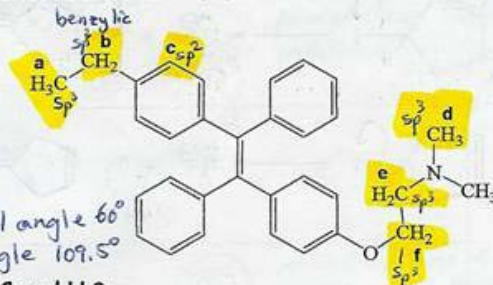


## INTRODUCTORY ORGANIC CHEMISTRY I --- PROBLEM SET #1

**INSTRUCTIONS:** ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS ON THESE PAGES. HAND IN (stapled, with no extra pages please) AT THE BEGINNING OF CLASS on Thursday Feb. 14. LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED (EARLY IS FINE). ALL MATERIAL CAN ALL BE FOUND IN THE CLASS NOTES AND IN BRUCE CHAPTERS 1, 2, 3 & 7.

# 1. Tamoxifen is a compound with activity against some breast cancer tumours (see Bruce Ch.3 #40). Answer the following questions:



a) What is the approximate bond angle of  $H_a-C-H_b$ ?

acceptable answers: for  $H_a-C-C-H_b$  dihedral angle  $60^\circ$   
for  $H_a-C-H_b$  bond angle  $109.5^\circ$

b) Which orbitals are involved in the  $\sigma$ -bond between C and  $H_c$ ?

C  $2sp^2 - H$   $1s$   
↑  
energy level

c) Which C- $H_x$  bond should be the shortest? Why?  $H_c$

uses  $sp, sp^2, sp^3$  } C with highest "s-character" orbital will form the shortest bond to H. So, based on  $sp^2$  C (33% s) vs.  $sp^3$  C (25% s),  $H_c-C$  bond shortest. ← closer to nucleus...

d) What is the approximate  $pK_a$  of  $H_b$ ?  $\sim 41$  ← benzylic  $CH_2$  (compared to  $\text{benzene-}CH_3$ )

\* Find in similar environment, not just same bonded to C of same hybridization.

See Appendix II (Bruce)

$H_c$ ?  $\sim 43$  ← phenyl  $CH$  (compared to  $\text{benzene}$  alone)

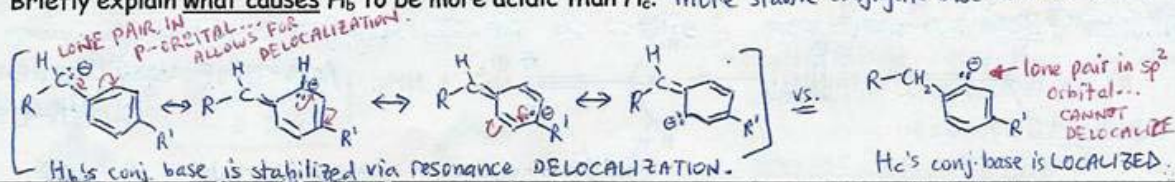
$H_e$ ?  $46-60$ ? } N is electron-withdrawing compared to C  
 $H_f$ ?  $46-60$ ? } O is stronger EWG than N, so  $pK_a(H_f)$  a little lower than  $pK_a(H_e)$

both compared to  $CH_3CH_3$

e) Which is the most acidic H in this molecule? most acidic H has lowest  $pK_a$  (easiest to remove)

$H_b$  (benzylic site...)

f) Briefly explain what causes  $H_b$  to be more acidic than  $H_c$ . more stable conjugate base  $\Rightarrow$  more acidic H.



g) If you wanted to prepare a solution of this substance, would you have the best "luck" with water, ethanol or hexane as the solvent? Explain very briefly.

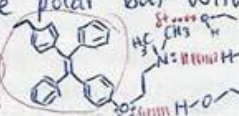
NOTE: THIS QUESTION IS UNRELATED TO THE OTHERS - SIMPLY INVOLVES INTERMOLECULAR INTERACTIONS, NOT ANY BOND BREAKAGE/FORMATION...

• To dissolve: solute must interact favourably enough with solvent to draw solvent away from other solvent molecules, to surround solute molecules.

① solute: tamoxifen = nonpolar aromatic rings + polar  $-OCH_2CH_2N(CH_3)_2$

② solvent: should be polar but with nonpolar region too. = ETHANOL.

DIPOLE - INDUCED-DIPOLE + 1D-1D INTERACTIONS BETWEEN N.P. REGIONS



POLAR REGION CAN FORM HYDROGEN BONDS (III) + DIPOLE-DIPOLE INTERACTIONS WITH SOLVENT MOLECULES

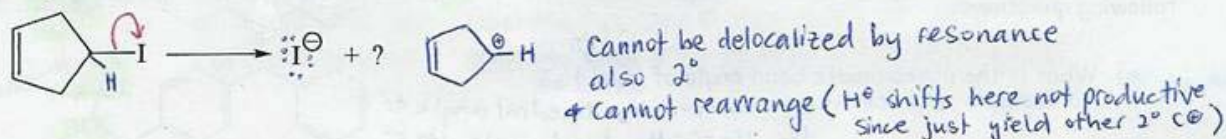
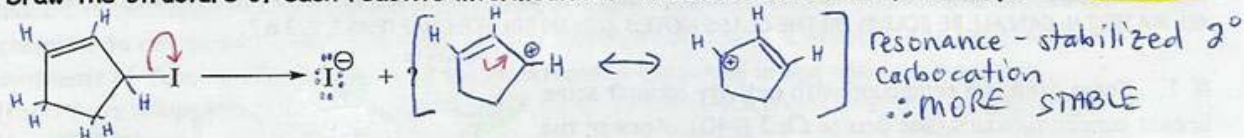
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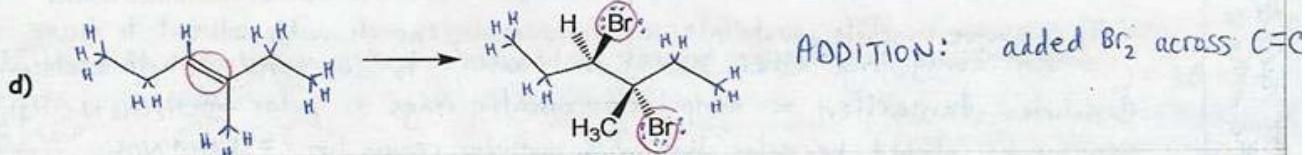
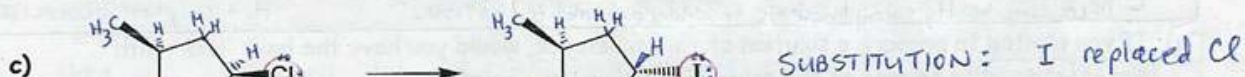
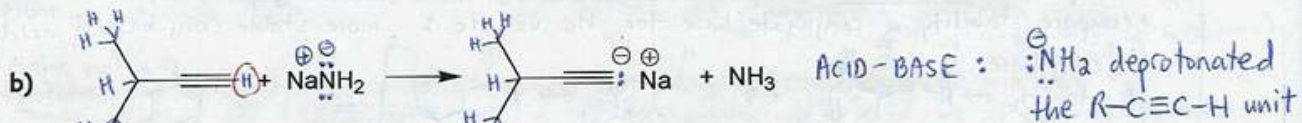
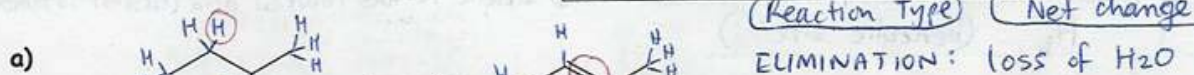
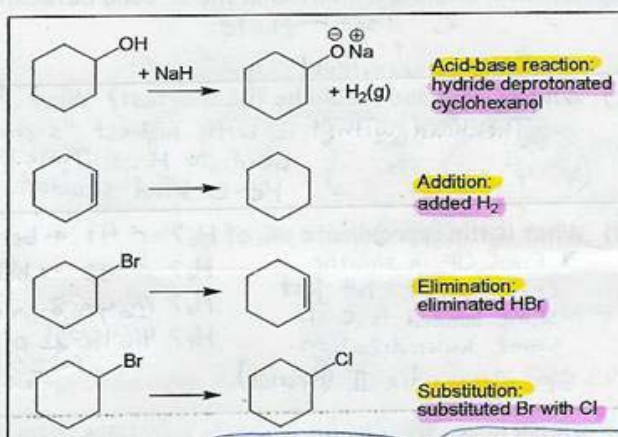
# 2. **Carbocations** are highly reactive, open-shell species. They exist briefly as *reactive intermediates* during the course of some common reactions of alkenes and alkyl halides. Consider the two alkyl iodides below: if the iodine atom leaves as  $I^-$ , what reactive intermediate forms? Draw the structure of each reactive intermediate. Which is more stable, and why?



# 3. Shown at the right are examples of the four reaction types we will see in this course: *acid-base, addition, elimination & substitution*. We will learn how they happen in Ch.4, 8 & 9.

For reactions a-d shown below, identify the **reaction type** and net change that occurred during the reaction (as shown for examples).

Hint: drawing the implied H-atoms & lone pairs will help.



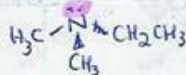
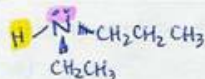
# 4. Complete the following table.

Systematic (IUPAC) name	Line (skeletal) structure
Acceptable names: 3-chloro-1-ethoxy-4-methylhexan-3-ol 3-chloroethoxy-4-methyl-3-hexanol 3-chloro-1-ethoxy-4-methyl-3-hexanol	<p>principal Gp: OH ⇒ -ol                      principal chain: hexane (+OH)                      substituents: ① chloro (3-)                      ② ethoxy (1-)                      ③ methyl (4-)</p>
cis-1-iodo-3-methoxycyclohexane ↑ same side I -OCH <sub>3</sub>	In any orientation on page: 
4-bromo-2-cyclopentyl-3-ethylhexane -CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ← C=C between C <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>4</sub>	principal Gp: none ⇒ -ane principal chain: most sub'd hexane substituents: ① bromo (-4-) ② ethyl (-3-) ③ cyclopentyl (-2-)
E-4-ethyl-5-phenyl-3-heptene ↑ trans-like -CH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub> ← C=C between C <sub>3</sub> -C <sub>4</sub>	
Mixed name: 3-isopropylcyclohexene Fully systematic name: 3-(1-methylethyl)cyclohexene can include 1- here but not needed (implied if not mentioned 1)	principal Gp: none } -ene but C=C principal chain: cyclohex (+C=C) substituents: isopropyl (-3-)

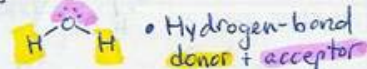
# 5. Which is more soluble in water: ethyl propyl amine OR ethyl dimethyl amine (common names)?

Your explanation should include structural diagrams showing which regions of the molecules would be involved in each type of intermolecular force.

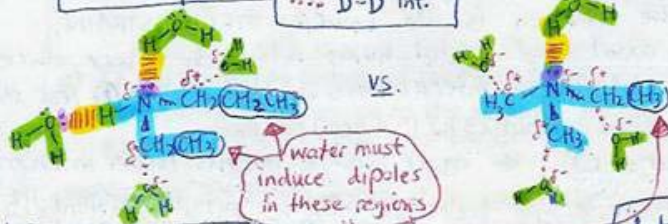
ethyl propyl amine = 2° amine vs ethyl dimethyl amine = 3° amine



Note: Solubility higher if have stronger interactions with water.



Examples of H-bonding  
 ... D-D int.



Water must induce dipoles in these regions

LONDON DISPERSION FORCES (WEAK)

Net  
 2 H-bond (strong)  
 2 D-D (medium)  
 3 D-D needed

1 H-bond (strong)  
 3 D-D (medium)  
 1 D-D needed

Dipole-dipole interactions are also important, but less so than H-bonding because H-bonding is stronger (per interaction).

The 2 amines would have different nonpolar regions to be hydrated (compare polarity):

1 CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> vs 2 CH<sub>3</sub>  
 1 CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> vs 1 CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>

dipole won't extend this far into chain...

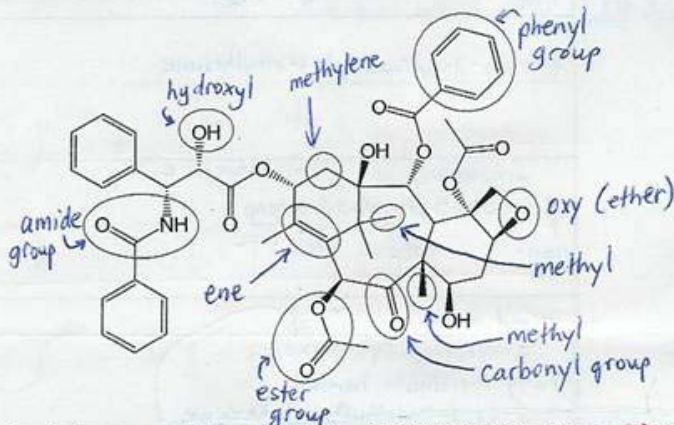
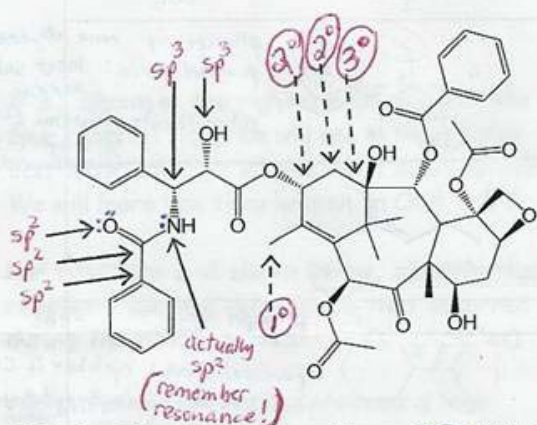
Conclusion: Ethyl dimethyl amine is likely more soluble, even though it has less H-bonding. Remember that 2° amines usually are more soluble than 3° amines, but this example was complicated by a difference in C-chains too (they are not isomers). NOTE: if you gave good explanations, either answer is fine!!

# 6. Paclitaxel, known as Taxol® (shown below - both same), is a very potent anti-cancer drug. It is a naturally occurring substance discovered in extracts of the bark of the Pacific Yew tree. The extremely low yields of Taxol from yew bark, and the resulting decline of the yew population, quickly made the synthesis of Taxol the target of many research laboratories. It took over a decade for chemists to devise even a very low yielding total synthesis of Taxol. Currently, the large-scale semi-synthesis of Taxol starts from a more easily extracted compound in the yew tree's needles.

[Facts from Wikipedia] To see a 3D view of Taxol, go to: <http://www.3dchem.com/molecules.asp?ID=34#>

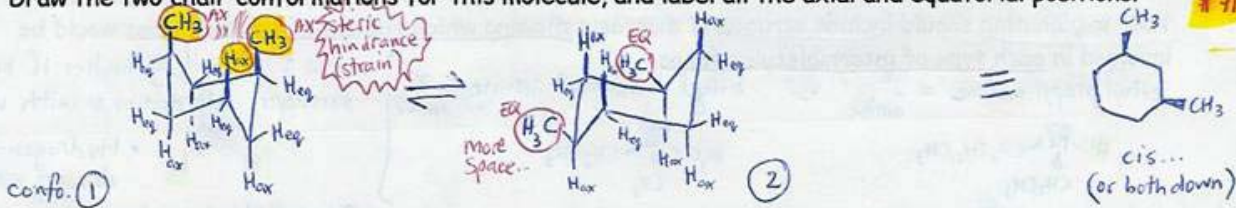
- Your tasks here:
- (i) 6 solid arrows: give the hybridization of the non-H atom indicated
  - (ii) 4 dashed arrows: label the indicated C atom as 1°, 2°, 3° or 4°
  - (iii) 7 circled groups: name the alkyl group or functional group indicated

NOT compound class label each as a "substituent" if possible



# 7. Consider the conformations of cis-1,3-dimethylcyclohexane. Note: see Bruice Ch2#36 & Table 2.9 + p.110-116 (+37...)

- a) Draw the two chair conformations for this molecule, and label all the axial and equatorial positions.



- b) Which conformer would predominate in an equilibrium sample of this substance? Why?

Conformer 2 (both methyl groups equatorial) would be the most common conformation for this molecule. The reason is its LOWER STERIC STRAIN. In conformer 1, the  $CH_3$ 's are both axial and would bump into each other since they are positioned 1,3  $\Rightarrow$  called 1,3-diaxial interactions. This makes 1 less stable.

- c) The energy difference between these conformations is about 23 kJ (5.4 kcal) per mole.

Which conformer is lower in energy? Conformer 2  $\leftarrow$  more stable means lower in energy.

NOTE: 1  $CH_3-CH_3$  gauche interaction causes 3.6 kJ/mol strain (the WHY behind H-CH<sub>3</sub> 1,3-diaxial interaction)

How much of the energy difference is due to the torsional energy of gauche relationships?

①  $CH_3-CH_2$  gauche = 3.6 kJ/mol

$\times 2$   $CH_3$ /molecule = 7.2 kJ/mol

Build models to prove to yourself

see p.112 top

see p.115

How much of this energy difference is due to the steric strain of the 1,3-diaxial interaction? (most)

Note: the above calculation is the same as treating two H- $CH_3$  1,3-diaxial int's

So, the  $CH_3-CH_3$  diaxial int'n strain can be calculated by difference

$23 \frac{kJ}{mol} - 7.2 \frac{kJ}{mol} = 15.8 \frac{kJ}{mol}$  due to  $CH_3-CH_3$  steric repulsion (1,3-diaxial)

+ see Ch2#67, 71