gentianaceae /  
Loganiaceae / Ericaceae / Caprifoliaceae / Labiatae  
/ Scrophulariaceae / Verbenaceae etc.

# IRIDOIDS

## IDENTIFICATION

1) Colourless; but they give blue colour in acidic medium.

2) Colouring and precipitation by **TRIM-HILL** reaction

- Trim-Hill Reagent consist of:
  - 0.2% aqueous  $\text{CuSO}_4$  (1 ml)
  - $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  (10 ml)
  - Conc.  $\text{HCl}$  (0.5 ml) mixture.

# IRIDOIDS

- Iridoids + Trim-Hill reagent → heat → firstly **blue or purple** → than this coloured mixture convert to a black precipitate in a few hours.

## 3) Chromatographic Assays:

- -TLC: Revelator ---- Vanillin- $H_2SO_4$  or Floroglusinol-HCl
- -HPLC

# IRIDOIDS

## OBTAINING

- Since being not stable, fresh plant material is used for obtaining.
- The extraction medium shouldn't be acid.
- Polar solvents are used for extraction
- Extract + washing by nonpolar solvents → lipophilic compounds will be removed
- Elimination of phenolic compounds and tannins by  
1- Precipitation using Pb acetate or 2- Eluting from activated charcoal /  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ .

# IRIDOIDS

- By eluting from polyamide column free sugars and oligoholosides will be eliminated
- Separated iridoids are isolated using chromatographic techniques.

# IRIDOIDS

## QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS

- GRAVIMETRIC
- COLORIMETRIC (Trim-Hill Reaction)
- CHROMATOGRAPHIC (GC and HPLC)

# IRIDOIDS

## EFFECT AND USAGES

- 1) Compounds without strong effects
- 2) Traditionally used for years as;
  - Insecticide
  - Hypotensive
  - Appetizer
  - Tonic

# IRIDOIDS

## 3) Antimicrobial effect:

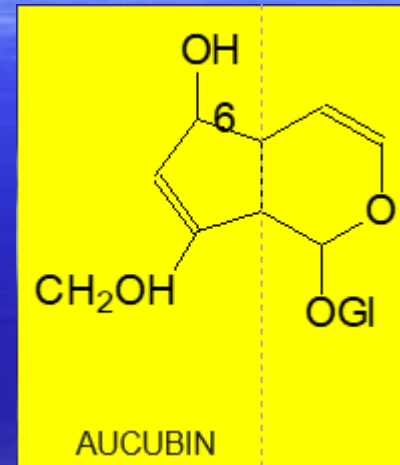
- - AUCUBIN---- not effective----hydrolysis--  
-AUCUBIGENIN (aglycone) or its dimer/  
polymer----EFFECTIVE
- - ASPERULOSIDE (glycoside)---- not  
effective ---hydrolysis----AGLYCONE----  
EFFECTIVE (against *Staphylococcus  
aureus*; 600 I.U. Penicilline equivalent.



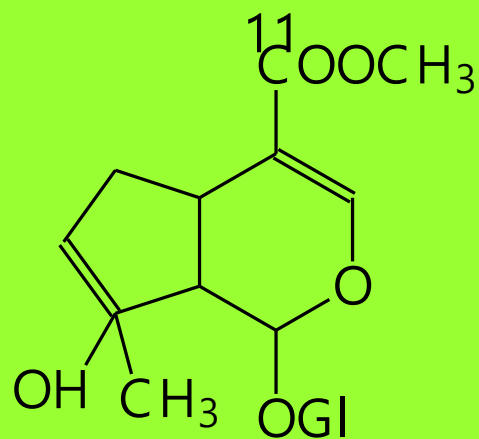
# IRIDOIDS

## 4) Purgative effect:

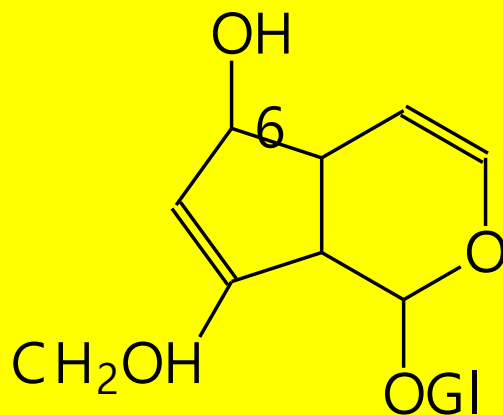
- -OH on 6. position and free -COOH on 11. position decreases this effect



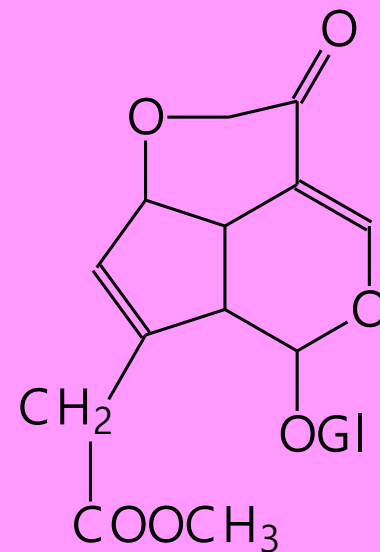
# IRIDOIDS



MUSSENOSIDE



AUCUBIN



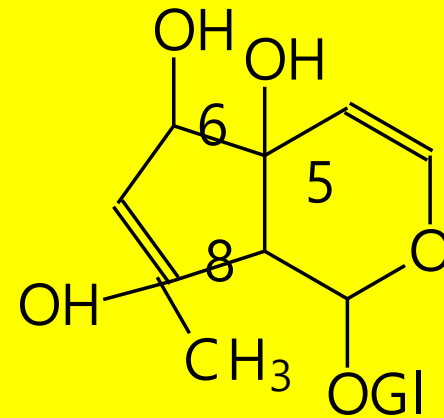
ASPERULOSIDE

# IRIDOIDS

5) Diuretic effect:  
Catalposide

6) Analgesic and  
Antispazmodic

- Harpagoside---  
hydrolysis--- Aglycone--  
- Antiphlogistic effect.



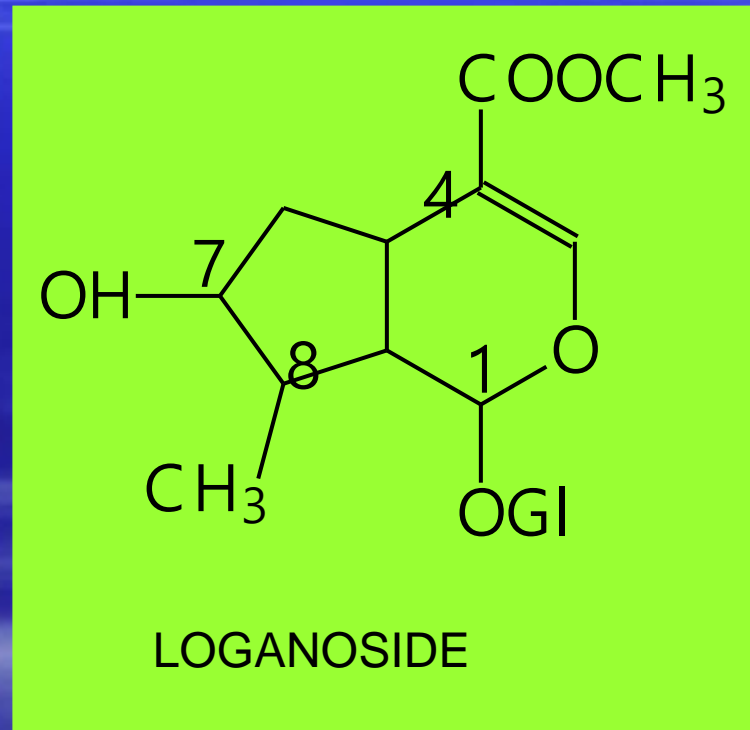
HARPAGOSIDE

# IRIDOIDS

7) Appetizer and tonic effect: Loganoside

8) Sedative effect:  
Nonglycosidic iridoids-  
--- Valepotriates

9) Antileukemic effect:  
Nonglycosidic iridoids



# FLOS VERBASCI (EP)

- Scrophulariaceae – *Verbascum* sp. – Mullein
  - Drug is obtained from;
  - *Verbascum phlomoides* (Woolly mullein)
  - *V. thapsus* (great mullein/common mullein)
  - *V. densiflorum* (denseflower mullein) species.
- Known as «Sığır kuyruğu» in Turkish.
- Widely distributed in Europe, Africa, S. America and Turkey.

# FLOS VERBASCI (EP)

1) Iridoid: Aucubin---hydr.-  
-- Aucubigenin + Gl

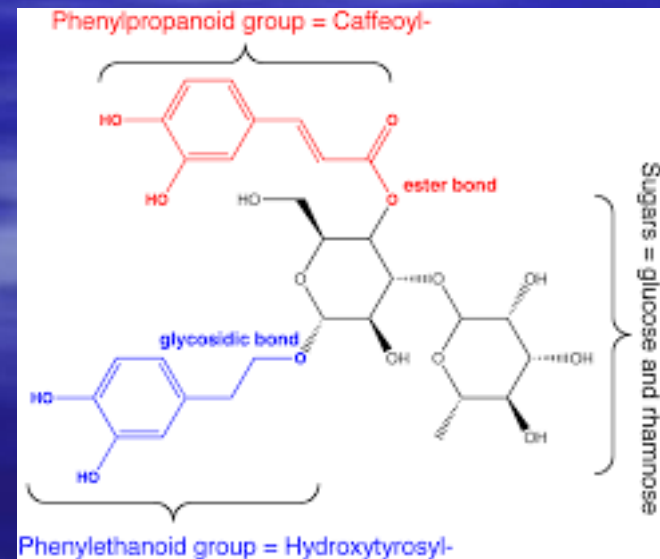
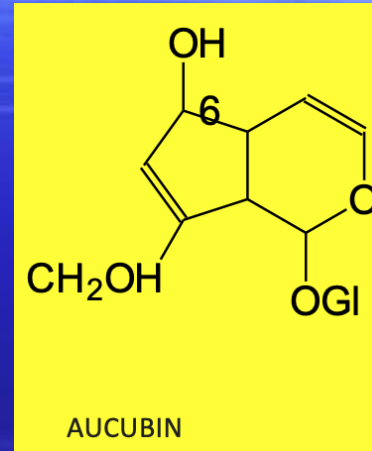
■ Aucubigenin ---  
unstable --- polymerize-  
--browning.

2) Flavonoids: Hesperidin

3) Mucilage

4) Saponin

5) Phenyl propanoid  
derivative: Verbascoside



# FLOS VERBASCI (EP)

- **Emollient**
- **Antitussive, expectorant**
- **German Commission E approved usage in cold and bronchitis**

# HERBA MONOTROPAE

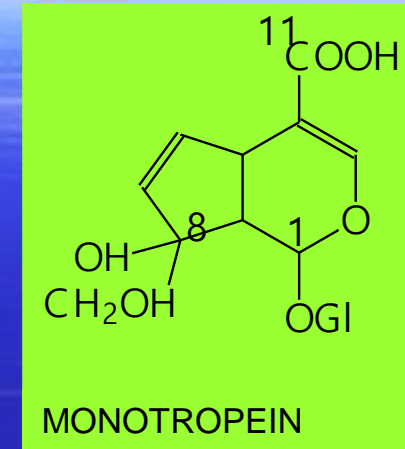
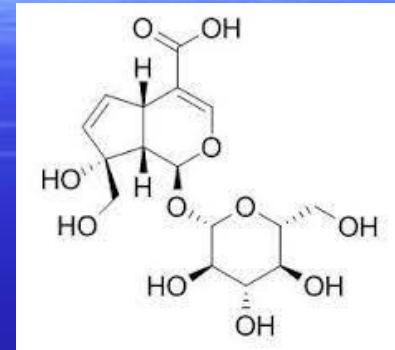
- *Monotropa hypopitys* (Ericaceae)
- A parasitic plant living on Coniferae plants
- Common in Turkey
- Up to 10-30 cm high, with stamp-like leaves, yellowish-white coloured



# HERBA MONOTROPAE

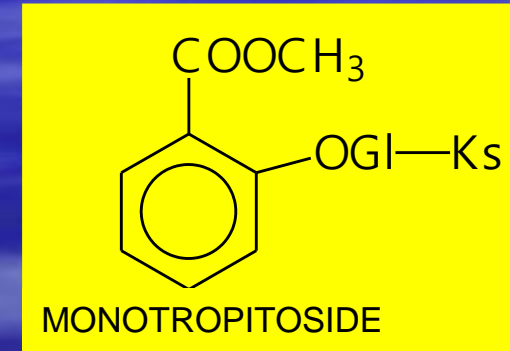
## 1) Iridoid glycosides---

- Monotropein



## 2) Phenol gly.---

- Monotropitoside → Methyl salicylate + Glucose + Xsylose



# HERBA MONOTROPAE

Drug;

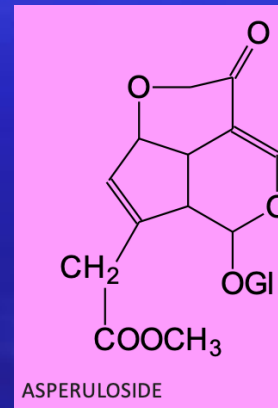
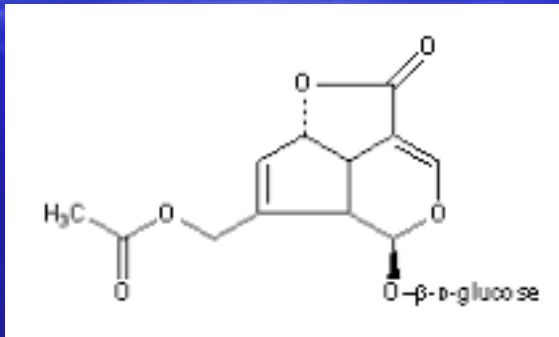
- Antispasmodic
- Cough sedative
- Aglycone of Phenol glycoside---methyl salicylate derivative → antirheumatic

# *Galium* Sp., Yoğurtotu, Bedstraw

- *Galium aparine* (cleavers, bedstraw) (Rubiaceae)
- *Galium mollugo* (hedge bedstraw)
- *Galium verum* (lady's bedstraw)
- *Galium cruciate/*  
*Cruciata laevipes* (smooth bedstraw)
- Well known in Europe,  
wide distributed in Anatolia

# Galium Sp., Yoğurtotu, Bedstraw

- Iridoid---- Asperuloside



- In Turkey; *Galium coronatum* (*Cruciata taurica*)----asperuloside and monotropein; also rutin is identified

# Galium Sp., Yoğurtotu, Bedstraw

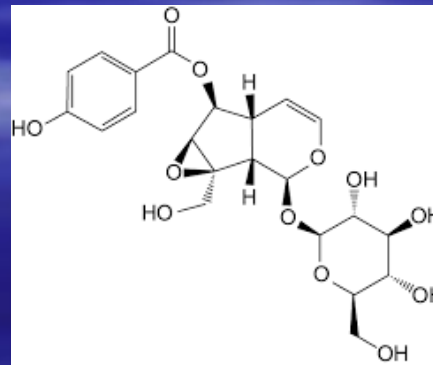
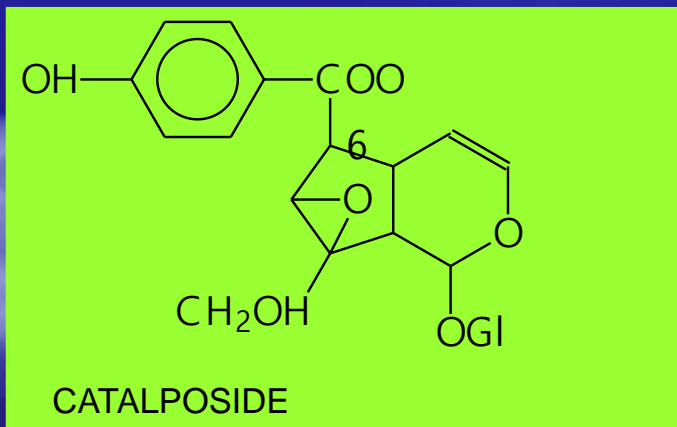
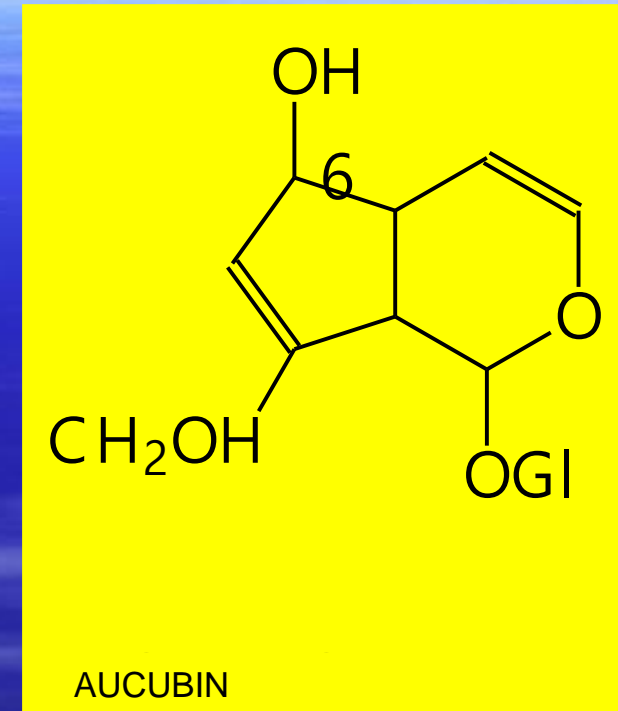
- Antispasmodic
- Diuretic
- Antirheumatic

# *Plantago* sp., Psyllium husk

- Plantaginaceae
- *Plantago ovata* (EP)
- *P. lanceolata* (EP)
- *P. media*
- Sınirli ot, sinir otu,
- 20 species growing in: Europe, N. Africa, E. Asia and Turkey

# Plantago sp., Psyllium husk

- Stem and rosette leaves of the plant contain → Iridoid glycosides →
- Aucubin, catalposide



# *Plantago* sp., Psyllium husk

- Besides iridoids, leaves contain
  - Mucilage → arabinogalactan (2-6.5%)
  - Tannin (6.5%)
  - Phenolic carboxylic acids → protocatechuic acid
  - Flavonoids
  - Minerals (Zn, K)



# *Plantago* sp., Psyllium husk

Traditionally;

- Antiinflammatory
- Fresh juice or plaster prepared from the juice is used against itches caused by insect bites
- Infusion → used as eyewash against inflammations in the eyes

# *Plantago* sp., Psyllium husk

- Used as mouthwash against throat inflammation
- Cicatrizant in skin diseases
- Used also against cough, bronchitis, upper respiratory infections
- *Plantago psyllium*, which is well known in Turkey, used as laxative and emollient regarding mucilage content

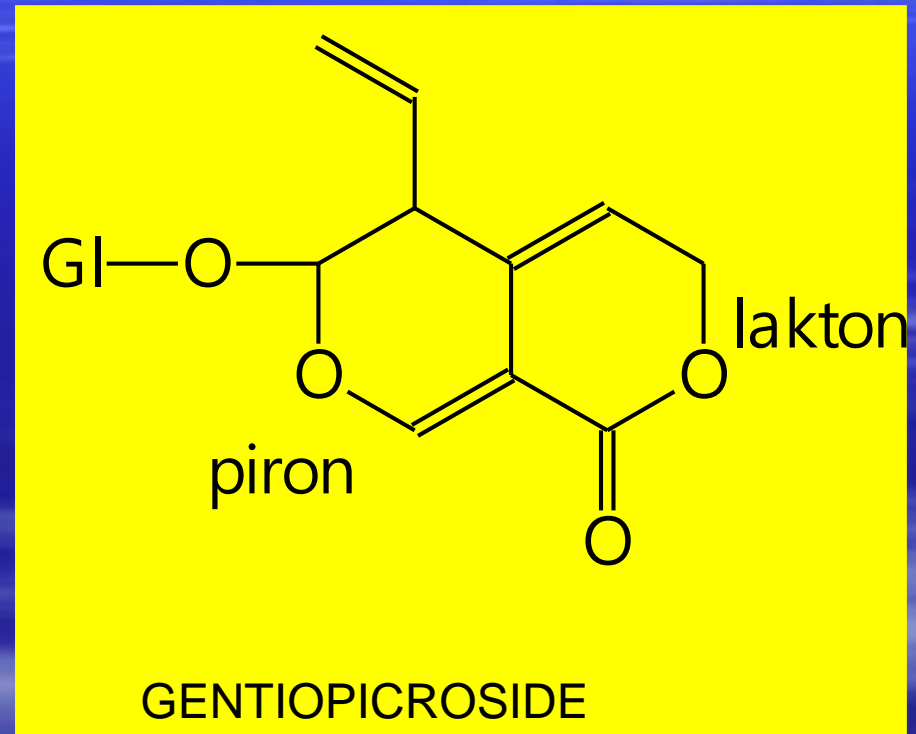
# ALCOHOL GLYCOSIDES

## RADIX GENTIANAE, Yellow Gentian

- Underground parts of *Gentiana lutea* (Gentianaceae) – Jansiyān kökü
- Common in Europe
- In Turkey → growing in mountaneous regions of Bursa, Sinop, İzmir, Bilecik
- 12 different species of this genus is growing in Turkey

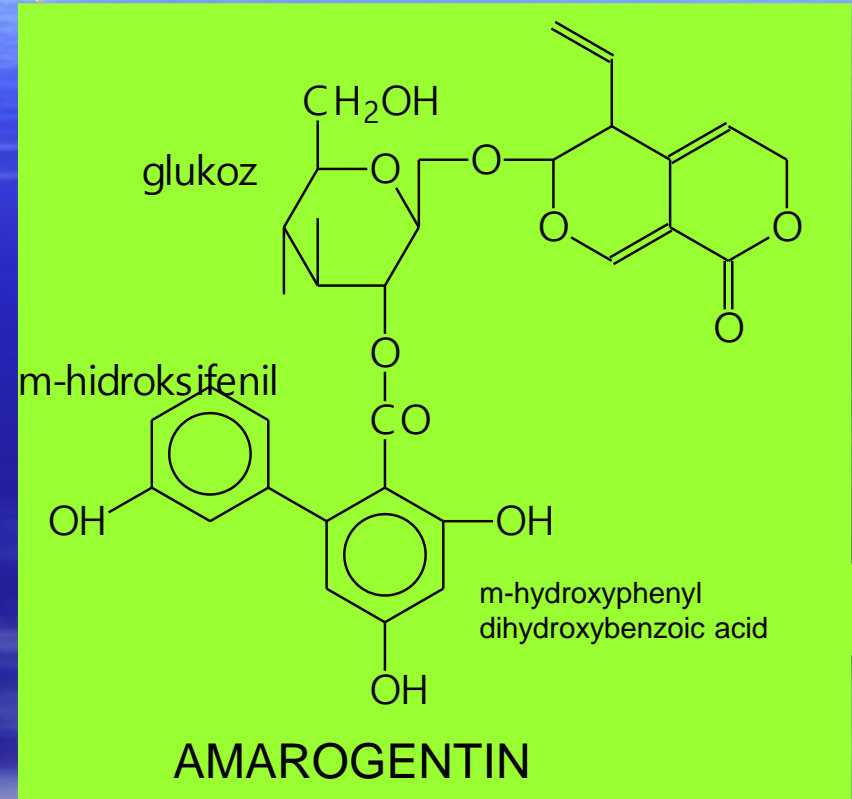
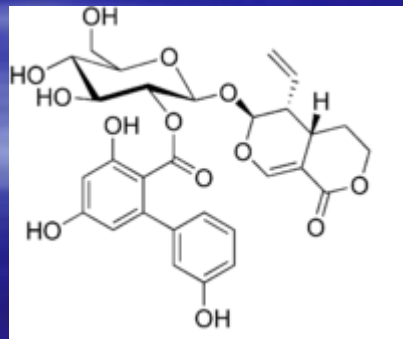
# RADIX GENTIANAE, Yellow Gentian

- 1) Alcohol glycoside--- bitter compounds in secoiridoid structure
- Gentiopicroside (1-2% in fresh drug) → Gentiogenin + Glucose
- Aglycon is not stabile ---- dimerizes



# RADIX GENTIANAE, Yellow Gentian

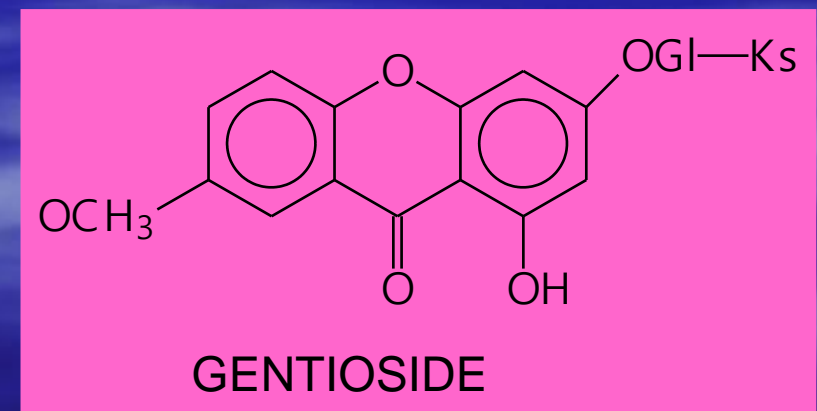
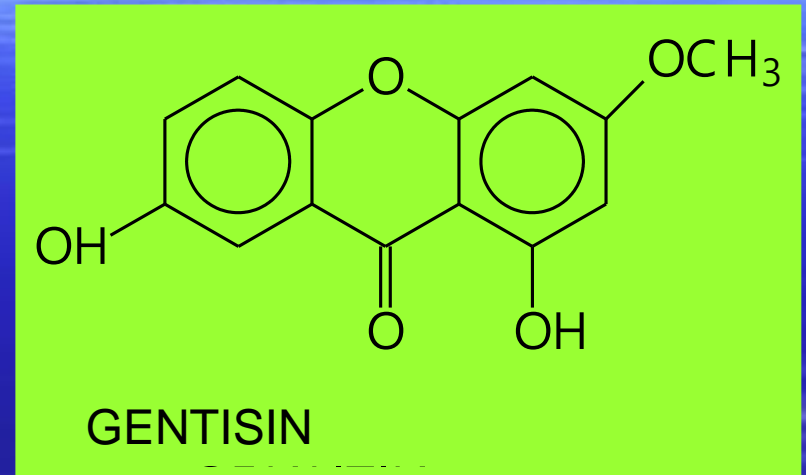
- **Amarogentin** (the most bitter compound of the drug)  
→ hydr. → gentiogenin + glucose esterified with m-hydroxyphenyl dihydroxybenzoic acid



# RADIX GENTIANAE, Yellow Gentian

2) Xanthon derivatives:

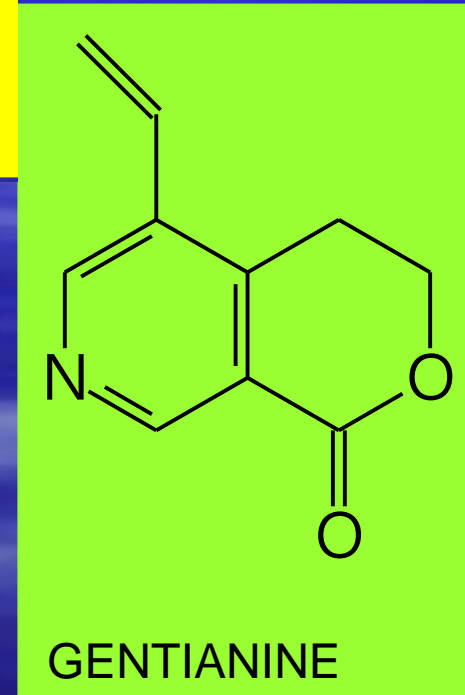
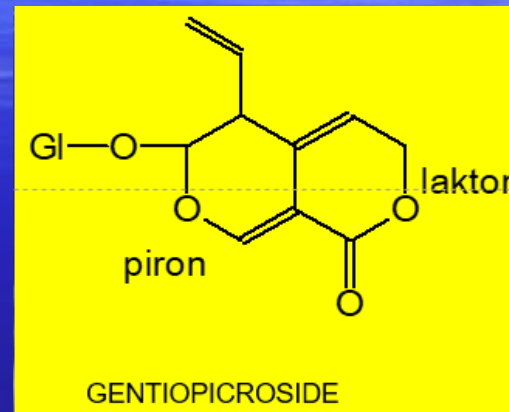
- Gentisin (1,3,7 trihydroxyxanthon-3-methyl ether)
- Gentioside (the yellow colour on the fracture surface of the drug is attributed to gentioside)



# RADIX GENTIANAE, Yellow Gentian

## 3) Artefact Alkaloids:

- The extraction of iridoid containing drugs with solvents containing  $\text{NH}_3$  result with breaking of pyran ring, artefact alkaloids can occur.
- Gentiopicroside ---  $\text{NH}_3$  medium ---- converting to Gentianine
- 4) Pectin --- in some species %10



# RADIX GENTIANAE, Yellow Gentian

- Non-toxic
- Mostly used as tonic
- Directly effective on stomach – increases stomach secretion
- Appetizer and bitter tonic
- Used for preparing liqueur
- Used as pectin source
- This pectin is used orally or locally as hemostatic