CENTRAL ANALEPTICS

- 1. Stimulating effect on CNS
- 2. Stimulating respiration and blood circulation
- 3. Higher doses convulsions of central origin

Therapeutic usage possess mainly methylderivatives of xanthine (purine bases)

Other drugs/compounds usage is limited, because after stimulation usually comes suppression

Chemically heterogeneous group



METHYLDERIVATIVES OF XANTHINE – PURINE BASES



xanthine R1 = R2 = R3 = H

caffeine $R1 = R2 = R3 = CH_3$ Coffeinum - caffeine (ČL 2005)

theophyline $R1 = R2 = CH_3, R3 = H$ Theophylinum - Theophyline (ČL 2005)

theobromine R1 = H, $R2 = R3 = CH_3$ Theobrominum - Theobromine (L2005)

RELATIVE PHARMACOLOGIC EFFECT OF XANTHINE
DERIVATIVES

Effect	caffeine	theobromine	theophyline
Stimulation of CNS (cortex and subcortex)	+++	±	+
Stimulation of skeletal muscles	++	±	+
Stimulation of heart muscle	+	++	+++
Dilatation of coronary veins	±	+	++
Relaxation of bronchial muscles	+	++	+++
Stimulation of gastric secretion	++	±	±
Diuretic effect	+	++	+++



DRUGS CONTAINING METHYLDERIVATIVES OF XANTHINE

Coffeae semen – coffea seeds

Theae folium – Tea leaves

Colae semen – Cala seeds (ČL 2005)

Cacao semen – Cacao seeds

Mate folium – maté leaves (yerba maté)

Guarana (Pasta guarana) - Guarana

Coffae semen - Coffea seeds

Source: *Coffea arabica* – Arabica coffee, *C. liberica* – K. liberijský, *C. canephora var. robusta* – K. mohutny and other species (Rubiaceae)

Evergreen shrubs or small trees Fruit is egg-shaped double-capsuled drupe with diameter approx. 1,5 cm

- Producents: Brazil, Columbia, Mexico, Guatemala, Ivory Cost, Ethiopia, Indonesia, India, countries of Arabic peninsula
- Drug: seed with removed pericarpium and testa, roasted at 200-250 °C
- CC: 0,4-2,5 % of caffeine, traces of theobromine and theophyline, 2-5 % of chlorogenic acid. During roasting are produced other artifact compounds. Usage: for caffeine isolation, febrile states during infectious diseases, alcohol intoxication. Beverages.



THEAE FOLIUM - TEA LEAVES

Source: *Thea sinensis* – tea plant (Theaceae). Cultivated, perennial, up to 2 m tall shrub, know in many varieties.

Main producers: China, Kenya, Turkey, Vietnam, India, Ceylon, Japan, Indonesia.

Harvest of terminal leaves from 3-years and older plants. Younger leaves are preferred for quality of essential oils and caffeine content. From one plant cca 250 g of fresh leaves can be obtained.

Treatment: Green tea (China, Japan), black tea (India, Ceylon)

Drug: dried leaves after fermentation

CC: 1,5 to 4,5 % of caffeine (according to species and manufacturing process); 0,04 % of theobromine and theophyline; 10-25 % of catechine tannins (hybrids of hydrolysable and condensed tannins); 0,5-1 % of essential oil (250 components) mainly moterpenic aldehydes and alcohols, flavonoids Usage: tea infusion – mild astringent, antidiarrhoic, cosmetic, concentrated decoction – antidote for heavy metals, proteins and alkaloids intoxications Residues of tea harvest – for caffeine isolation. Beverages.



THEAE FOLIUM - TEA LEAVES- HARVEST

COLAE SEMEN – KOLA NUTS (ČL 2005)

- Source: *Cola nitida* kola tree, *C. acuminata* K. zašpičatělá (Sterculiaceae) Trees native to tropic Africa, cultivated in Brazil, at Jamaica, Java, Madagascar, in Cameroon and Togo

Fruit is a capsule containing 3-6 seeds

- Drug: from rippen fruits obtained and sun-dried seminal germ
- CC: 1-3 % of caffeine, 0,1-0,2 % of theobromine, partially linked-up with tannins so called colateins; 3-5 % of catechine tannins (produced during drying process, starch, fat
- Usage: galenic preparations with psychostimulation and diuretic effects
- Beverages.
- Coca-Cola contain cca 20 mg of caffeine in 100 ml Coca-Cola – 1886 PhMr. Pemberton and Asa Chandler



CACAO SEMEN - COCOA BEANS

- Source: Theobroma cacao cacao tree (Sterculiaceae) Caulifloral tree native to tropic Middle and South America; important part of tropical agriculture (Brazil, Ghana, Niger)
- Fruits are capsules containing 25-30 seeds in five lines
- Seeds are sun-fermentated (splitting of bitter substances, formation of fragrant compounds and dark pigmentation. After that follows roasting at 100-140 0C, which gives typical odor and smell
- Drug: fermentated and roasted germ, resp. its cotyledons
 CC: 1-2 % of theobromine, 0,05-0,2 % of caffeine, cca 50 % of fat, cca 5 % of tannins and starch
- Grinding between hot rollers cacao mass, hydraulic pressing Oleum cacao, residue is cacao powder Usage: testa for theobromine isolation; cacao powder snacks; Oleum cacao additive, chocolate manufacturing



CACAO SEMEN - COCOA BEANS



MATÉ FOLIUM – MATE LEAVES

Source: *Ilex paraguariensis* – yerba mate (Aquifoliaceae). Tree native in South America, cultivated. Main producer Argentina Drug: bright-green skinny glossy leaves. Inactivation of enzymes – branches are drag out through flames without smoke – this makes their special odor. Than dried in driers.

CC: 1-1,5 % of caffeine, 0,05-0,3 % of theobromine; cca 12 % of chlorogenic acid, essential oil, flavonoids

Usage: Preparation of beverages with psychostimulating effects. For European people often too acrid and too "smoked"





GUARANA - PASTA GUARANA

Source: *Paullinia cupana* – guarana (Sapindaceae). Climbing wine from Brazilian and Venezuelan rain forests. For usage is cultivated. Fruit is capsule. Seeds are after harvest dried and roasted.

- Drug: roasted grinded seeds formed (water + starch) sticks.
- CC: caffeine cca 5 %, catechine tannins to 25 %, starch, fat

Usage: Stimulant and admixture to analgesic mixtures. In Europe used not so often, more at America to prepare refreshing beverages.







CAMPHORA D – D-CAMPHOR (ČL 2002) CAMPHORA NATURALIS – NATURAL CAMPHOR

- SOURCE: *Cinnamomum camphora* camphor laurel (Lauraceae). Burly tree, evergreen, native at east Asian coastal area. Cultivated in other tropic and subtropic countries (Florida, East Africa). For camphor production are used trees at least 50 years old, camphor is obtained by steam distillation.
- Usage: Central analeptic in form of intramuscular injections (obsolete now)
- Externally derivans, antipruriginose Production of celluloid and smokeless powder





PICROTOXINE



Source: Anamirta cocculus – fishberry (Menispermaceae); climbing wine native to India and Malaysia.

Drug: fruits – drupes Ø 1 cm

CC: to 1,5 % of picrotoxine

Effect: Potent central analeptic, it is not used in clinics because of narrow therapeutic window.

Used for water poaching – fishes convulsively swallow air



LOBELINE

- Source: *Lobelia inflata* indian tobacco (Lobeliaceae). Biennial plant native to North America. In Europe cultivated. Drug: Herb cut and dried in flowering period.
- CC: 0,2-1 % of piperidine alkaloids; important is lobeline and isolobinine.
- Usage: Stimulant of respiratory center (today obsolete); component of antiasthmatic preparations (isolobinin triggers reflectoric bronchial secretion at mucose and support expectoration)





STRYCHNINE Source: *Strychnos nux vomica* – nux vomica (Loganiaceae); tree or shrub native to tropic India, Ceylon and northern areas of Australia; cultivated in Cameroon, Cambodia. Fruit = berry of apple size, inside 4-5 seeds. Drug: flatt seed, on the margin thickened, Ø 15-25 mm, rich in presence of surface trichomes. CC: 2,5-4 % of indol alkaloids, 90 % of strychnine and brucine. Oil, loganine. Usage: For isolation of strychnine and brucine and for preparation of Strychni tinctura – syn. Nucis vomicae tct. To treat perception disorders myopathic insufficiency of vocal cords • Ή Ν Ĥ `Η atonia of GIT • amare (bitter taste) • 0[~] O H