Exercise 11: - Stereochemistry

- 1. Name the following compounds by the IUPAC system. The name must indicate the stereochemistry of the compound.
 - a.

b.

$$\begin{array}{c|c} & \text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3 \\ \hline \\ \text{CI} & \text{H} \\ \hline \\ \text{CI} & \text{CH}_3 \\ \hline \\ \text{H} \end{array}$$

C.

d.

$$\begin{array}{c} \mathsf{CH_2CH_2CH_3} \\ \\ \mathsf{H_3CH_2C} \\ \end{array}$$

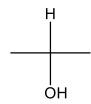
e.

2. Complete the following partial structures of (S)-3-hexanol:

a.

b.

c.



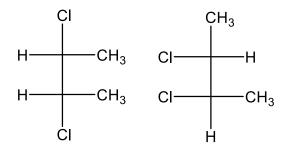
3. Consider the following pairs of structures. Identify the relationship between them as representing enantiomers, diastereomers, or two molecules of the same compound.

a.

$$HO_2C$$
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 HO_2C

b.

C.



4. Draw

a. (R)-1,2-dideuteriobutane

b. (2S,3R)-2-bromo-3-chloropentane

c. (3S,5S)-3-iodo-2,2,5-trimethylheptane

- 5. (*R*)-HOCH₂CHOHCH=CH₂ reacts with cold, alkaline KMnO₄ to give two products having the same formula, HOCH₂CHOHCHOHCH₂OH. One product is optically active and the other is optically inactive. Give the absolute configuration and *R*/S specification of the two products.
- 6. Microbial oxidation of oleic acid, CH₃(CH₂)₇CH=CH(CH₂)₇CO₂H, forms chiral 9,10-epoxystearic acid:

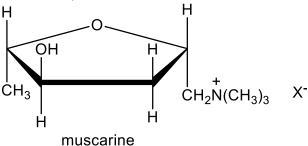
$$H_3C(H_2C)_7$$
 $(CH_2)_7CO_2H$

This then reacts with water, again under the influence of the microbe, to yield chiral 9,10-dihydroxystearic acid:

$$H_3$$
C(H_2 C) $_7$ H OH

- a. Assign the configuration (R/S) of all stereogenic centres.
- b. Indicate whether retention or inversion of configuration took place at each centre.

7. It is February, 1929. In a lonely cottage in Devonshire, George Harrison, a middle-aged amateur mycologist, has died shortly after eating a mushroom stew he prepared from warty caps (*Amanita rubescens*) collected in nearby Five-Acre Wood. Cause of death: poisoning by *muscarine*, and alkaloid found in the fly agaric (*Amanita muscaria*).



You are Sir James Lubbock, Home Office Analyst, and you have been asked to help solve a knotty problem crucial to the investigation: whether (a) a deadly *Amanita muscaria* found its way accidentally into the mess of closely similar, but harmless, *Amanita rubescens*, or (b) a lethal dose of synthetic muscarine (filched from a London laboratory) was deliberately added to the stew pot - perhaps by the lover of the beautiful Mrs. Harrison. You have available a solution of muscarine that you isolated from left-over stew, a well-equipped (for 1929) laboratory and ten minutes. Tell what you can do that might give a definite answer to the question: was there a fly agaric in Mr. Harrison's soup or did a second cook, willfully and with malice aforethought, spoil the broth?

8. Allenes are compounds with adjacent carbon-carbon double bonds. Many allenes are chiral even though they do not contain stereogenic centres. Mycomycin:

is a naturally occurring antibiotic isolated from the bacterium *Nocardia* acidophilus. It has $[\alpha]_D = -130^\circ$. Why is mycomycin chiral?