

# Deciphering the pharmacological properties of methanol extract of *Psychotria calocarpa* leaves by in vivo, in vitro and in silico approaches

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**Table S1:** Semi-qualitative phytochemical screening of *P. calocarpa* leaves.

Test Name	Results
Alkaloid	+
Glycosides	+
Tannins	+
Saponins	+
Resins	+
Carbohydrate	–
Flavonoid	+
Phenols	+
Terpenoids	–
Quinones	–
Proteins	–

### 1. Semi-qualitative Phytochemical Screening

The semi-qualitative phytochemical analysis of the methanol extract of *P. calocarpa* leaves was carried out by the standard methodology for testing the alkaloid, glycosides, tannins, saponins, resins, carbohydrate, flavonoid, phenols, terpenoids, quinones, and proteins [1-3].

#### 1.1. Test for Alkaloids

Two milliliters of extract solution were added with the 2-3 drops of Mayer's reagent, whereas the white precipitates considered as the presence of alkaloids.

#### 1.2. Test for Glycosides

The Borntrager's methodology was followed, whereas 2 mL of extract solution were added with 3 mL of chloroform and shaken well. After shaking, the layer of chloroform was separated and added ammonia solution (10%), whereas the pink color indicates the presence of glycosides.

#### 1.3. Test for Tannins

Five milliliters of extract solution were added with the few drops of ferric chloride solution (5%), whereas the dark green color considered as the presence of tannins.

#### 1.4. Test for Saponins

Three milliliters of extract solution was added with the 10 mL of distilled water (D.W.) in a test tube. The solution was shaken vigorously for five minutes and then allowed to stand still for thirty minutes to form frothing. This frothing indicates the presence of saponins.

#### 1.5. Test for Resins

One milliliter of extract solution were added with the few mL of  $C_4H_6O_3$  and 1 mL of conc.  $H_2SO_4$  in a test tube, whereas the conversation of orange to yellow color indicated the presence of resins.

#### 1.6. Test for carbohydrate

The Benedict's methodology was followed, whereas 0.5 mL of extract solution was added with 0.5 mL of Benedict's solution and heated in water bath for 2 min. The red precipitates indicate the presence of carbohydrates.

#### 1.7. Test for Flavonoid

One milliliter of extract solution was added with the few mL of lead acetate (10%) in a test tube, whereas the yellow precipitates indicated the presence of flavonoids.

#### *1.8. Test for Phenols*

Five milliliter of extract solution was added with the 3 mL of lead acetate (10%) in a test tube and mixed very gently, whereas the white precipitates indicated the presence of phenols.

#### *1.9. Test for Terpenoids*

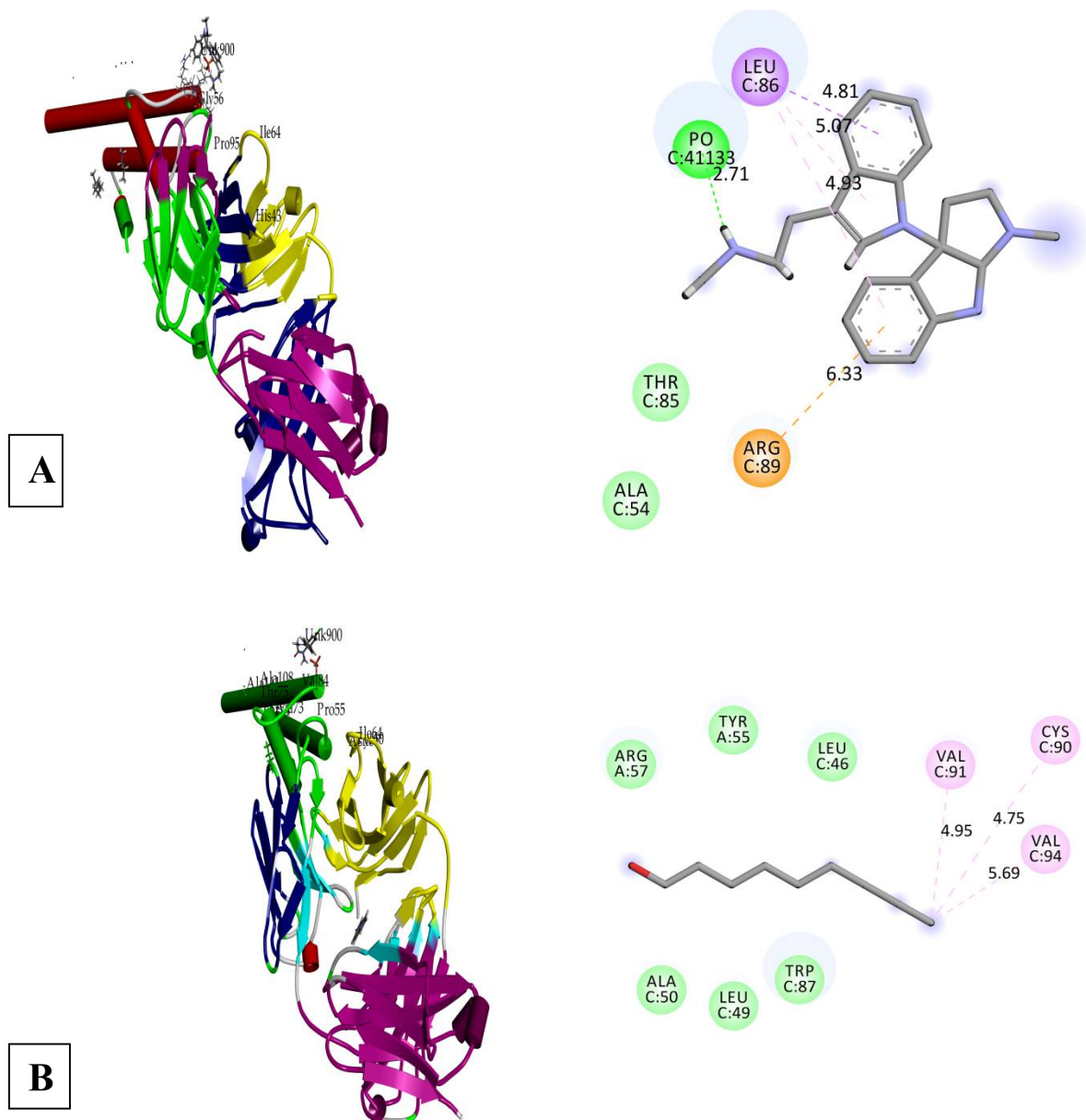
Three milliliter of extract solution was added with the 1 mL of chloroform and 2 mL of conc.  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  in a test tube, whereas the reddish brown color indicated the presence of terpenoids.

#### *1.10. Test for Quinones*

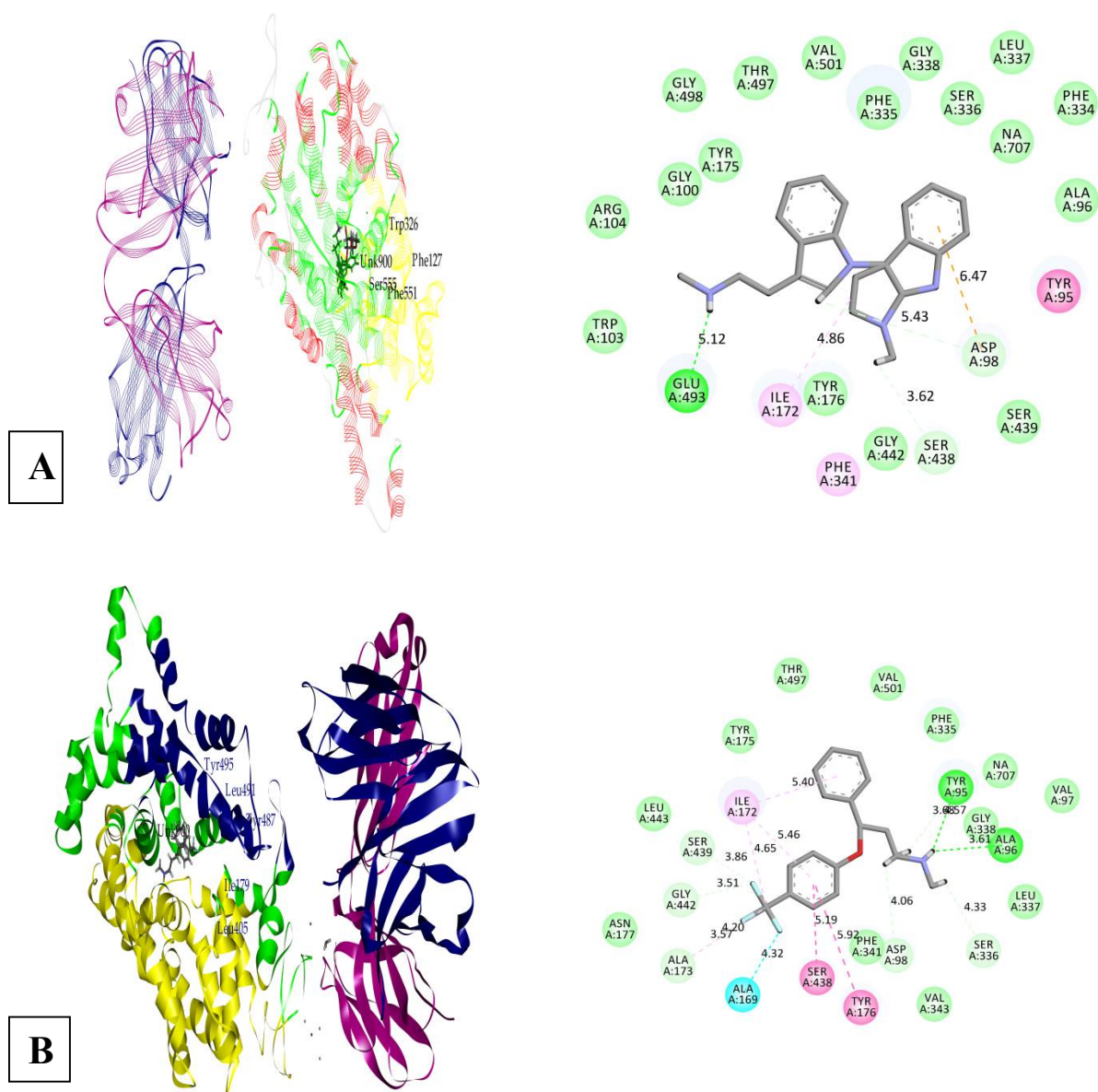
One milliliter of extract solution was added with the few mL of alcoholic Potassium hydroxide (KOH) in a test tube, whereas the colour change from red to blue indicated the presence of quinones.

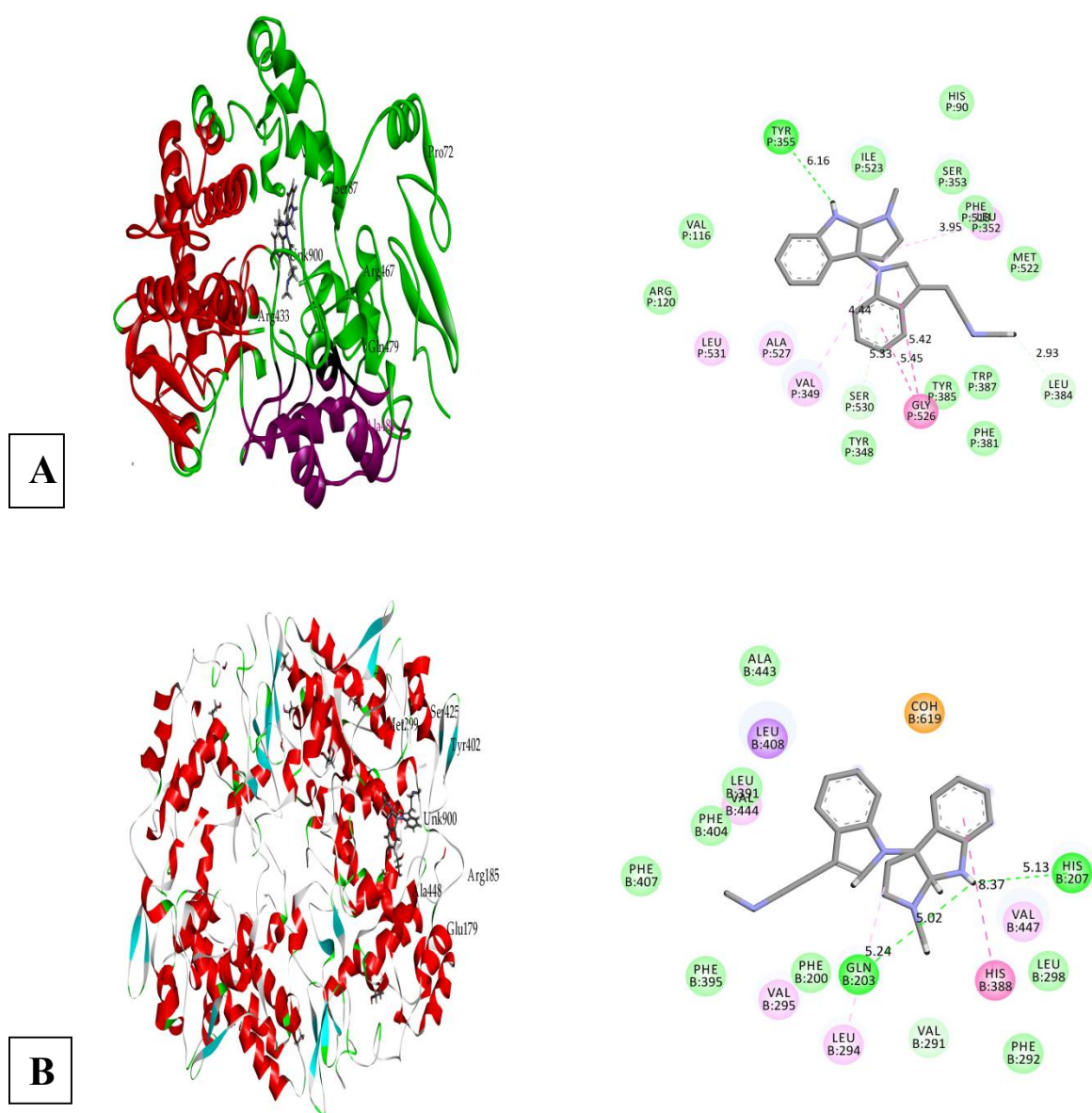
#### *1.11. Test for Proteins*

Two milliliter of extract solution was added with the two mL of water and few drops of conc.  $\text{HNO}_3$  in a test tube, whereas the yellow color indicated the presence of proteins.

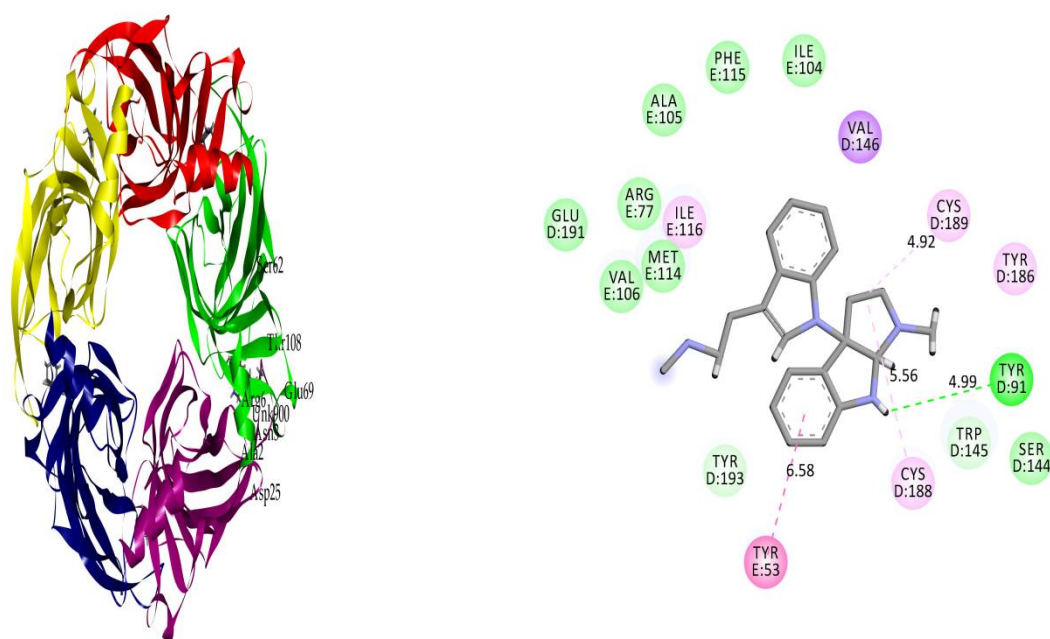


**Figure S1:** 3D and 2D interactions of psychotriasine (A) and diazepam (B) with the potassium channel receptor (PDB: 4UUJ) for anxiolytic activity.

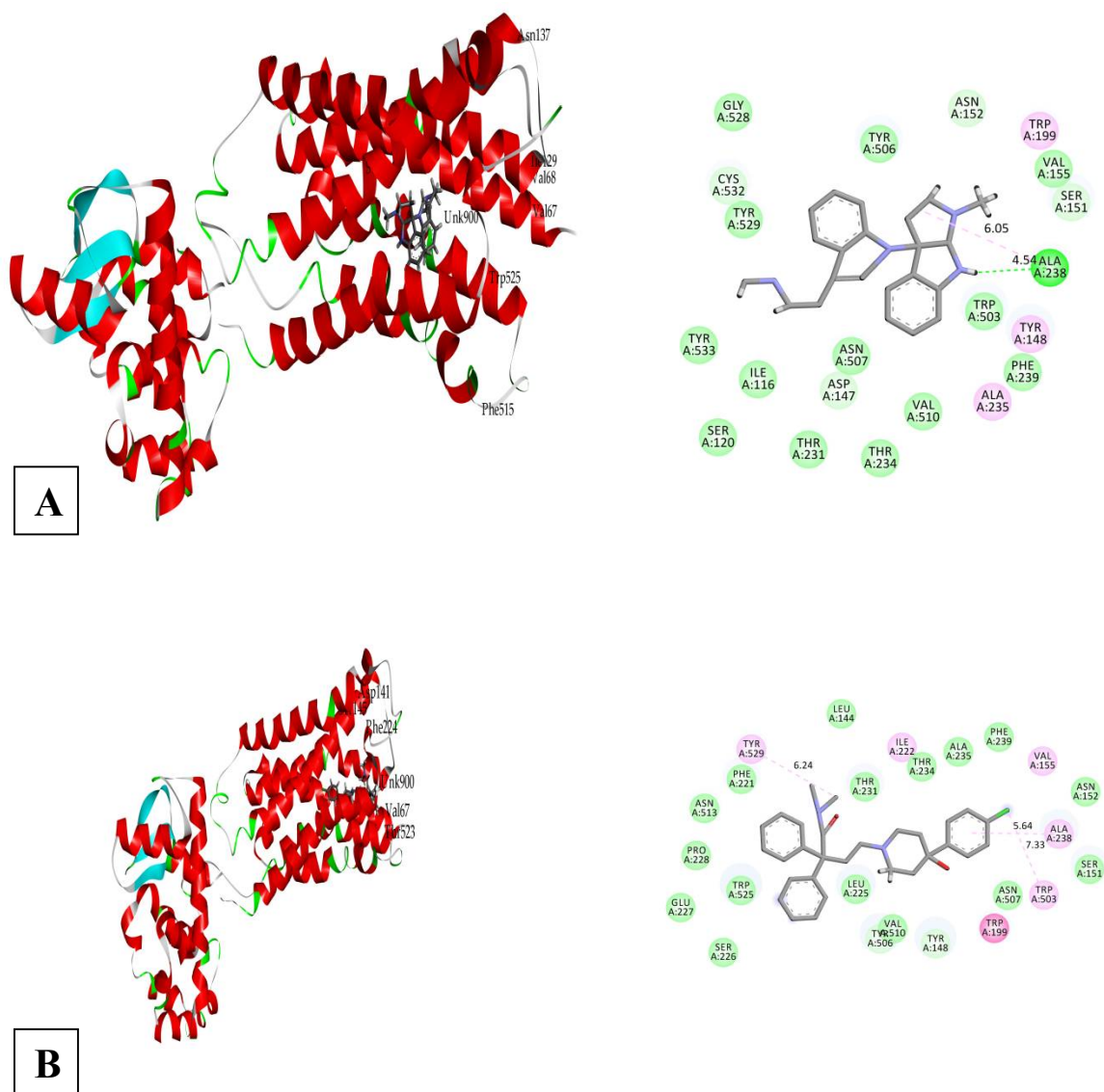




**Figure S3:** 3D and 2D interactions of psychotriasine with COX-1 (PDB: 2OYE, A) and COX-2 (PDB: 3HS5, B) enzyme for anti-nociceptive activity.

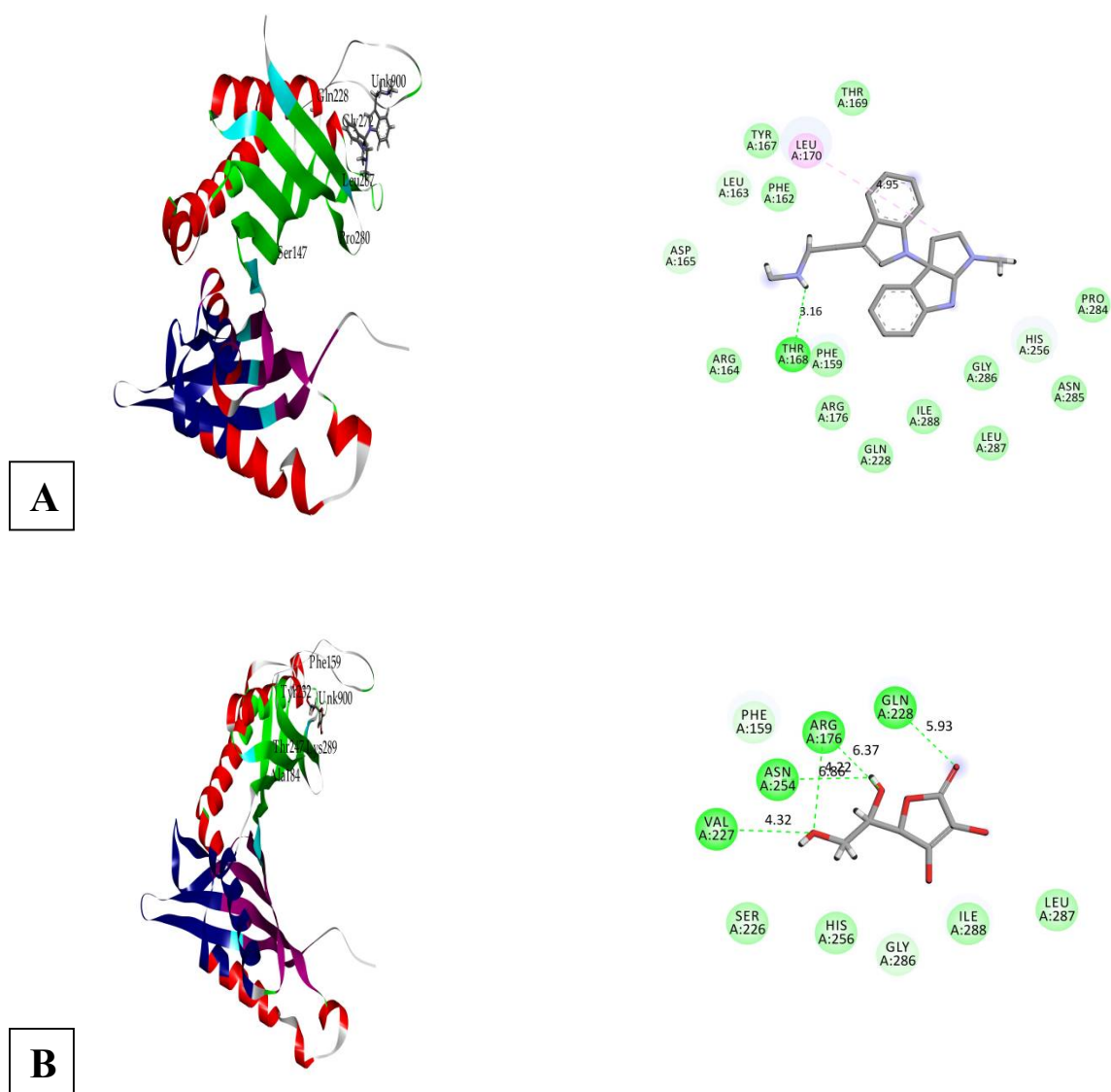


**Figure S4:** 3D and 2D interactions of psychotriasine with 5-HT3 receptor (PDB: 5AIN) for antidiarrheal activity.

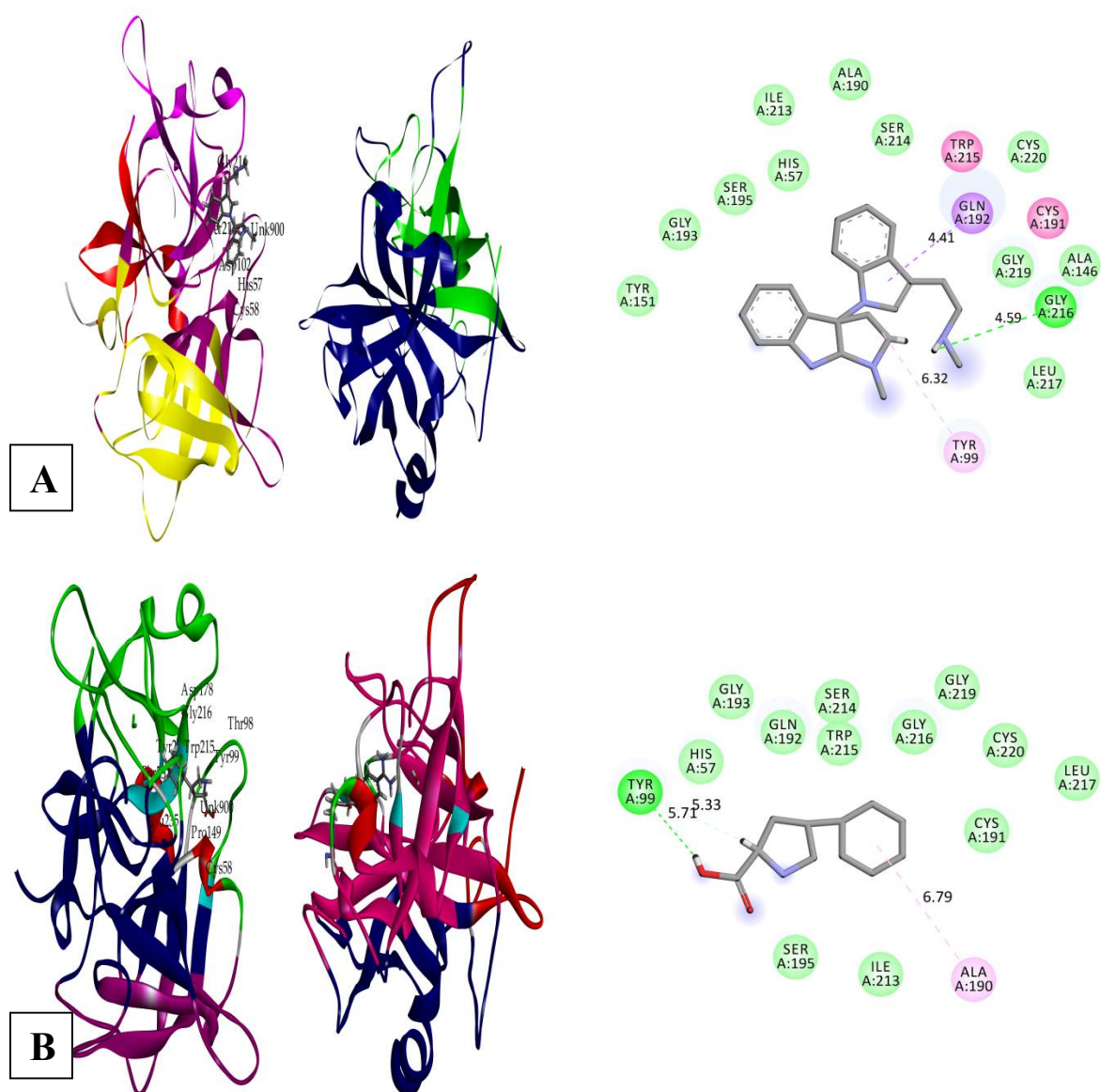


**Figure S5:** 3D and 2D interactions of psychotriasine (A) and loperamide (B) with M3 muscarinic acetylcholine receptor (PDB: 4U14) for anti-diarrheal activity.

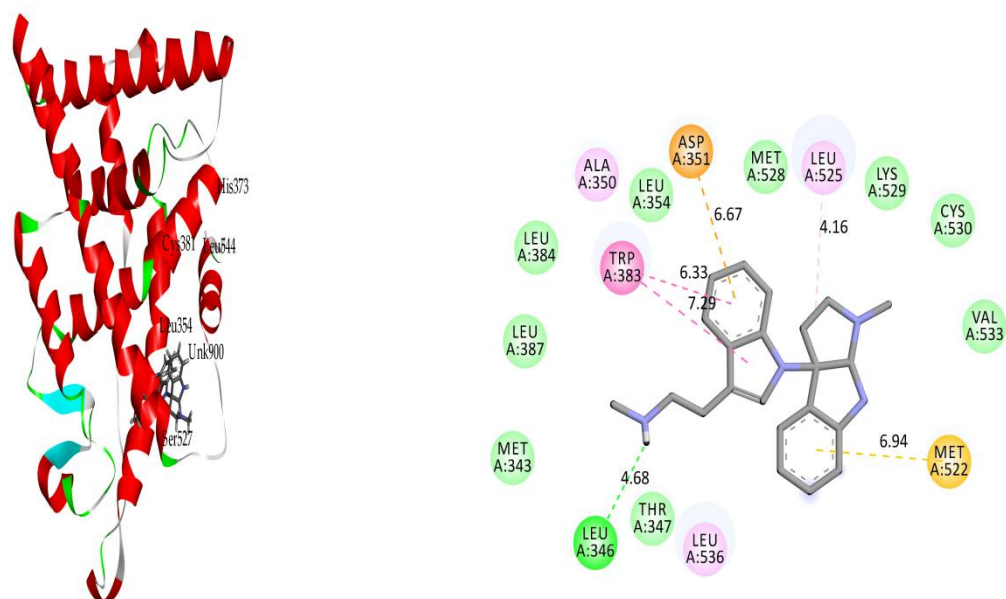




**Figure S6:** 3D and 2D interactions of psychotriasine (A) and Ascorbic acid (B) with the urate oxidase (PDB: 1R4U) for antioxidant activity.



**Figure S7:** 3D and 2D interactions of psychotriasine (A) and streptokinase (B) with the human tissue plasminogen activator (PDB: 1A5H) for thrombolytic activity.



**Figure S8:** 3D and 2D interactions of psychotriasine with the human estrogen receptor (PDB: 3ERT) for cytotoxic activity.

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