Visualizing and Analyzing the 3D Structures of Medicinal Alkaloids Using Jmol

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Abstract

This project, titled **"Visualizing and Analyzing the 3D Structures of Medicinal Alkaloids Using Jmol"**, focuses on the molecular geometry and structural analysis of **four bioactive alkaloids**—**morphine**, **quinine**, **caffeine**, and **nicotine**—using the open-source molecular visualization tool, **Jmol**. These alkaloids are of significant pharmaceutical importance, with applications ranging from pain relief to anti-malarial treatments and stimulants.

The project involves loading 3D molecular structures of these compounds into **Jmol**, where various visualization techniques such as **ball-and-stick**, **space-filling**, and **wireframe** models are employed. Key molecular features, such as **bond lengths**, **bond angles**, and **functional groups**, are measured and compared. Additionally, the stereochemistry and ring systems of each molecule are analyzed to understand their structural implications for biological activity.

By offering an interactive 3D perspective, this project enhances the understanding of the relationship between the **molecular structure** and **biological function** of these alkaloids, aiding in both educational and pharmaceutical contexts.

Keyword

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