



# Chemotherapeutic Agents

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## Drugs to Treat Neoplastic Diseases- Section 4- Mitosis Inhibitors

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# Pharmacologic Classification of Chemotherapeutic Agents

I. DNA (cross) linking agents; DNA alkylating agents

II. Antimetabolites

III. DNA topoisomerase poisons & DNA intercalating agents:  
Natural alkaloids: III.1. Camptothecins; III.2. Epipodophyllotoxins;  
Antibiotics: III.3. Anthracyclines; III.4. Anthracenediones

IV. DNA interacting miscellaneous antibiotics:

IV.1. phenoxazine; IV.2. glycopeptide; IV.3. mitomycin

# Pharmacologic classification of Chemotherapeutic Agents- Contd.

V. Mitosis inhibitors: natural compounds

VI. Tyrosine Kinase and related inhibitors

VII. Histone deacetylase inhibitors

VIII. Immunomodulators

IX. Miscellaneous: hormonal, and specific agents



## *Drugs Used to Treat Neoplastic Diseases*

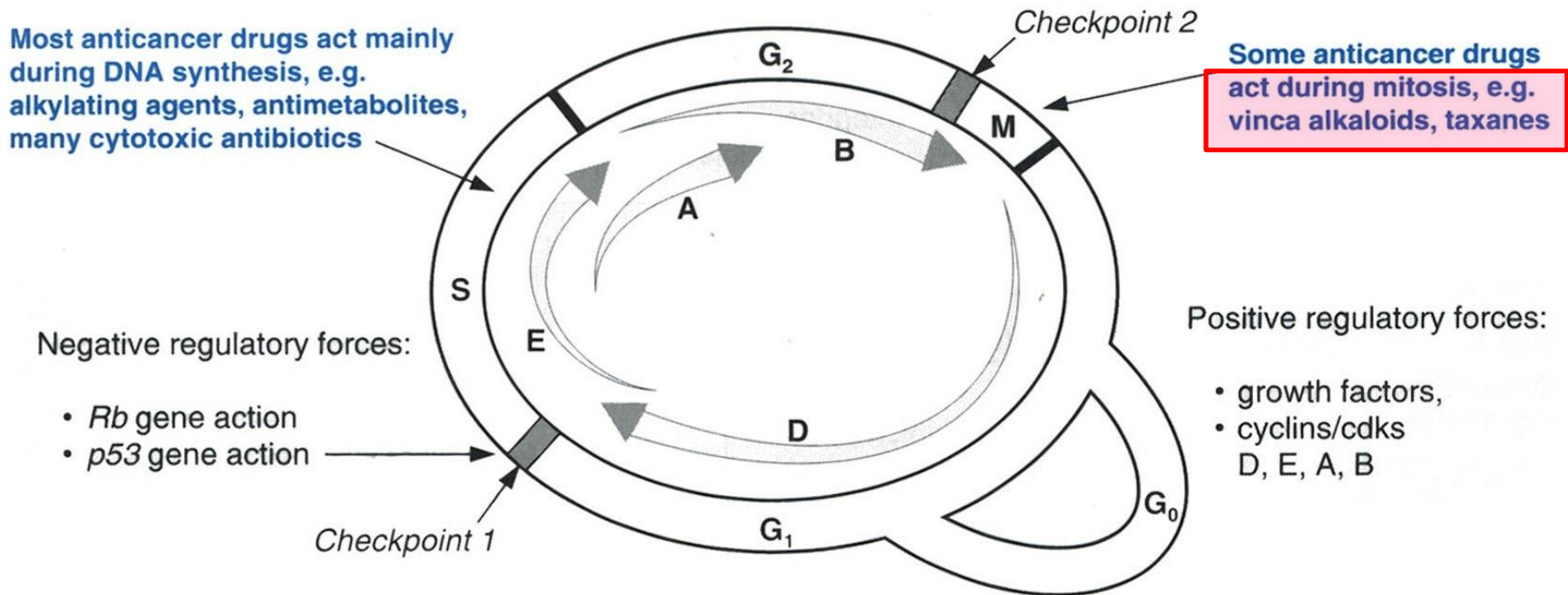
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### MITOSIS INHIBITORS

- Cabazitaxel
- Docetaxel
- Eribulin
- Ixabepilone
- Paclitaxel
- Vinblastine
- Vincristine
- Vinorelbine

# V. Mitosis Inhibitors: Antimitotic Agents

# Established Possible Targets for Anticancer Agents in Cell Cycle



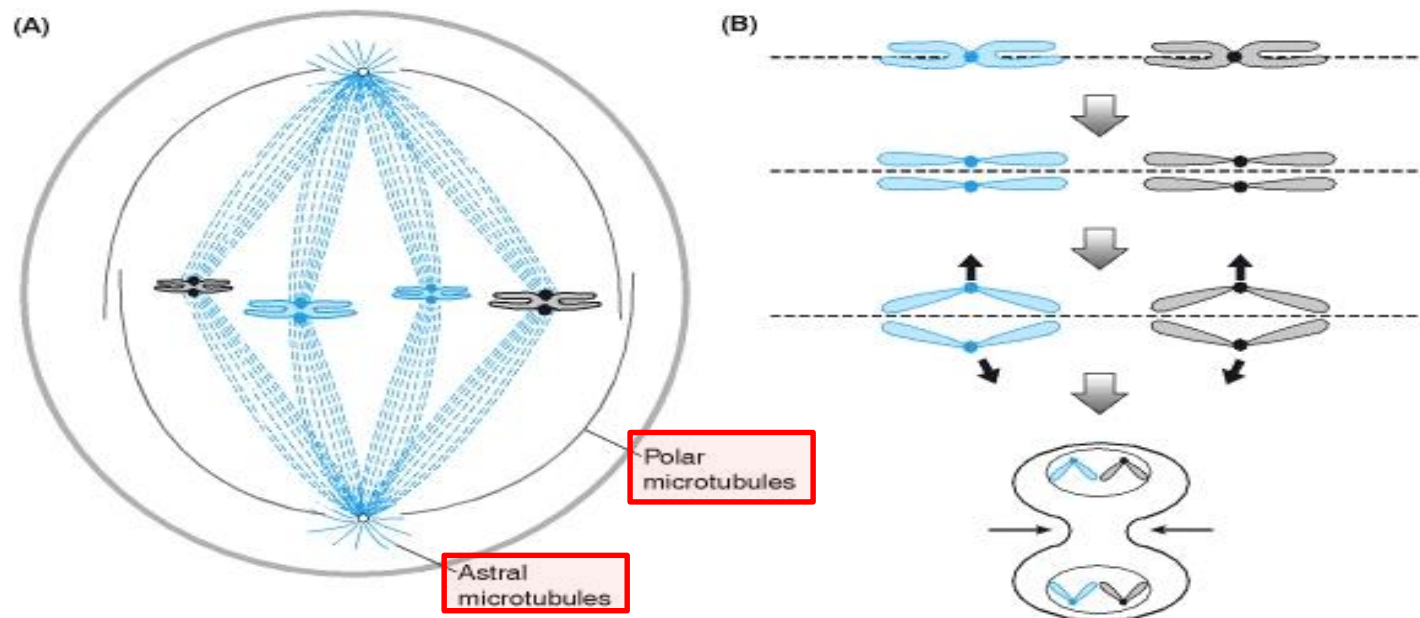
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# Mitosis

- Microtubules: consist of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  Tubulins
  - ✓ lie adjacent to one another
  - ✓ dynamic stability
  - ✓ Polymerization: elongation
  - ✓ & depolymerization: shortening:
  - ✓ through GTP & Calcium dependent processes.
- Microtubule Associated Protein: MAP

# Antimitotic Agents: MOA by Schematic Image

- MOA: interfere with the formation of mitotic spindle: hence prevents mitosis



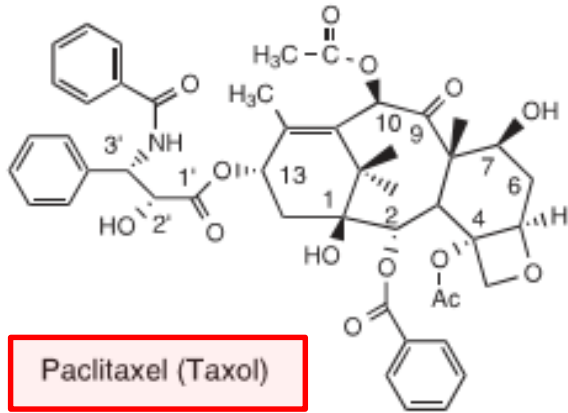


## V. Antimitotic Agents: Chemical Classifications

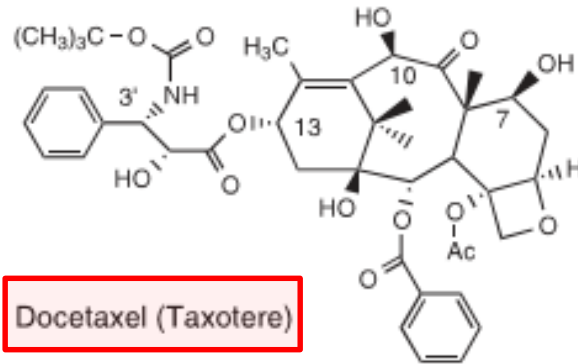
- V.1. Taxanes: Docetaxel; Paclitaxel; Cabazitaxel
- V.2. Epothilone: Epothilone A; Epothilone B; Ixabepilone
- V.3. Vinca Alkaloids: Vincristine; Vinblastine; Vinorelbine
- V.4. Stramustine: nitrogen mustard structure
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# Antimitotic Agents

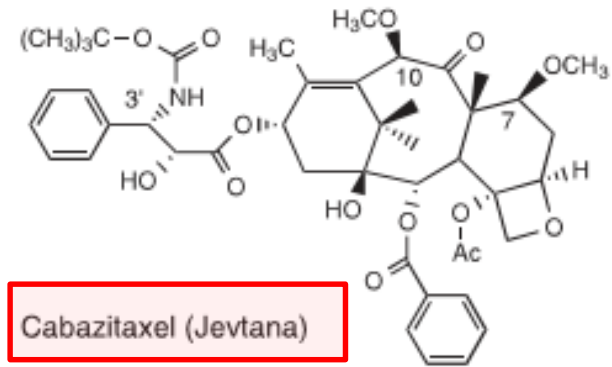
## Taxanes



Paclitaxel (Taxol)

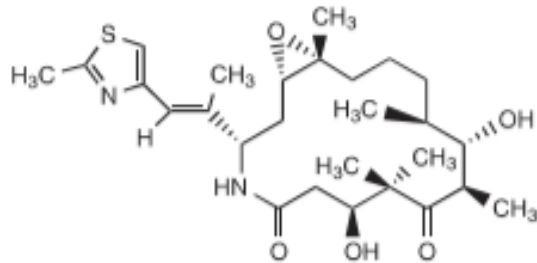


Docetaxel (Taxotere)



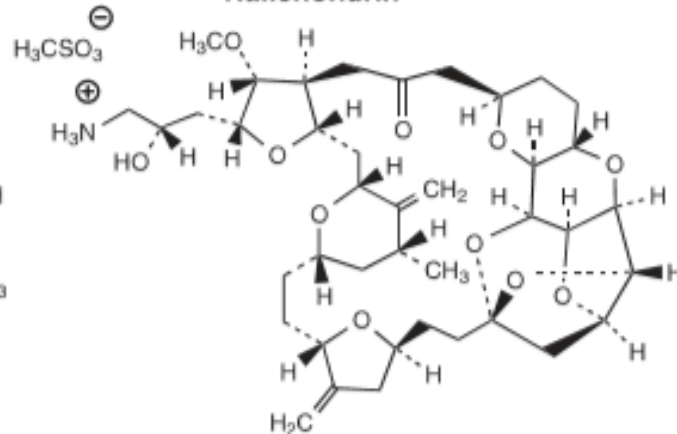
Cabazitaxel (Jevtana)

## Epothilone

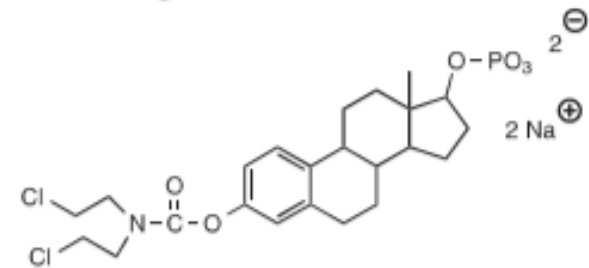


Ixabepilone (Ixempra)

## Halichondrin



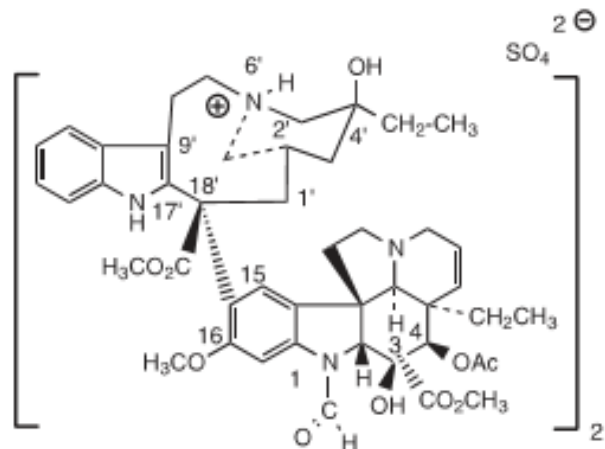
## Nitrogen mustard



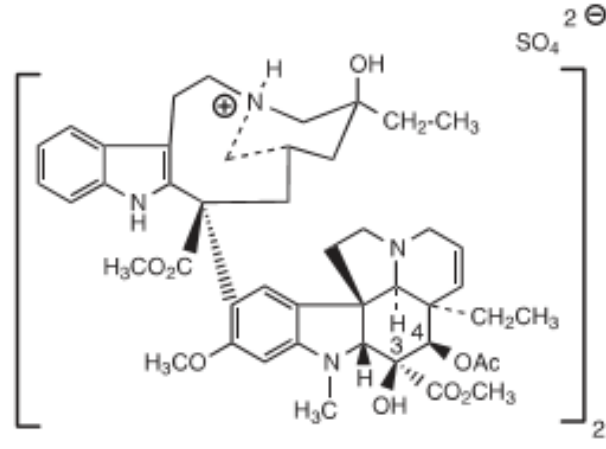
Estramustine phosphate sodium (Emcyt)

# Antimitotic Agents- Contd.

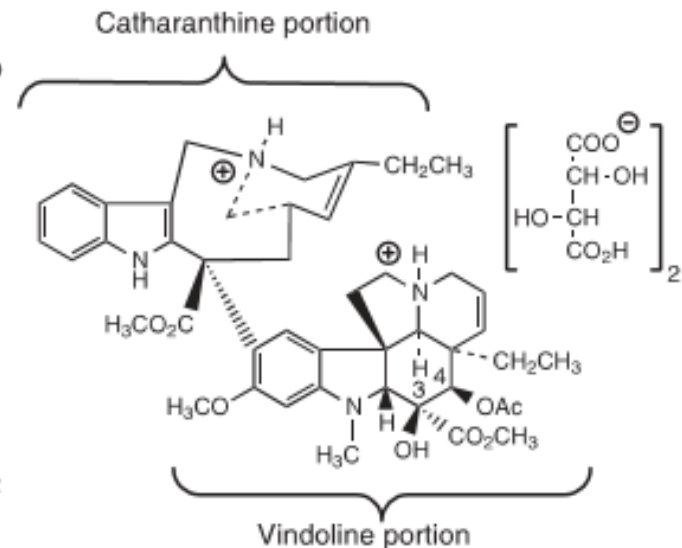
## Vinca alkaloids:



Vincristine sulfate (Vincasar PFS)



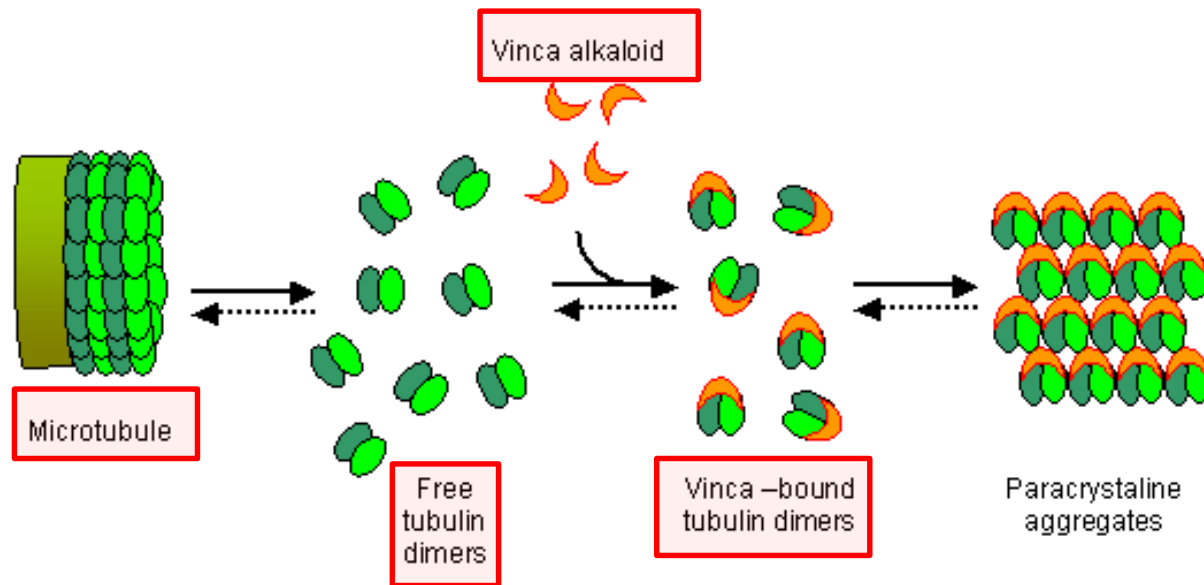
Vinblastine sulfate (Velban)



Vinorelbine tartrate (Navelbine)

# MOA for Vincas in Schematic Image as Antimitotic Agents

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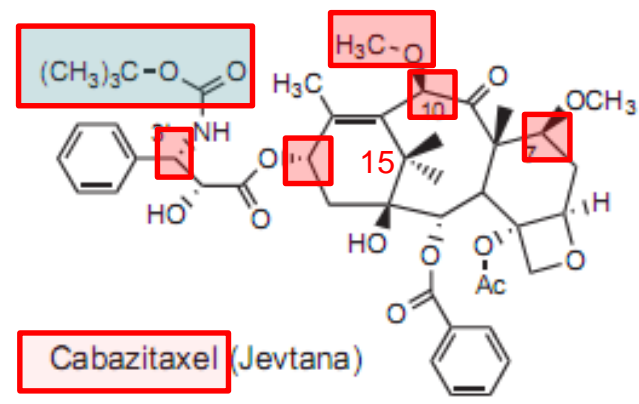
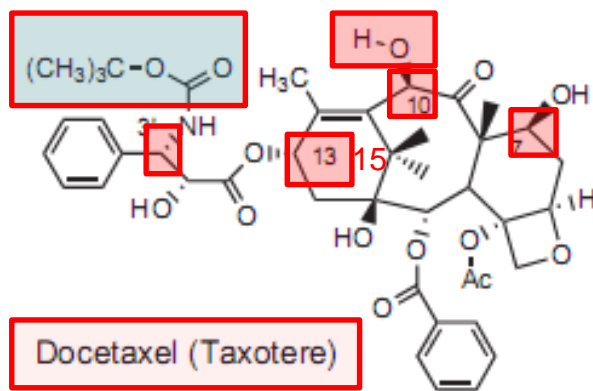
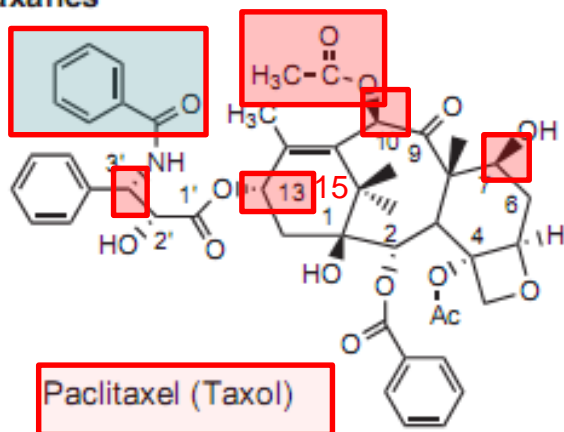
# V. Antimitotic Agents: 1. Taxanes

- Taxanes: Paclitaxel (Taxol<sup>®</sup>)  
Docetaxel (Taxotere<sup>®</sup>)  
Cabazitaxel (Cabotax<sup>®</sup>)

- Chemistry:

tricycle-pentadecane (15-membered) fused to oxetane:

## Taxanes



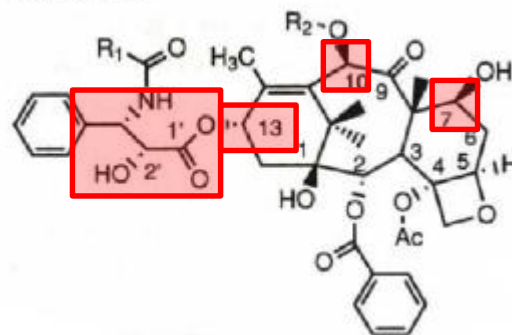
# V. Antimitotic Agents: 1. Taxanes: Chemistry & SAR

- Chemistry:

- ✓ tricycle-pentadecane (15-membered) fused to oxetane:
- ✓ butterfly conformation: “Northern & Southern” segments
- ✓ C13-O-esterified by:  $\beta$ -phenyl-iso-serin which is N-acylated
- \* find benzamide or carbamate portion.
- ✓ differ in substitutes at C7, C10 & C13
- ✓ essential functional groups regarding interaction sites: next slide



Taxanes:

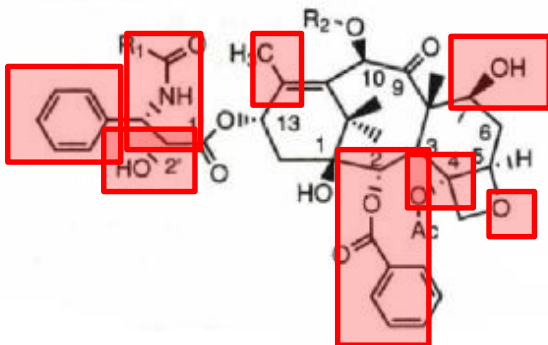


Paclitaxel: R<sub>1</sub> = C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>; R<sub>2</sub> = Ac  
(Taxol, Onxol, ~~Abiraterone~~)  
Docetaxel: R<sub>1</sub> = (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>C-O; R<sub>2</sub> = H  
(Taxotere)

# Receptor Interaction Points for Paclitaxel (Taxol®)

- C2-benzyloxy: -O-CO-phenyl
- C4-acetyloxy: -O-CO-CH<sub>3</sub>
- C7-OH
- C11-C12: dehydro
- C12-CH<sub>3</sub>
- Oxetane: oxygen
- C2'-OH & CO (carbonyl)
- C3'-benzamido-NH
- C3'-benzamido-CO (carbonyl)
- C3'-phenyl

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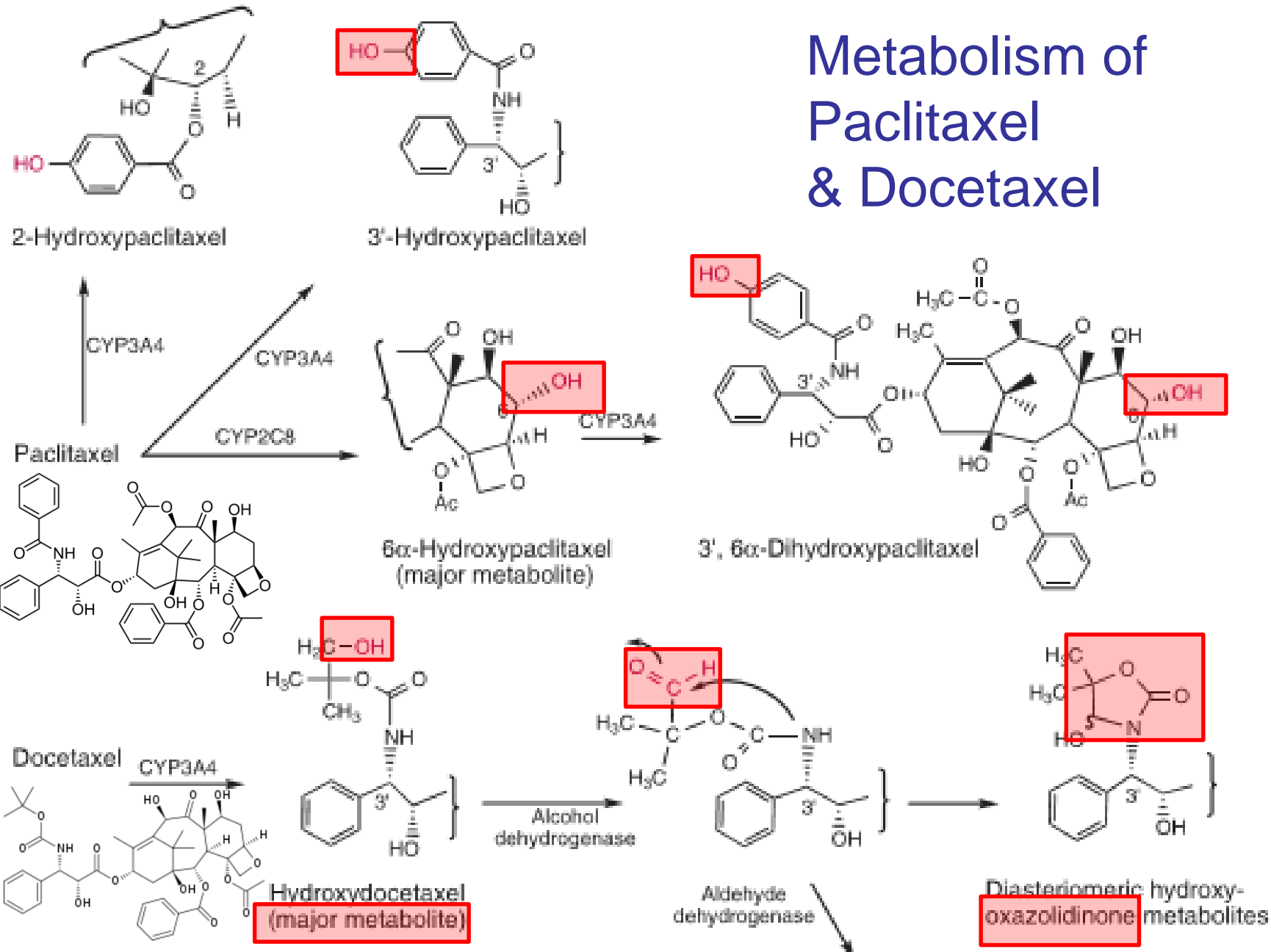


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Table 33.12 Paclitaxel-β-Tubulin Binding Interactions

Paclitaxel Functional Group	β-Tubulin Binding Residues	Interaction
C <sub>2</sub> -benzyloxy phenyl	Leu217, Leu219, His229, Leu230	Hydrophobic
C <sub>2</sub> -benzyloxy carbonyl	Arg278	Hydrogen bond
C <sub>3</sub> -benzamido NH	Asp26	Hydrogen bond
C <sub>3</sub> -benzamido carbonyl	His229	Hydrogen bond
C <sub>3</sub> -phenyl	Ala233, Ser236, Phe272	Hydrophobic
C <sub>4</sub> -acetoxy	Leu217, Leu230, Phe272, Leu275	Hydrophobic
C <sub>7</sub> -OH	Thr276 Ser277, Arg278	Hydrogen bond
C <sub>12</sub> -CH <sub>3</sub>	Leu217, Leu230, Phe272, Leu275	Hydrophobic
C <sub>2</sub> -OH	Arg369, Gly370 (NH)	Hydrogen bond
C <sub>3</sub> -carbonyl	Gly370 (NH)	Hydrogen bond
Oxetane oxygen	Thr276 (NH)	Hydrogen bond

# Metabolism of Paclitaxel & Docetaxel



**Figure 33.36** Taxane metabolism.



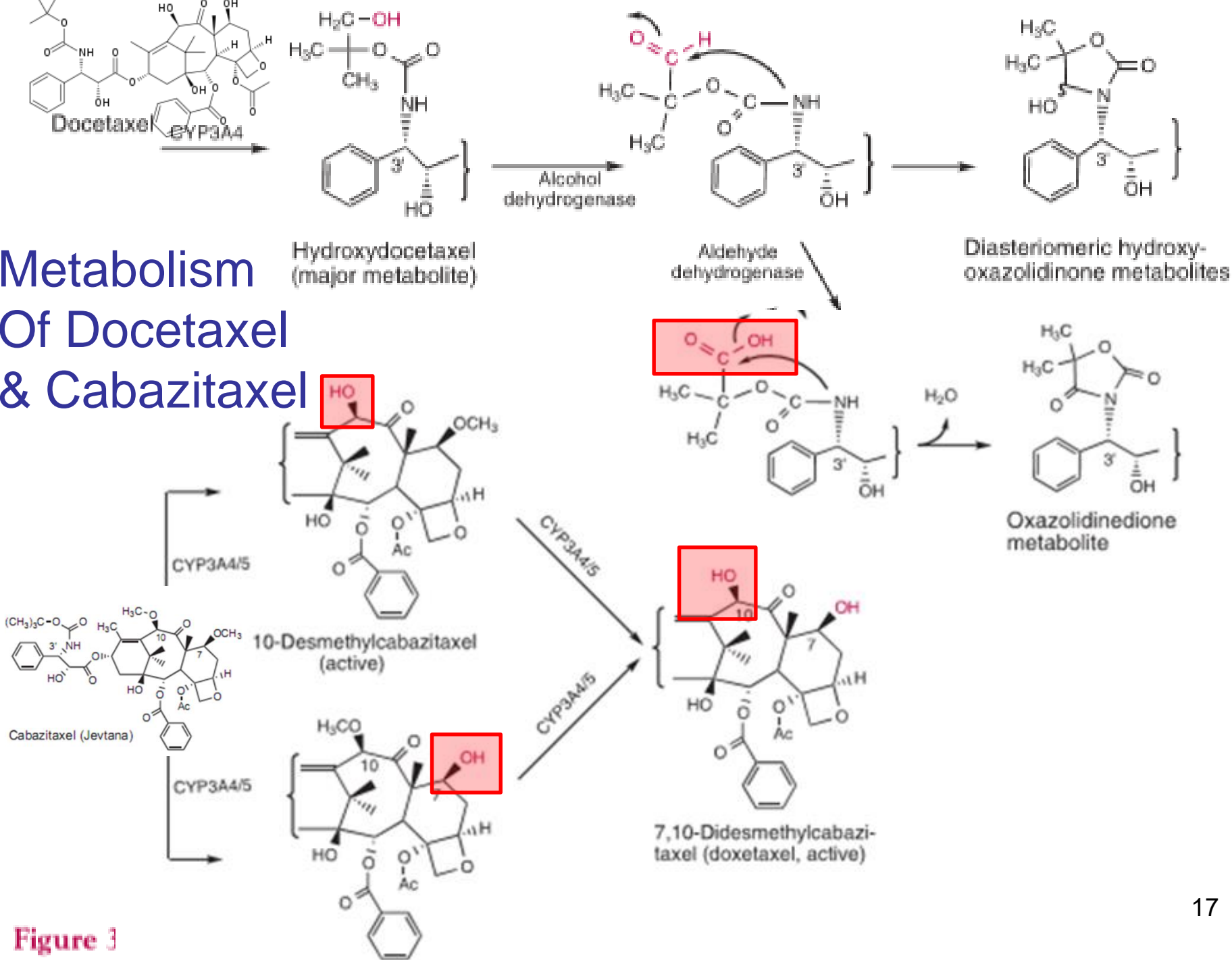
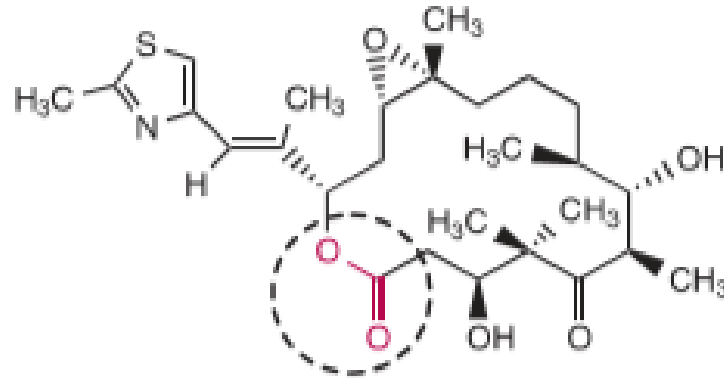


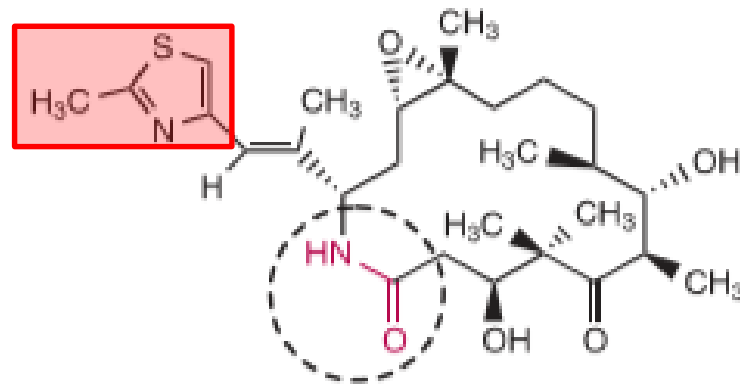
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# V. Antimitotic Agents: 2. Epothilones



Epothilone B

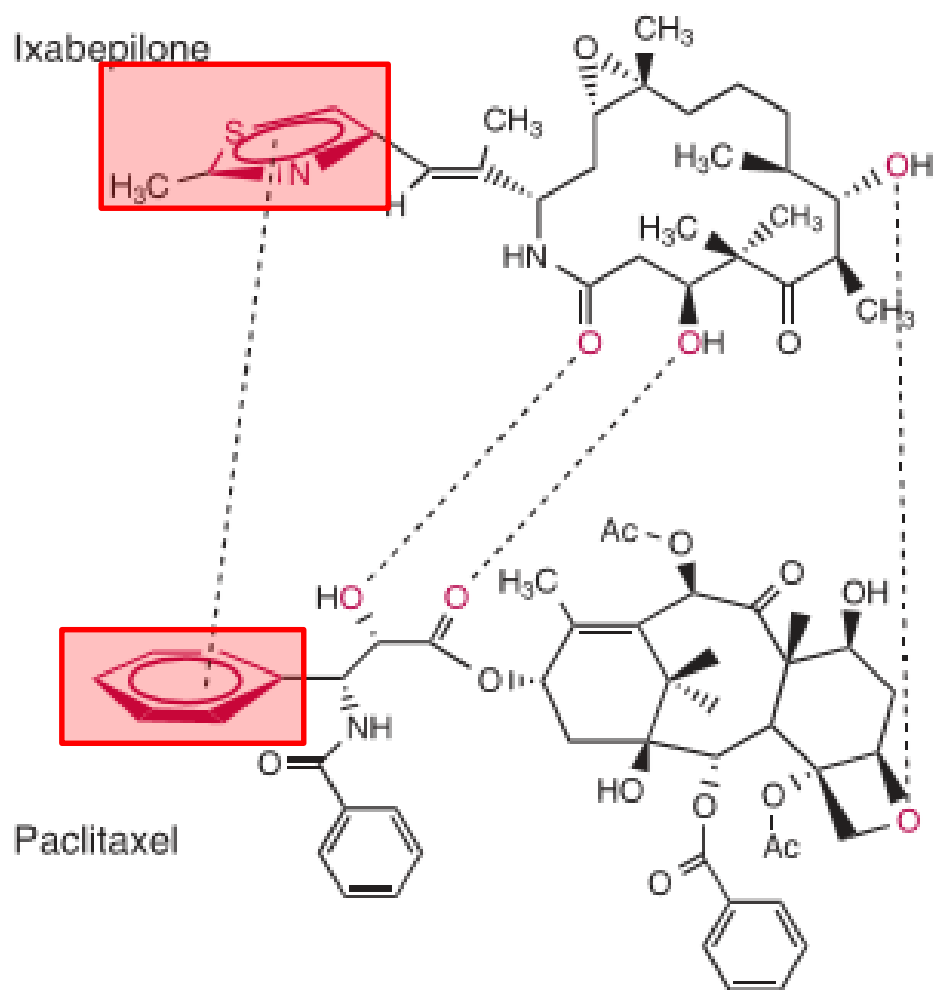
16 membered  
 $\beta$ -hydroxy  
lactone or lactam



Ixabepilone (Ixempra)

Figure 33.38 Epothilones.

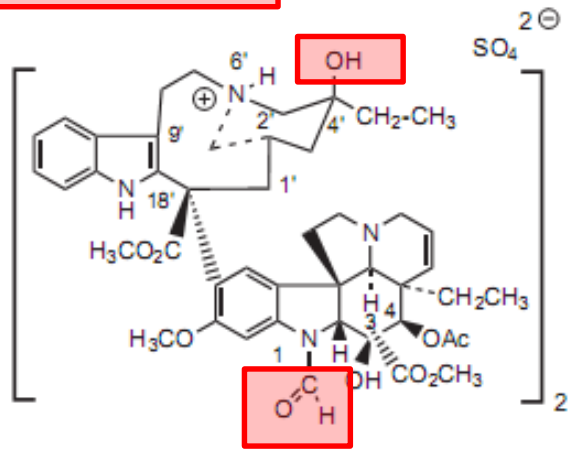
## V. 2. Epothilones: Comparing Ixabepilone to Paclitaxel



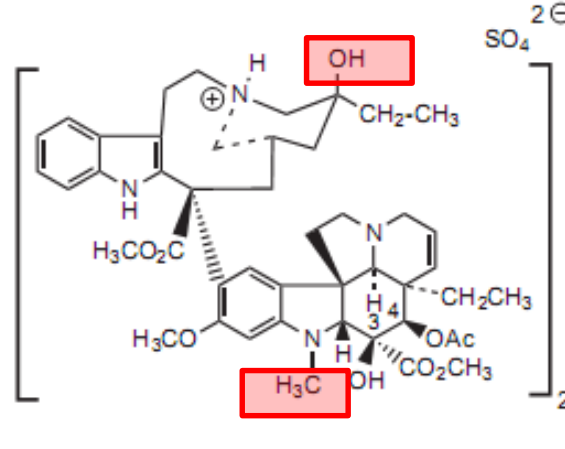
**Figure 33.37** Complementary ixabepilone and paclitaxel functional groups.

# V. Antimitotic Agents: 3. Vincas

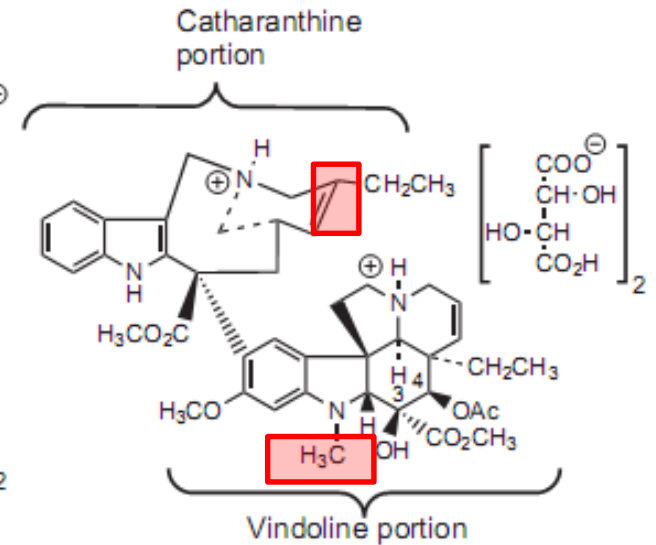
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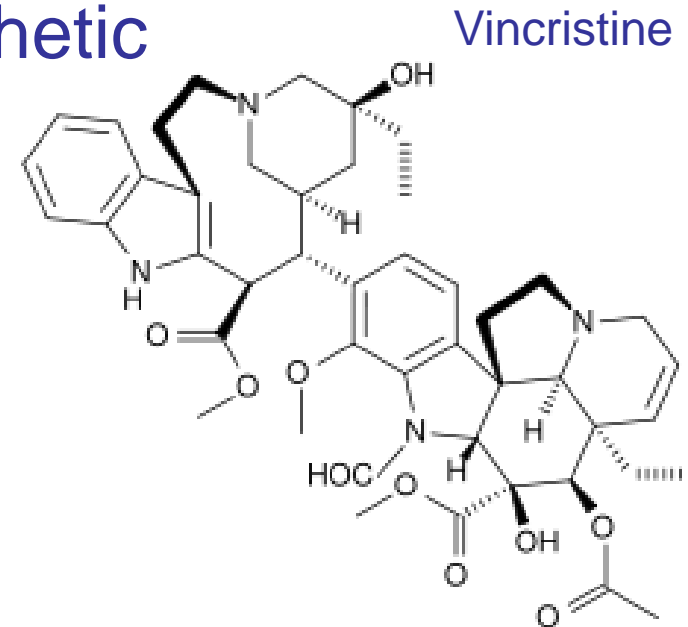


Vinorelbine tartrate (Navelbine)



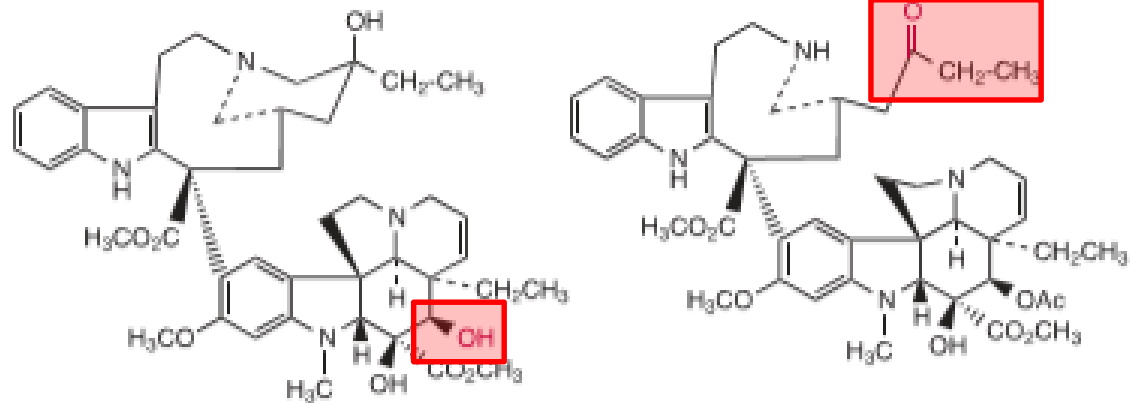
## V. Antimitotic Agents: 3. Vincas: Structural & Potency Comparison

- Vinca alkaloids: vindoline + catharanthine
- ✓ Vinblastine (Velban<sup>®</sup>): lowest affinity
- ✓ Vincristine (Oncovin<sup>®</sup>): **highest** affinity
- ✓ Vinorelbine (Navelbin<sup>®</sup>): semisynthetic



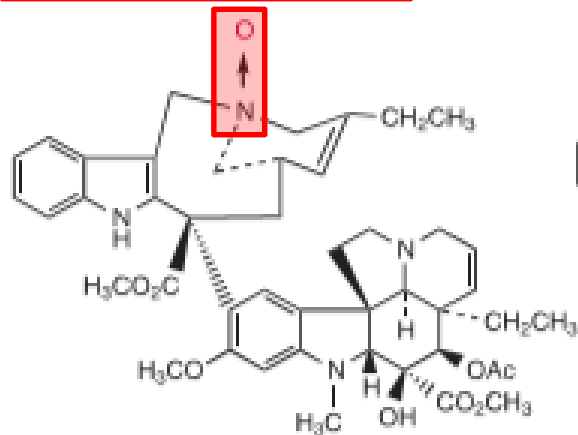
- MOA: interfere with the formation of the mitotic spindle

# Metabolism of Vincas

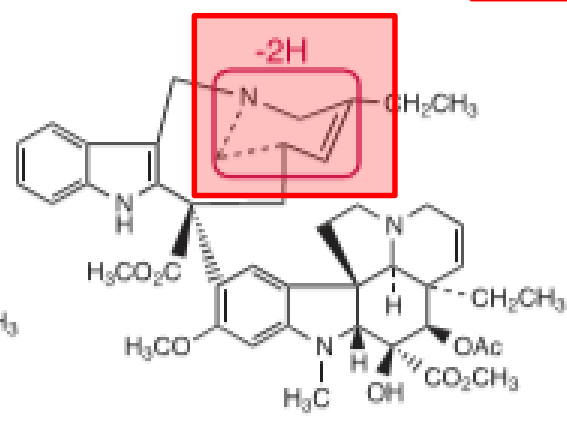


Desacetylvinblastine (active)

Vincristine M1 metabolite (inactive)



Vinorelbine N-oxide metabolite (inactive)



Vinorelbine didehydro metabolite (inactive)

Figure 33.40 Major metabolites of vinca alkaloids.