



Many molecules required by all growing organisms (both big and small) are **Biosynthesized** (i.e. **enzymes** in the body ~ carry out *Organic chemistry rxns*) using:

## Carbonyl **Condensation** reactions

### Chapter 23

occur in a large number of **metabolic** pathways: esp. **Carbohydrates, Lipids, Proteins, Nucleic acids** ~ essential for growth and development...

Important ~ general method for making new **C-C** bonds ~ to build larger MOLECULES ☺

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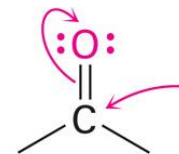
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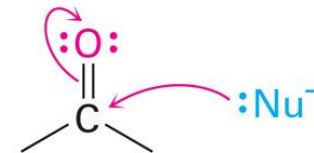
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## Mini SUMMARY

We've reviewed 3 of 4 general carbonyl-group rxns  
That display two types of **behavior**:



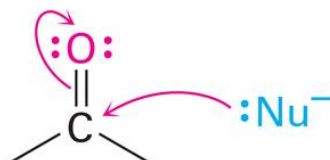
- 1) Nucleophilic **addition** and 2) acyl **substitution** rxns



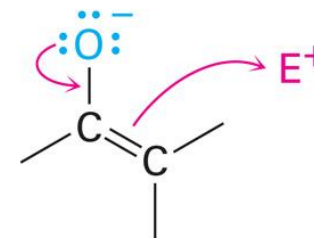
Carbonyl compound behaves as an electrophile when  $e^-$ -rich reagent ( $\text{Nu}^-$ ) adds to it

- 3)  $\alpha$  – **substitution** rxns: carbonyl compounds behave as a nucleophile when converted into its enol or enolate ion (*last lecture*)

- 4) In this chapter – we'll study briefly how the carbonyl behaves both as an:  
**a) electrophile** and **b) nucleophile**



**a)** Electrophilic carbonyl group reacts with nucleophiles.



**b)** Nucleophilic enolate ion reacts with electrophiles.

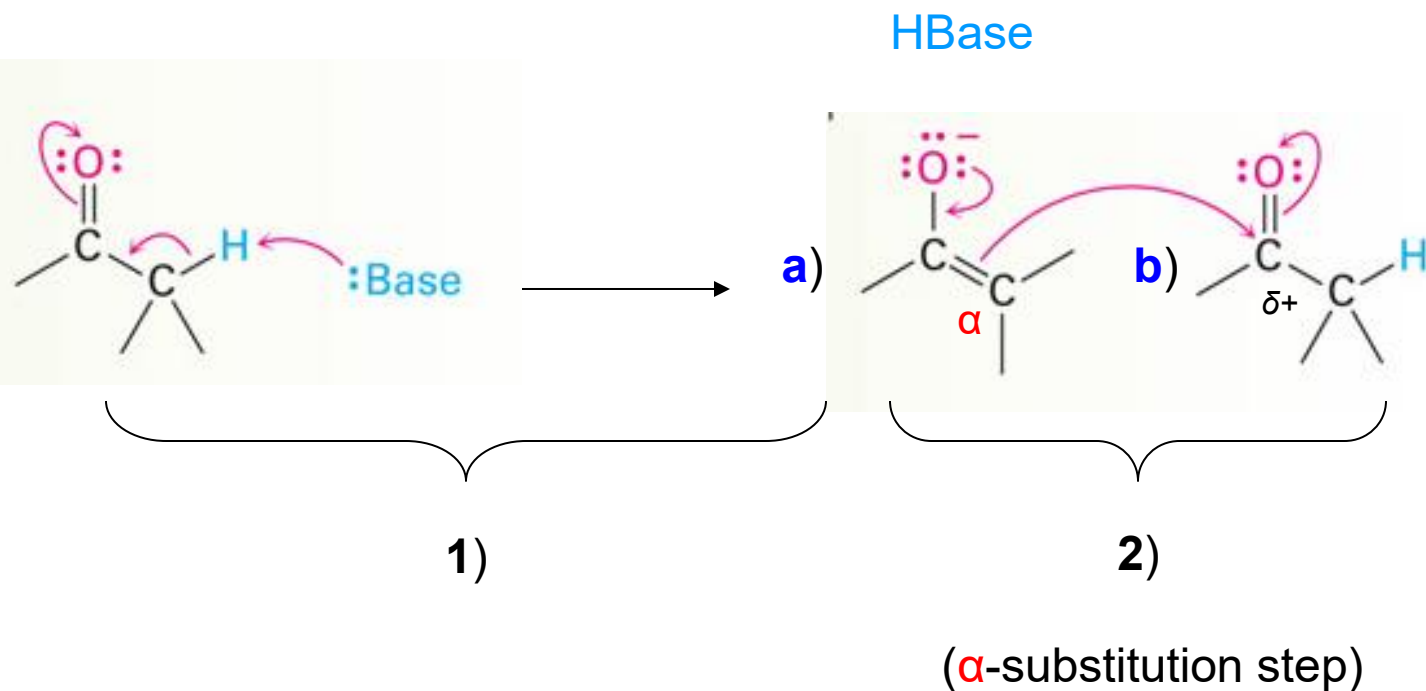
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# Carbonyl condensations: The Aldol reaction

These occur b/w two carbonyl partners and involve a combination of:

- 1) conversion into **a)** enolate-ion nucleophile – that adds to the...
- 2) electrophilic carbonyl group of **b)** the second carbonyl partner (~ $\alpha$ -substitution step)

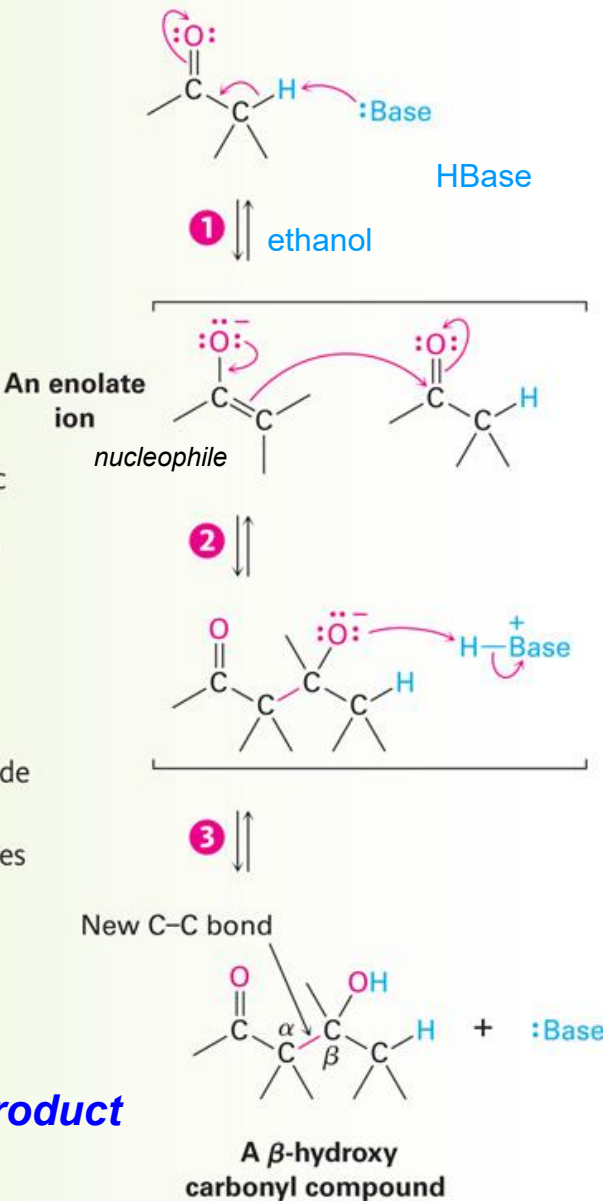




# Mechanism for carbonyl condensation rxn

You draw ☺

- 1 A carbonyl compound with an  $\alpha$  hydrogen atom is converted by base into its enolate ion.
- 2 The enolate ion acts as a nucleophilic donor and adds to the electrophilic carbonyl group of a second carbonyl compound.
- 3 Protonation of the tetrahedral alkoxide ion intermediate gives the neutral condensation product and regenerates the base catalyst.



*condensation product*

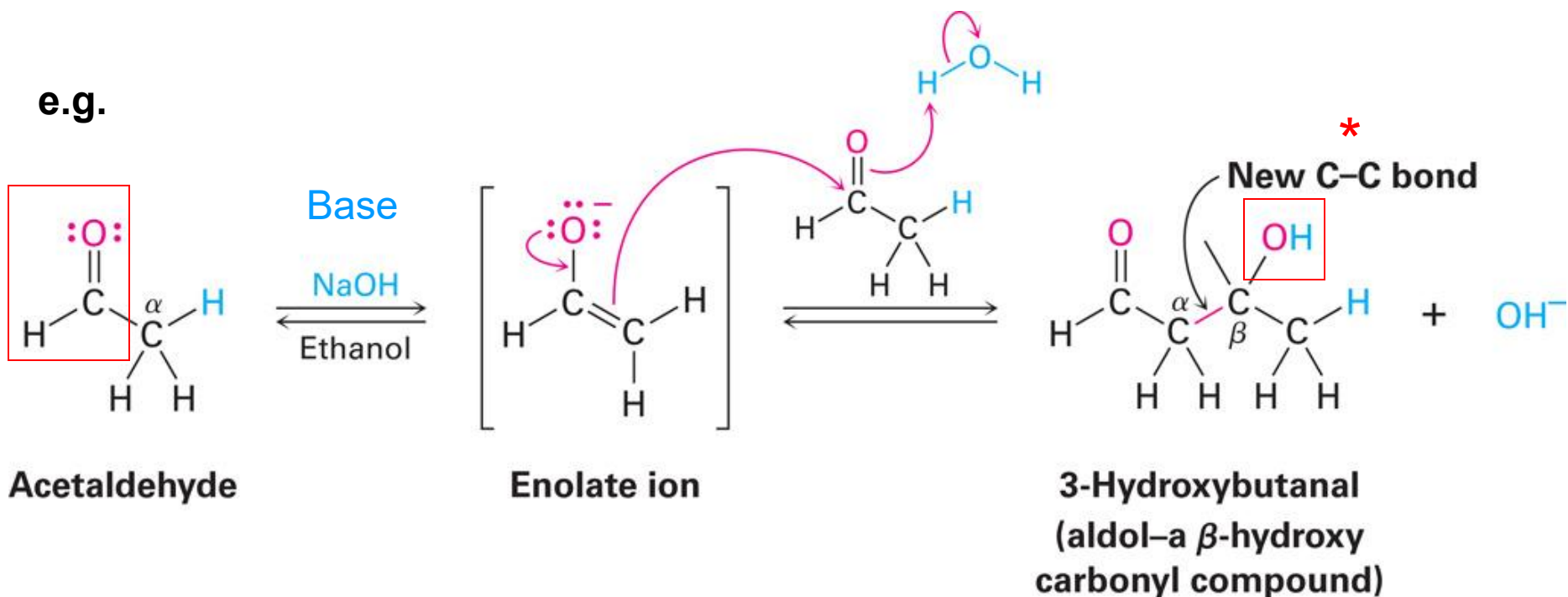
## Aldol RXN

## Why the Name?

(involves **Ald**dehydes & alcoh**ol**)

The Aldol RXN: where Aldehydes/ketones w/  $\alpha$  **H** undergo **base** catalyzed carbonyl rxn

e.g.



*condensation product!*

**NOTES:** RXN in *equilibrium*



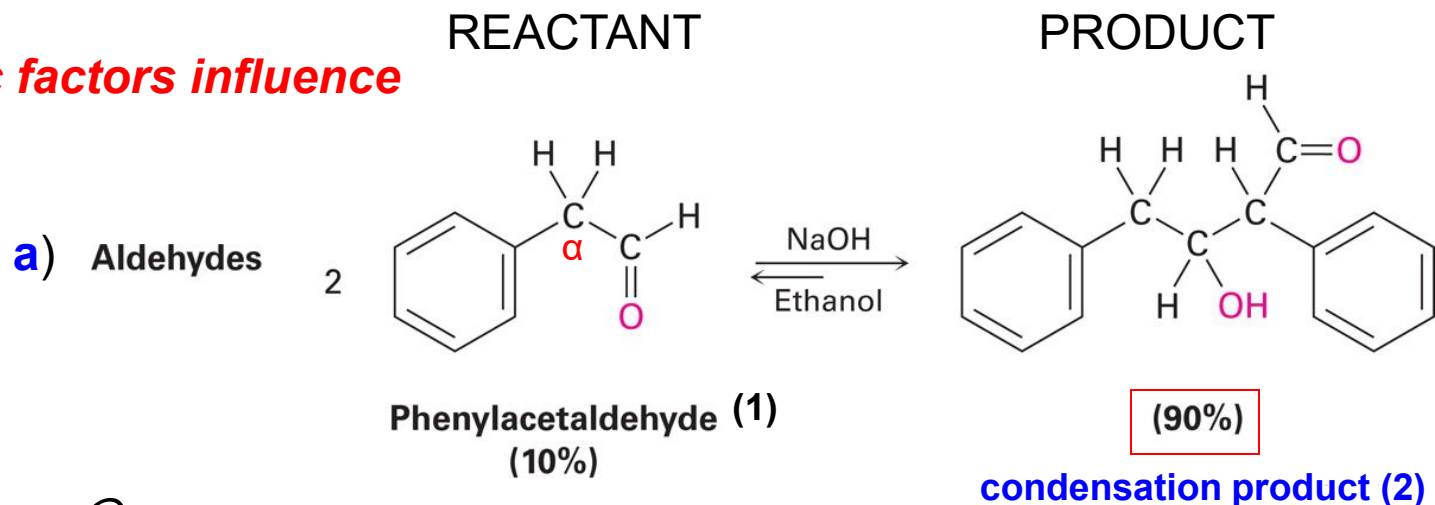
Position of the **Aldol** (aldeh**yd**es/alcohol**ol**) **equilibrium** depends on:

- 1) reaction conditions
- 2) substrate structure

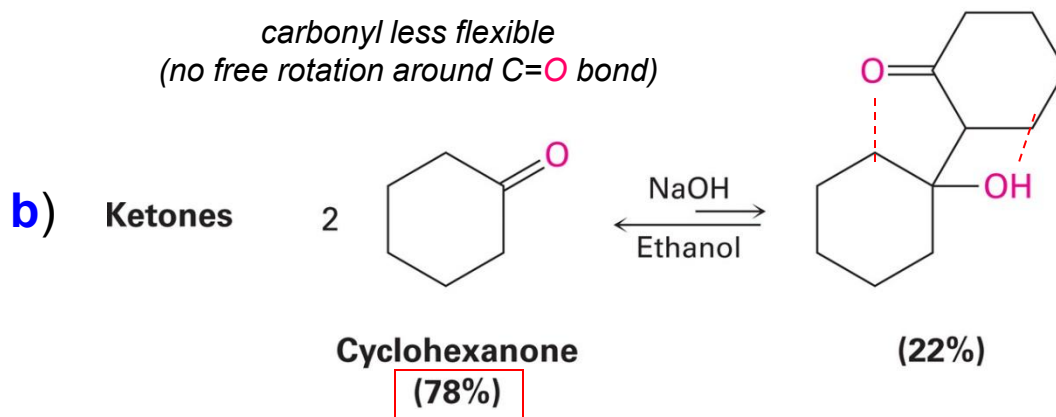
a) *Equilibrium* favors **condensation product (2)** for aldehydes w/ no  $\alpha$  substituent (1)

b) *Equilibrium* favors reactant for di-substituted aldehydes and ketones

**Steric factors influence**



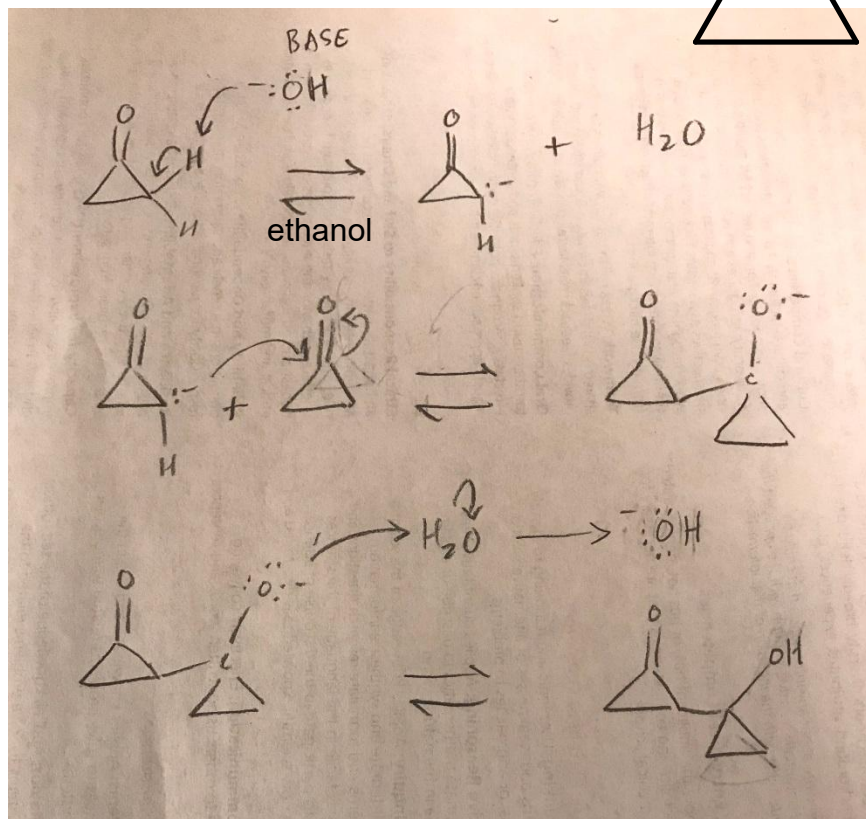
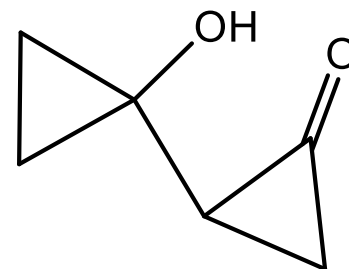
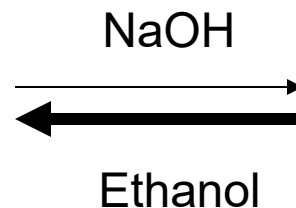
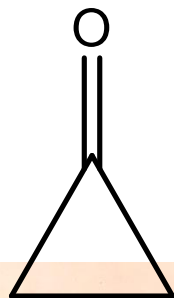
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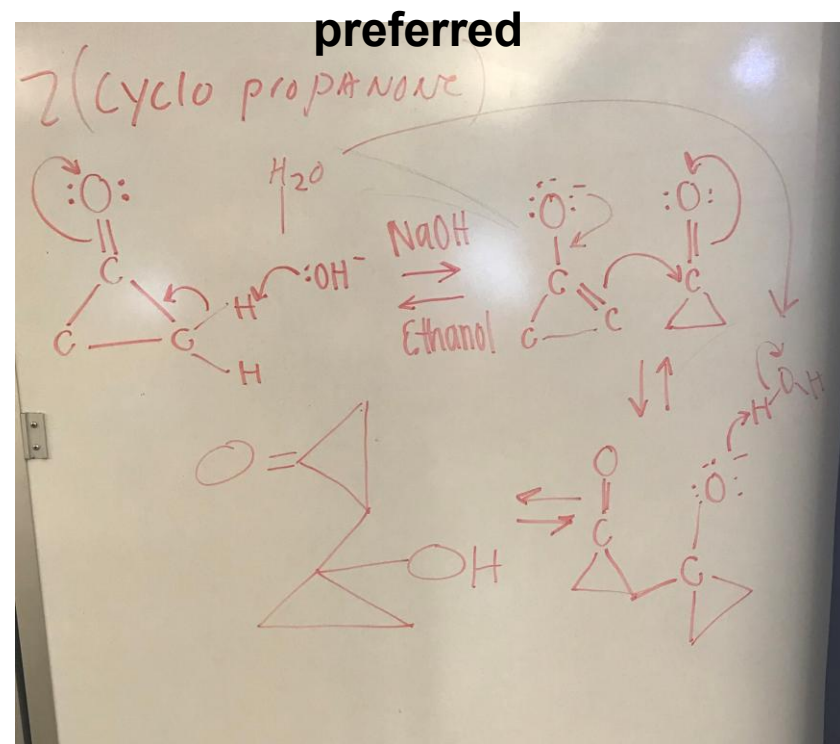
# Challenge Question

- a) What's the expected product of the following Aldol reaction, what reagent(s) is/are needed?  
b) What's a plausible mechanism you'd expect and what direction does the *equilibrium* favor?

We'll take both proposed mechanisms at this pt.



J. Morris suggests more plausible due to angle strain on ring (3/18)



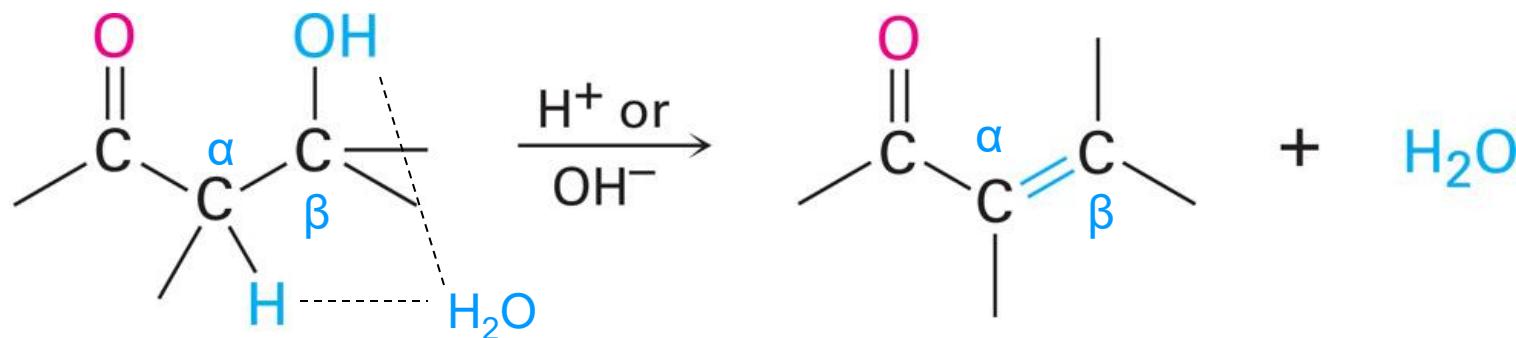
L. Persi, R. Torres proposed mechanism (3/18)

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# Dehydration of Aldol products: Synthesis of **Enones**


a)  $\beta$  – hydroxy aldehydes or ketones formed in ALDOL rxns can be dehydrated to yield... b)  $\alpha \beta$  unsaturated products or “conjugated” **enones**.



a)  $\beta$ -hydroxy ketone  
or aldehyde

b) conjugated  
enone

**NOTES:** this is the origin of “CONDENSATION RXN” name (loss of **H<sub>2</sub>O**)

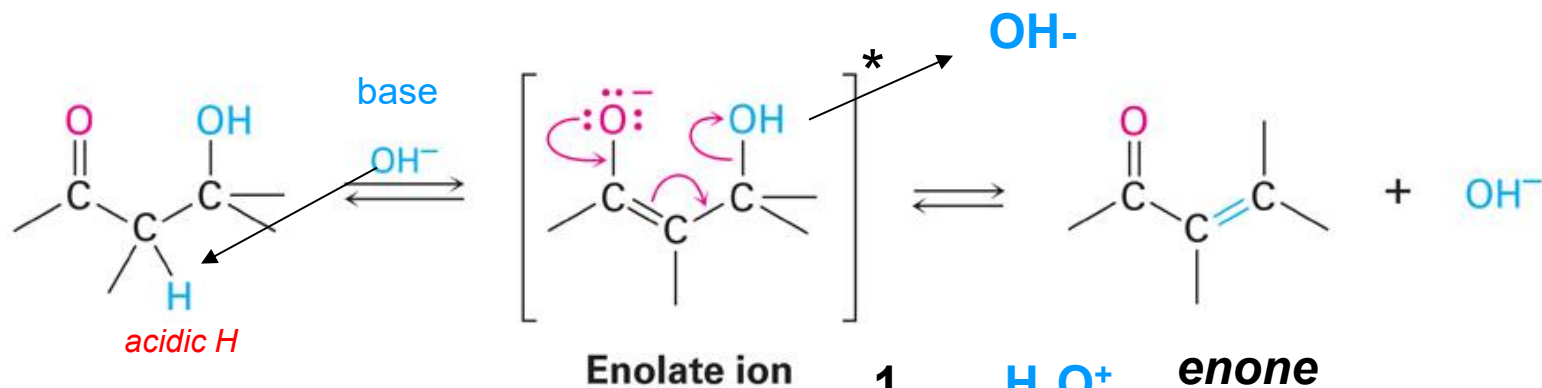
Most alcohols (in base) don't dehydrate easily b/c **OH** poor leaving group, however ALDO products due b/c of their carbonyl group...  **HOW?**

# Dehydration of Aldol products: Synthesis of **enones**

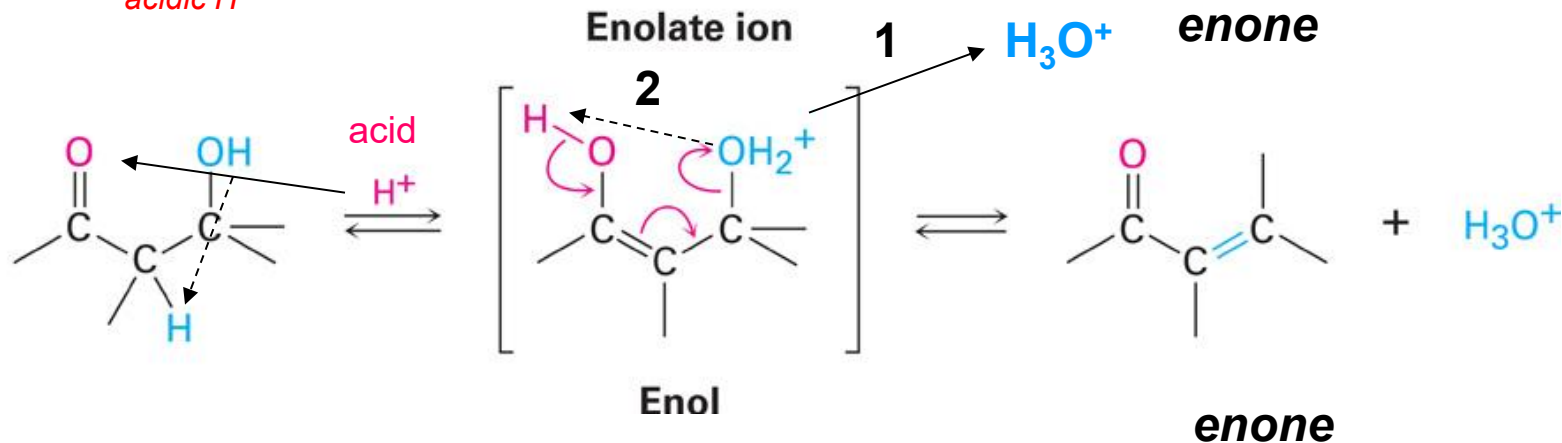
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(2 steps)  
1 not shown

Base-catalyzed



Acid-catalyzed



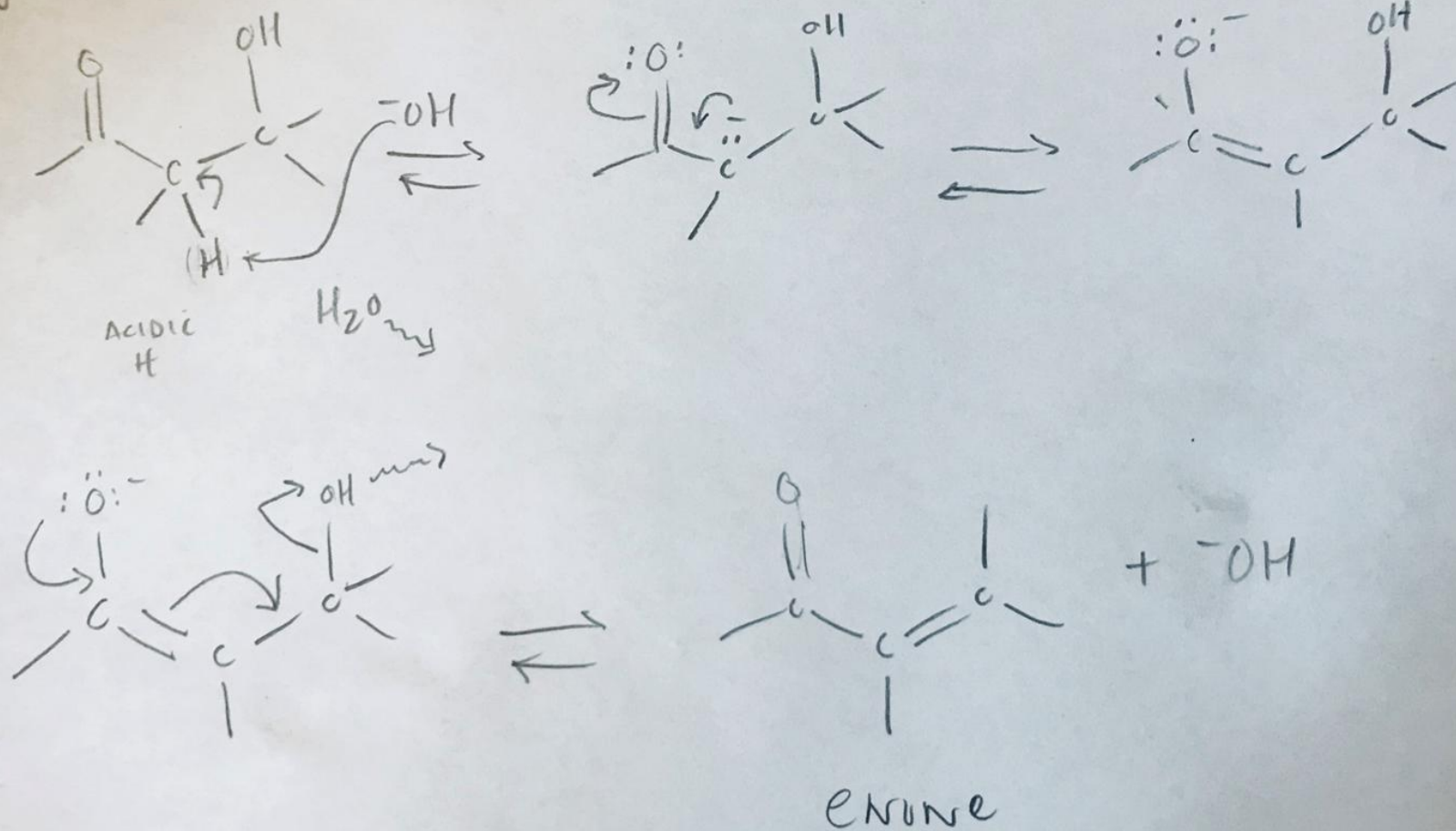
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Notes: More detailed steps – next slides

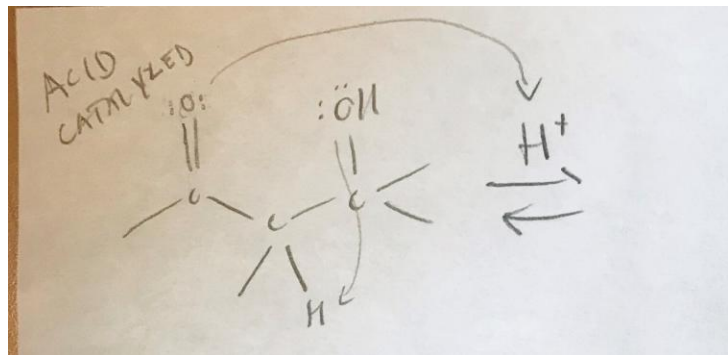
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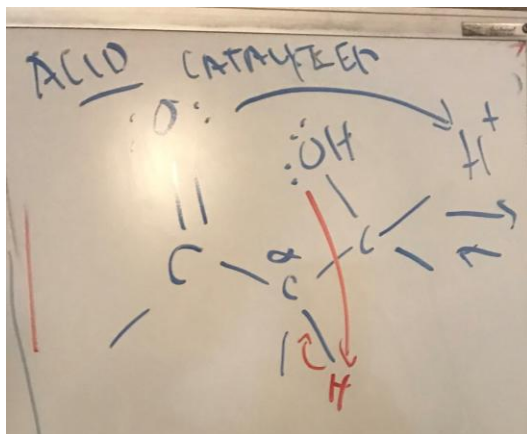
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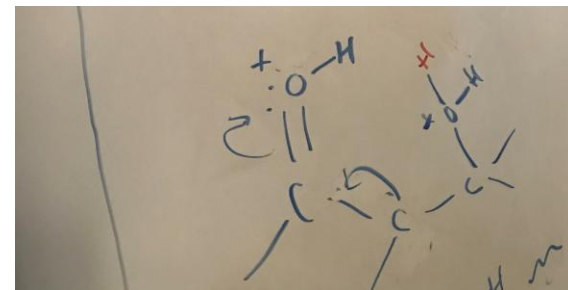




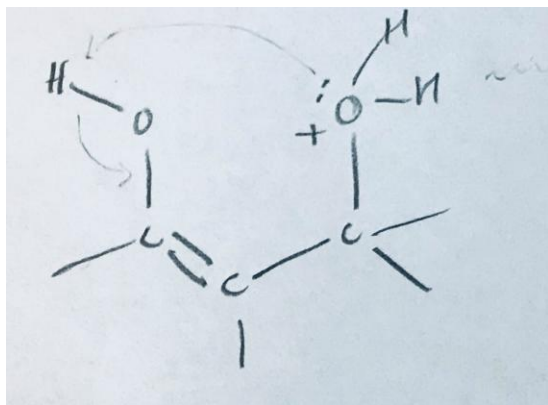
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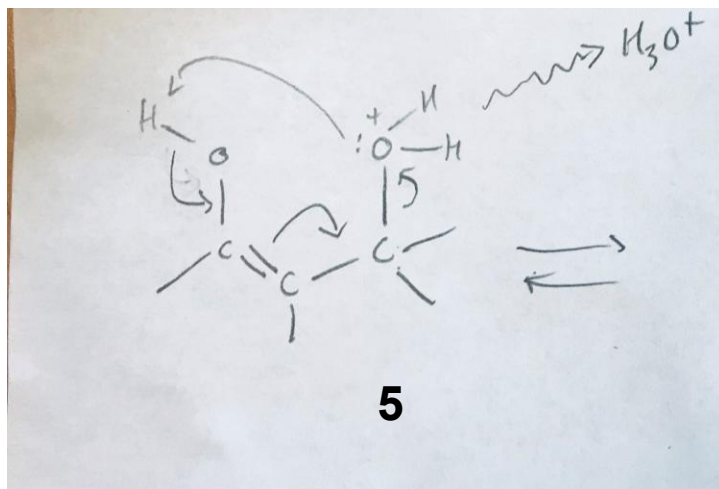
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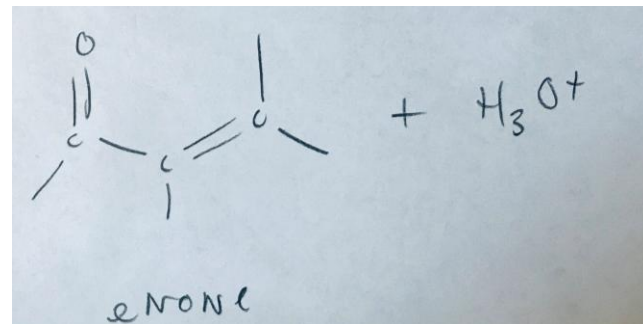


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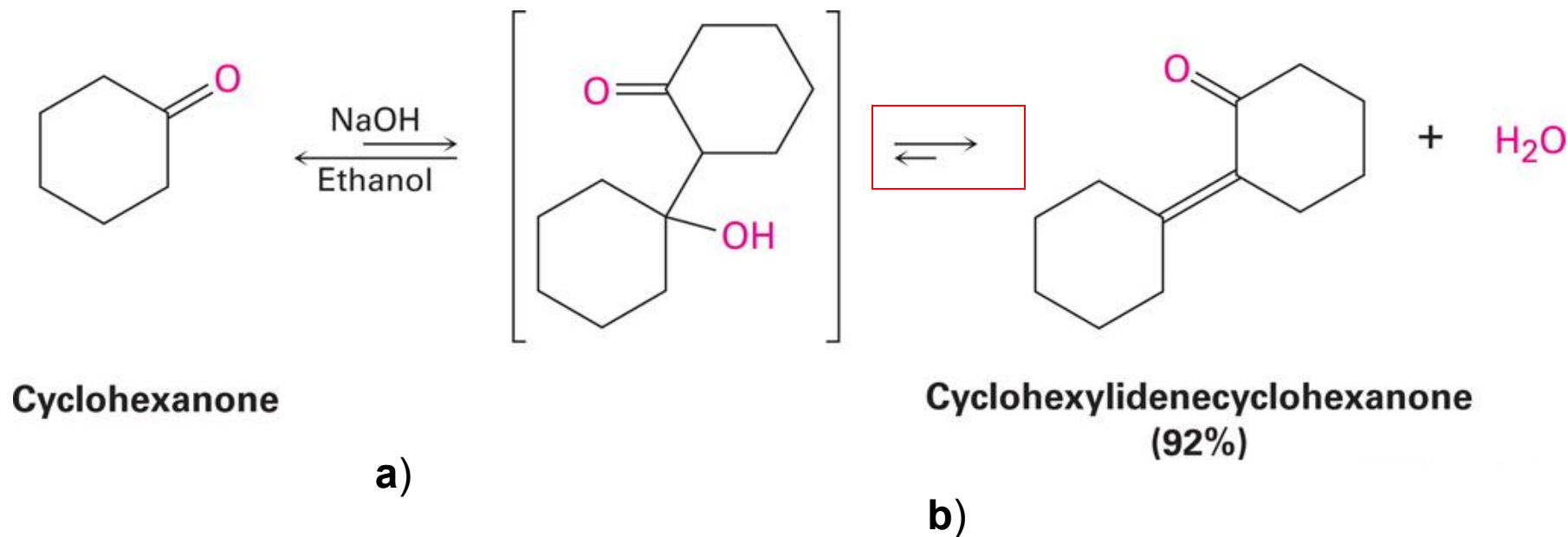
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# Dehydration of Aldol products: Synthesis of *enones*

Utility of this RXN is that loss of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  from RXN mixture (b) (i.e. removal of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) can **drive**  $\rightarrow$  a) ALDOL RXN equilibrium toward product to get 92% yield. 😊



**HW 23-3,4**

**Notes:** see previous slide base catalyzed mechanism to remove or p.758 for details

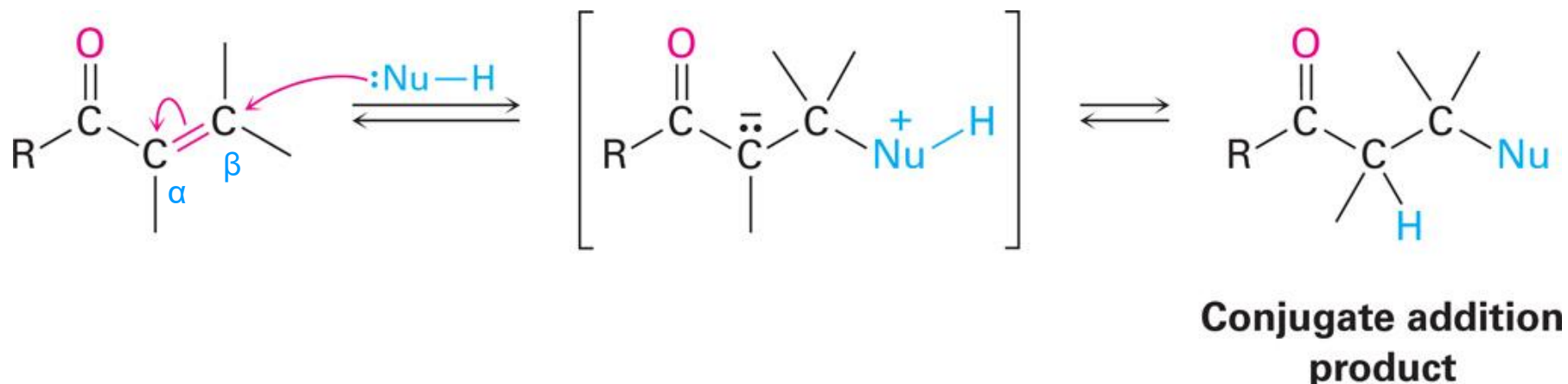


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# Conjugate Carbonyl Additions:

Recall (Sect 19-13) certain nucleophiles (e.g. amines) react w/  $\alpha$ - $\beta$  **unsaturated** ketones  
To generate **conjugate addition products** vs a direct addition product



**A** similar **conjugate** addition occurs when a nucleophilic enolated ion reacts w/ a  $\alpha$ - $\beta$  unsaturated carbonyl compound in a process known as....

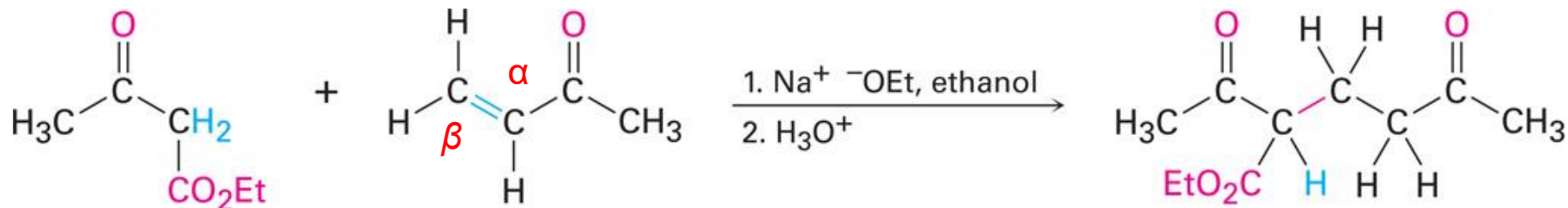


# Conjugate Carbonyl Additions:

## The Michael reaction

Involves **a)** stable enolate (derived f/  $\beta$  Keto ester) or other 1,3 –dicarbonyl compounds that adds to **b)** an unhindered  $\alpha$ - $\beta$  unsaturated ketone (**Michael acceptor**)

e.g.



Ethyl  
acetoacetate

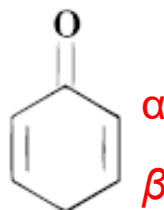
Michael  
(donor)

a)

3-Buten-2-one

Michael  
(acceptor)

b)



Michael  
acceptor  
 $\alpha$ - $\beta$  unsat.  
ketone sys.

any  $\alpha$   $\beta$  “unsaturated” ketone (carbonyl) system

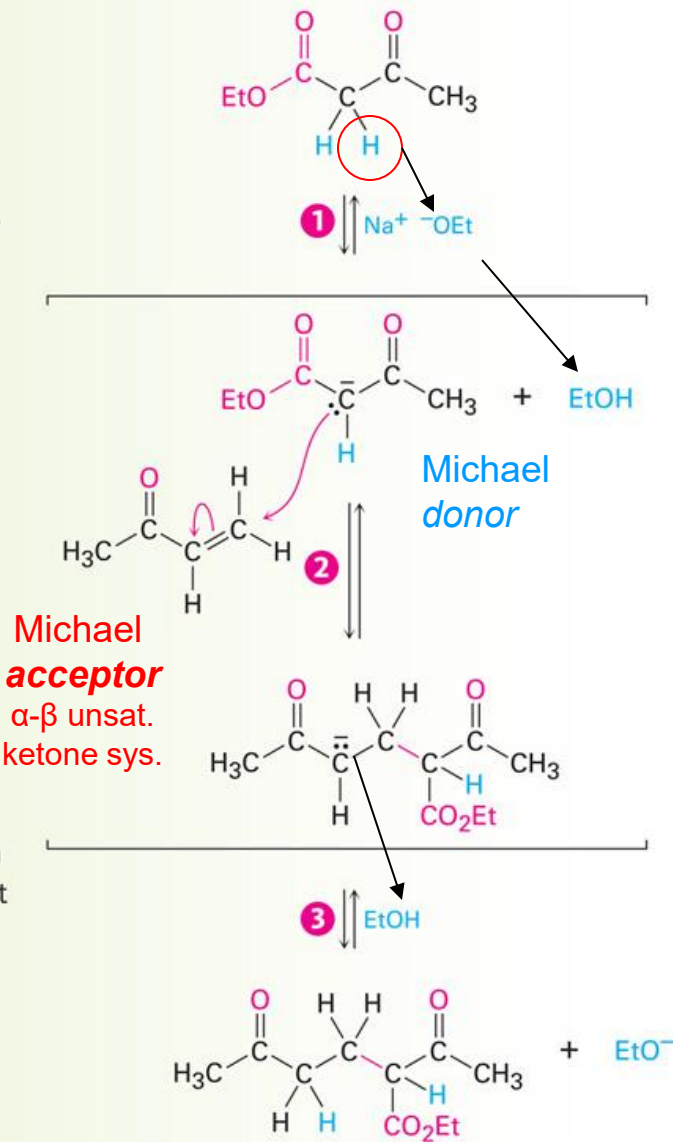
# Mechanism for Michael reaction

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1 The base catalyst removes an acidic alpha proton from the starting  $\beta$ -keto ester to generate a stabilized enolate ion nucleophile.

2 The nucleophile adds to the  $\alpha,\beta$ -unsaturated ketone electrophile in a Michael reaction to generate a new enolate as product.

3 The enolate product abstracts an acidic proton, either from solvent or from starting keto ester, to yield the final addition product.



**Michael acceptors** & Quinones are converted by detox **enzymes** (cytochrome p450) in the **liver** into more toxic intermediates ☹️

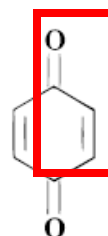


**Michael acceptors** & quinones represent a class of **toxicological intermediates** which can create hazardous effects *in animals* that include:

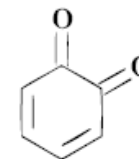
- a) acute cytotoxicity, (cell damage)
- b) immunotoxicity, (immuno. suppress)
- c) carcinogenesis. (tumor growth)



## (A) BENZENE QUINONES

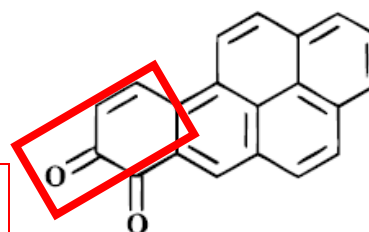


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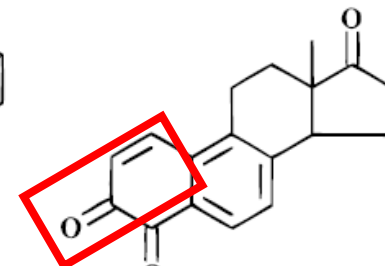


*o*-BENZOQUINONE

## (B) PAH AND EQUINE ESTROGEN QUINONES

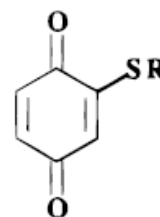


BENZO[A]PYRENE-*o*-QUINONE

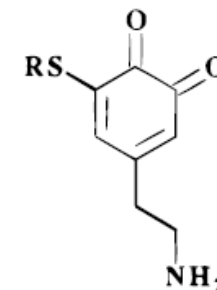


4-OHEN-*o*-QUINONE

## (C) QUINONE THIOL-ETHERS



*p*-BENZOQUINONE  
THIOL-ETHER



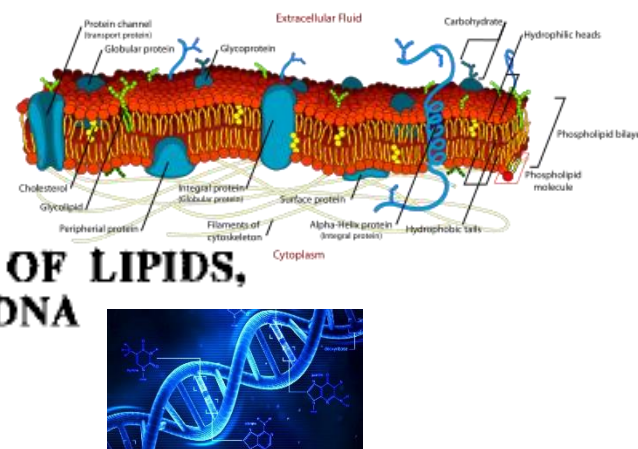
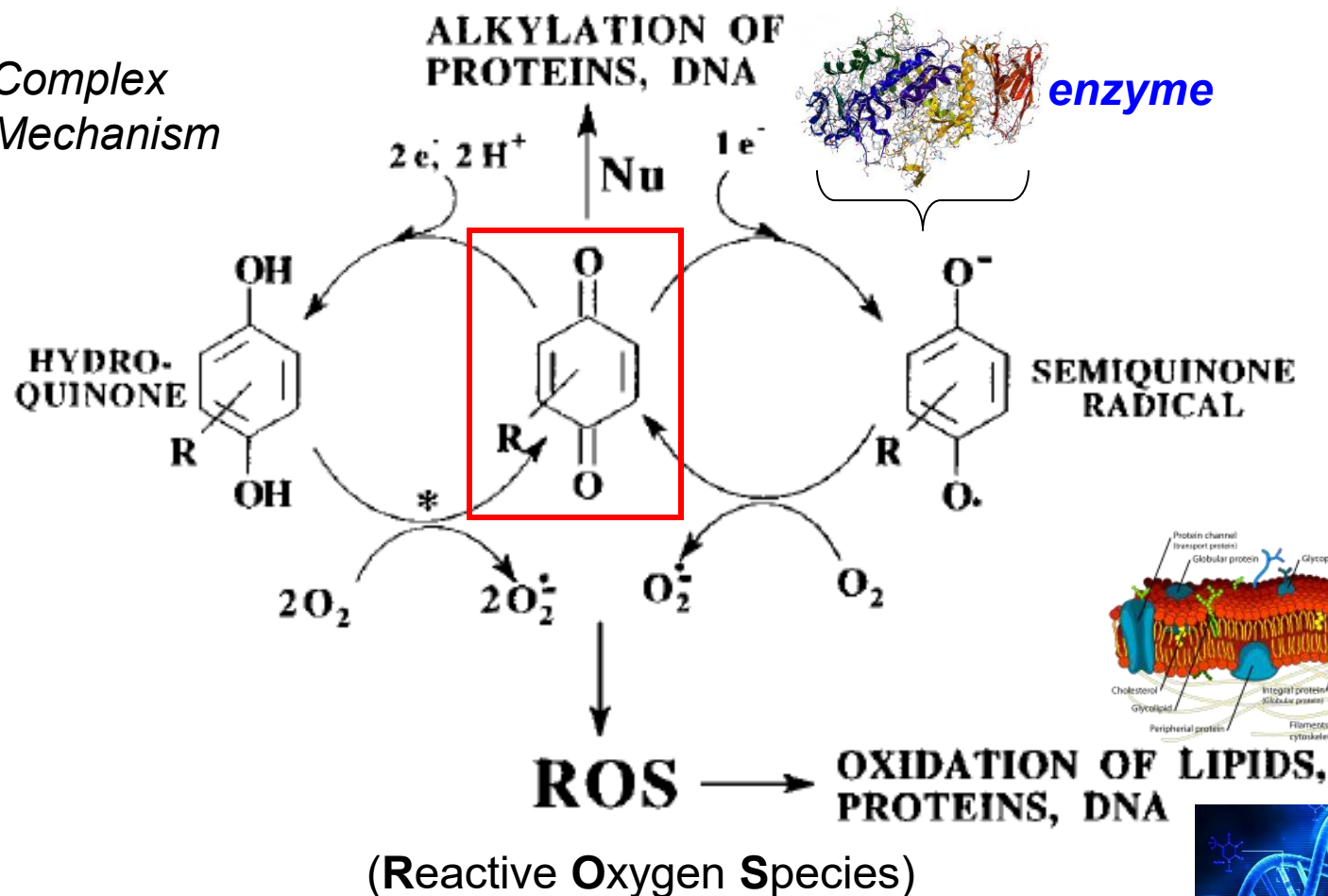
DOPAMINE-*o*-  
QUINONE THIOL ETHER

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New evidence strongly suggests that the numerous mechanisms of **Michael acceptor** and or quinone toxicity (i.e., alkylation & oxidative stress **ROS**) can be correlated with the known *pathology (disease states)* of the parent compound(s).

Complex  
Mechanism



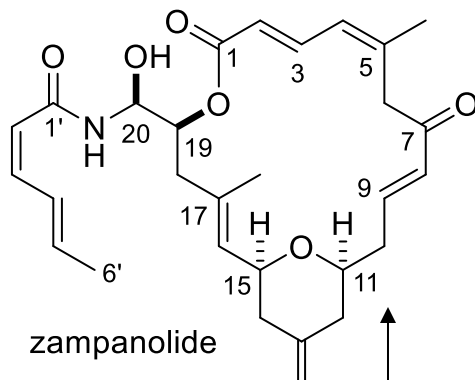
**damages/  
destroys them** ☹️

# Challenge Question

Summing it all UP!

## (Medicinal Chemistry & Toxicology)

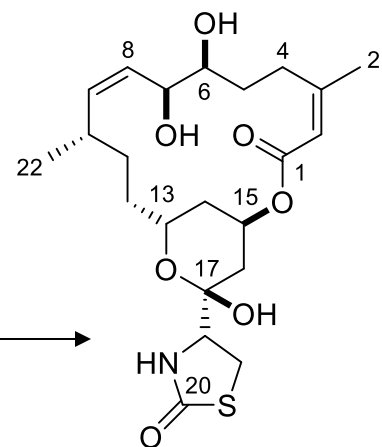
Identify the compound(s) that may present complications in terms of metabolic induced toxicity by circling the structural part(s) of the molecule(s) that can serve as *Michael acceptors*



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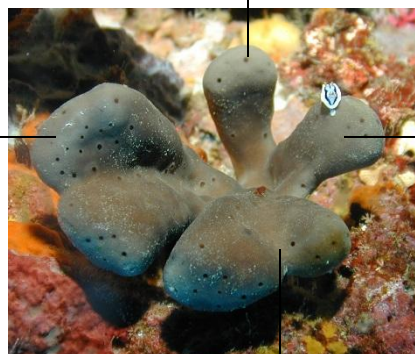
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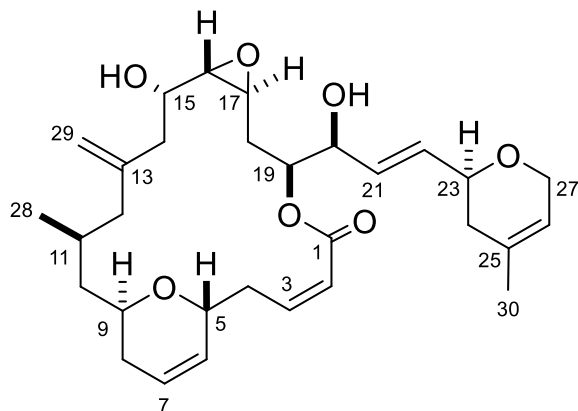
latrunculol A (4)

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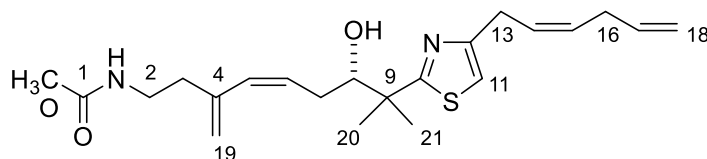
*C. mycofijiensis*: Vanuatu



fijianolide B (aka laulimalide) (2)

$IC_{50}$  = 3.0 nM Pancreatic (PANC-1) cancer cells

Morris, Persi, Johnson et al., **2022**, *ACS Omega*



mycothiazole (3)

$IC_{50}$  = 160.0 pM! Pancreatic (PANC-1) cancer cells

Johnson, Morris, Cook, Persi, Ogarrio, Garcia et al., **2020**, *ACS Med. Chem. Lett.*



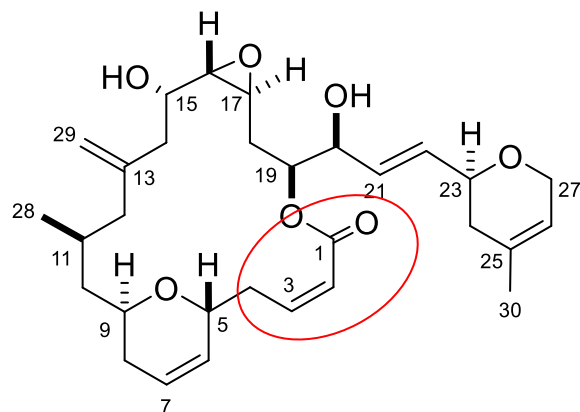
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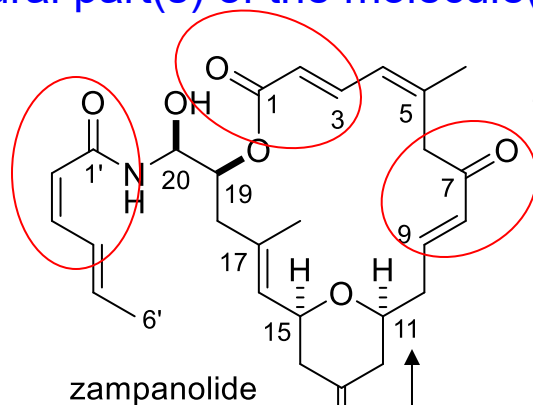
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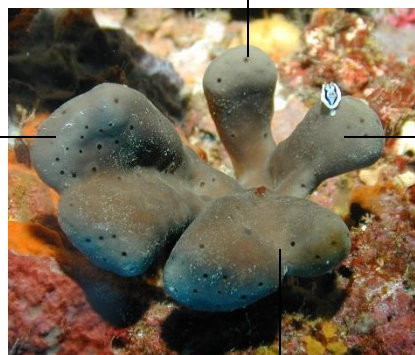
These structural features are **Michael acceptors** 😞



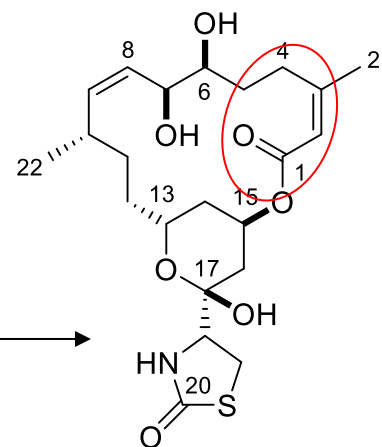
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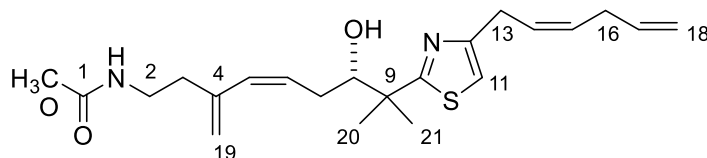
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Michael RXN occurs w/ a wide variety of  $\alpha$ - $\beta$  unsaturated carbonyl compounds

Selected examples are below and important to recognize when moving fwd in **Medicinal chemistry** and providing **FDA** approved Drugs as therapeutics to treat disease

TABLE 23-1 Some Michael Acceptors and Michael Donors

Michael acceptors		Michael donors	
$\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{CH}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{CH}$	Propenal	$\text{RC}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{CH}_2\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{CR}'$	$\beta$ -Diketone
$\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{CH}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{CCH}_3$	3-Buten-2-one	$\text{RC}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{CH}_2\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{COEt}$	$\beta$ -Keto ester
$\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{CH}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{COEt}$	Ethyl propenoate	$\text{EtOC}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{CH}_2\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{COEt}$	Diethyl malonate
$\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{CH}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{CNH}_2$	Propenamide	$\text{RC}\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}\text{CH}_2\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$	$\beta$ -Keto nitrile
$\text{H}_2\text{C}=\text{CHC}\equiv\text{N}$	Propenenitrile	$\text{RCH}_2\text{NO}_2$	Nitro compound
$\text{H}_2\text{C}=\overset{\text{NO}_2}{\underset{ }{\text{CH}}}$	Nitroethylene	<p>b/c scientists may need to modify them (the <b>Michael acceptor</b> portion of the compound) to make the compound safe and non toxic after it's metabolized ☺</p>	

# HW 23

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Have a

***chill***



weekend 😊