

Chapter 21 Review

α -Ketoesters -- Preparation

Claisen	$\text{RCH}_2\text{COOEt} \xrightarrow[\text{H}_2\text{O}]{\text{NaOEt}, \text{H}^+} \text{RCH}_2-\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{R}}{\text{C}}}-\text{CH-COOEt}$
Dieckmann	$(\text{CH}_2)_n \begin{cases} \text{COOEt} \\ \diagdown \\ \diagup \\ \text{COOEt} \end{cases} \xrightarrow[\text{H}_2\text{O}]{\text{NaOEt}, \text{H}^+} (\text{CH}_2)_{n-1} \begin{cases} \text{O} \\ \diagup \\ \diagdown \\ \text{CH-COOEt} \end{cases}$
Mixed Claisen	$\text{RCH}_2\text{COOEt} + \text{R}'\text{COOEt} \xrightarrow[\text{H}_2\text{O}]{\text{NaOEt}, \text{H}^+} \text{R}-\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{R}}{\text{C}}}-\text{CH-COOEt}$
Ketone Acylation	$\text{R}-\overset{\text{O}}{\text{C}}-\text{CH}_3 + \text{EtO}-\overset{\text{O}}{\text{C}}-\text{OEt} \xrightarrow[\text{H}_2\text{O}]{\text{NaOEt}, \text{H}^+} \text{R}-\overset{\text{O}}{\text{C}}-\text{CH}_2\text{-COOEt}$

α -Ketoesters -- Reactions

Alkylation	$\text{R}-\overset{\text{O}}{\text{C}}-\text{CH}_2^{\ominus} \xrightarrow{\text{R}'\text{CH}_2\text{X}} \text{R}-\overset{\text{O}}{\underset{\text{R}'\text{CH}_2}{\text{C}}}-\text{CH-COOEt}$
Michael additions	$\begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{R}-\overset{\text{O}}{\text{C}}-\text{CH}_2^{\ominus} \\ + \\ \text{R}'-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{COOEt} \end{array} \longrightarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{O} \\ \parallel \\ \text{R}-\overset{\text{O}}{\text{C}}-\text{CH}-\text{COOEt} \\ \\ \text{R}'-\text{CH}-\text{CH}_2-\text{COOEt} \end{array}$
(Note - the products above are still α -ketoesters)	
Hydrolysis	$\text{R}-\overset{\text{O}}{\text{C}}-\text{CH}_2\text{-COOEt} \xrightarrow[\text{H}_2\text{O}]{\text{H}^+} \text{R}-\overset{\text{O}}{\text{C}}-\text{CH}_2\text{-COOH}$
Decarboxylation	$\text{R}-\overset{\text{O}}{\text{C}}-\text{CH}_2\text{-COOH} \xrightarrow{\square} \text{R}-\overset{\text{O}}{\text{C}}-\text{CH}_3$

(Note - many of the above reactions also work with β -diketones)

Ester enolates

	$\text{R}-\text{CH}_2-\text{COOEt} \xrightarrow{\text{LDA}} \text{R}-\overset{\ominus}{\text{CH}}-\text{COOEt}$ (no Claisen)
Alkylation	$\text{R}-\overset{\ominus}{\text{CH}}-\text{COOEt} \xrightarrow{\text{R}'\text{CH}_2\text{X}} \begin{matrix} \text{R}-\text{CH}-\text{COOEt} \\ \\ \text{R}'-\text{CH}_2 \end{matrix}$
Carbonyl addition	$\text{R}-\overset{\ominus}{\text{CH}}-\text{COOEt} \xrightarrow[\text{H}_2\text{O}]{\text{R}'\text{CH}=\text{O}, \text{H}^+} \begin{matrix} \text{R}-\text{CH}-\text{COOEt} \\ \\ \text{R}'-\text{CH}-\text{OH} \end{matrix}$

Acetoacetic Ester Synthesis and Malonic Ester Synthesis

