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A nonnarcotic alkaloid obtained from the opium poppy, $C_{22}H_{23}NO_7$, that has antitussive and antitumor properties and has been used as a cough suppressant.

[Alteration (influenced by Latin *nōscere*, to get to know; see [NOTION](#)) of *gnoscopine*, a racemic mixture of noscapine and its enantiomer : Greek (*gi*)*gnōskō*, first person singular of *gignōskein*, to know (from the fact that it was previously unknown); see **gnō-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + **OP(IUM)** + **-INE**².]

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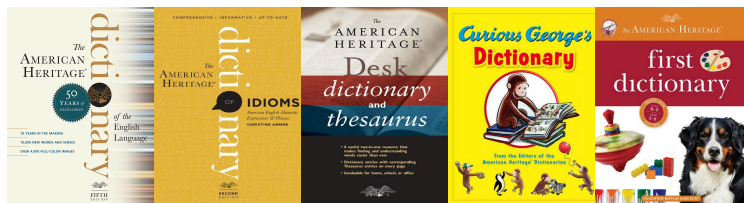
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