

Lecture 6. Heterocyclic compounds. Nucleotides, nucleosides, nucleic acids.

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Heterocyclic compound

'Any of a class of organic compounds whose molecules contain one or more rings of atoms with at least one atom (the heteroatom) being an element other than carbon, most frequently oxygen, nitrogen, or sulfur. Heterocyclic compounds include many of the biochemical material essential to life. For example, <u>nucleic acids</u>, the chemical substances that carry the genetic information controlling inheritance, consist of long chains of heterocyclic units held together. Many naturally occurring <u>pigments</u>, <u>vitamins</u>, and <u>antibiotics</u> are heterocyclic compounds.

In general :

heterocyclic is the largest and most varied family of organic compounds, heterocyclic system can be 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 membered rings



Heterocyclic compounds with one heteroatom or Or Five membered heterocycles Image: Cyclopentadiene anion <

- Pyrrole, furan and thiophene are a five-membered heterocyclic compound, We might expect each of these compounds to have properties of conjugated diene of an amine, an ether or sulphide respectively.
- On this basis pyrrole, furan and thiophene must be considered to be aromatic, this is proved by NMR spectrum

Pyrrole

The delocalization of the lone pair of Pyrrole pushes electrons from the nitrogen atom into the ring and we expect the ring to be electron-rich and become more nucleophile. Thus, decreased basicity of the nitrogen atom and increased acidity of the NH group as a whole



All these aromatic heterocycles react vigorously with chlorine and bromine, often forming polyhalogenated products reaction 3. while reagent *N*-bromosuxcinamide (NBS) give monosubstituted bromine



Other Five Membered Heterocycles



Thiophene has similar reactivity to benzene





Five-membered Rings with Two or More Nitrogens



Imidazole is more basic than pyridine, but more acidic than pyrrole



Properties: Very stable cation and anion of imidazole is formed

Aromatic Six-Membered-Ring Heterocycles



The pyridinium ion is a stronger acid than a typical ammonium ion Pyridine reacts like a tertiary amine:



The pyridine nitrogen is a meta director:



Some Biologically Important Heterocycles



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57 Zometa (Zoledronate)	58 Levaquin (Levoffoxacin)	59 Biopress (Candesartan)	60 Tamiflu (Osettamivir)
	Johnson Johnson \$1743 Million	Takeda \$1705 Million	S1606 Million
Bone Calcium Regulators	Fluoro-Quinolones	Angioten-II Antag, Plain	Antivirals Excl Anti-HIV
77 Micardis (Teimisartan)	78 Keppra (Levetiracetam)	79 Erbitux (Cetudimab)	80 Topamax (Topiramate)
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Porphyrin



a porphyrin ring system



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Purine and Pyrimidine



Nucleic Acids Components

- Nucleic acid: A biopolymer containing three types of monomer units.
 - Heterocyclic aromatic amine bases derived from purine and pyrimidine.
 - The monosaccharides D-ribose or 2-deoxy-Dribose
 - Phosphoric acid.









Tautomeric forms of uracil



Nucleosides Definition



Nucleotides Definition

 Nucleotide: Phosphoric acid ester of a nucleoside, most commonly either the 3' or the 5' OH.



Hydrogen-bonding patterns in the base pairs defined by Watson and Crick





Acyclovir (drawn to show its structural relationship to 2-deoxyguanosine

It is used to treat or prevent infections caused by certain kinds of viruses. Examples of these infections include herpes and shingles

Azidothymidine (AZT)

Used to treat HIV

DNA - 1° Structure

- Deoxyribonucleic acids (DNA)
 - A backbone of alternating units of 2ribose and phosphate in which the 3 one 2-deoxy-D-ribose is joined by a phosphodiester bond to the 5'-OH of 2-deoxy-D-ribose.
- Primary Structure: The sequence of ba the pentose-phosphodiester backbone molecule (or an RNA molecule).

– Read from the 5' end to the 3' end.



DNA - 1° Structure – A structural formula for TG phosphorylated at the 5' end.



DNA - 2° Structure

- Secondary structure: The orde of nucleic acid strands.
- The double helix model of DN/ proposed by James Watson ar 1953.
- Double helix: A type of 2° struc molecules in which two antipar polynucleotide strands are coile handed manner about the sam



DNA - 3° Structure

- Tertiary structure: The three-dimensional arrangement of all atoms of a do DNA, commonly referred as supe
- Circular DNA: A type of double-s which the 5' and 3' ends of each by phosphodiester bonds.



Ribonucleic Acids (R

• RNA

- long, unbranched chains of nucleotides joined by phosphodiester groups between the 3'-OH of one pentose and the 5'-OH of the next;
- Consists of A, U (Uracil), G, C.
- the pentose unit in RNA is β -D-ribose rather than β -2-deoxy-D-ribose.
- the pyrimidine bases in RNA are uracil and cytosine rather than thymine and cytosine.
- RNA is single stranded rather than double stranded.

A –Uracil **C**-Cytosine

(RNA)

Secondary structure of RNAs



Hairpin double helix

Reversible denaturation and annealing (renaturation) of DNA



Separated strands of DNA in random coils