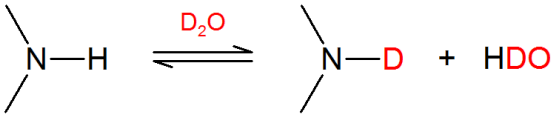
20.3: SPECTROSCOPY OF AMINES

NMR

The hydrogens attached to an amine show up ~ 0.5-5.0 ppm. The location is dependent on the amount of hydrogen bonding and the sample's concentration.

The hydrogens on carbons directly bonded to an amine typically appear ~2.3-3.0 ppm.

Addition of D_2O will normally cause all hydrogens on non-carbon atoms to exchange with deuteriums, thus making these resonances "disappear." Addition of a few drops of D_2O causing a signal to vanish can help confirm the presence of -NH.

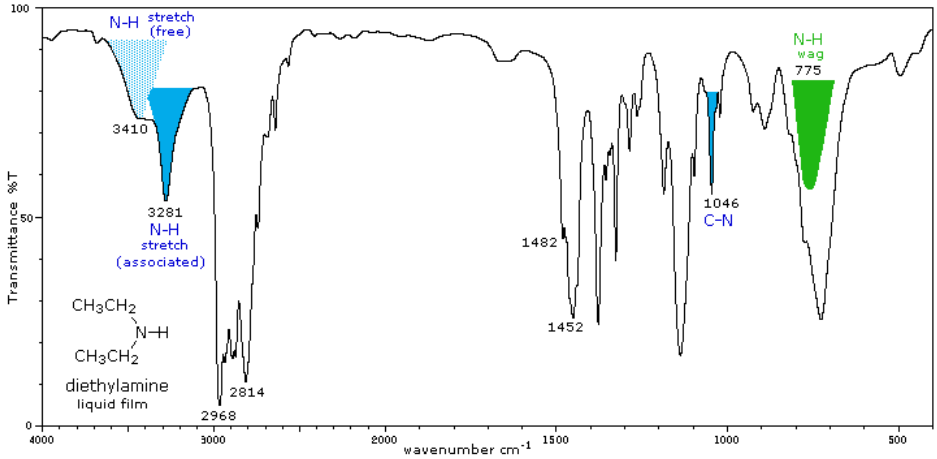


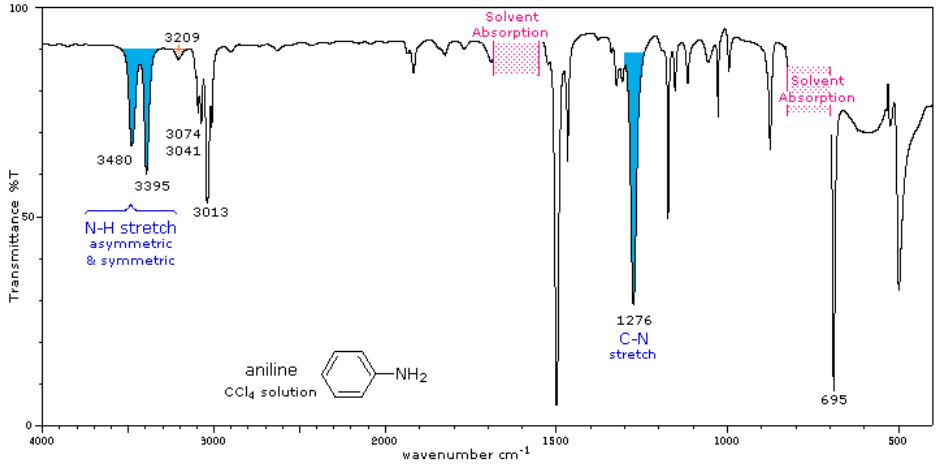
IR

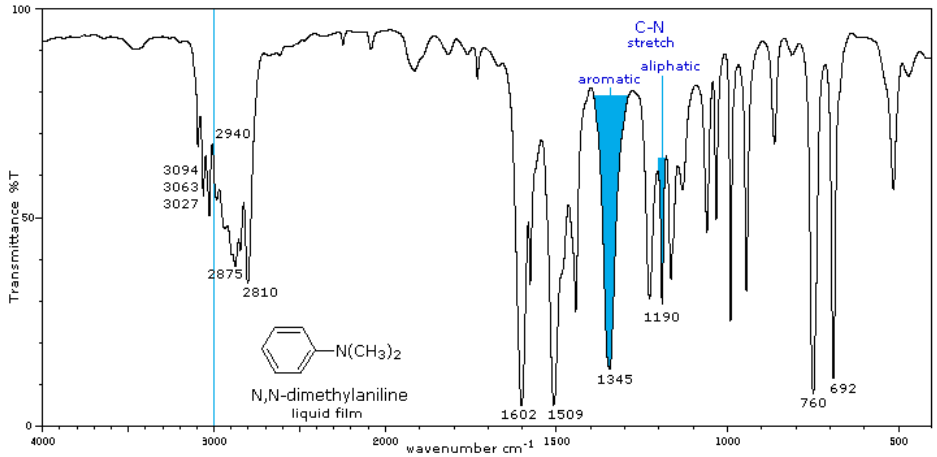
The infrared spectrum of aniline is shown beneath the following table. Some of the characteristic absorptions for C-H stretching and aromatic ring substitution are also marked, but not colored.

Amine Class	Stretching Vibrations	Bending Vibrations
Primary (1°)	The N-H stretching absorption is less sensitive to hydrogen bonding than are O-H absorptions. In the gas phase and in dilute CCl_4 solution free N-H absorption is observed in the 3400 to 3500 cm^{-1} region. Primary aliphatic amines display two well-defined peaks due to asymmetric (higher frequency) and symmetric N-H stretching, separated by 80 to 100 cm^{-1}. In aromatic amines these absorptions are usually 40 to 70 cm^{-1} higher in frequency. A smaller absorption near 3200 cm^{-1} (shaded orange in the spectra) is considered to be the result of interaction between an overtone of the 1600 cm^{-1} band with the symmetric N-H stretching band. C-N stretching absorptions are found at 1200 to 1350 cm^{-1} for aromatic amines, and at 1000 to 1250 cm^{-1} for aliphatic amines.	Strong in-plane NH_2 scissoring absorptions at 1550 to 1650 cm^{-1}, and out-of-plane wagging at 650 to 900 cm^{-1} (usually broad) are characteristic of 1°-amines.
Secondary (2°)	Secondary amines exhibit only one absorption near 3420 cm^{-}	A weak N-H bending absorption is sometimes visible at 1500 to 1600 cm^{-1}. A broad wagging absorption at 650 to 900 cm^{-1} may be discerned in liquid film samples.

	[1]. Hydrogen bonding in concentrated liquids shifts these absorptions to lower frequencies by about 100 cm^{-1}. Again, this absorption appears at slightly higher frequency when the nitrogen atom is bonded to an aromatic ring. The C-N absorptions are found in the same range, 1200 to 1350 cm^{-1}(aromatic) and 1000 to 1250 cm^{-1} (aliphatic) as for 1°-amines.	
Tertiary (3°)	No N-H absorptions. The C-N absorptions are found in the same range, 1200 to 1350 cm^{-1} (aromatic) and 1000 to 1250 cm^{-1} (aliphatic) as for 1°-amines.	Aside from the C-N stretch noted on the left, these compounds have spectra characteristic of their alkyl and aryl substituents.



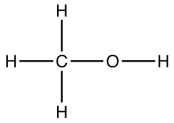




MASS SPECTROMETRY AND THE NITROGEN RULE

The nitrogen rule states that a molecule that has no or even number of nitrogen atoms has an even nominal mass, whereas a molecule that has an odd number of nitrogen atoms has an odd nominal mass.

eg. 1:



molecular formula = CH_4O

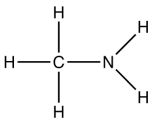
nominal mass = (1x12) + (4x1) + (1x16)

= 32

N atoms = 0

nominal mass = 32 (even #)

eg. 2:



molecular formula = CH_5N

nominal mass = (1x12) + (5x1) + (1x14)

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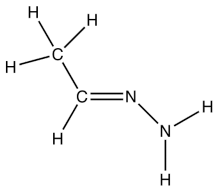
N atoms = 1 (odd #)

nominal mass = 31 (odd #)

eg. 3:



molecular formula = $C_2H_6N_2$

nominal mass = (2x12) + (6x1) + (2x14)

= 58

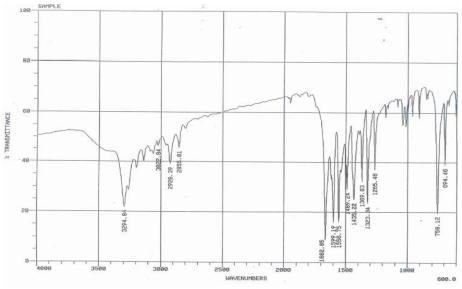
N atoms = 2 (even #)

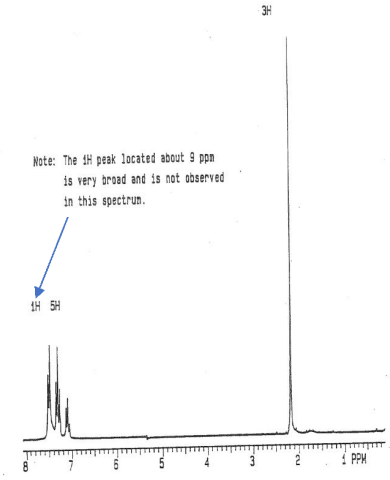
nominal mass = 58 (even #)

Exercise

7. Oh no! The labels have fallen off two samples: Q and R. The elemental analysis for the samples indicated the following composition: compound Q is 81.15% C, 8.34% H, and 10.52% O and compound R is 71.08% C, 6.72% H, 10.36% N, and 11.84% O. Fortunately, we can analyze the samples using IR and ^{1}H NMR spectroscopy. Name and draw the bond-line structures for compounds Q and R using the information provided. Support your answer by correlating the spectral data to the compound structures.

Vial 1





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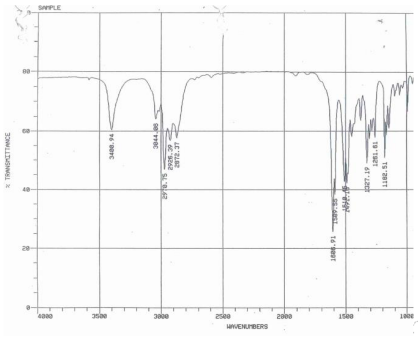
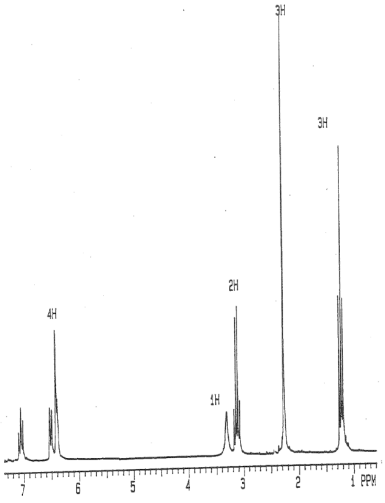
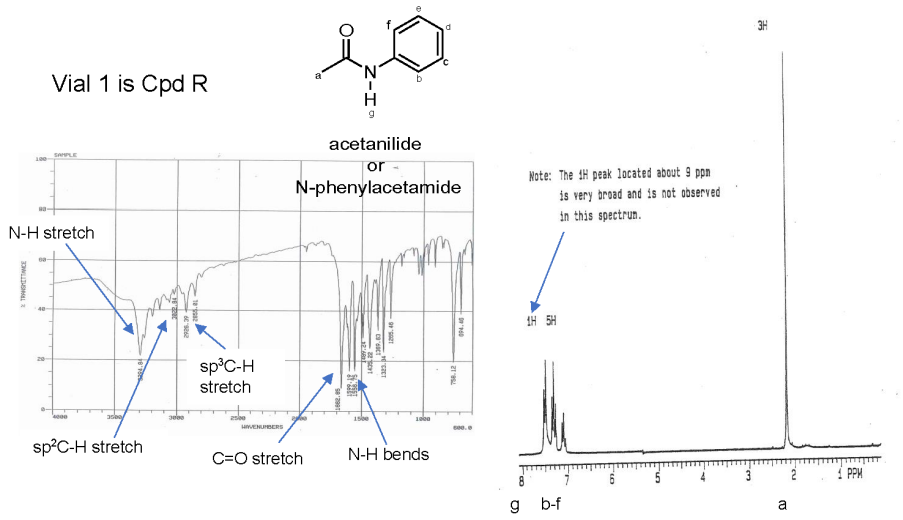
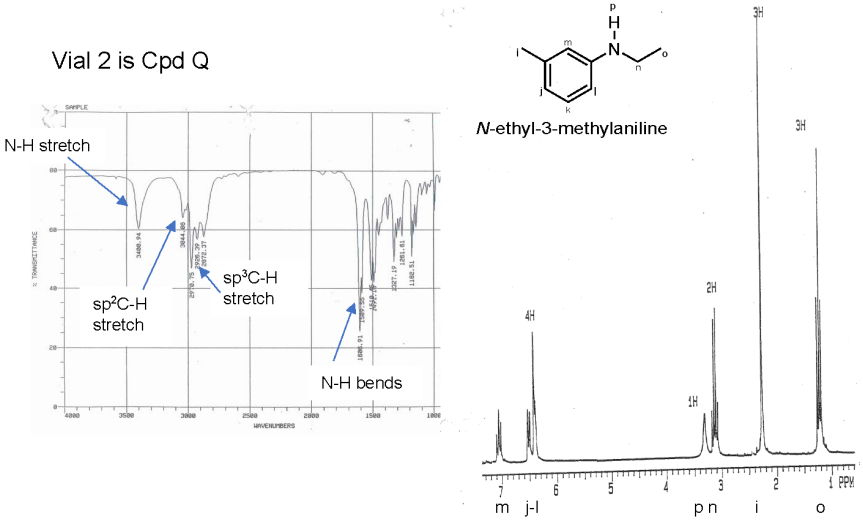




Answer

7. Vial 1 contains compound R which is acetanilide. Vial 2 contains compound Q which is N-ethyl-3-methylaniline.





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