

## Supporting Information

### Discovery, Bioactivities and Biosynthesis of the Spirooxindole Alkaloids

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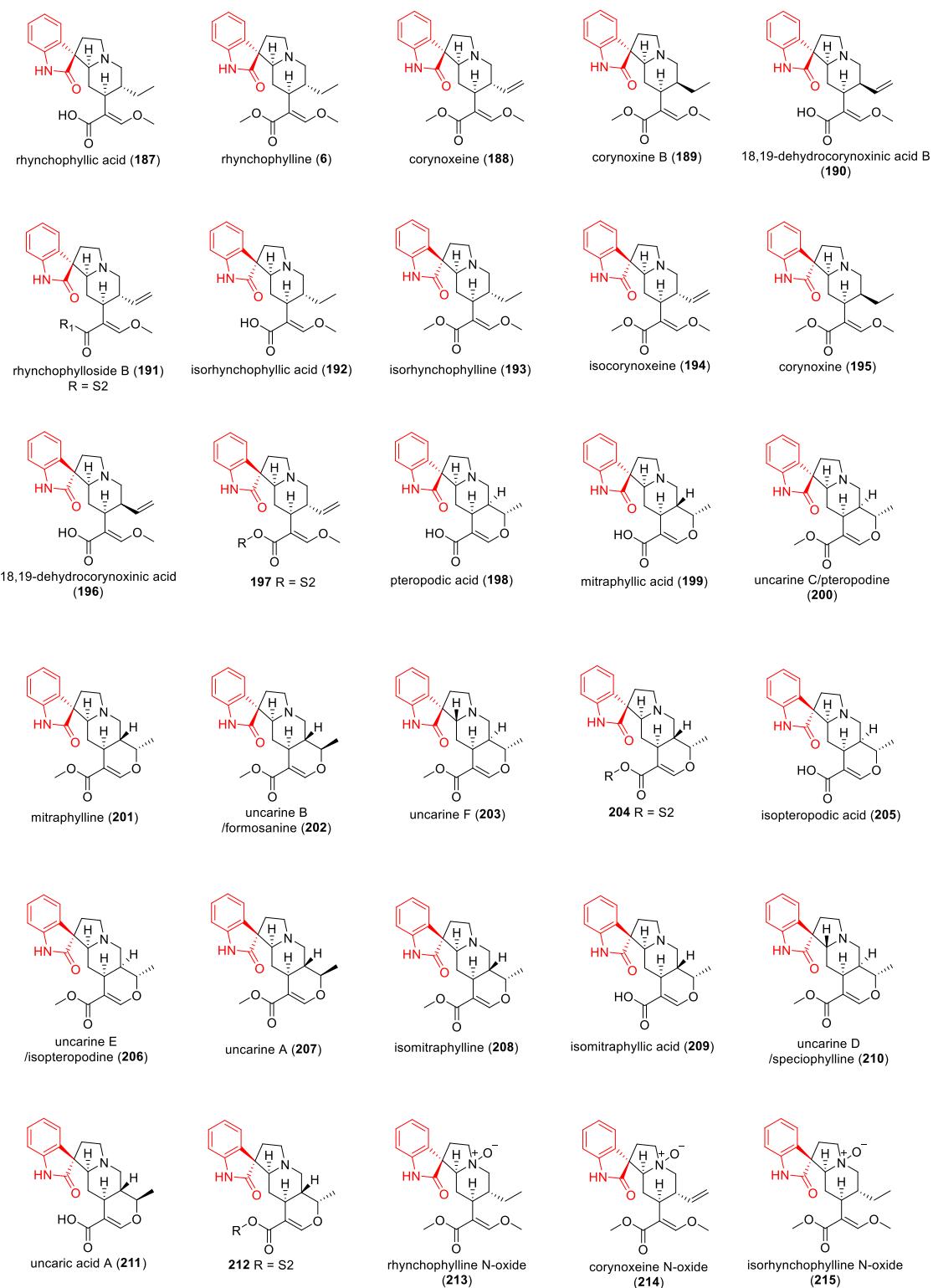
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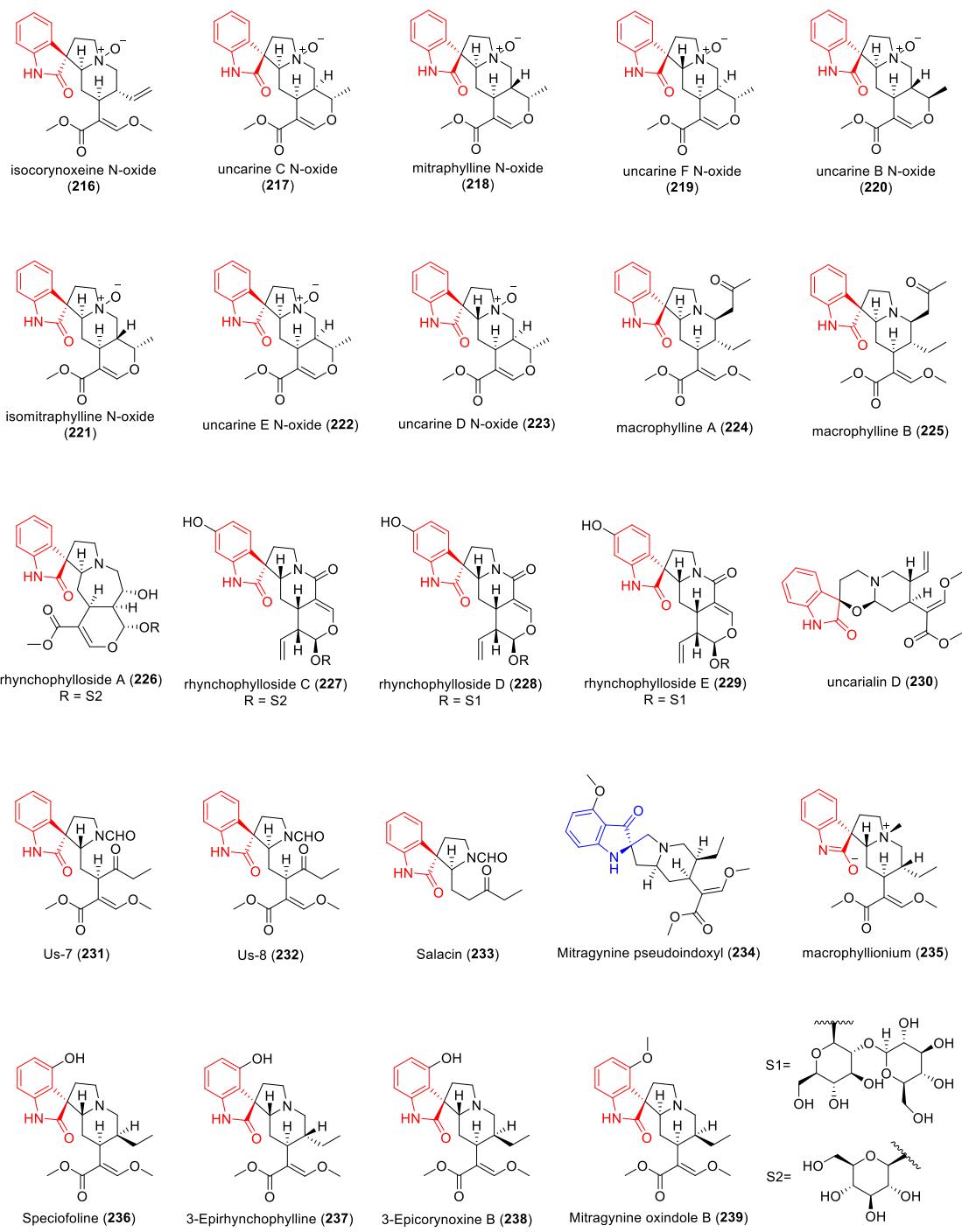
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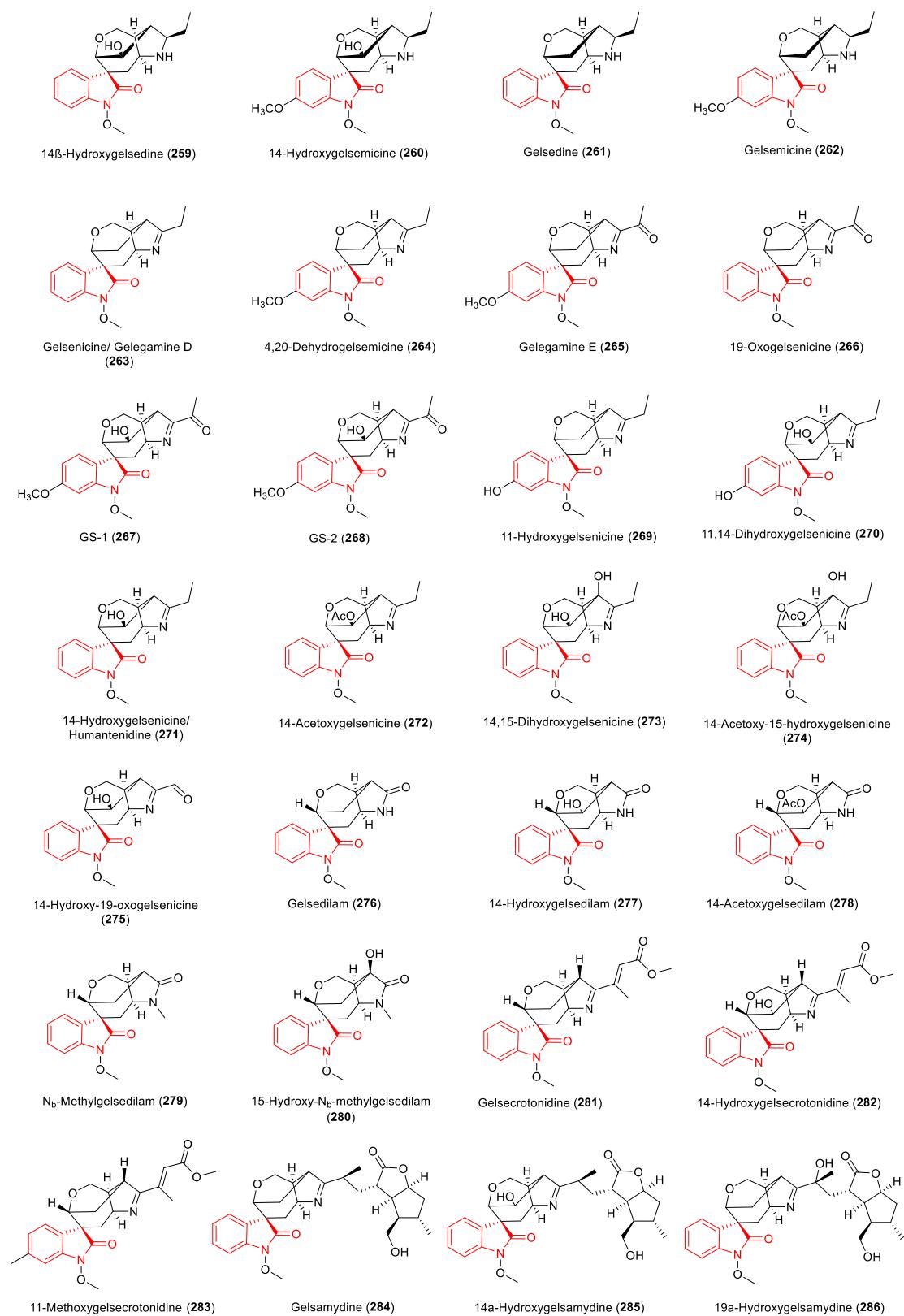
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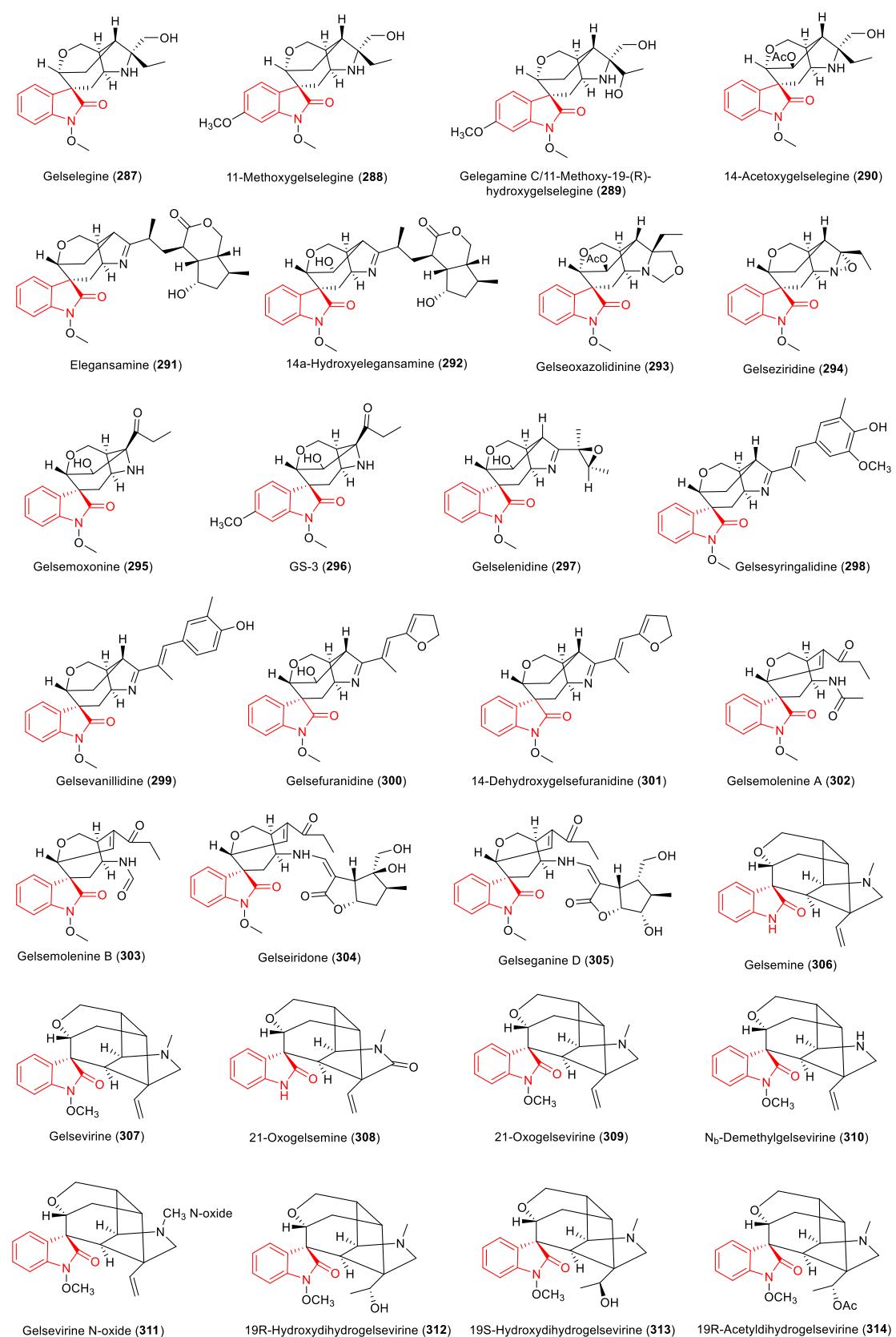
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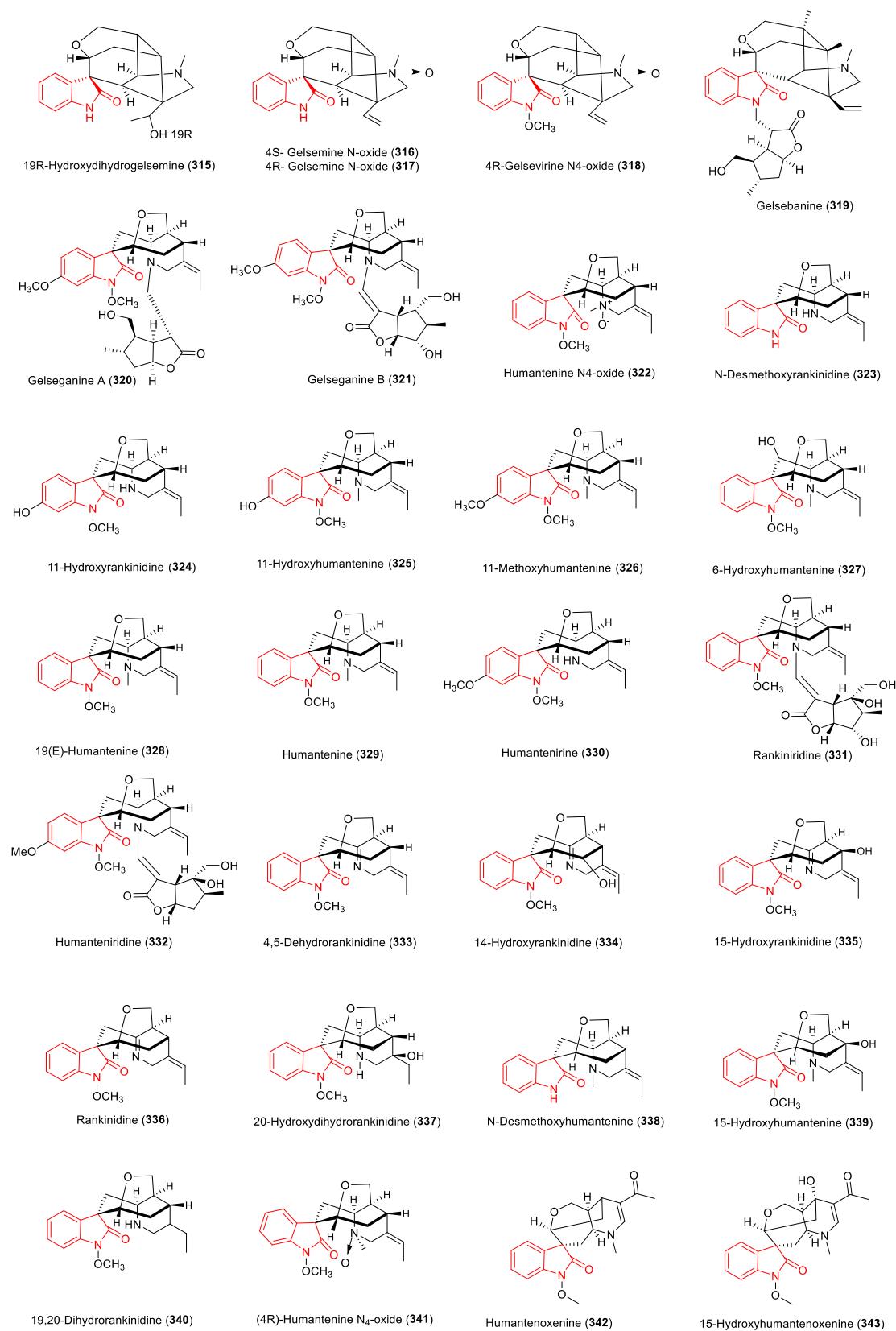
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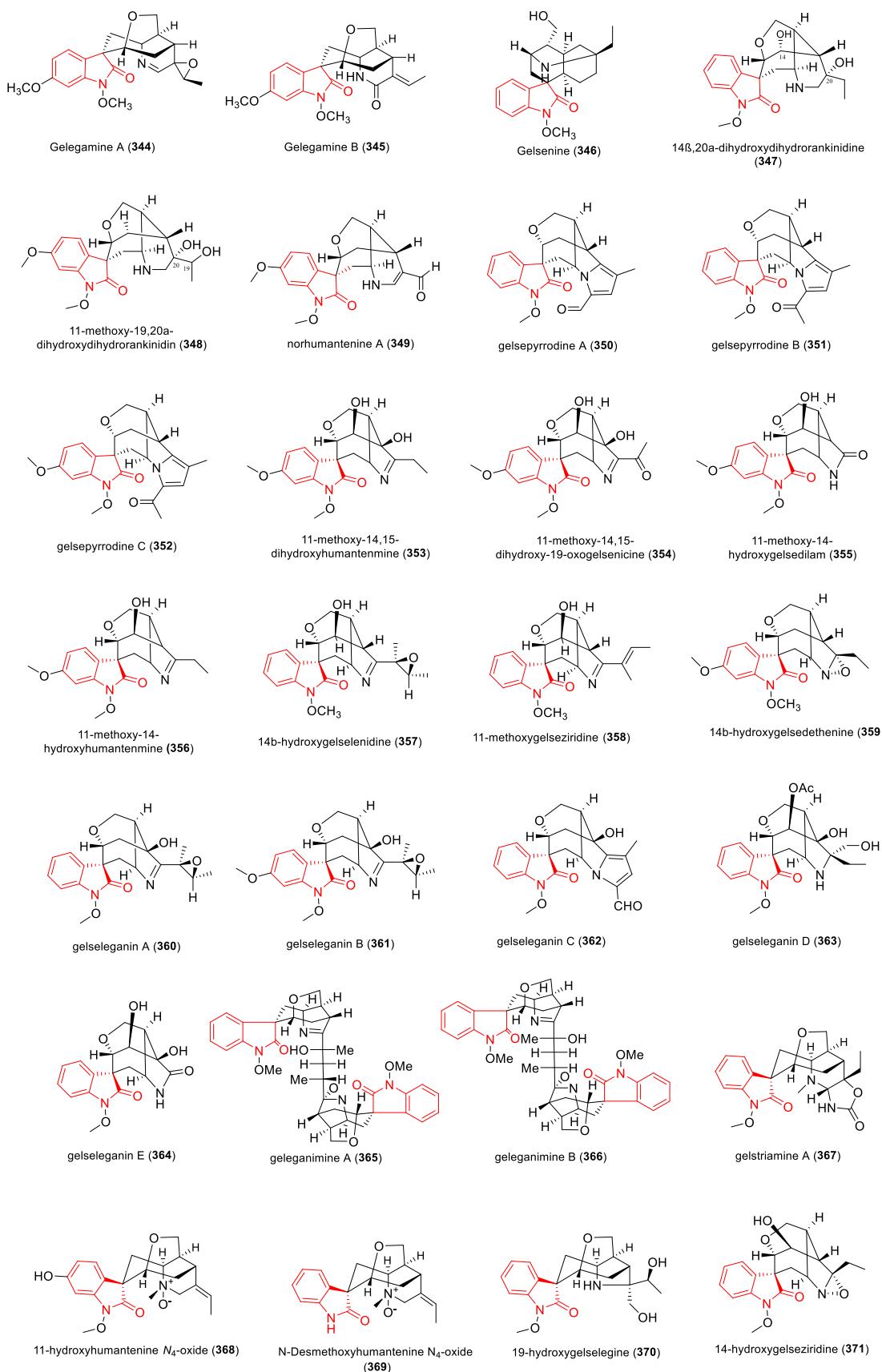
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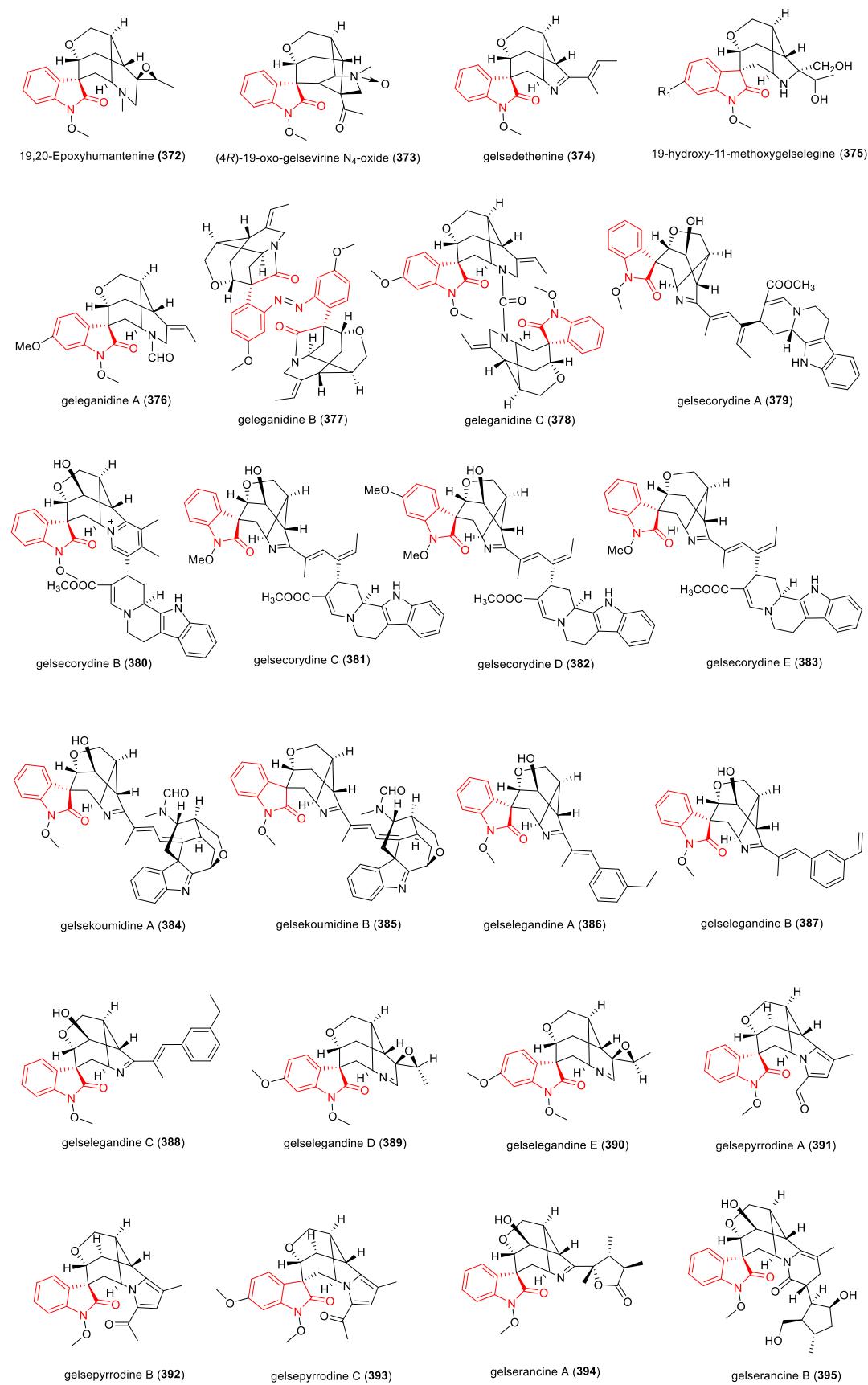
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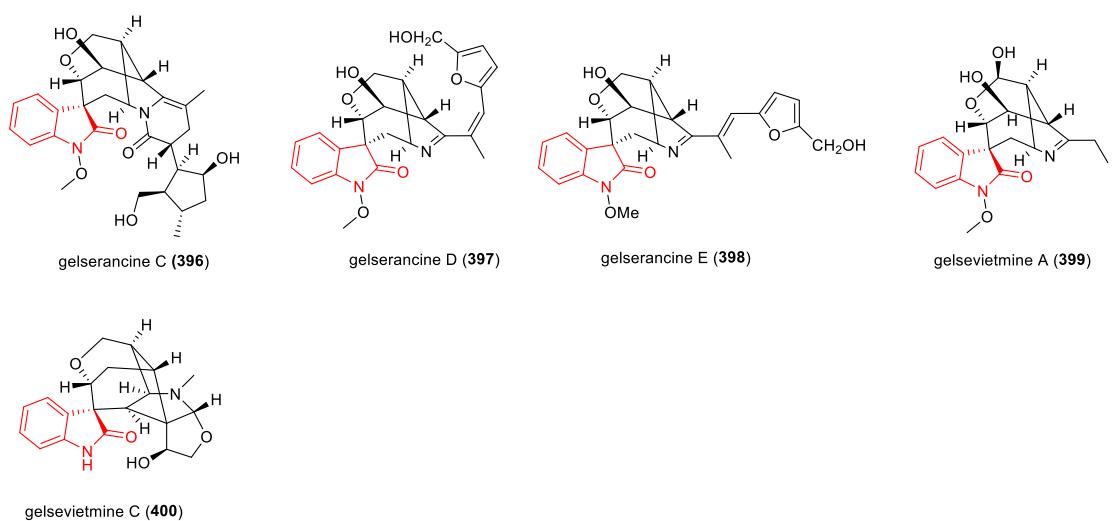
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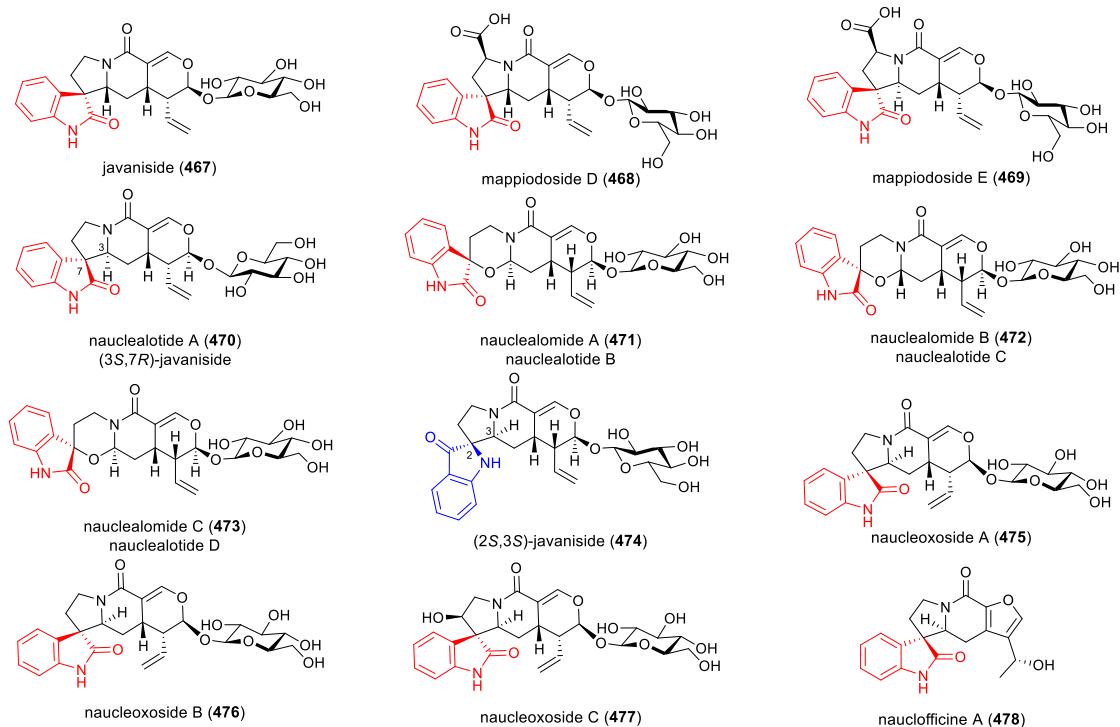
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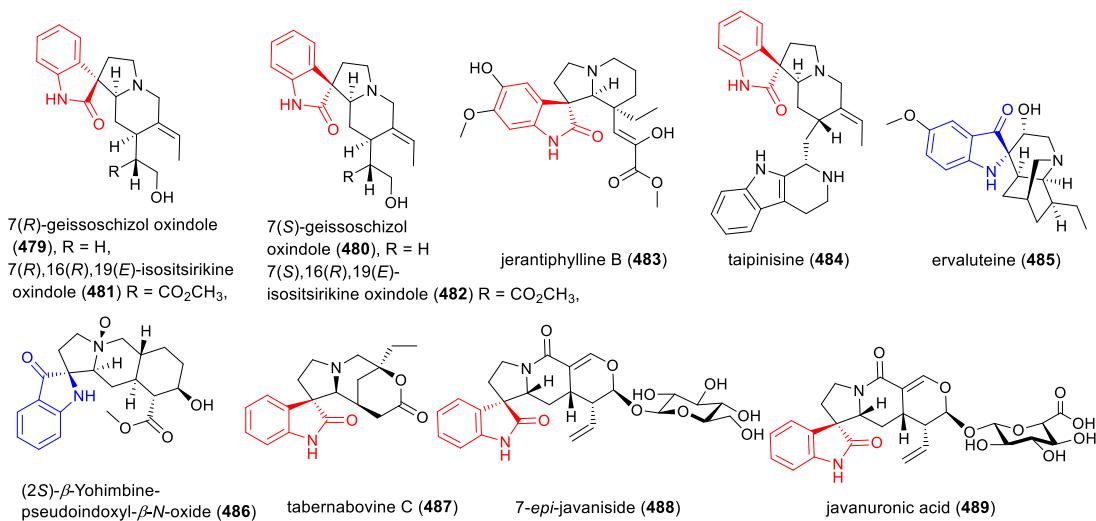


**Figure S3.** SOAs from *Alangium*, *Mappiodoside* and *Nauclea*



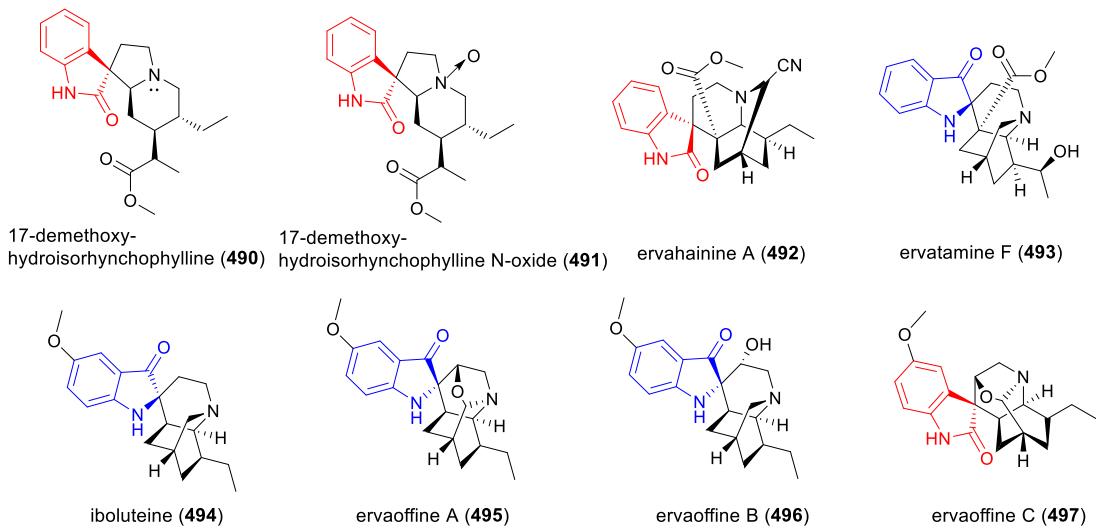
The genus *Alangium*, belonging to the Alangiaceae family, has traditionally been used as folk medicine to treat rheumatism.<sup>1</sup> The genus *Mappianthus* (Icacinaceae family) consists of three species which are distributed in subtropical and tropical regions.<sup>2</sup> The genus *Nauclea* (Rubiaceae) is widely used as the traditional Chinese medicine. Although these genera are distinct, the SOAs they produced exhibit similar skeletal structures. In 2004, Ma and Hecht isolated F 2-oxoindole alkaloid javaniside (467) from *A. javanicum*.<sup>3</sup>,<sup>4</sup> Mappiodosides D (468) and E (469) were isolated from the stems of *M. iodoides*, with 468 was closely related to 467 except for the existence of a carboxyl group at C-5.<sup>2</sup> Nauclealotide A (470), also named (3S,7R)-javaniside, was isolated from *N. officinalis*.<sup>5</sup>,<sup>6</sup> Nauclealomide A (471) was isolated in 2015, possessing a rare tetrahydro-2H-1,3-oxazine ring.<sup>5</sup> Nauclealomides B (472) and C (473) were also isolated from *N. officinalis*, and their planar structures were identical to that of 471.<sup>7</sup> In 2022, (2S,3S)-javaniside (474) was isolated from the stems of *N. officinalis*,<sup>8</sup> and naucleoxoside A-C (475-477) were identified in rat plasma after oral administration of total alkaloids extracted from *N. officinalis*.<sup>9</sup> In 2025, nauclofficine A (478) possessing a monoterpenoid 2-oxindole core structure, a spiro B/C moiety, and a furan E ring, was isolated from *N. officinalis*.<sup>10</sup>

**Figure S4.** SOAs from *Tabernaemontana*



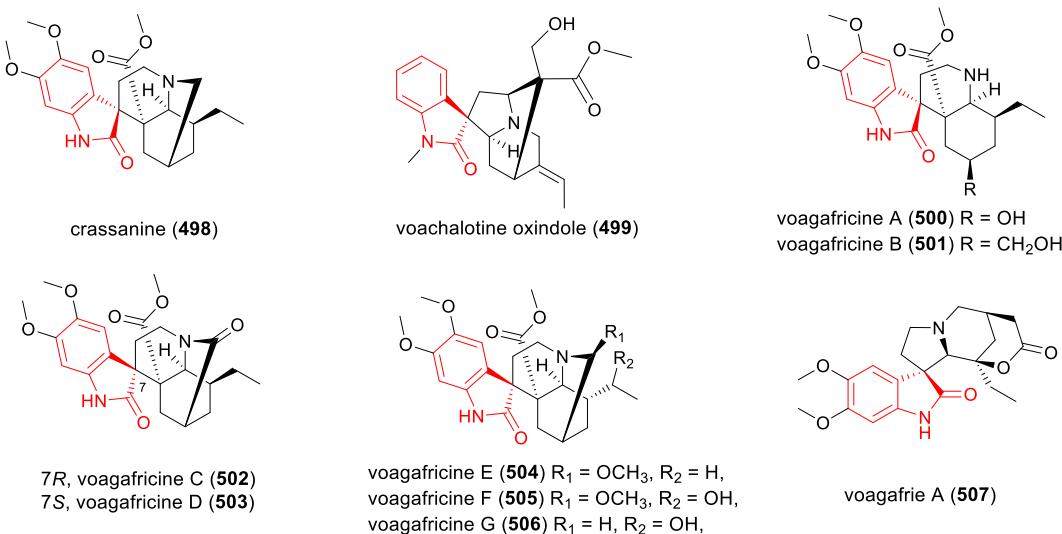
The genus of *Tabernaemontana* (Apocynaceae) is a prolific source of the monoterpenoid indole alkaloids, known to produce a variety of skeletal types, including secotabersonine alkaloids, bisvoobtusine-type alkaloids, and bis-vobasinyl-ibogan indole alkaloids.<sup>11</sup> In 2009, Kam's group isolated four tetracyclic oxindole alkaloids from the Malayan *T. corymbosa*, including 7(*R*)- and 7(*S*)-geissoschizol oxindole (479 and 480), 7(*R*),16(*R*)- and 7(*S*),16(*R*)-19(*E*)-isositsirikine oxindole (481 and 482).<sup>12</sup> In the same year, they also discovered jerantiphylline B (483).<sup>13</sup> Later, in 2014, they isolated the bisindole alkaloid taipinsine (484) and proposed the oxindole half of this heterodimer was a tetracyclic corynanthean oxindole with an ethyldene side chain, while the other partner, derived from tryptamine, was a tetrahydro- $\beta$ -carboline.<sup>14</sup> In 2015, Kam and co-workers isolated ervaluteine (485), a 6-hydroxy derivative of ibogaine pseudoindoxyl.<sup>15</sup> (2S)- $\beta$ -Yohimbine-pseudoindoxyl- $\beta$ -N-oxide (486), an oxidation products of  $\beta$ -yohimbine, was isolated from the leaves of *T. corymbosa*.<sup>16</sup> In 2019, tabernabovine C (487) was isolated from the leaves of *T. bovina*, and exhibited a bridged ring.<sup>17</sup> In 2023, avaniside derivatives 7-*epi*-javaniside (488) and javanuronic (489) were isolated from the methanolic leaf extract of *T. peduncularis*.<sup>18</sup>

**Figure S5.** SOAs from *Ervatamia*



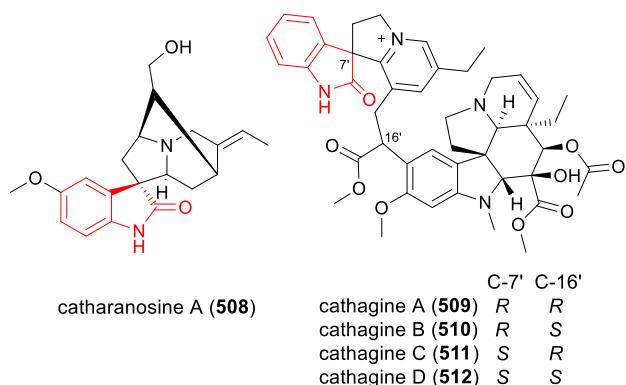
Apart from the genera *Alstonia* and *Tabernaemontana*, the genus *Ervatamia* is also belonging to the Apocynaceae family, and many of which have long been used in Traditional Chinese Medicine.<sup>19</sup> In 1999, 17-demethoxy-hydroisorhynchophylline (**490**) and 17-demethoxy-hydroisorhynchophylline *N*-oxide (**491**) were isolated from *E. yunnanensis* by Liu and co-workers.<sup>19</sup> In 2013, ervahainine A (**492**), a new cyano-substituted oxindole alkaloid, was isolated from *E. hainanensis*. The structure was confirmed by X-ray diffraction analysis.<sup>20</sup> In 2015, ervatamine F (**493**) was isolated from *E. hainanensis* by Gao and co-workers, and was 19-hydroxycoronaridine pseudoindoxy.<sup>21</sup> Additionally, Iboluteine (**494**) and ervaaffines A-C (**495-497**), new iboga-type derivatives, were isolated from the twigs and leaves of *E. officinalis*.<sup>22</sup>

**Figure S6.** SOAs from *Voacanga*



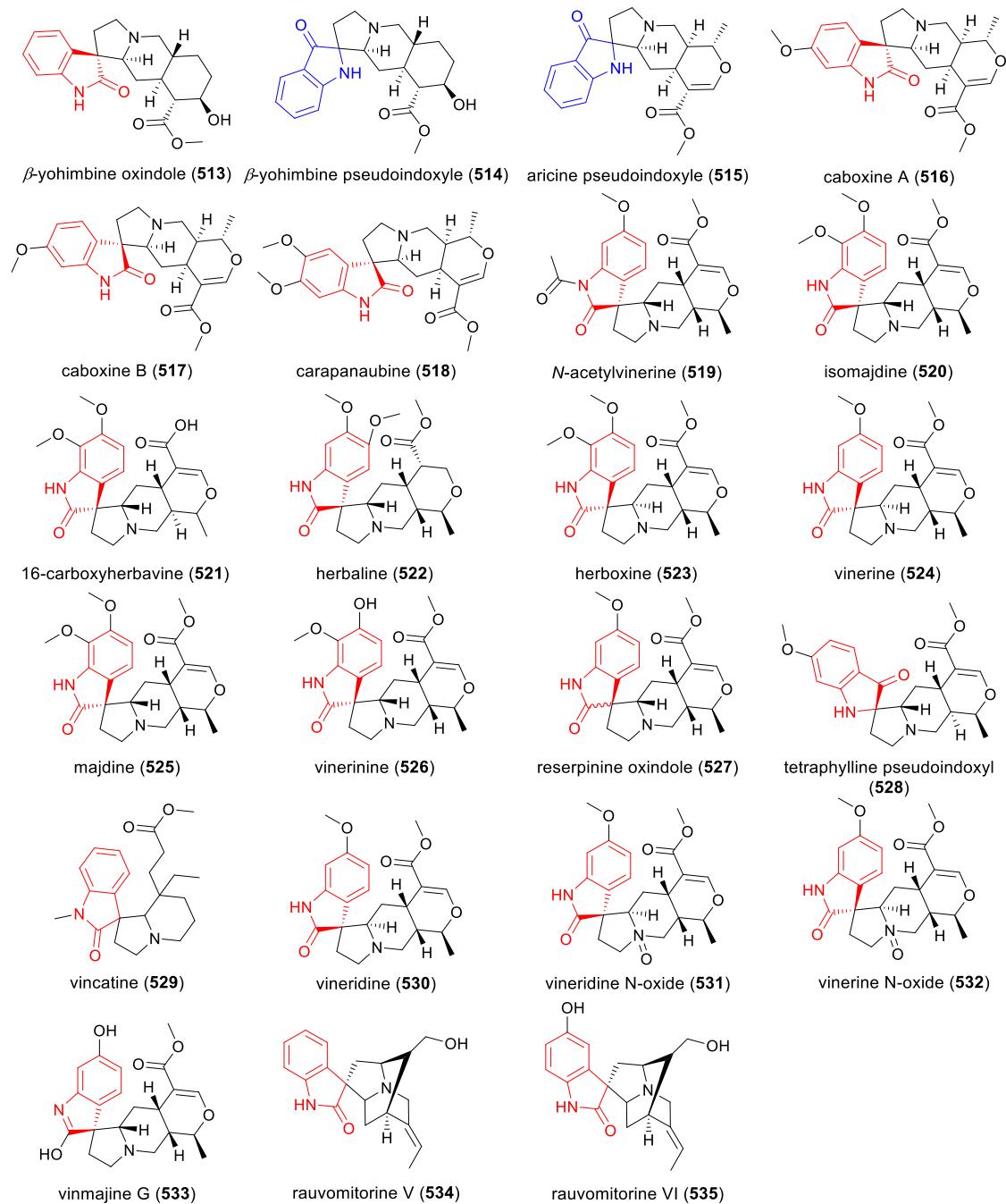
The genus *Voacanga* also belongs to Apocynaceae family. In 1968, crassanine (498) was first isolated from *T. crassa*.<sup>23</sup> In 2024, Qin et al isolated 498 from *V. Africana* and suggested that it could serve as a chemotaxonomic markers to distinguish this genus from other plant species in the family.<sup>24</sup> In 1969, voachalotine oxindole (499) was isolated from *V. chalotiana* by Braekman and co-workers.<sup>25</sup> In 2023, Qin et al isolated seven rare SOAs, voagafricines A-G (500–506), from the stem barks of *V. africana*. These compounds feature a unique 6/5 indoleone ring system conjugated with a 3,4'-decahydroquinoline spiral ring, derived from a secoquinolhiddin core.<sup>26</sup> In 2025, Ding et al. isolated voagafricine A (507) from *V. africana*, which possessed a unique 6/5/5/6/6 spiral ring with an indolone-fused 9-oxo-3aza-tricyclo[6,3,1,03,7]-12-alkane-10-carbonyllactone.<sup>27</sup>

**Figure S7.** SOAs from *Catharanthus*



SOAs have been rarely reported in the *Catharanthus* genus until now. In 2021, catharanosine A (508) was isolated from the twigs and leaves of *C. roseus*.<sup>28</sup> In 2025, cathagine A-D (509-512) consisting of an aspidosperma and the fused tetracyclic 3-spirooxindole derived from an iboga type skeleton were isolated from the whole plant of *C. roseus* by Hirasawa et al<sup>29</sup>

**Figure S8.** SOAs from *Aspidosperma*, *Vinca* and *Rauvolfia*



The SOAs from genera *Aspidosperm*, *Vinca*, and *Rauvolfia* share nearly identical core structures. In 1983,  $\beta$ -yohimbine oxindole (513),  $\beta$ -yohimbine pseudoindoxylo (514), and aricine pseudoindoxylo (515) were isolated from the seeds of *A. oblongum*.<sup>30</sup> the absolute configuration of the spiro center in 514 and 515 remain uncertain. In 2011, caboxine A (516) and B (517), carapanaubine (518) were isolated from *A. rigidum* and

*A. schultesii*.<sup>31</sup> SOAs **516-518** were also isolated from *Vinca* and *Rauvolfia* genera.<sup>32, 33</sup> Besides, compounds **519-535** (Figure S3) were isolated from these genera as documented in the reviews by Vrabec et al<sup>32</sup> and Sunil et al<sup>33</sup>.

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