

CARBOXYLIC ACIDS AND FUNCTIONAL DERIVATIVES

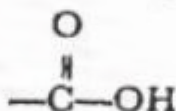
After completing this lesson, you will be able to:

- Describe preparation of carboxylic acids by carbonation of Grignard's Reagent, hydrolysis of nitriles, oxidation of primary alcohols oxidation aldehydes and oxidation of alkyl benzenes. (Applying)
- Discuss reactivity of carboxylic acids. (Applying)
- Describe the chemistry of carboxylic acids by conversion to carboxylic acid derivatives: acyl halides, acid anhydrides, esters, amides and reactions involving interconversion of these. (Analyzing)
- Describe reactions of carboxylic acid derivatives. (Applying)
- Describe isomerism in carboxylic acids. (Understanding)

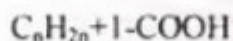
Q1. What are Carboxylic Acids? Give examples.

Answer

Organic compounds which contain functional group



In their molecule are called carboxylic acids. Aliphatic carboxylic acids have the carboxyl group attached with an open chain of carbon atoms. They may be represented by the general formula



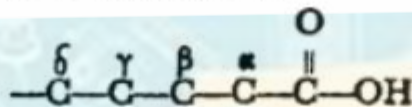
Or, $\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{R}-\text{C}-\text{OH} \end{array}$ where R=H or any alkyl group. There are organic compounds which contain more than one carboxylic groups in their molecule. Thus we have dicarboxylic acids and tricarboxylic acids etc.

Q2. Give different methods of nomenclature of carboxylic acids.

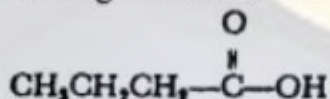
Answer

- 1) Many carboxylic acids are known by their common names, which were given to them before the systematic names were evolved. The positions of other groups attached with

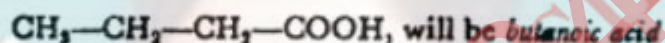
the chain containing the carboxyl group are indicated by the Greek letters α β etc. the carbon adjacent to the carboxylic group is called the α (alpha) carbon the carbon atom in the carboxyl group is not the α carbon e.g.



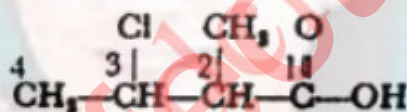
- 2) The IUPAC system. From the name of alkane, which contains the same number of carbon atoms as the longest continuous chain the carboxyl group the ending -e is dropped and in its place the ending -oic acid added. For example the carboxylic acid



has four carbon atoms in the chain containing carboxyl group. The name of the alkane having a straight chain of four carbon atoms is butane. Therefore the name of the four carbon acid,

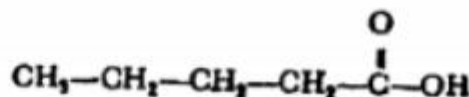
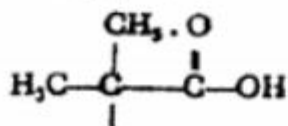
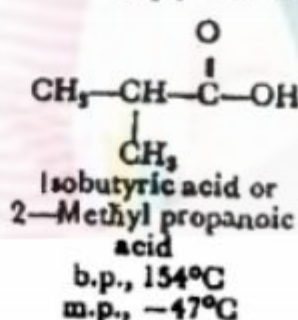
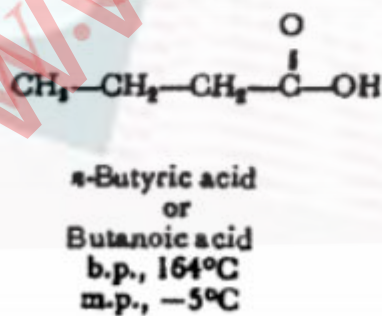
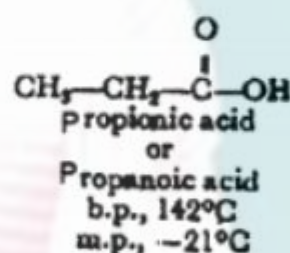
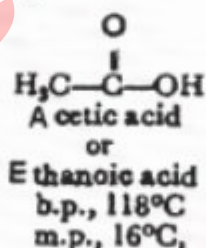
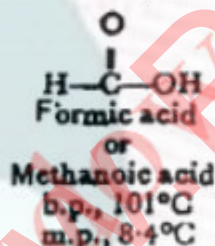


The carbon atoms of the chain containing the carboxyl group are numbered to indicate the positions of other groups attached with it. The carbon atom of the carboxyl group is given the number 1.

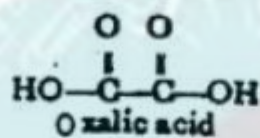


3-Chloro-2-Methylbutanoic acid

The names and the structural formulas of a few carboxylic acids are given below. Boiling points and melting points are also given.

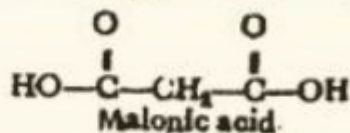


CH_3
 Trimethylacetic acid
 or
 2,2-Dimethylpropanoic acid
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 m.p., 35.5°C

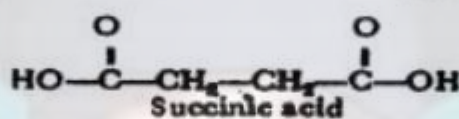


Oxalic acid
 or
 Ethanedioic acid
 m.p., 186°C
 (decomp.)

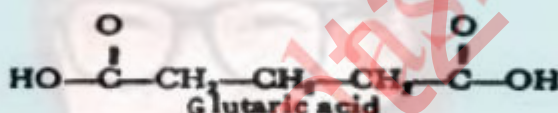
n -Valeric acid
 or
 Pentanoic acid
 b.p., 186°C
 m.p., -35°C



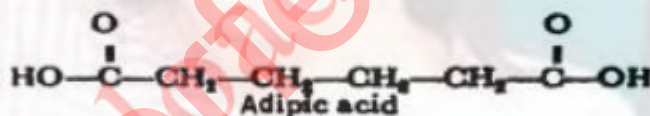
Malonic acid
 or
 Propanedioic acid
 m.p., $130-135^\circ\text{C}$
 (decomp.)



Succinic acid
 or
 Butanedioic acid
 m.p., 182°C



Glutaric acid
 or
 Pentanedioic acid
 m.p., 97.7°C



Adipic acid
 or
 Hexanedioic acid
 m.p., $151-153^\circ\text{C}$

Note that the dicarboxylic acids are named in the IUPAC system by adding dioic acid to the name of the alkane containing the same number of carbon atoms as the carbon chain containing the two carboxyl groups.

Q3. What are different of carboxylic acids?

Answer

Physical Properties

- The polar nature of both the O – H and C=O bonds (due to the electro negativity difference of the atoms) results in the formation of strong hydrogen bonds with other carboxylic acid molecules or other H-bonding systems (e.g. water). The implications are:
- higher melting and boiling points compared to analogous alcohols
- high solubility in aqueous media
- hydrogen bonded dimers in gas phase and dimers or aggregates in pure liquid

Q4. Write a note on structure and acidity of carboxylic acids.

Answer

Structure

- The CO_2H unit is planar and consistent with sp^2 hybridization and a resonance interaction of the lone pairs of the hydroxyl oxygen with the π system of the carbonyl.

Acidity:

Carboxylic acids are the most acidic simple organic compounds ($\text{pK}_a \sim 5$). But they are only weak acids compared to acids like HCl or H_2SO_4 . (Remember the lower the pK_a , the stronger the acid)

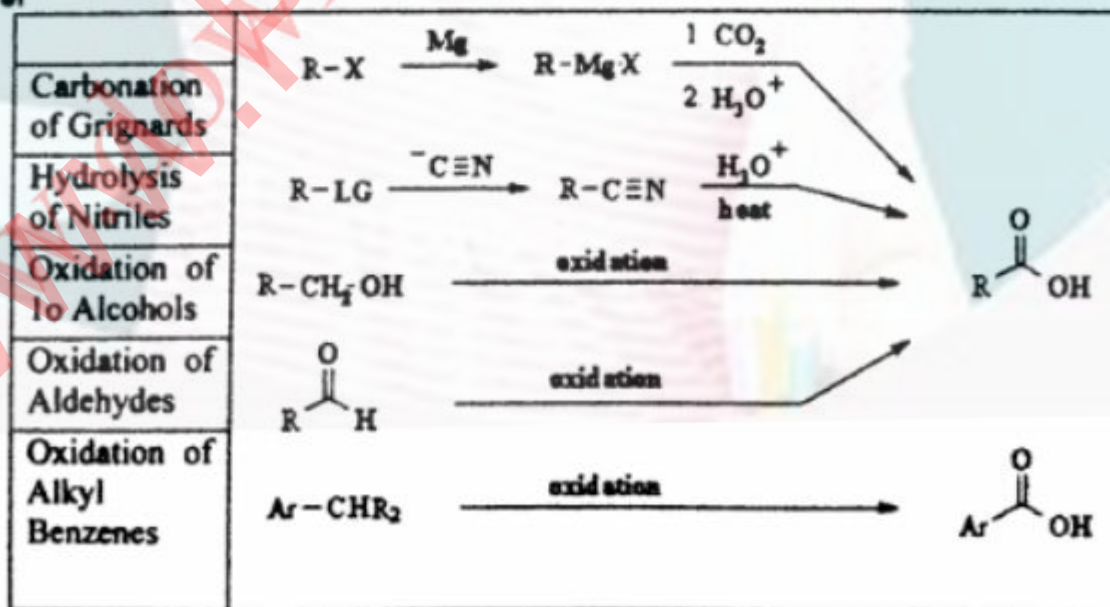
Resonance stabilization of the carboxylate ion allows the negative charge to be delocalized between the two electronegative oxygen atoms (compare with alcohols, $\text{pK}_a \sim 16$).

Adjacent electron withdrawing substituents increase the acidity by further stabilizing the carboxylate.

Carboxylic Acid	Structure	pK_a
Ethanoic acid	$\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$	4.7
Propanoic acid	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{H}$	4.9
Fluoroethanoic acid	$\text{CH}_2\text{FCO}_2\text{H}$	2.6
Chloroethanoic acid	$\text{CH}_2\text{ClCO}_2\text{H}$	2.9
Dichloroethanoic acid	$\text{CHCl}_2\text{CO}_2\text{H}$	1.3
Trichloroethanoic acid	$\text{CCl}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$	0.9
Nitroethanoic acid	$\text{O}_2\text{NCH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{H}$	1.7

Q5. Give different methods of preparations of carboxylic acids.

Answer

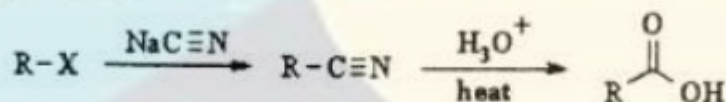


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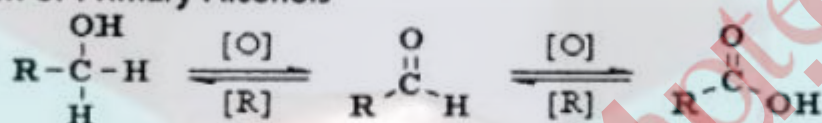
1) Carbonation of Grignard Reagents, RMgX, by CO₂



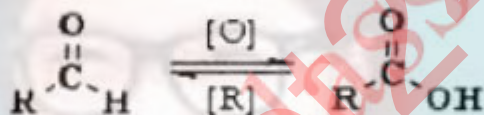
2) Hydrolysis of Nitriles



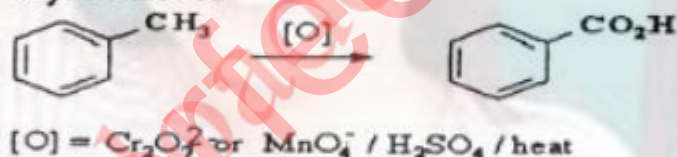
3) Oxidation of Primary Alcohols



4) Oxidation of Aldehydes



5) Oxidation of Alkyl Benzenes



Q6. Explain reactivity of carboxylic acids.

Answer

The carboxyl group shows the chemistry of both the carbonyl ($\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{C} \end{array}-\text{OH}$) and the hydroxyl (-OH) groups. In most reactions, the carboxyl group is retained. However the reactivity of these molecules is due to the presence of carbonyl group.

Reactions of Carboxylic Acids

Conversion to Carboxylic Acid Derivatives

This point has already been discussed in 20.5.1. Carboxylic acids undergo the following types of reactions.

- The reaction in which hydrogen atom of the carboxyl group is involved (salt formation).
- The reaction in which OH group is replaced by another group.
- The reactions involving carboxyl group as a whole.

a) Reaction involving H atom of the carboxyl group

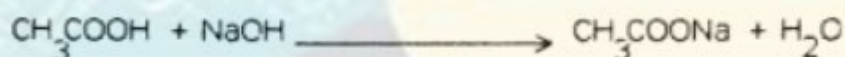
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Carboxylic acids are weaker acids than mineral acids. They furnish H when dissolved in water

In the presence of water (H₂O) the proton breaks away as H₃O⁺ ion.

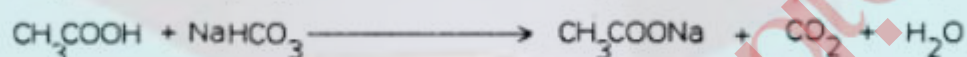
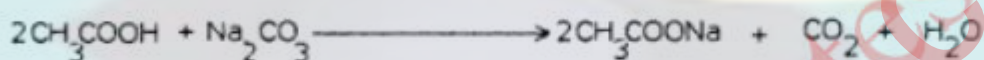
1) Reactions with bases

Carboxylic acids react with bases (NaOH, KOH) to form salts



2) Reaction with carbonates and bicarbonates

Carboxylic acids decompose carbonate and bicarbonates evolving carbon dioxide gas with effervescence.



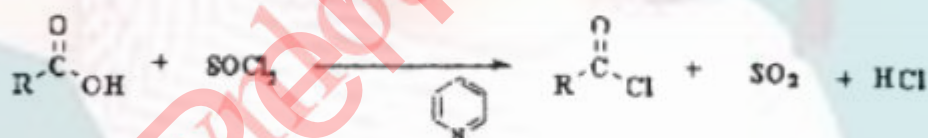
3) Reactions with metals

Carboxylic acids reaction with active metals such as Na, K, Ca, Mg etc to form their salts with the evolution of hydrogen gas,



Q7. Give Preparation of Acyl Chlorides.

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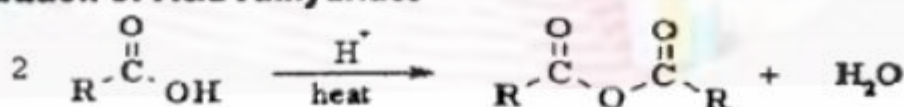


- Acyl chlorides are prepared by treating the carboxylic acid with thionyl chloride, SOCl₂, in the presence of a base.
- Acyl chlorides are by far the most commonly encountered of the acyl halides.

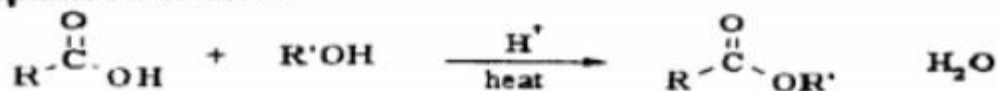
Q8. Give Preparation of Acid Anhydrides and Esters.

Answer

1) Preparation of Acid Anhydrides



2) Preparation of Esters



- This reaction is also known as the Fischer esterification.

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- Esters are obtained by refluxing the parent carboxylic acid with the appropriate alcohol with an acid catalyst.
 - The equilibrium can be driven to completion by using an excess of either the alcohol or the carboxylic acid, or by removing the water as it forms.
 - Alcohol reactivity order : $\text{CH}_3\text{OH} > 1^\circ > 2^\circ > 3^\circ$ (steric effects)
 - Esters can also be made from other carboxylic acid derivatives, especially acyl halides and anhydrides, by reacting them with the appropriate alcohol in the presence of a weak base.
 - If a compound contains both hydroxy- and carboxylic acid groups, then cyclic esters or lactones can form via an intramolecular reaction. Reactions that form 5- or 6-membered rings are particularly favorable.

MECHANISM FOR REACTION FOR ACID catalyzed ESTERIFICATION

Step 1: An acid/base reaction. Protonation of the carbonyl makes it more electrophilic.

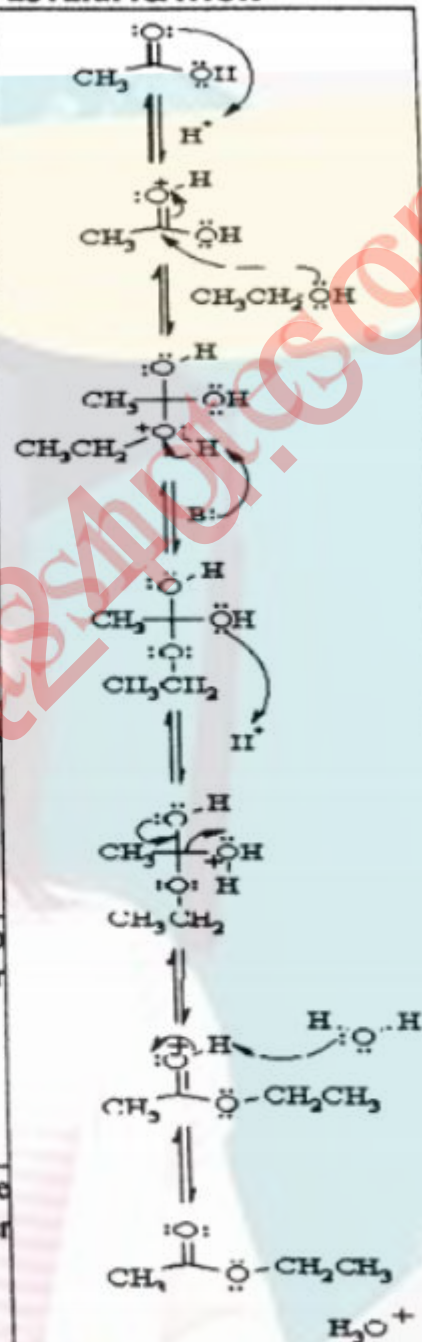
Step 2: The alcohol O functions as the nucleophile attacking the electrophilic C in the C=O, with the electrons moving towards the oxonium ion, creating the tetrahedral intermediate.

Step 3: An acid/base reaction. Deprotonate the alcoholic oxygen.

Step 4: An acid/base reaction. Need to make an -OH leave, it doesn't matter which one, so convert it into a good leaving group by protonation.

Step 5: Use the electrons of an adjacent oxygen to help "push out" the leaving group, a neutral water molecule.

Step 6: An acid/base reaction. Deprotonation of the oxonium ion reveals the carbonyl in the ester product.



Preparation of Amides



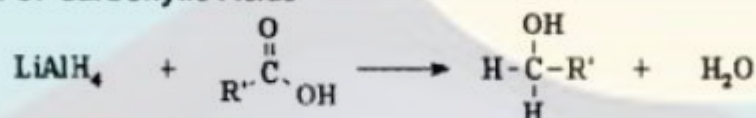
- In general, it is *not* easy to prepare amides directly from the parent carboxylic acid.
- The acid will protonate the amine preventing further reaction since the carboxylate is a poor electrophile and the ammonium ion is not nucleophilic.

It is much easier to convert the carboxylic acid to the more reactive acyl chloride first.



Reduction to Alcohols

Reduction of Carboxylic Acids



- Carboxylic acids are less reactive to reduction by hydride than aldehydes, ketones or esters.
- Carboxylic acids are reduced to primary alcohols.
- As a result of their low reactivity, carboxylic acids can only be reduced by LiAlH_4 and NOT by the less reactive NaBH_4 .

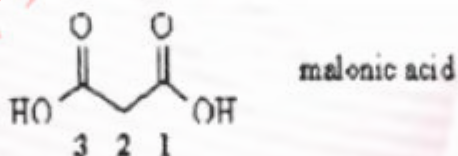
Q9. Give Decarboxylation of Carboxylic acids.

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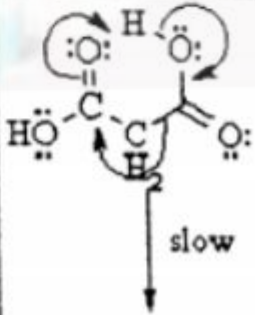
Decarboxylation



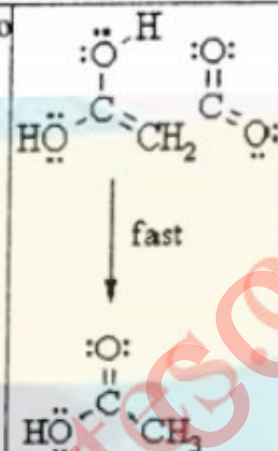
- Loss of carbon dioxide is called decarboxylation.
- Simple carboxylic acids rarely undergo decarboxylation.
- Carboxylic acids with a carbonyl group at the 3- (or β -) position readily undergo thermal decarboxylation, e.g. derivatives of malonic acid.



- The reaction proceeds via a cyclic transition state giving an enol intermediate that tautomerizes to the carbonyl.

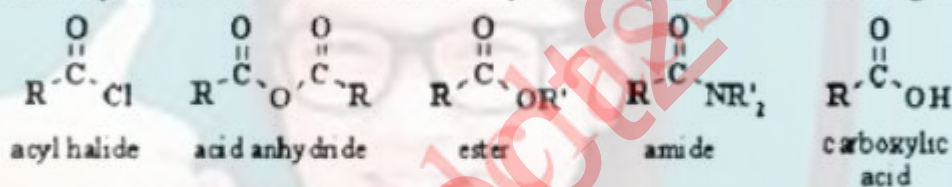
Mechanism of Decarboxylation	
Step 1: Remember curly arrows flow.... Start at the protonation of the carbonyl, break the O-H bond and form the π bond, break the C-C and make the C=C. Note the concerted nature of this reaction and the cyclic transition state.	

Step2: Tautomerization of the enol of the carboxylic acid leads to the acid product (not shown here).



Elaboration of Reactions that Interconvert Carboxylic Acids

The carboxylic acid derivatives are a family of closely related functional groups



each contain a C=O group with a heteroatom attached (note : this is what distinguishes them from aldehydes and ketones) they can all be prepared from the "parent" carboxylic acid on hydrolysis they all convert back to the parent carboxylic acid they share a common reactivity pathway with nucleophiles: nucleophilic acyl substitution.

IMPORTANT Reactivity order: acyl chloride > anhydride > ester = carboxylic acid > amide > carboxylate

The most important things to know about carboxylic acid derivatives are:

- How to prepare the derivatives from the carboxylic acid itself (Chapter 19)
- The relative reactivity of the carboxylic acid derivatives.
- That hydrolysis of derivatives gets you back to the carboxylic acid.
- The mechanism of nucleophilic acyl substitution.

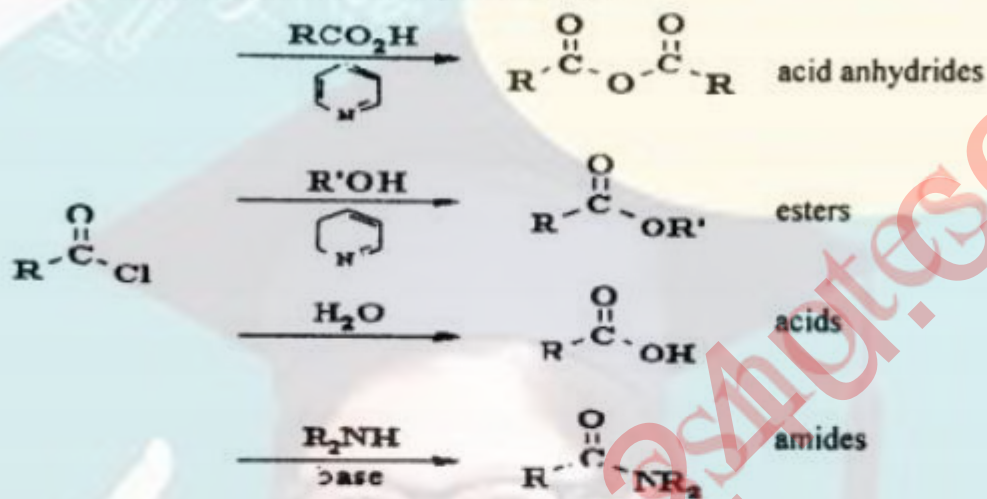
Q10. Give Different Reactions of Carboxylic Acid Derivatives.

Answer

- 1) Elaboration of Reactions that Interconvert Carboxylic Acids Derivatives
- 2) Reactions of Acyl Halides, Friedel-Crafts Acylation (review)
- 3) Reactions of Acid Anhydrides,
- 4) Reactions of Esters, Hydrolysis, Reduction, and with Grignard reagents
- 5) Reactions of Amides, Hydrolysis and Reduction
- 6) Reactions of Nitriles, Hydrolysis, Reduction, and with Grignard reagents

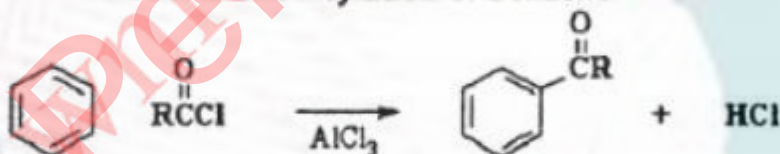
Q11. Give Reactions of Acyl Halides, Friedel-Crafts Acylation Reactions of Acyl Halides.

1) Interconversion Reactions of Acyl Chlorides



- 1) Acyl chlorides are the most reactive of the carboxylic acid derivatives and therefore can be readily converted into other carboxylic acid derivatives (see above).
- 2) They are sufficiently reactive that they react quite readily with cold water and hydrolyze to the carboxylic acid.
- 3) The HCl by-product is usually removed by adding a base such as pyridine or triethyl amine.

Friedel-Crafts Acylation of Benzene

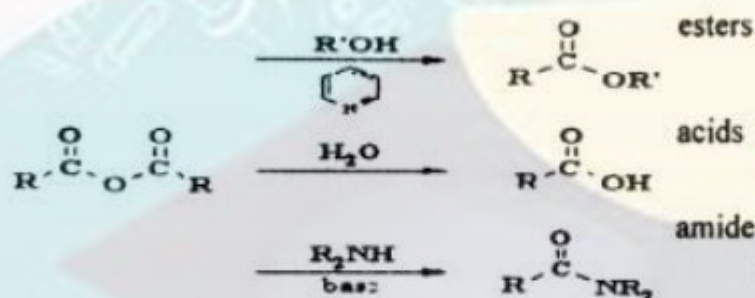


- 4) Overall transformation : Ar - H to Ar-COR (a ketone)
- 5) Named after Friedel and Crafts who discovered the reaction.
- 6) Reagent : normally the acyl halide (e.g. usually RCOCl) with aluminum trichloride, AlCl₃, a Lewis acid catalyst.
- 7) The AlCl₃ enhances the electrophilicity of the acyl halide by complexing with the halide.
- 8) Electrophilic species : the acyl cation or acylium ion (i.e. RCO⁺) formed by the "removal" of the halide by the Lewis acid catalyst.
- 9) Friedel-Crafts reactions are limited to arenes as or more reactive than mono-halobenzenes.
- 10) Other sources of acylium can also be used such as acid anhydrides with AlCl₃
- 11) Note how the reaction can still be reviewed as a Nucleophilic Acyl Substitution of the acyl halide since overall we have a nucleophile (here the π bond of an aromatic ring)

replaces the leaving group (chloride) at the electrophilic C=O.

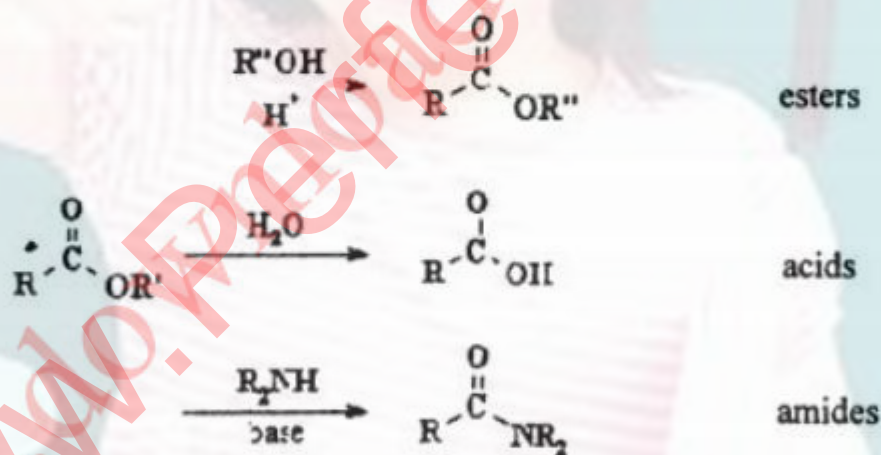
2) Reactions of Acid Anhydrides, Hydrolysis

Interconversion Reactions of Acid Anhydrides



- 1) Acid anhydrides are the second most reactive of the carboxylic acid derivatives and can therefore, be fairly readily converted into the other less reactive carboxylic acid derivatives (see above).
- 2) A base is often added to neutralize the carboxylic acid by product that is formed.
- 3) Reactions of Esters, Hydrolysis, Reduction, and with Grignard's Reagent

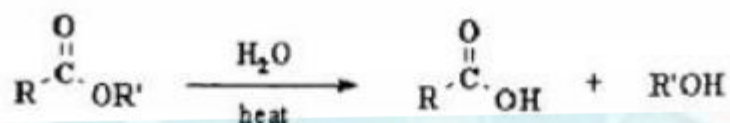
Interconversion Reactions of Esters



- 1) Esters can be converted into other esters (transesterification), the parent carboxylic acid (hydrolysis) or amides (see above).
- 2) Transesterification : heat with alcohol and acid catalyst
- 3) Hydrolysis : heat with aq. acid or base (e.g. aq. H₂SO₄ or aq. NaOH) (see hydrolysis of esters for more details)
- 4) Amide preparation : heat with the amine, methyl or ethyl esters are the most reactive

Q12. Give Hydrolysis of Esters.

Answer



- 1) Carboxylic esters hydrolyze to the parent carboxylic acid and an alcohol.
- 2) Reagents: aqueous acid (e.g. H_2SO_4) / heat, or aqueous NaOH / heat (known as "saponification").

Reaction under BASIC conditions

- 1) The mechanism shown below leads to acyl-oxygen cleavage (see step 2).
- 2) The mechanism is supported by experiments using ^{18}O labeled compounds and esters of chiral alcohols.
- 3) This reaction is known as "saponification" because it is the basis of making soap from glycerol triesters in fats.
- 4) The mechanism is an example of the reactive system type.

Reaction under acidic conditions

Note that the acid catalyzed mechanism is the reverse of the Fischer esterification.

The mechanism shown below also leads to acyl-oxygen cleavage (see step 5).

The mechanism is an example of the less reactive system type.

Q13. Give Reduction of Esters.

Answer



- 1) Carboxylic esters are reduced give 2 alcohols, one from the alcohol portion of the ester and a 1o alcohol from the reduction of the carboxylate portion.
- 2) Esters are less reactive towards Nu than aldehydes or ketones
- 3) They can only be reduced by LiAlH_4 and NOT by the less reactive NaBH_4
- 4) The reaction requires that 2 hydrides (H^-) be added to the carbonyl group of the ester
- 5) The mechanism is an example of the reactive system type
Note the aldehyde intermediate.

Q14. Reaction of LiAlH_4 with an ester alongwith mechanism.

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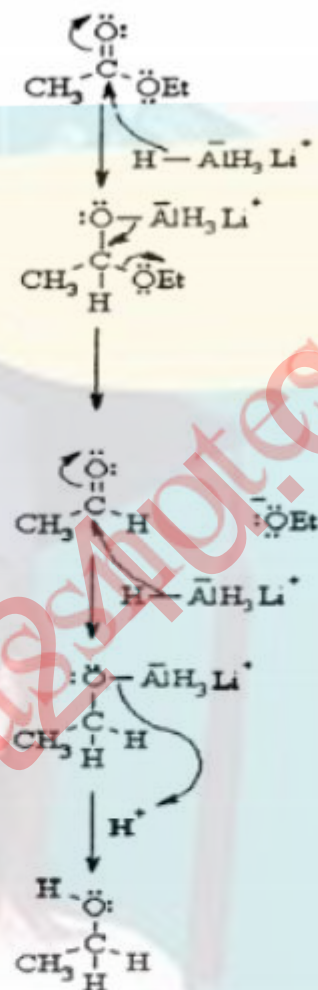
Step 1:

The nucleophilic H from the hydride reagent adds to the electrophilic C in the polar carbonyl group of the ester. Electrons from the C=O move to the electronegative O creating an intermediate metal alkoxide complex.

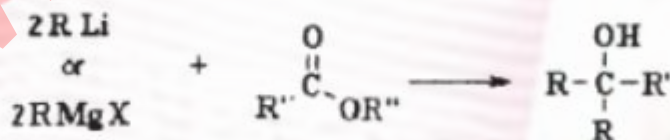
Step2: The tetrahedral intermediate collapses and displaces the alcohol portion of the ester as a leaving group, this produces a ketone as an intermediate.

Step3: Now we are reducing an aldehyde. The nucleophilic H from the hydride reagent adds to the electrophilic C in the polar carbonyl group of the aldehyde. Electrons from the C=O move to the electronegative O creating an intermediate metal alkoxide complex.

Step4: This is the work-up step, a simple acid/base reaction. Protonation of the alkoxide oxygen creates the primary alcohol product from the intermediate complex.



Reactions of RLi and RMgX with Esters



- 1) Carboxylic esters, $\text{R}'\text{CO}_2\text{R}''$, react with 2 equivalents of organolithium or Grignard reagents to give tertiary alcohols.
- 2) The tertiary alcohol that results contains 2 identical alkyl groups (from R in the scheme)
- 3) The reaction proceeds via a ketone intermediate which then reacts with the second equivalent of the organometallic reagent (review)
- 4) Since the ketone is more reactive than the ester, the reaction cannot be used as a preparation of ketones.

5) The mechanism is an example of the reactive system type.

Q15. Give Reaction of Rmgx with an Ester alongwith mechanism.

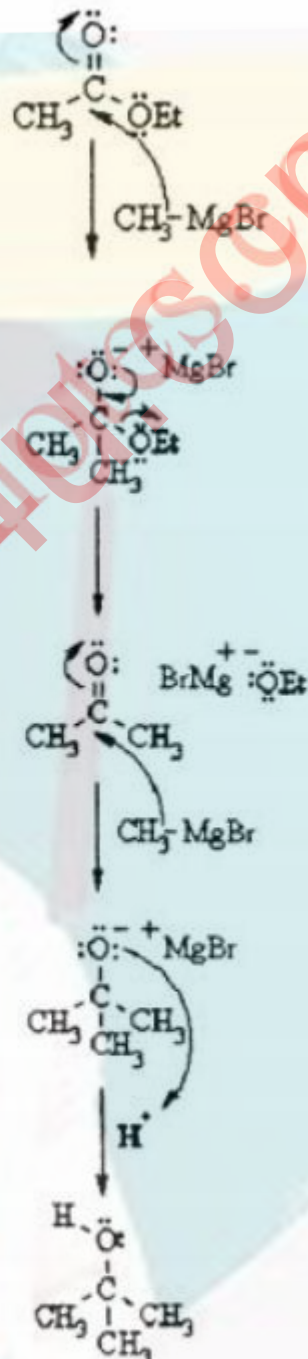
Answer

Step1: The nucleophilic C in the organometallic reagent adds to the electrophilic C in the polar carbonyl group of the ester. Electrons from the C=O move to the electronegative O creating an intermediate metal alkoxide complex.

Step2: The tetrahedral intermediate collapses and displaces the alcohol portion of the ester as a leaving group; this produces a ketone as an intermediate.

Step3: The nucleophilic C in the organometallic reagent adds to the electrophilic C in the polar carbonyl group of the ketone. Electrons from the C=O move to the electronegative O creating an intermediate metal alkoxide complex.

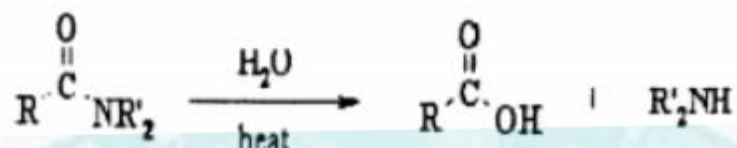
Step4: This is the work-up step, a simple acid/base reaction. Protonation of the alkoxide oxygen creates the alcohol product from the intermediate complex.



Q16. Give Reactions of Amides, Hydrolysis and Reduction

Answer

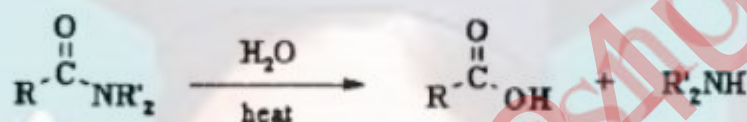
Interconversion Reactions of Amides



- Amides are the least reactive of the neutral carboxylic acid derivatives.
- The only interconversion reaction that amides undergo is hydrolysis back to the parent carboxylic acid and the amine.
- Reagents: Strong acid (e.g. H_2SO_4) or strong base (e.g. NaOH) / heat.
- More details on the following page.

Q17. Give Hydrolysis of Amides alongwith mechanism.

Answer



- 1) Amides hydrolyze to the parent carboxylic acid and the appropriate amine.
- 2) The mechanisms are similar to those of esters.
- 3) Reagents : Strong acid (e.g. H_2SO_4) / heat (preferred) or strong base (e.g. NaOH) / heat.

Reaction under acidic conditions

Note that the acid catalyzed mechanism is analogous to the acid catalyzed hydrolysis of esters.

The mechanism shown below proceeds via protonation of the carbonyl not the amide N (see step 1).

The mechanism is an example of the less reactive system type.

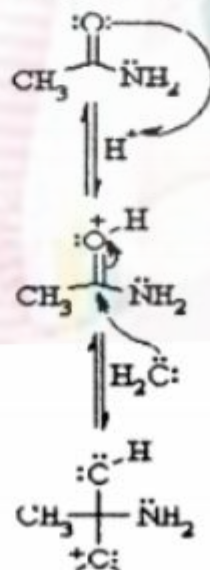
Mechanism of the acid catalyzed hydrolysis of amides

Step 1: An acid/base reaction. Since we only have a weak nucleophile and a poor electrophile we need to activate the ester. Protonation of the amide carbonyl makes it more electrophilic.

Step 2: The water O functions as the nucleophile attacking the electrophilic C in the $\text{C}=\text{O}$, with the electrons moving towards the oxonium ion, creating the tetrahedral intermediate.

Step 3: An acid/base reaction. Deprotonate the oxygen that came from the water molecule.

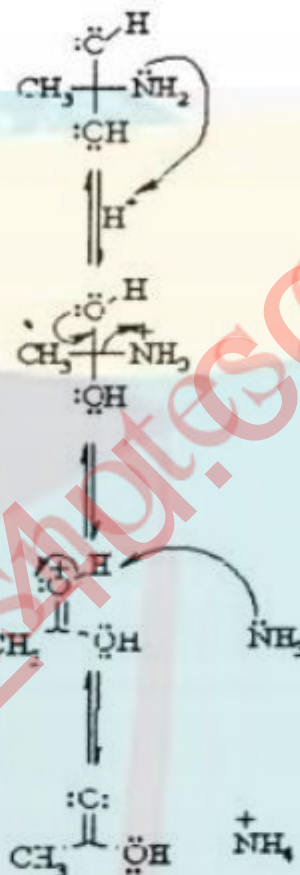
Step 4: An acid/base reaction. Need to



make the -NH_2 leave, but need to convert it into a good leaving group first by protonation.

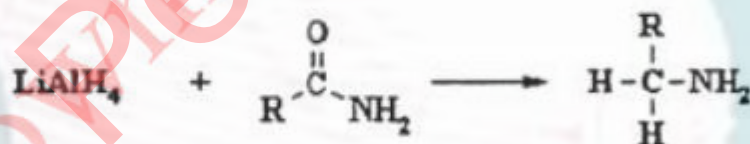
Step 5: Use the electrons of an adjacent oxygen to help "push out" the leaving group, a neutral ammonia molecule.

Step 6: An acid/base reaction. Deprotonation of the oxonium ion reveals the carbonyl in the carboxylic acid product and regenerates the acid catalyst.

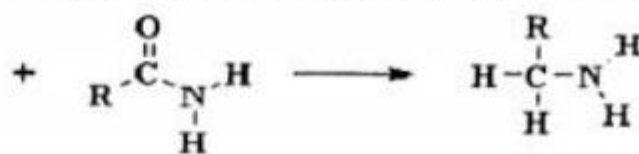


Q18. Give Reduction of Amides alongwith mechanism.

Answer

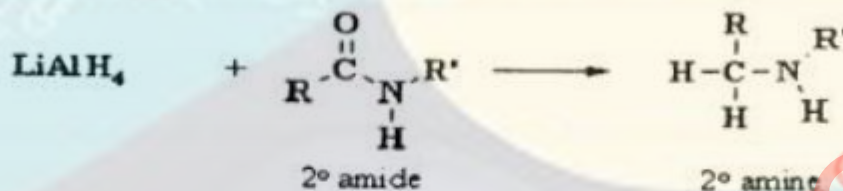


- Amides, RCONR_2 , can be reduced to the amine, RCH_2NR_2 by conversion of the C=O to -CH_2^-
- Amides can be reduced by LiAlH_4 but NOT the less reactive NaBH_4
- Typical reagents : LiAlH_4 / ether solvent followed by aqueous work-up.
- Note that this reaction is different to that of other C=O compounds which reduce to alcohols
- The nature of the amine obtained depends on the substituents present on the original amide. look at the N substituents in the following examples (those bonds don't change !)



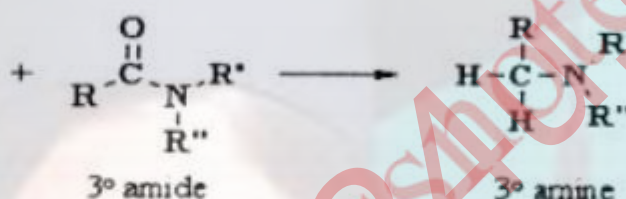
1° amide

1° amine



2° amide

2° amine



3° amide

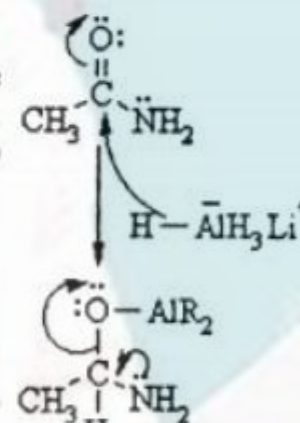
3° amine

- R, R' or R'' may be either alkyl or aryl substituents.
- In the potential mechanism note that it is an O system that leaves. This is consistent with O systems being better leaving groups than the less electronegative N systems.

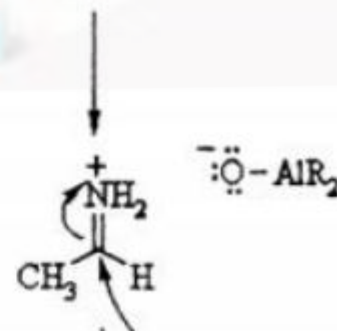
Q19. Give Reaction of LiAlH_4 with an amide along with mechanism.

Answer

Step1: The nucleophilic H from the hydride reagent adds to the electrophilic C in the polar carbonyl group of the ester. Electrons from the $\text{C}=\text{O}$ move to the electronegative O creating an intermediate metal alkoxide complex.



Step2: The tetrahedral intermediate collapses and displaces the O as part of a metal alkoxide leaving group, this produces a highly reactive iminium ion intermediate.

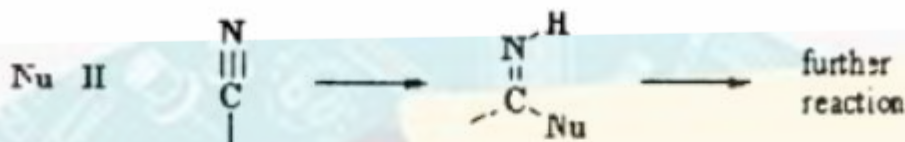


Step3: Rapid reduction by the nucleophilic H from the hydride reagent as it adds to the electrophilic C in the iminium system. π electrons from the $\text{C}=\text{N}$ move to the cationic N neutralizing the charge creating the amine product.

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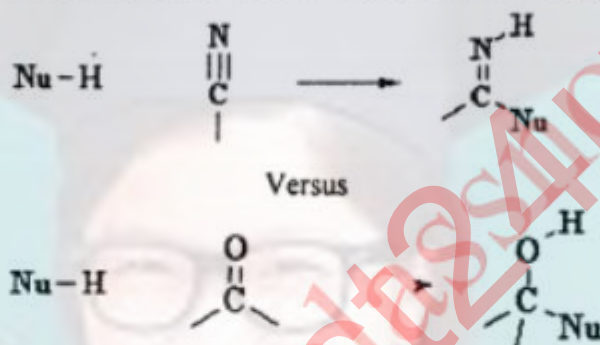
Q20. Reactions of Nitriles, Hydrolysis, Reduction, and reactions with Grignard's Reagent.

Answer



Nitriles typically undergo nucleophilic addition to give products that often undergo a further reaction.

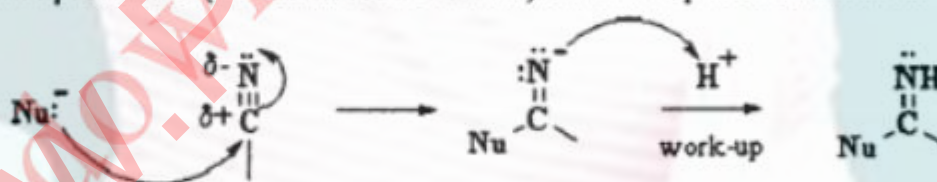
The chemistry of the nitrile functional group, $\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$, is very similar to that of the carbonyl, $\text{C}=\text{O}$ of aldehydes and ketones. Compare the two schemes:



However, it is convenient to describe nitriles as carboxylic acid derivatives because: the oxidation state of the C is the same as that of the carboxylic acid derivatives hydrolysis produces the carboxylic acid

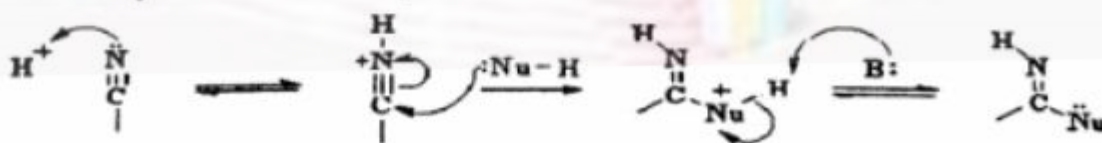
Like the carbonyl containing compounds, nitriles react with nucleophiles via two scenarios:

Strong nucleophiles (anionic) add directly to the $\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$ to form an intermediate imine salt that protonates (and often reacts further) on work-up with dilute acid.



Examples of such nucleophilic systems are : RMgX , RLi , $\text{RC}\equiv\text{CM}$, LiAlH_4

Weaker nucleophiles (neutral) require that the $\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$ be activated prior to attack of the Nu. This can be done using an acid catalyst which protonates on the Lewis basic N and makes the system more electrophilic.



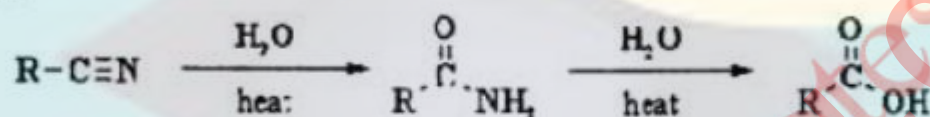
Examples of such nucleophilic systems are H_2O , ROH

The protonation of a nitrile gives a structure that can be redrawn in another resonance form that reveals the electrophilic character of the C since it is a carbocation.



Q21. Give Hydrolysis of Nitriles alongwith mechanism.

Answer



Reaction type: Nucleophilic Addition then Nucleophilic Acyl Substitution

Elaboration

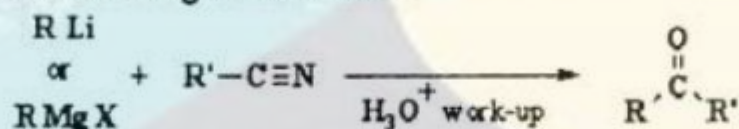
Nitriles, $\text{RC}\equiv\text{N}$, can be hydrolyzed to carboxylic acids, RCO_2H via the amide, RCONH_2 .

Reagents : Strong acid (e.g. H_2SO_4) or strong base (e.g. NaOH) / heat.

Mechanism of the acid Catalyzed Hydrolysis of Nitriles

- Nitriles can be reduced by LiAlH_4 but NOT the less reactive NaBH_4
- Typical reagents: LiAlH_4 / ether solvent followed by aqueous work-up.
- Catalytic hydrogenation (H_2 / catalyst) can also be used giving the same products.
- R may be either alkyl or aryl substituents

Reactions of RLi or RMgX with Nitriles

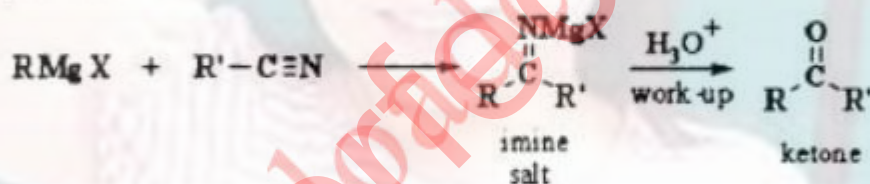


Reaction usually in Et₂O or THF

Reaction type: Nucleophilic Acyl Substitution then Nucleophilic Addition

Elaboration

- Nitriles, $\text{RC} \equiv \text{N}$, react with Grignard reagents or organolithium reagents to give ketones.
- The strongly nucleophilic organometallic reagents add to the $\text{C} \equiv \text{N}$ bond in a similar fashion to that seen for aldehydes and ketones.
- The reaction proceeds via an imine salt intermediate that is then hydrolyzed to give the ketone product.



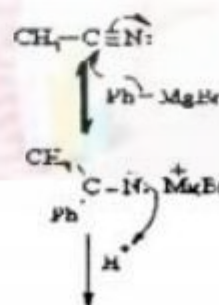
- Since the ketone is not formed until after the addition of water, the organometallic reagent does not get the opportunity to react with the ketone product.
- Nitriles are less reactive than aldehydes and ketones.
- The mechanism is an example of the

Mechanism of Reaction of rmgx with an Nitrile

Step 1: The nucleophilic C in the organometallic reagent adds to the electrophilic C in the polar nitrile group. Electrons from the $C\equiv N$ move to the electronegative N creating an intermediate imine salt complex.

Step2:An acid/base reaction. On addition of aqueous acid, the intermediate salt protonates giving the imine.

Step3: An acid/base reaction. Imines



undergo nucleophilic addition, but require activation by protonation (i.e. acid catalysis)

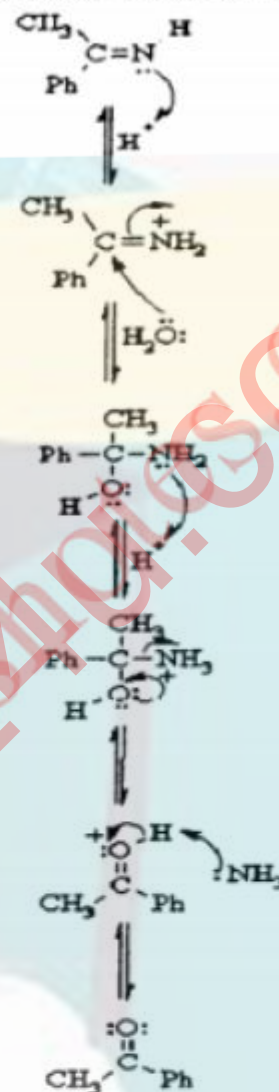
Step4: Now the nucleophilic O of a water molecule attacks the electrophilic C with the p bond breaking to neutralize the charge on the N.

Step5: An acid/base reaction. Deprotonate the O from the water molecule to neutralize the positive charge.

Step6: An acid/base reaction. Before the N system leaves, it needs to be made into a better leaving group by protonation.

Step7: Use the electrons on the O in order to push out the N leaving group, a neutral molecule of ammonia.

Step 8: An acid/base reaction. Deprotonation reveals the carbonyl group of the ketone product.



Q23. Give occurrences of different carboxylic acids.

Answer

Caprylic acid is present in coconut

Lauric acid is also present in coconut

Myristic acid is present in nutmeg

Arachidic acid is present in peanut oil

Citric acid is present in citrus fruits e.g. lemon, limes, grapes, oranges.

Tartaric acid is present in tamarind.

Lactic acid is present in apples, tomatoes and molasses.

Acetic acid is present in grapes.

Malic acid is present in green apples and plums.

Benzoic acid is found in berries.

Butyric acid is present in rancid butter.

Caproic acid is present in goat fat.

Caprylic acid is present in milk.

Palmitic acid is present in palm oil.

Stearic acid is present in waxes, animal fats and oils.

Amino acids are the building blocks of proteins.

Acetoacetic acid and pyruvic acid are the acids of biochemical significance.

Lactic acid is found in sour milk.

Tartaric acid is found in wine.

Acetic acid is found in vinegar.

Q24. Give field applications of different carboxylic acids.

Answer

1) Carboxylic acids as food preservatives.

Formic acid is used as preservative for silage (including fresh hay) and other livestock feed.

Boric acid was used as a food preservative in caviar (a product made from salt-cured fish-eggs) but its use has been banned now.

Salicylic acid Its use has been banned now.

Benzoic acid is used as a preservative in jams, beer, preserved fruit, pickles, fruit juice, desert sauces and syrups.

Acetic acid is used as a preservative in fish fingers, butter, margarine, processed cheese, curry powder, cooking oil.

Lactic acid is used as a preservative in beer, tinned foods especially vegetables and fruit, fresh fruit and vegetables.

Propionic acid is used as a preservative in dairy products, particularly in cheese and in baking products.

Q25. Give tastes of different carboxylic esters.

Answer

1) Taste of different carboxylic acids.

Esters are derived from carboxylic acids by reaction of carboxylic acids and alcohols in the presence of hydrochloric acid or sulfuric acid, a process called esterification.

Ester flavors are a range of fruity, sugary and sweet that occur in many beer types as a normal part of their brewing process.

Examples of ester flavors are:

Ethyl formate gives raspberries their characteristic taste.

Ethyl acetate has a bittersweet, wine-like burning taste.

Isoamyl acetate has a taste reminiscent of pears or bananas.

Ethyl propionate has rum like taste. (Rum is distilled alcoholic beverage made from sugarcane byproducts).

Ethyl butyrate –found in pineapples- tastes like sugar water.

Ethyl valerate has apple like taste.

Ethyl hexanoate is an apple-flavoured ester.

Ethyl heptanoate has wine-like odour and taste with a burning after-taste.

Ethyl octanoate found in pineapples has sweet taste.

EXERCISE

Q1: Select the right answer from the choices given with each question.

- 1) A carboxylic acid contains functional group:
 - a) A Hydroxyl group
 - b) A Carboxyl group
 - c) A Hydroxyl and Carboxyl group
 - d) A Carboxyl and aldehyde group
- 2) From the following carboxylic acids which acid has higher acidity:
 - a) Ethanoic acid
 - b) Propanoic acid
 - c) Chloro ethanoic acid
 - d) Nitro ethanoic acid
- 3) Which reagent is used to reduce carboxylic acid?
 - a) H_2/Ni
 - b) H_2/Pt
 - c) NaBH_4
 - d) LiAlH_4
- 4) Stronger acid is:
 - a) CH_3COOH
 - b) HCOOH
 - c) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$
 - d) $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$
- 5) Acetamide is prepared by:
 - a) Heating ammonium acetate
 - b) Heating methyl cyanide
 - c) Heating ethyl acetate
 - d) The hydrolysis of methyl cyanide
- 6) Carboxylic acids react with metal to form salts with the evolution of:
 - a) CO_2
 - b) H_2
 - c) CO
 - d) CH_4
- 7) Ethane-1, 2 dioic acid is also called:
 - a) Benzoic acid
 - b) Oxalic acid
 - c) Formic acid
 - d) Malonic acid
- 8) Carboxylic acid can be prepared by the action of Grignard's reagent with:
 - a) O_2
 - b) CO_2
 - c) KCl
 - d) N_2
- 9) The IUPAC names for formic acid is:
 - a) Methanoic acid
 - b) Acetic acid
 - c) Ethanoic acid
 - d) Butanoic acid
- 10) The reaction of alcohol with acetic acid is known as:
 - a) Saponification
 - b) Esterification
 - c) ammonolysis
 - d) Hydrolysis

EXERCISE

Q1: Select the right answer from the choices given with each question.

- 1) The carbon atom of carbon atom of a carbonyl group is:
 - a) sp hybridized
 - b) sp^2 hybridized
 - c) sp^3 hybridized
 - d) none of these
- 2) Ketones are prepared by the oxidation of:
 - a) primary alcohol
 - b) secondary alcohol
 - c) tertiary alcohol
 - d) none of these
- 3) Acetone reacts with HCN to form a Cyanohydrin. It is an example of:
 - a) electro philic addition
 - b) electrophilic substitution
 - c) nucleophilic addition
 - d) nuelesphilic substitution
- 4) Cannizaro's reaction is not given by:
 - a) formaldehyde
 - b) acetaldehyde
 - c) benzaldehyde
 - d) trimethylacetaldehyde
- 5) Which of the following reagents will react with both aldehydes and ketones?
 - a) grignard reagent
 - b) tollen's reagent
 - c) Fehling's reagent
 - d) Benedict's reagent
- 6) Aldehydes are the oxidation product of:
 - a) p - alcohols
 - b) s - alcohols
 - c) ter - alcohols
 - d) carboxylic acids
- 7) Which of the following compounds will not given iodoform test on treatment with $I_2/NaOH$.
 - a) Acetaldehyde
 - b) Acetone
 - c) Butanone
 - d) 3 - pentahone
- 8) Aldehydes and ketones are carbonyl compounds. Which of them react both with $NaBH_4$ and with Tollen's reagent.
 - a) both addehydres and ketones
 - b) Aldehydes only
 - c) Ketones only
 - d) Neither aldehydes nor ketones
- 9) Which one of the following can undergo aldol condensation reaction?
 - (a) formaldehyde
 - (b) acetaldehyde
 - (c) benzaldehyde
 - (d) trimethylacetaldehyde
- 10) Aldol condensation is not successful with compounds:
 - a) having no α - hydrogen
 - b) having α - hydrogen
 - c) having α - methyl group
 - d) none
- 11) Phenylhydrazone on treatment with carbohyl compounds produce:
 - a) hydroxyl amines
 - b) phenlhydrazone
 - c) oximes
 - d) none of these
- 12) Formaldehyde react with NH_3 to give?
 - a) tetra ethylene nexamine
 - b) tetra ethylene tetramine

- c) hexa methlene tetramine d) cyalonite

13) General formula of aldehydes and ketone is?

- a) $C_nH_{2n}O$ b) $C_nH_{2n+1}O$ c) C_nH_nO d) $C_nH_{2n+2}O$

14) Which of the following carbene prepared in the laboratory by dry distillation of $(HCOO)_2Ca$?

- a) $H_2C=CH_2$ b) $HCHO$
c) CH_3OH d) CH_3CHO

15) The colour of Iodoform is:

- a) white b) black c) yellow d) blue

Answers

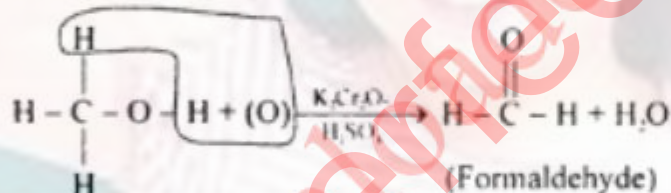
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11)	b)	12)	d)	13)	a)	14)	b)	15)	c)

Q2: Give short answers of the following questions.

Q1. How is formaldehyde prepared industrially?

Answer

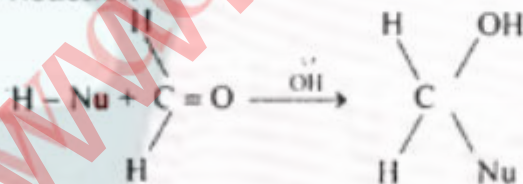
Industrially formaldehyde is prepared by the oxidation of methanol



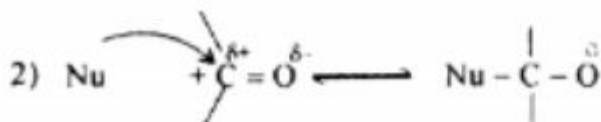
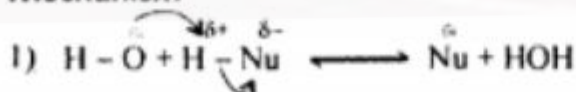
Q2. Describe briefly the nucleophilic addition mechanism to the carbonyl compounds.

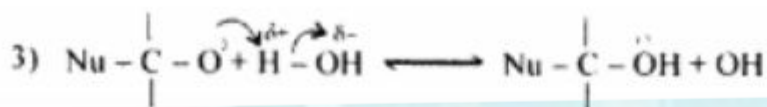
Answer

Reaction



Mechanism





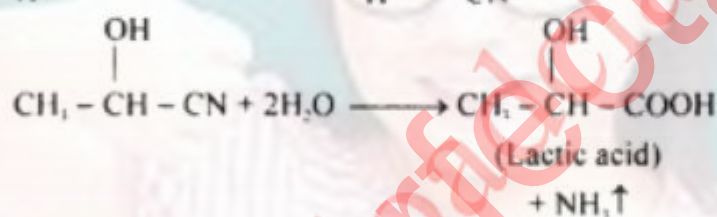
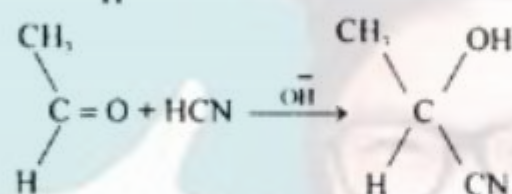
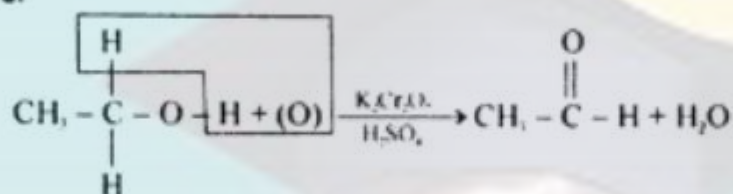
Q3. What is mechanism of HCN addition to carbonyl compounds?

Answer

Please see answer of Q10 of chapter.

Q4. How is ethanol converted to lactic acid?

Answer



Q5. What is the addition product of Grignard reagent to formaldehyde, acetaldehyde and ketones?

Answer

Please see answer of Q3 of chapter notes.

Q6. What is haloform reaction?

Answer

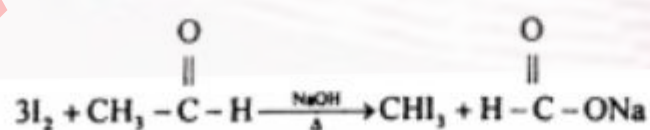
Please see answer of Q14 of chapter notes.

Q7. Which type of alcohols undergo iodoform reaction?

Answer

Alcohols having α - hydrogen atoms

For Example



Q8. How are methanol and ethanol polymerized?

Answer

Please see answer of Q15 of chapter notes.

Q9. Why formaldehyde do not give aldol condensation reaction?

Answer

Aldol condensation is given by only those compounds which have α - hydrogen. As

formaldehyde $\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ || \\ (\text{H}-\text{C}-\text{H}) \end{array}$ does not give aldol condensation reaction.

Q10. Give the mechanism of addition of sodium bisulphate to ketones.

Answer

Please see answer of Q11 of chapter notes.

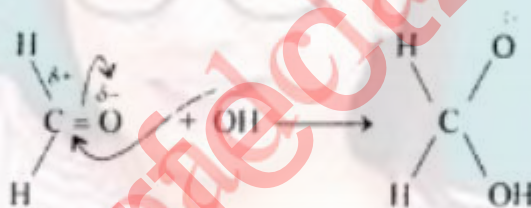
Q3: Give detailed answers of the following questions.

Q1. What is reactivity of the carbonyl group?

Answer

Carbonyl group is a highly polar group. There is partial positive charge of carbon atom of $\text{C}=\text{O}$ group which acts as electrophilic center. The bond between carbon and oxygen of carbonyl group ($\text{C}=\text{O}$) acts as an electrophilic center.

For example

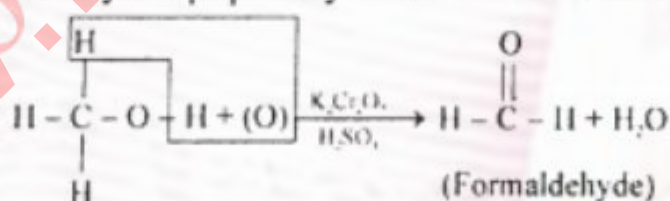


Q2. How will you prepare formaldehyde and acetaldehyde on industrial scale?

Answer

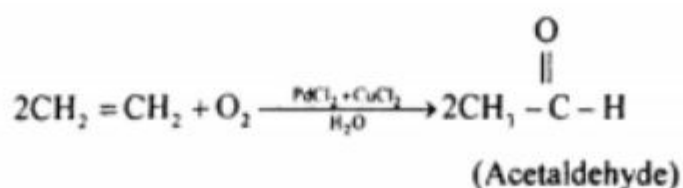
Industrial Preparation of formaldehyde

Industrially formaldehyde is prepared by the oxidation of m-ethanol.



Industrial preparation of acetaldehyde

Acetaldehyde is prepared industrially by air oxidation of ethylene using palladium chloride catalyst with a cupric chloride promoter

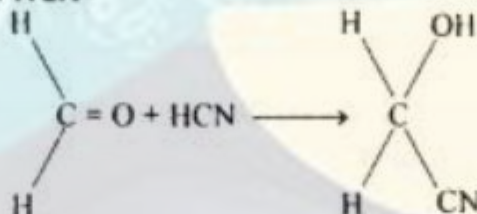


Q3. How formaldehyde reacts with following

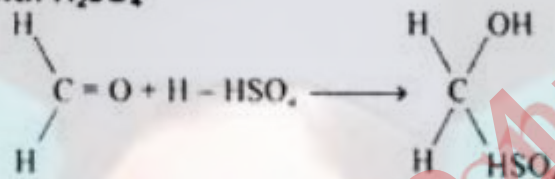
- i) HCN ii) H_2SO_4 iii) NaHSO_4

Answer

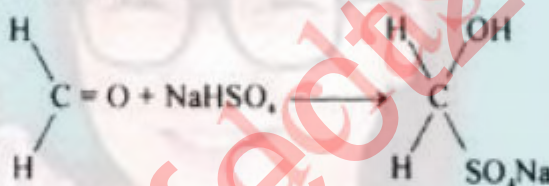
i) Formaldehyde with HCN



ii) Formaldehyde with H_2SO_4



iii) Formaldehyde with NaHSO_4



Q4. Define and explain adol condensation along with mechanism.

Answer

Please see answer of Q12 of chapter notes.

Q5. Give detail of haloform reaction why it is called so?

Answer

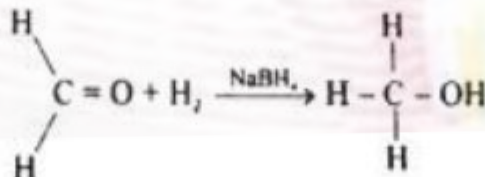
Please see answer of Q14 of chapter notes.

Q6. Give the following reductions of aldehydes and ketones along with mechanism. i) NaBH_4 ii) Catalytic reduction

Answer

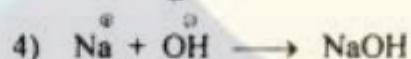
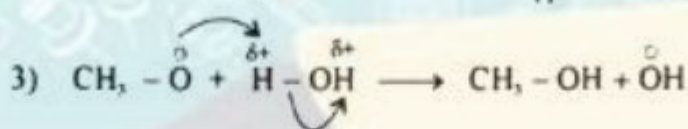
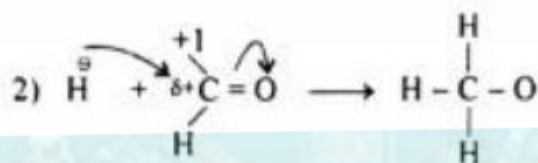
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General Reaction



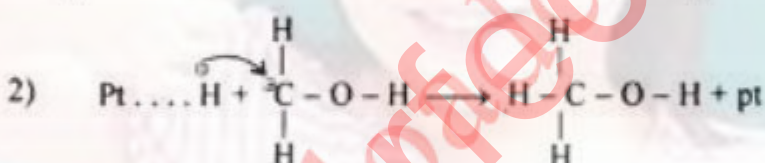
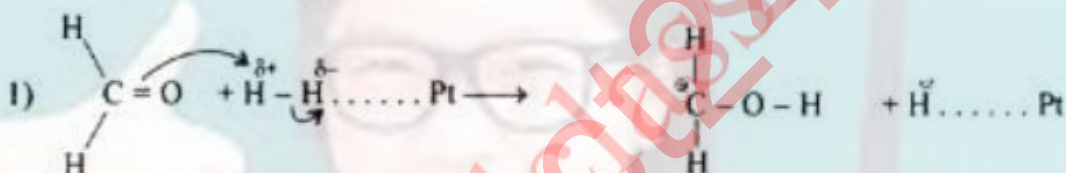
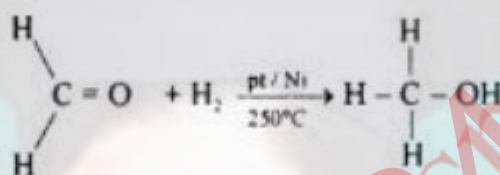
Mechanism of Reaction





II) Reduction of aldehydes and ketones through catalytic reduction

General Reaction



Q7. What is the mechanism for addition of ammonia derivative to carbonyl group?

Answer

Please see answer of Q16, Q17, Q18, Q19 and Q20 of chapter.

Q8. Which type of aldehydes give cannizaro's reaction? Explain with mechanism.

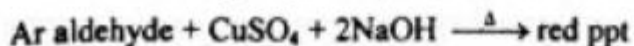
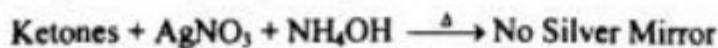
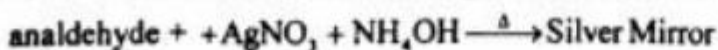
Answer

Please see answer of Q13 of chapter notes.

Q9. How do you distinguish a ketone and an aldehyde by chemical method?

Answer

Aldehydes give the silver mirror test with Tollen's reagent and also give the Fehling's solution test while ketones do not give Tollen's test as well as Fehling's solution test.

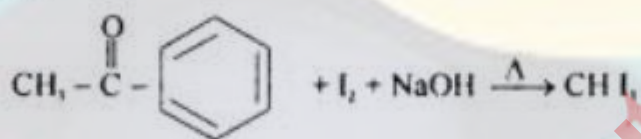




Q10. How will you differentiate between acetophenone and benzophenone?

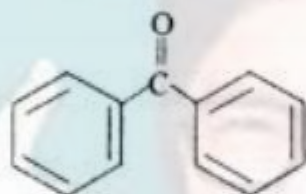
Answer

Acetophenone and benzophenone can be differentiated through iodoform test. Acetophenone gives yellow precipitates of iodoform while benzophenone does not give iodoform test.



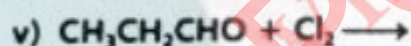
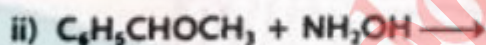
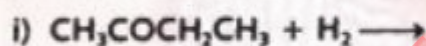
(Acetophenone)

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Iodoform

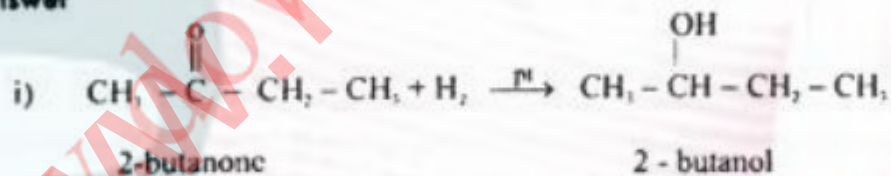


(Benzophenone)

Q11. Predict the formulas of the products of the following reactions.

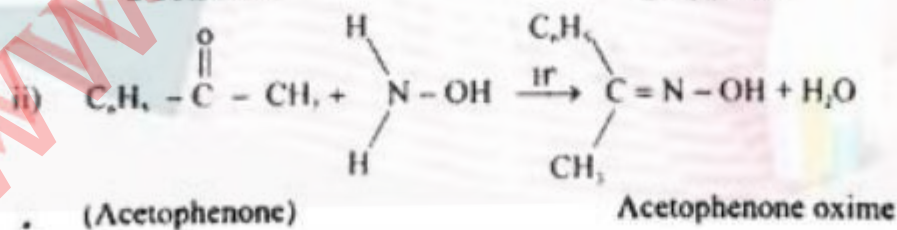


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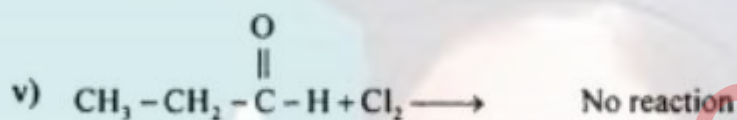
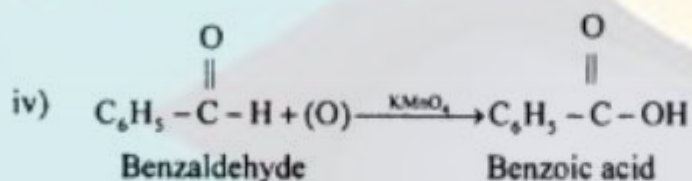
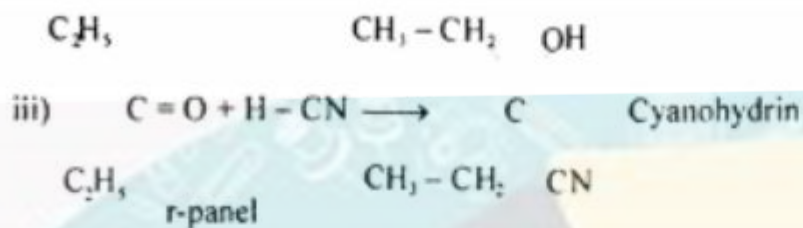
2-butanone

2-butanol



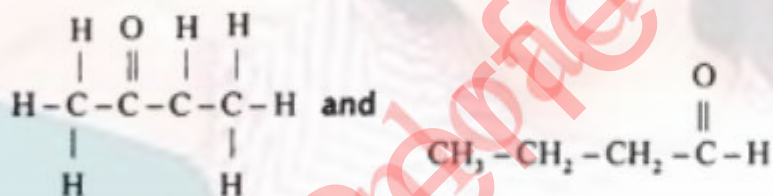
(Acetophenone)

Acetophenone oxime



Q12. Write structural formulas for all compounds of molecular formula $\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O}$ containing a carbonyl group.

Answer

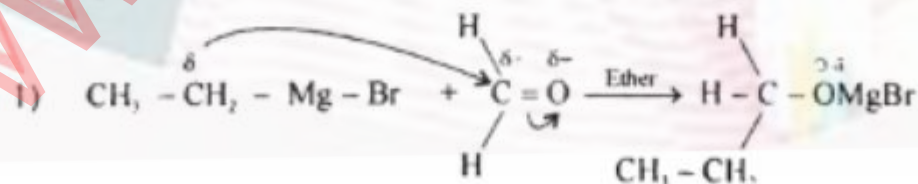


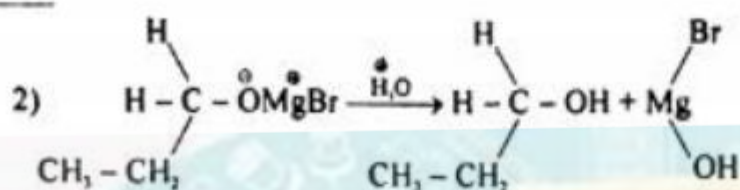
Q13. Predict the formulas of the compounds formed when the following are treated with the Grignard's reagent methyl magnesium bromide.

- i) Methanol ii) Ethanol iii) Propanone iv) Carbondioxide

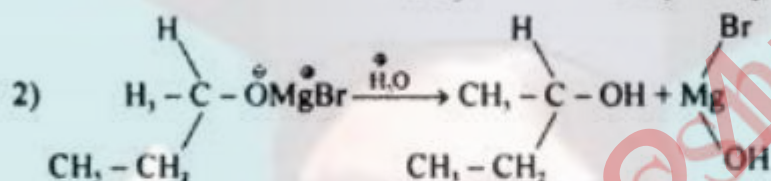
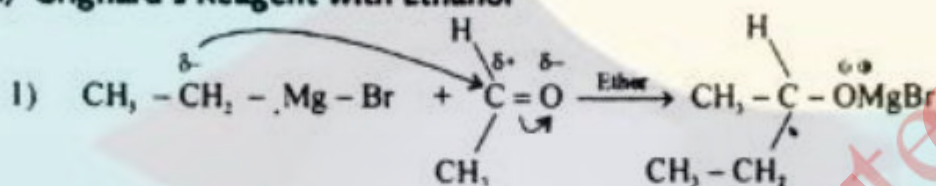
Answer

i) Grignard's reagent with Methanol

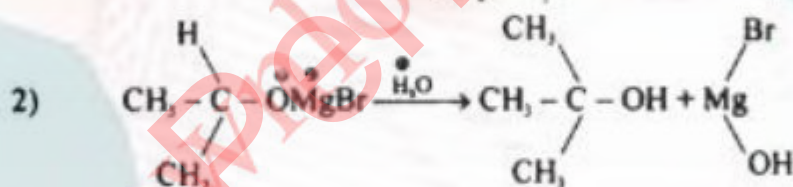
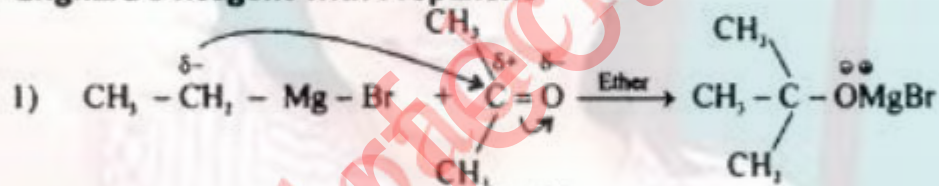




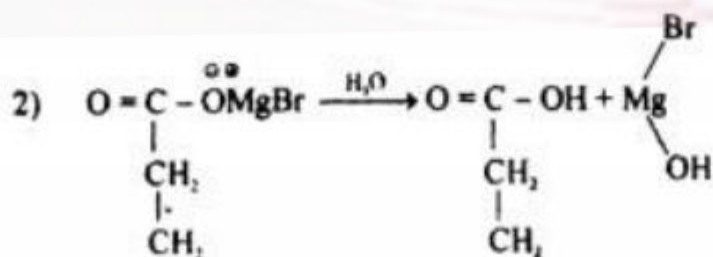
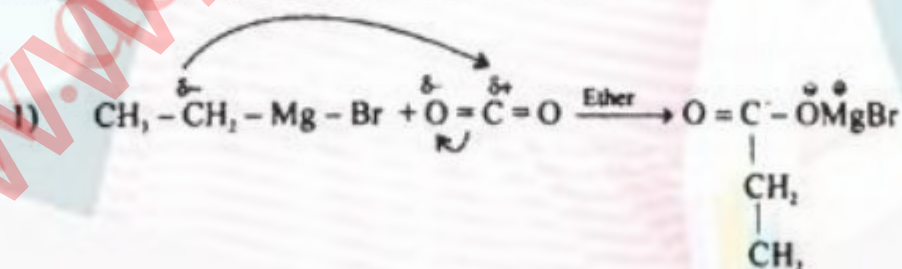
ii) Grignard's Reagent with Ethanol



iii) Grignard's Reagent with Propanone



iv) Grignard's Reagent with Carbon Dioxide



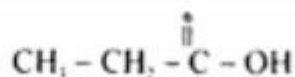
Short Answers and Questions

Q1: Write down the formula of the following?

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| a) Succinic acid | b) Glutauic acid |
| c) Adipic acid | d) Malomic acid |
| e) Oxalic acid | f) Propionic acid |

Answer

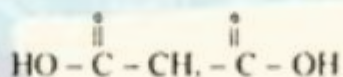
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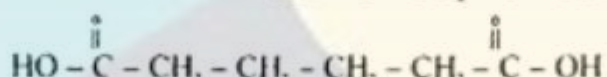
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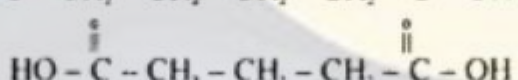
c) Malonic acid



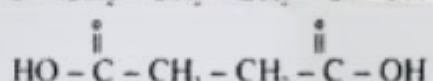
d) Adipic acid



e) Glutaric acid



f) Succinic acid



Q2: Write down the physical properties of carboxylic acid.

Answer

The polar nature of both the O-H and C=O bonds, due to the electronegativity difference of the atoms results in the formation of strong hydrogen bonds with other carboxylic acid molecules or other H bonding system. The implications are:

- 1) High melting and boiling points compared to analogous alcohols.
- 2) High solubility in aqueous media.
- 3) Hydrogen bonded dimers in gas phase and dimers or aggregates in pure liquids.

Q3: Write down the structure and acidity of carboxylic acid?

Answer

The CO₂H unit is planar and consistent with SP² hybridization and a resonance interaction of the lone pairs of the hydroxyl oxygen with that π system of the carboxyl.

Acidity

Carboxylic acid are the most acidic simple organic compounds (P_Ka ~ 5).

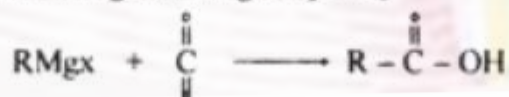
But they are weak acids compared to acids like HCl or H₂SO₄.

Resonance stabilization of the carboxylate allows the negative charge to be delocalized between the two electronegative oxygen atoms. Adjacent electron withdrawing substituents increase the acidity by further stabilizing the carboxylate.

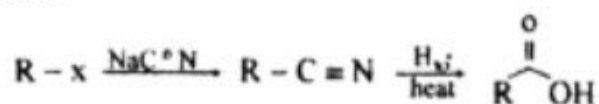
Q4: Write down the preparation of carboxylic acids.

Answer

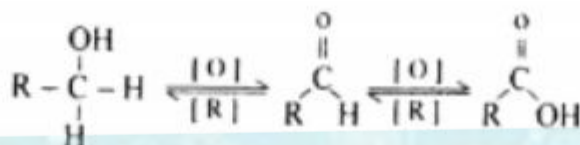
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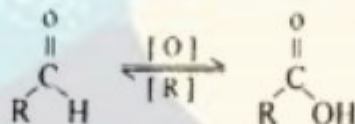
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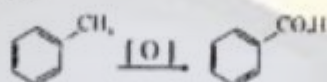
Oxidation of Primary alcohol



Oxidation of Aldehydes



Oxidation of Alkyl Benzenes



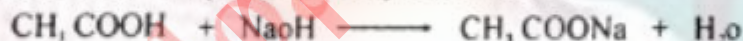
Q5: Write down the reaction of carboxylic acids? Carboxylic acids undergo the following types of reaction.

Answer

- The reaction in which hydrogen atom of the carboxyl group in which hydrogen atom of the carboxyl group is involved (salt formation).
- The reaction in which OH group is replaced by another group.
- The reaction involving carboxyl group as:
Reaction involving H atom of the carboxylic group. Carboxylic acids are weaker acids than mineral acids. They furnish H when dissolved in H_2O .

Reaction with Bases

Carboxylic acid react with (NaOH, KOH) to form salts.



Reaction with carbonates and bicarbonates. Carboxylic acids decompose carbonate and bicarbonate evolving carbon dioxide gas with effervescence.

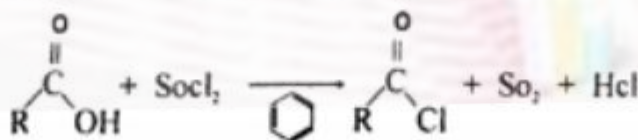


Reaction with Metals

Carboxylic acids reaction with active metals such as Na, K, Ca, Mg etc to form their salts with evolution of hydrogen gas.

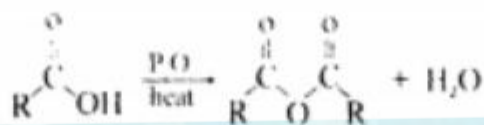


Q6: Write down the preparation of Acyl chlorides.



Answer

Acyl chlorides are prepared by treating the carboxylic acid with thionyl chloride SOCl_2 in the presence of a base. Acyl chlorides are by far the most commonly encountered of the acyl halides. Preparation of Acid Anhydrides.



Preparation of Esters



This reaction is known as the Fischer esterification. Esters are obtained by refluxing the parent carboxylic acids with the appropriate alcohol with an acid catalyst.

The equilibrium can be driven to completion by using an excess of either the alcohol or the carboxylic acid, or by removing the H_2O as it forms. Esters can also be made from other carboxylic acid derivatives, especially acyl halides and anhydrides, by reacting them with the appropriate alcohol in the presence of a weak base. If a compound contains both hydrogen and carboxylic acid groups, then cyclic esters or lactones can form via an intramolecular reaction. Reactions that form 5 or 6 membered rings are particularly favourable.

Q7: With mechanism for reaction for Acid catalyzed esterification.

Answer

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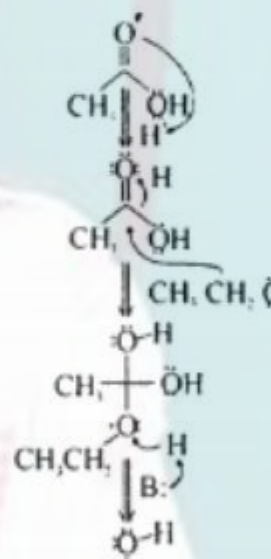
Protonation of carboxyl of acid group

Step 2

The alcohol O functions as the nucleophile and electrons moving towards the oxonium ion, creating the tetrahedral intermediate.

Step 3

An acid/ base reaction Deprotonate the alcoholic oxygen.

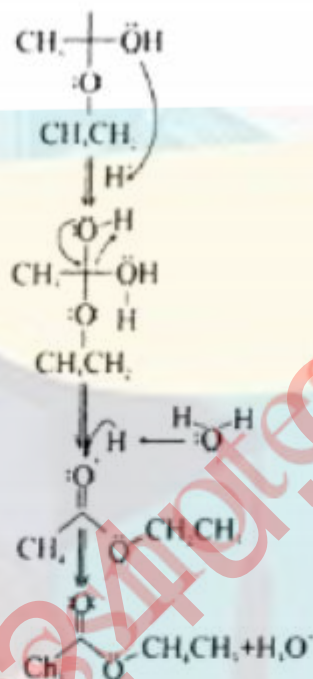


Step 4

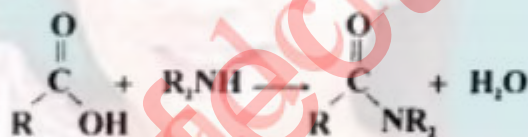
Acid base reaction in which OH leave and connect it into a good leaving group by protonation.

Step 5

The electrons of an adjacent oxygen to help "push out" the leaving group a neutral water molecule.

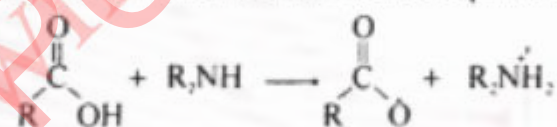


Q8: Write down the preparation of Amides.



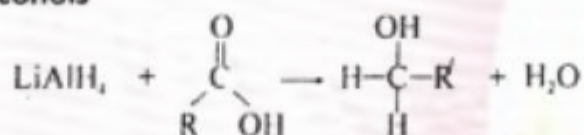
Answer

In general it is not easy to prepare amides directly from the parent carboxylic acid. The acid will protonate the amine preventing further reactions since the carboxylate is a poor electrophile and the ammonium ion is not nucleophilic.

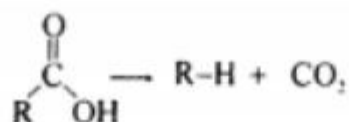


It is much easier to convert the carboxylic acid to the more reactive acyl chloride first.

Reduction to Alcohols

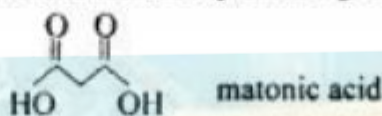


Carboxylic acids are less reactive to reduction by hydride than aldehydes, ketones, or esters. Carboxylic acids are reduced to primary alcohols. As a result of their low reactivity, carboxylic acids can only be reduced by LiAlH₄ not by the less reactive NaBH₄. Decarboxylation.



Loss of carbon dioxide is called decarboxylation. Simple carboxylic acids rarely

undergo decarboxylation, Carboxylic acid with a carboxyl group at the 3 - (or β) position readily undergo thermal decarboxylation e.g. derivatives of malonic acid.



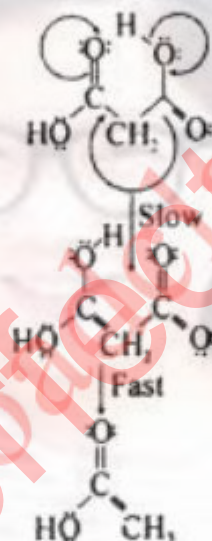
The reaction proceeds via a cyclic transition state giving an enol intermediate that tautomerizes to the carboxyl.

Decarboxylation

The protonation of the carboxyl, break the OH bond and form the π bond, break the C - C and make the C = C. Note the concerted nature of this reaction and the cyclic transition state.

Step 2

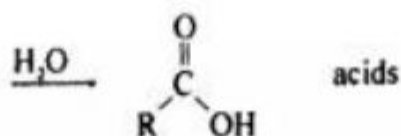
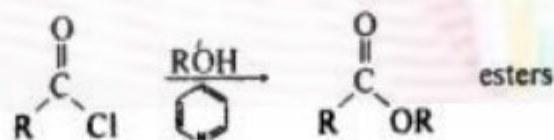
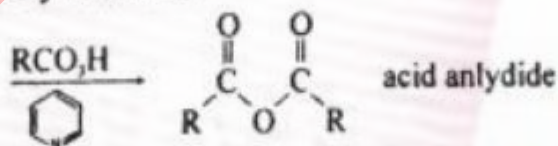
Tautomerization to the acid product.

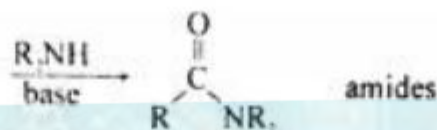


Q9: Write down the Reactions of carboxylic Acid Derivates?

Answer

Interconversion of Acyl chlorides

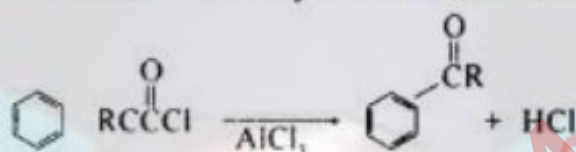




Acyl chlorides are the most reactive of the carboxylic acid derivatives and therefore can be readily converted into other carboxylic acid derivatives.

They are sufficiently reactive that they react quite readily with cold water and hydrolyze to the carboxylic acid. The HCl by product is usually removed by adding a base such as pyridine or triethyl amine.

Friedel – crafts Acylation of Benzene

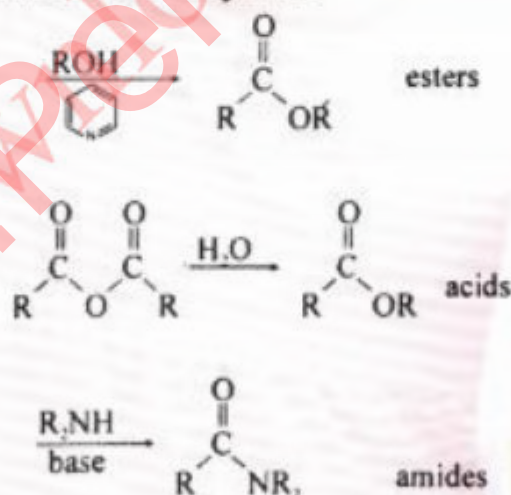


Overall transformation Ar – H to Ar – COR (Ketone). Named after Friedel craft who discovered the Reagent normally the acyl halide (usually RCOCl) with aluminium trichloride AlCl_3 a Lewis acid catalyst. The AlCl_3 enhances the electrophilicity of the acyl halide by complexing with the halide.

Electrophilic species the acyl cation or acylium ion (RCO^+) formed by the removal of the halide by the Lewis acid catalyst. Friedel crafts reactions are limited to arenes as or more reactive than mono halobenzenes. Other sources of acylium can also be used as acid anhydrides with AlCl_3 .

Reaction of Acid Anhydrides hydrolysis

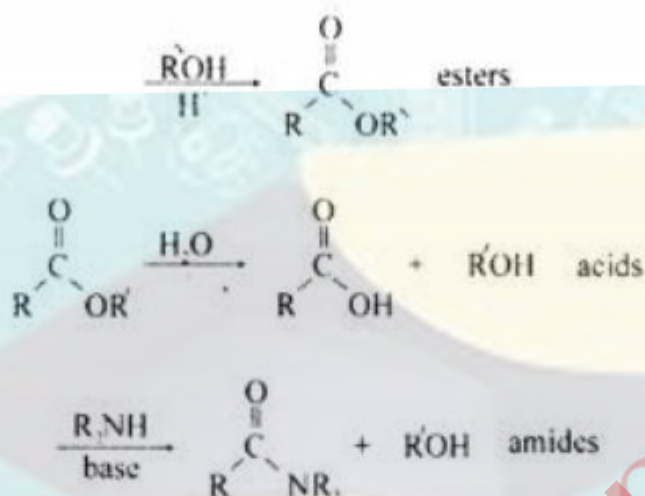
Interconversion Reaction of Acid anhydrides



Acid anhydrides are the second most reactive of the carboxylic acid derivatives and can therefore be fairly readily converted into the other less reactive carboxylic acid derivatives. A base is often added to neutralize the carboxylic acid by product that is formed.

Q10: Write down the reaction of Esters, hydrolysis, Reduction and with Grignard's reagent?

Answer

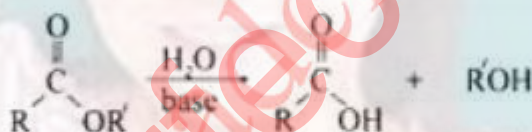


Esters can be converted into other esters the point carboxylic acid (hydrolysis) or amides.

Transesterification heat with alcohol and acid catalyst Amide preparation heat with the amine, methyl or ethyl esters are the most reactive.

Q11: Write down the hydrolysis of Esters?

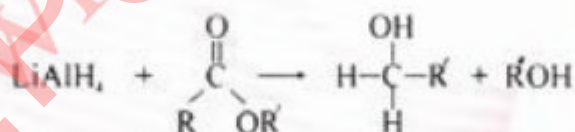
Answer



Carboxylic esters hydrolyze to the parent carboxylic acid and an alcohol. Reagents aqueous acid (e.g. H_2SO_4) heat or aqueous NaOH heat known as saponification.

Q12: Write down the reduction of Esters?

Answer



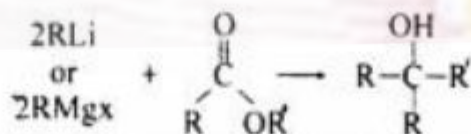
Carboxylic esters are reduced give 2 alcohols one from the alcohol portion of the ester and a 1 alcohol from the reduction of the carboxylate portion.

Esters are less reactive toward Na than aldehydes or ketones.

They can only be reduced by LiAlH_4 and not by the less reactive NaBH_4 .

Q13: Write down the reaction of RLi and MgX with esters.

Answer



Carboxylic acid esters $\text{RCO}_2\text{R''}$ react with 2 equivalent of organolithium or Grignard reagents to give tertiary alcohols. The tertiary alcohol that result contain 2 identical alkyl groups.

The reaction proceeds via a ketone intermediate which then reacts with second equivalent of the organometallic reagents. Since the Ketone is more reactive than the ester, the reaction cannot be used as a preparation of ketones. The mechanism is an example of the reactive system type.

Q14: Write down the mechanism of the acids catalyzed hydrolysis of amides.

Answer

Step 1

An acid/ base reaction since we only have a weak nucleophile and a poor electrophile we need to activate the ester. Protonation of the amide carbonyl makes it more electrophilic.

Step 2

The H_2O O functions as the nucleophile attacking the electrophilic C in the $\text{C}=\text{O}$ with the electrons moving towards the oxonium ion, creating the tetrahedral intermediate.

Step 3

An acid/ base reaction. Deprotonate the oxygen that came from the H_2O molecule.

Step 4

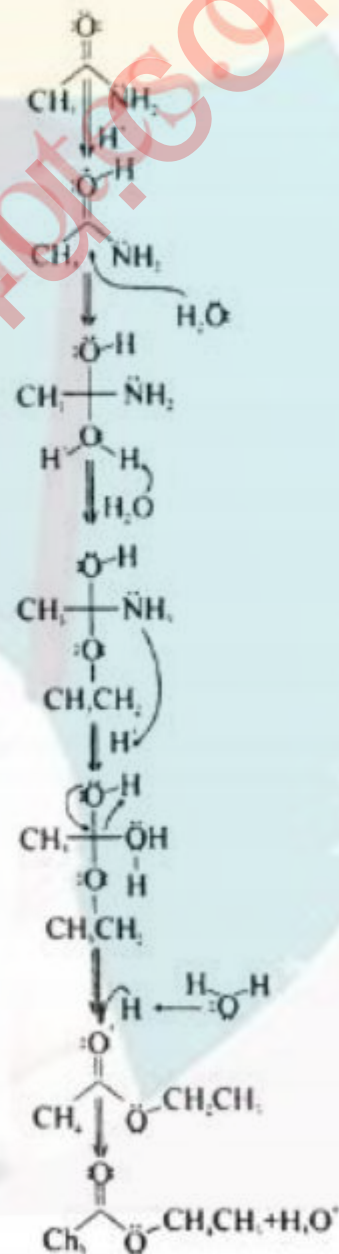
An acid base reaction need to make the NH_2 leave but need to convert it into a good leaving group first by protonation.

Step 5

Use the electrons of an adjacent to help push out the leaving group a neutral ammonia molecule.

Step 6

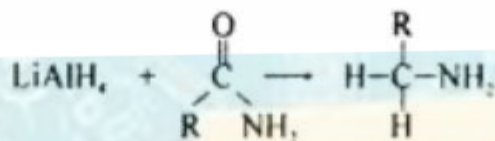
An acid/ base reaction Deprotonation of the oxonium ion reacts the carboxyl in the carboxylic acid produced and regenerates the acid catalyst.



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Q15: Write down the reduction of Amides.

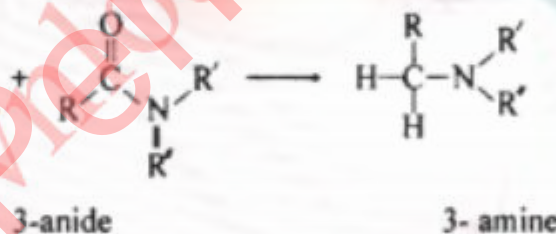
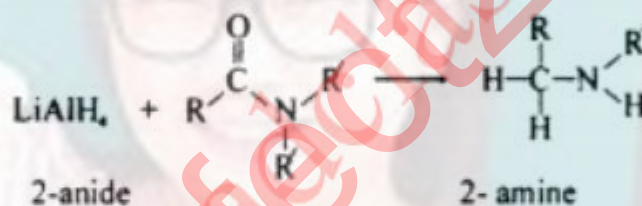
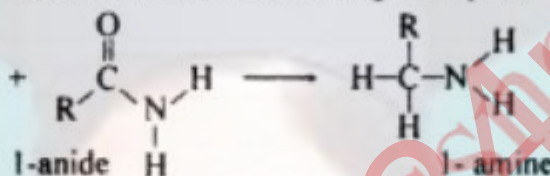
Answer



Amides RCONR_2 can be reduced to the amino RCH_2NR_2 by conversion of the $\text{C}=\text{O}$ to $-\text{CH}_2$.

Amides can be reduced by LiAlH_4 but Not the less reactive NaBH_4 .

This reaction is different to that of other $\text{C}=\text{O}$ compounds which reduce to alcohols. The nature of the amine obtained depends on the substituents present on the original amide look at the N substituents in the following examples.



R, R' or R'' may be either alkyl or acyl substituents in the potential mechanisms with O System note that it is an O system that leaves. This is consistent with O system being better leaving groups than the less electronegative N systems.

Q16: Write down the reaction of LiAlH_4 with an amide.

Answer

Step 1

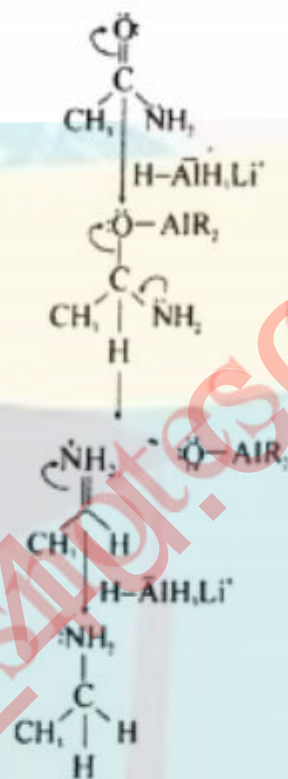
The nucleophilic H from the hydride reagent adds to the electrophilic C in the polar carboxyl group of the esters. Electrons from the C = O move to the electronegative O creating an intermediate metal alkoxide complex.

Step 2

The tetrahedral intermediate collapses and displaces leaving group thus produces a highly reactive iminium ion intermediate.

Step 3

Rapid reduction by the nucleophilic H from the hydride reagent as it adds to the electrophilic C in the iminium system π electrons from the C = N move to the cationic N neutralizing the charge create amine product.



Q17: Write down the mechanisms of the acid catalyzed hydrolysis of nitriles.

Answer

Step 1

An acid/ base reaction.

Since we only a weak nucleophile so active the nitrile, protonation make it more electrophitic.

Step 2

The water O functions as the nucleophile attacking the electrophilic C in the CN with the electrons moving towards the positive center.

Step 3

An acid/ base reaction, Deprotonate the oxygen that came from the H₂O molecule. The remaining task is a tautomerization are N and O centers.

Step 4

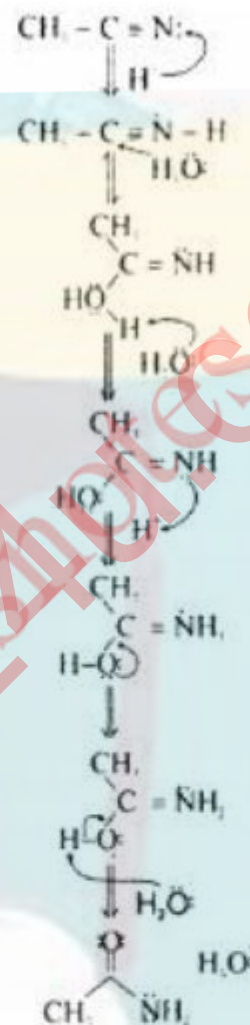
An acid/ base reaction. Protonate the N gives us the - NH₂ we need.

Step 5

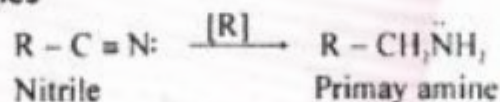
Use the electrons of an adjacent O to the neutralise the positive at the N and from the bond in the C = O.

Step 6

An acid/ base reaction/ Deportation of the oxonium ion reveals the carboxyli in the amide intermediate half way to the acid.



Reduction of Nitriles



Reaction types: Nucleophetic Addition.

The nitrile $\text{RC} \equiv \text{N}$ give the 1° amine by conversion of the $\text{C} \equiv \text{N}$ to $\text{CH}_2 - \text{NH}_2$

Nitriles can be reduced by LiAlH_4 but Not the less reactive NaBH_4 . Typical reagents LiAlH_4 . Typical reagents LiAlH_4 ether solvent followed by aqueous work up.

Catalytic hydrogenation ($\text{H}_2/\text{catalyst}$) can also be used giving the same product.

R may be either allcyl or acyl substituents.

Q18: Write down reaction of RMgx with an nitrile?

Answer

Step 1

The nucleophilic C in the organometallic reagents adds to the electrophilic C in the polar nitride group. Electrons from the C = N move to the electronegative N creating an intermediate imine salt complex.

Step 2

An acid/base reaction. On addition of aqueous acid, the intermediate salt protonates giving the imine.

Step 3

An acid/base reaction. Imines undergo nucleophilic addition but require activation by protonation.

Step 4

Now the Nucleophilic O of a water molecule attacks the electrophilic C with the C=N bond breaking to neutralize the charge on N.

Step 5

An acid/base reaction Deprotonate the O from the H₂O molecule to neutralize the positive charge.

Step 6

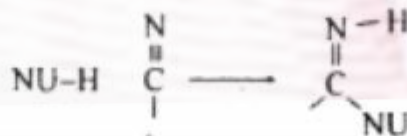
An acid/base reaction. Before the N system leaves, it needs to be made into a better leaving group by protonation.

Step 7

Use the electron on the O in order to push out the N leaving group, a neutral molecule of ammonia.

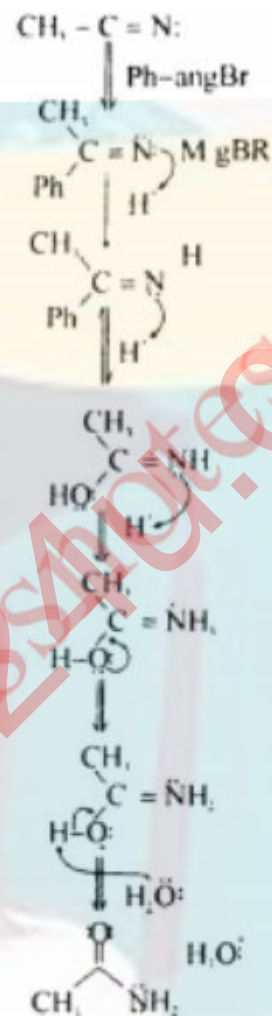
Q19: Write down the reaction of Nitriles, Hydrolysis Reduction and reaction with Grignard's reagent.

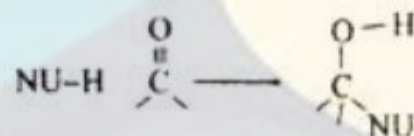
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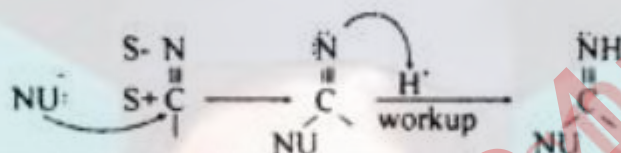
Nitriles typically undergo nucleophilic addition to give product that often undergoes a further reaction.

The chemistry of the nitrile functional group C≡N of aldehydes and ketones.

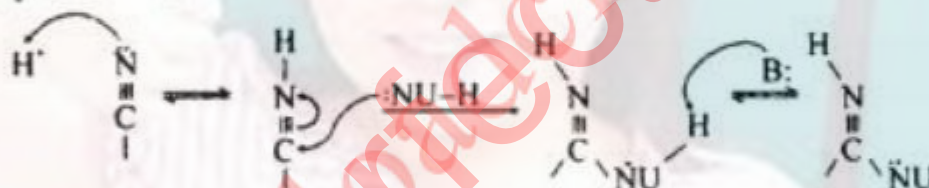




Strong Nucleophilic anionic add directly to the $\text{C}=\text{N}$ to form an intermediate imine salt that protonates.



Example are RMgX , RLi , $\text{RC} \equiv \text{CM}$, LiAlH_4 . Weaker nucleophiles neutral require that the $\text{C}=\text{N}$ be activated prior to attack of the Nu. This can be done increasing a acid catalyst which protonates on the Lewis basic N and make the system more electrophilic.



Example are H_2O , ROH . The protonation of a nitrile gives a structure that can be reaction in another resonance form that results the electrophilic character of the C since it is a carbocation.

