Problem Set 5 Chem 2211

1. a. Identify the most likely site of electrophilic aromatic substitution (EAS) on the following molecules. Explain your reasoning.

b. Pyridine is typically very unreactive in electrophilic aromatic substitution reactions because is is quite electron poor. However, adding substitutents to the ring can make it more reactive. For scenario 1, give and rationalize the major site of bromination on pyridine. Then, in scenario 2, annotate a group for **X** that would make the arene more reactive (i.e. more erich), and then provide reagents, a mechanism, and the structure of the major product of the depicted transformation.

2. a. The introduction of nitrogen to an aromatic system is important in the diversification of aromatic compounds. Provide the most likely product in the following transformations and draw a mechanism for each.

b. Complete the following with either the appropriate reagents or the most likely product. Although not necessary, it is highly recommended to draw out the mechanism for each elementary transformation for practice.

3. a. Nucleophilic aromatic substitution (NAS) is an important way that chemists strategically synthesize molecules. Provide reagents and a mechanism for the following transformations.

b. Somtimes utilizing NAS and EAS together can provide diverse products. Provide the most likely product in the following synthetic sequences:

4. Oftentimes, organisms will synthesize natural products for the purpose of cell signaling, cellular structure, and/or defense against parasites/pathogens. In this vein, EAS plays an important role in many chemists' approaches to their synthesis. Using your intuition about arene and alkene reactivity, provide a mechanism for the following transformation. Also, provide a 3D structural justification for the stereochemical outcome.

(Hint: number the carbons in the starting material and product to help you!)

5. Provide a retrosynthetic analysis including synthons, transforms, and synthetic equivalents for the following two target molecules from the given starting materials. Then, provide a forward synthesis based off of your retrosynthesis.

Xyzal (UCB antihistamine)