IDENTIFYING the MAJOR FUNCTIONAL GROUP:

- 1. Is a carbonyl present? Check ZONE 4. If no carbonyl is present, go to step 3.
 - The C=O double bond gives rise to a strong absorption in ZONE 4: 2000-1600 cm⁻¹. This peak is often the strongest in the spectrum, and characteristic of the type of carbonyl present (see spectrum below).
- 2. If C=O is present, check for additional peaks to confirm the following types of carbonyls:
 - Anhydrides have two C=O absorptions near 1810 & 1760 cm⁻¹
 - Esters should also have C-O stretches in ZONE 5 around 1300-1100 cm⁻¹ with medium intensity
 - Aldehydes should also have two signals in ZONE 2: ~2800 & ~2700 cm⁻¹
 - Carboxylic acids should have a broad signal that extends from ZONE 1 through ZONE 2: 3500-2500 cm⁻¹
 - Amides (primary & secondary) should have a signal in ZONE 1: 3500-3200 cm⁻¹
- 3. If C=O is absent, check for:
 - Alcohols/Phenols have a broad signal in ZONE 1: 3600-3200 cm⁻¹
 - Signals for amines also show up in ZONE 1: 3500-3200 cm⁻¹
 - i. Primary amines (RNH₂) display 2 signals
 - ii. Secondary amines (R₂NH) display 1 signal
 - Ethers have signals in ZONE 5 due to C-O stretch: 1300-1000 cm⁻¹
- 4. Double bonds and/or aromatic rings:
 - Phenyl and vinyl sp2 C-H stretches occur in ZONE 1 to the left of 3000 cm⁻¹
 - Alkenes display weak C=C stretching signals near 1650 cm⁻¹
 - Medium to strong signals from 1650-1400 cm⁻¹ imply an aromatic ring
- 5. sp Hybridized Triple bonds:
 - Nitrile C=N bonds display in ZONE 3 around 2250 cm⁻¹
 - Alkyne C=C bonds display in ZONE 3 around 2150 cm⁻¹
 - i. Terminal alkynes also have a sharp signal in ZONE 1 around 3300 cm⁻¹
- 6. Nitro groups, NO₂:
 - N=O stretches observed as two signals in ZONE 5 around 1560 & 1350 cm-1
- 7. Alkanes:
 - Main signals for sp3 hybridized C-H bonds are in ZONE 2 just below 3000 cm⁻¹





** ... IF YOU HAVE ONE FG. TWO 2°AMINE WOULD LOOK LIKE A 1 AMINE.

CooP # 3, Problem 3

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Problem 3: Positive EI Mass Spectrum







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