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Curare (also known as **arrow poison**) is a substance from some South American trees that blocks neuromuscular transmission and thus paralyzes the activity of skeletal muscle.^[1] Paralysis of the respiratory muscles is fatal. Today, similar (so-called substances curareform^[2]) substances are used as muscle relaxants during operations to remove muscle tension.^[1]

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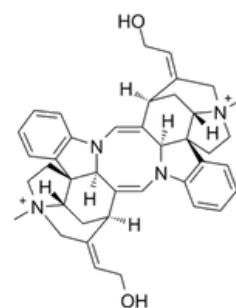
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