Ch 22 Amines

22.1 Introduction to Amines

• Amines are derivatives of ammonia in which one or more of the protons have been replaced with an alkyl or aryl



• Amines are designated as primary, secondary, or tertiary

• Naturally occurring amines isolated from plants are called alkaloids



Morphine (A potent analgesic isolated from the unripe seeds of the poppy plant Papaver somniferum) Cocaine (A potent stimulant isolated from the leaves of the coca plant) Nicotine (An addictive and toxic compound found in tobacco)

Some naturally occurring amines are vital to neurochemistry:



 The N atom of an amine possesses a lone pair that has a region of high electron density. The presence of this lone pair is responsible for most of the reactivity of amines

• Amines, the lone pair, can react as a base or a nucleophile.



22.2

 IUPAC nomenclature allow for two different ways for naming primary amines

Ethylamine

1. Name the alkyl group ending in "yl" followed by the suffix "amine" \bigwedge_{NH_2} \bigvee_{-NH_2} \bigvee_{-NH_2}

Isopropylamine

Cyclohexylamine

2. More complicated 1° amines are named as alkanamines. They are named the same as alcohols, but the suffix -amine is used instead of -ol



(2R,4R)-4,6-Dimethyl-2-heptanamine

3. Use the term "amino" for the group as a substituent



4. If the amine is directly attached to an aromatic ring, the parent name is "aniline"





