Benzene & Aromaticity

Many important molecules contain one or more aromatic functional groups.

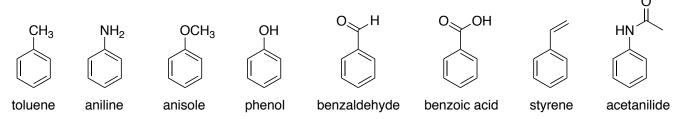
Rivaroxaban (Xaralto)

A common blood thinner

In 2018, Xarelto was #10 in US Sales

Benzene Nomenclature

Some common mono-substituted benzene names accepted by IUPAC.



Naming di and poly substituted benzenes

- 1. Identify the parent: either benzene or one of the common derivatives
- 2. Number the substituents to give the overall lowest possible numbering
 - a. If a common derivative is the parent, the carbon containing that substituent must be C#1
 - b. If you have a numbering tie, then use alphabetical priority
- 3. Assemble name: list substituents alphabetically followed by the parent name
- o,m,p terms can be used when naming di-substituted benzenes only

$$O_2N$$
 O_2
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Criteria for aromaticity

- Cyclic
- Completely conjugated (closed loop of p-orbitals)
- Planar
- $4n + 2\pi$ electrons

Aromaticity Flow Chart

