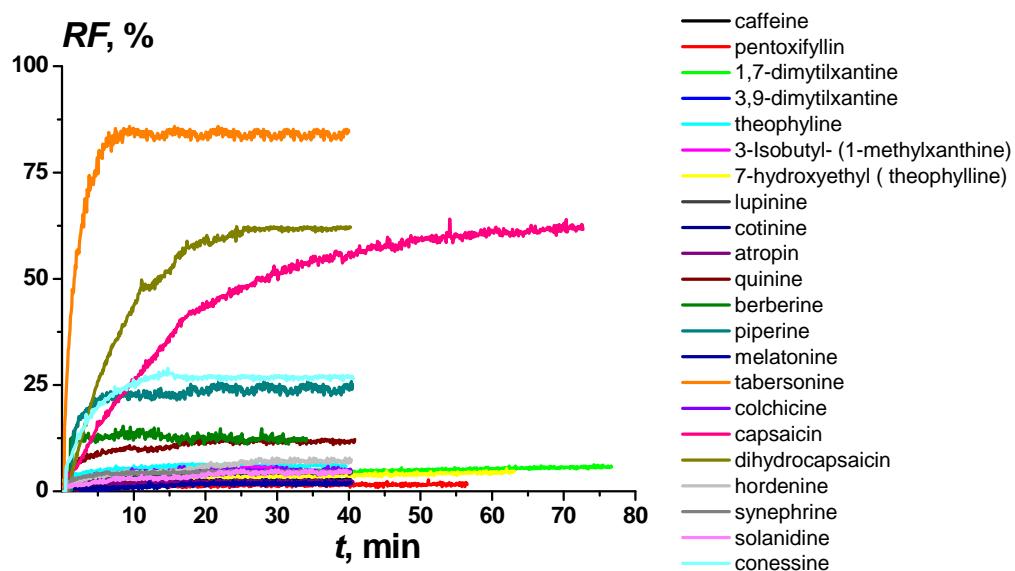


## *Supplementary Material*

### 1.1 Supplementary Figures



**Supplementary Figure 1.** The time dependence of relative fluorescence of calcein (RF,%) leaked from POPC vesicles. Alkaloids were added into the liposomal suspension up to a concentration of 0.4 mM at the first time point. The relationship between the color line and the compound is given in the figure.

## 1.2 Supplementary Tables

**Supplementary TABLE 1S.** The physicochemical properties of tested alkaloids: *pKa* – the logarithm of acid dissociation constant, LogD<sub>o/w</sub> – the logarithm of octanol/water distribution coefficient at pH 7.4, LogP<sub>o/w</sub> – the logarithm of octanol/water partition coefficient,  $\mu$  – molecule dipole moment.

| Alkaloid                              | <i>pKa</i> * |       | LogD <sub>o/w</sub> * | LogP <sub>o/w</sub> # | Reference   | $\mu^{\$}$ , D | $\mu^{\#}$ , D | Reference                                  |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|----------------|----------------|--|
|                                       | acidic       | basic |                       |                       |   |                |                |  |
| <i>caffeine</i>                       |              | -0.92 | -0.55                 | -0.07, -0.08          | Gaspari and Bonati, 1987; Lombardo et al., 2001; Kupsakova et al., 2004; Machatha and Yalkowsky, 2005; Schonsee and Bucheli, 2020 | 3.29           | 4.58, 4.23     | Aaron and Gaye, 1987; Fischer et al., 1999 |
| <i>pentoxifylline</i>                 | 19.64        | -0.93 | 0.23                  | 0.29, 0.12            | Lombardo et al., 2001; Hollosy et al., 2006   | 5.44           | 4.78           | Augusto and Quintanilla, 2010              |
| <i>1,7-dimethylxanthine</i>           | 10.76        | -0.87 | 0.24                  | -0.24                 | Gaspari and Bonati, 1987  | 3.59           | na             | –  |
| <i>3,9-dimethylxanthine</i>           | 8.99         | 1.09  | -0.82                 | na                    |   | 7.29           | na             | –  |
| <i>theophylline</i>                   | 7.82         | -0.78 | -0.89                 | -0.04, -0.02          | Gaspari and Bonati, 1987; Kupsakova et al., 2004; Machatha and Yalkowsky, 2005  | 6.53           | 4.64, 7.66     | Aaron and Gaye, 1987                       |
| <i>3-isobutyl-1-methylxanthine</i>    | 11.41        | 2.42  | 0.40                  | 1.46&                 | Kupsakova et al., 2004  | 6.99           | na             | –  |
| <i>7-(β-hydroxyethyl)theophylline</i> | 15.43        | -1.25 | -1.24                 | na                    | –   | 2.26           | na             | –  |
| <i>lupinine</i>                       | 15.42        | 9.88  | -1.52                 | na                    | –   | 1.24           | na             | –  |
| <i>cotinine</i>                       |              | 4.79  | 0.21                  | 0.07                  | Li et al., 1992   | 4.95           | na             | –  |
| <i>atropine</i>                       | 15.15        | 9.39  | -0.41                 | -0.55, 1.32, 1.82     | Lombardo et al., 2001; Kuo et al., 2004; Machatha and Yalkowsky, 2005   | 3.58           | 4.39           | Kuo et al., 2004                           |

|                         |       |           |       |             |   |           |                   |   |
|-------------------------|-------|-----------|-------|-------------|---|-----------|-------------------|---|
| <i>quinine</i>          | 13.89 | 9.05      | 0.86  | 2.36, 2.79  | Machatha and Yalkowsky,<br>2005; Hollosy et al., 2006 | 2.39      | 2.17              | Karle and<br>Bhattacharjee, 1999                          |
| <i>berberine</i>        |       | <i>na</i> | -1.28 | -1.03, -1.5 | Schonsee and Bucheli, 2020;<br>Wang et al., 2012      | <i>na</i> | <i>na</i>         | -   |
| <i>piperine</i>         |       | -0.13     | 2.78  | 2.25        | Wu et al., 2012                                       | 5.37      | 5.98, 6.36        | Gokalp, 2016  |
| <i>melatonin</i>        | 15.8  | -1.60     | 1.15  | 1.39, 1.2   | Yu et al., 2016; Kanikkannan<br>et al., 2001          | 4.93      | 4.76, 6.29        | Zavodnik et al., 2006;<br>Galijasevic and Hodzic,<br>2012 |
| <i>tabersonine</i>      | 14.07 | 9.08      | 0.90  | <i>na</i>   | -   | 1.28      | <i>na</i>         | -   |
| <i>colchicine</i>       | 15.06 | -0.04     | 1.46  | 1.14, 1.2   | Schonsee and Bucheli, 2020;<br>Hollosy et al., 2006   | 6.53      | <i>na</i>         | -   |
| <i>capsaicin</i>        | 9.93  | -0.52     | 3.75  | 3.8         | Hanson et al., 2015                                   | 4.66      | 3.96              | Pereira et al., 2019                                      |
| <i>dihydrocapsaicin</i> | 9.93  | -0.52     | 4.11  | <i>na</i>   | -   | 4.95      | <i>na</i>         | -   |
| <i>hordenine</i>        | 10.31 | 9.19      | 0.06  | <i>na</i>   | -   | 0.99      | 1.49              | Dwivedi et al., 2014                                      |
| <i>synephrine</i>       | 9.76  | 9.15      | -1.39 | -0.45       | Hansch and Zhang, 1995                                | 2.32      | 2.82 <sup>@</sup> | Cabezas et al., 2013                                      |
| <i>solanidine</i>       | 18.2  | 12.47     | 1.39  | <i>na</i>   | -   | 1.24      | <i>na</i>         | -   |
| <i>conessine</i>        |       | 10.53     | -1.45 | <i>na</i>   | -   | 1.81      | <i>na</i>         | -   |

\*The values of pKa and LogD<sub>o/w</sub> were predicted by ChemAxon

<sup>\$</sup>Calculations of the dipole moments of the alkaloid molecules were performed by HyperChem 7.0 (Hypercube, Inc., Gainesville, FL, USA) using the semi-empirical MNDO

<sup>#</sup>Available literature data

<sup>&</sup>Partition coefficient of 1-isobutyl-3-methylxanthine

<sup>@</sup>Mean dipole moment of low-energy conformers

*na* = Not available

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