Learning Guide for Chapter 15 - Alcohols (II)

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I. Introduction to alcohol reactivity

In which of the following ways can an alcohol react?

As a base: (yes) no if the acid has a pKa less than -2.4

As a nucleophile: (yes) no if the electrophile is fairly reactive

As an acid: (yes) no if the conjugate acid pKa is greater than 18

As an electrophile: yes(no) even though C is partially +, OH is not a good LG

Can they be oxidized? (yes) no can gain bonds to O - become aldehyde, ketone, COOH

$$OH \longrightarrow OX$$

$$OH \longrightarrow OH$$

$$OH$$

Can they be reduced? yes no

II. Reactions of Alcohols with Acids

What is the first intermediate formed when an alcohol reacts with an acid?

What happens when a protonated alcohol dissociates?

$$\begin{array}{c}
 & \text{OH} \\
 & \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4
\end{array}$$

Which of the following alcohols can form a protonated alcohol that can dissociate?

What happens to the ones that can't?

What are the three things that can happen to a carbocation?

Rearrange whenever a more stable C+ can be formed

React w/ a Nu $S_N 1$ - rxn

React w/ a base E1 rxn

What else do we need to know to determine if the carbocation will react as an electrophile or acid?

if the conjugate base of the acid is a nucleophile or not

What will happen when H_2SO_4 or H_3PO_4 is used as the acid?

Could this reaction give constitutional isomers and/or stereoisomers?

yes - if there are different H's, or cis/trans

Why is the acid catalytic? because H₃O⁺ is formed

Why is heat usually required in this reaction? a C+ is formed

Could this reaction go backward? yes - acid-catalyzed hydration of an alkene

The equilibrium constant is near 1.0 - how can we get a good yield?

high conc of alcohol - use as solvent remove water - absorb remove alkene - distill off

What will happen if HBr or HCl is used as the acid?

In order to make this reaction work well with HCl, what else needs to be added?

HCl, ZnCl₂ - Lucas reagent

How could you use the Lucas test to determine whether the following alcohols were 1°, 2°, or 3°?

III. Reactions of Alcohols with Electrophiles

What electrophile have we previously encountered that can react with an alcohol?

Halogenated phosphorus and sulfur compounds

What are the two most common phosphorus and sulfur reagents used as electrophiles with alcohols?

phosphorus tribromide PBr₃ thionyl chloride SOCl₂

What type of compound results when they react with alcohols? alkyl halide

What advantages do these reactions have when isolating the product?

pyr = pyridine
$$()$$
 $()$ $()$ good for absorbing HCl

What is the mechanism of the PBr₃ reaction?

What type of alcohols work best in these reactions? Why?

1º best, 2º OK steric hindrance

What products will the following reactions give?

If you want to convert an alcohol to an alkyl halide, which is the best way to do it?

R-Cl R-Br R-I
$$1^{o} \text{ ROH} \qquad \text{SOCl}_{2} \qquad \text{PBr}_{3} \qquad \text{P, I}_{2}$$

$$2^{o} \text{ ROH} \qquad \text{HCl or SOCl}_{2} \qquad \text{HBr or PBr}_{3} \qquad \text{HI or P, I}_{2}$$

$$3^{o} \text{ ROH} \qquad \text{HCl} \qquad \text{HBr} \qquad \text{HI}$$

Convert the following alcohols to the products shown.

Tosyl chloride

What product results when an alcohol reacts with tosyl chloride in pyridine?

How does this reaction occur?

How do tosylates react? OTs is a leaving group - like Br

Give the products of the following reactions:

IV. Formation and reactions of alkoxides

What reagents would be appropriate to form an alkoxide from the following alcohols?

Give the products of the following reactions:

From what alkoxide and tosylate could each of the following ethers be formed?

V. Oxidation of Alcohols and Diols

What type of reaction is represented by all of the tranformations below? Give a reagent that would be effective for each.

What products can the following compounds be oxidized to?

Which reagents are commonly used for the following transformations?

carboxylic acid

Na₂CrO₄ H₂O, H₂SO₄

Na₂Cr₂O₇ H₂O, H₂SO₄

 $CrO_3 H_2O, H_2SO_4 = Jones reagent$

all of the above

Give the products of the following reactions:

What would you observe when doing a Jones test on the following alcohols?

What reagent is needed to cleave vicinal diols? periodic acid - HIO₄ or H₅IO₆

What products will result from the following reactions?

Summary of Alcohol Reactions

$$2^{\circ}, 3^{\circ} \text{ alcohol} \xrightarrow{\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4}$$
 alkene