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# **Spectroscopy Problems**

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<sup>13</sup>C NMR (ppm) 15.5, 22.3 (double), 64.8, 71.8

2. (10 pts) Draw the approximate <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of the following molecule. Include approximate chemical shifts and indicate which signal corresponds to which carbon(s) in the molecule.



- 3. (10 pts) A chemist produces a new compound with the following spectral characteristics and considers the new material to be one of the possibilities shown below. Which structure is correct and why? Include a complete assignment of all of the spectral data in your answer.
  - <sup>1</sup>H NMR (ppm) 1.32 (t, 3H, J = 7.0 Hz), 3.30 (s, 3H,), 4.09 (q, 2H, J = 7.0 Hz), 4.63 (s, 2H), 7.10 (m, 2H), 7.83 (m, 2H)
  - <sup>13</sup>C NMR (ppm) 14.8, 57.2, 64.6, 81.2, 126.1, 129.4 (double), 129.7 (double), 163.8, 198.3

IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>) 1740, 810



4. (10 pts) Draw the expected <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of the following molecules. Include chemical shifts and line shapes (singlet, doublet, etc.) in the <sup>1</sup>H spectra and intensities in the <sup>13</sup>C spectra. Also indicate which signal corresponds to which proton(s) and carbon(s).



d.



5. (10 pts) An unknown organic compound has the molecular formula  $C_{11}H_{14}O_2$ . Given the following spectral data, provide a structure for the unknown that agrees with the data, and then assign the data.

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<sup>13</sup> C NMR (ppm)	26.6, 35.3, 59.3, 73.0, 126.0, 127.7, 128.5, 132.1, 1391, 139.2, 197.0
Mass spectrum (m/z)	178.10 (M+)
Infra Red (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	1730, 760, 690

6. (10 pts) An unknown organic compound has the molecular formula  $C_{12}H_{16}O_2$  and, in the mass spectrum,  $M_{+} = 192.12$ . Given the following <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C data, give the structure of the unknown and then assign all of the <sup>1</sup>H signals.

<sup>1</sup> H NMR (ppm)	1.20 (d, 6H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 1.29 (t, 3H, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 2.87 (septet, 1H, $J = 7.0$ Hz), 4.30 (q, 2H, $J = 7.1$ Hz), 7.41 (d, 2H), 7.97 (d, 2H)
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IR: 1740 = C=O, 810 = para disubstitution

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# <sup>1</sup>H NMR data



<sup>13</sup>C NMR data



(m/z) 178.10 (M+): this means that  $C_{11}H_{14}O_2$  is the actual formula of the unknown Infra Red (cm<sup>-1</sup>): 1730 corresponds to C=O; 760, 690 correspond to *meta* substitution

6. (10 pts) An unknown organic compound has the molecular formula  $C_{12}H_{16}O_2$  and, in the mass spectrum, M+ = 192.12. Given the following <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C data, give the structure of the unknown and then assign all of the <sup>1</sup>H signals.

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3. <u>From 12-15</u>: Give structures of the products from each step in the following reaction sequences.

a.



b.

c.



d.



e.



f.



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# Ch. 14-15 Synthesis Problems - Key

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  - a <u>Retrosynthesis</u>



b <u>Retrosynthesis</u>



c.

<u>Retrosynthesis</u>



H<sub>3</sub>O⁺

<u>Retrosynthesis</u>

d.



<u> QLi</u>

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b.

Design (Retrosynthesis)



Construction (Synthesis)



Design (Retrosynthesis)



d.

Design (Retrosynthesis - several ways to do this one)



d. (cont'd.)













e.

Design (Retrosynthesis)



These problems are typical of those that will be on the next exams in 3720. You should be comfortable with each reaction in the forward direction, how to think about each reaction in a retrosynthetic manner, and then be able to complete multi-step syntheses.

1. Give the major organic product(s) from each of the following reaction sequences and then a detailed mechanism for each reaction. Be careful with any regiochemical issues.



2. Give the major organic product(s) from each step of the following synthetic scheme.

1. 
$$CH_3COCI, AICI_3$$
  
2.  $Br_2, Fe$   
3.  $HOCH_2CH_2OH, cat. TsOH$   
4. Mg, ether  
5.  $H_2C=O$ , ether  
6.  $aq. NH_4CI$  (quench)  
7.  $PCC, CH_2CI_2$   
8.  $(CH_3)_2CHLi, THF$   
9.  $aq. NH_4CI$  (quench)  
10.  $PDC, CH_2CI_2$   
11.  $PhMgBr, THF$   
12.  $aq. NH_4CI$  (quench)  
13.  $NaH$ , ether  
14.  $PhCH_2Br$ , ether  
15. 5%  $HCI, 3h, RT$   
16.  $NaBH_4, CH_3OH$   
17.  $HBr$   
18.  $NaOCH_3, CH_3OH$   
19.  $m$ -CPBA,  $CH_2CI_2$   
20.  $PhMgBr, ether$   
21.  $aq. NH_4CI$  (quench)

3. In the boxes provided, give the products from each step in the following "road-map" scheme.



- <sup>13</sup>C = 175 ppm
- 4. Give retrosynthetic analyses for the following molecules that go back to the given starting materials, and then provide the synthesis in the forward direction. Assume you have access to the usual other reagents (HBr, HNO<sub>3</sub>, NaBH<sub>4</sub>, etc.) in the lab.



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1. Give the major organic product(s) for each of the following sets of reaction conditions and then a detailed mechanism for each reaction. Be careful with any regiochemical issues.





∠H

- H<sub>2</sub>O

 $OCH_3$ 

CH<sub>3</sub>O

HOCH<sub>3</sub>

OCH<sub>3</sub>

H<sup>+</sup> trans.

OCH<sub>3</sub>

Ó⊕,

CH<sub>3</sub>



Н

HOCH3

OCH<sub>3</sub>



f.



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These problems are from various parts of 3719 and 3720 and deal with the two main synthetic issues studied; C-C bond formation and manipulation of functional groups. We'll have covered all of the required chemistry from Chapter 18 by the end of next week.

1. Give the major organic product(s) from each of the following aldol reactions as well as a detailed mechanism for each case. Be careful with any regiochemical issues.



2. Draw all of the possible *aldol condensation* products formed under the following conditions.



3. Provide the reagents required to make each of the following compounds via 1,4-addition chemistry.



4. In the following Robinson annulation, 3 aldol products are possible; draw them and then explain why only the one shown below is formed. Give a complete mechanism for the reaction including important resonance structures.



5. Give the major products from each step of the following reaction sequences.



6. Provide complete mechanisms for the following conversions. Include all resonance structures for any intermediates that may be formed.



7. Give structures for each of the products in the following "roadmap."



8. The polyether compound *chauncydermolide* G (shown below) was recently isolated by Triplet Pharmaceuticals Inc. and found to have promising antibiotic properties. In order to prove the structure unequivocally, a total synthesis beginning with the shown starting material was carried out. Give structures for each of the products in the synthetic sequence.



37. HBr

c.

### Ch. 17-20 Synthesis Problems – Key

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1. Give the major organic product(s) from each of the following aldol reactions as well as a detailed mechanism for each case. Be careful with any regiochemical issues.



**Intramolecular** addol is much faster than the intermolecular reaction, therefore a cycle is formed. Refluxing the mixture promotes loss of H<sub>2</sub>O in the final step and formation of the  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated product. There are two types of  $\alpha$ -H but loss of the other type would lead to an unstable 3-membered ring.



*Intermolecular* aldol reaction is the only possibility here since there isn't a second carbonyl in the substrate. The use of KOH as base ensures that both some enolate and some of the starting ketone are present. Running these reactions at higher temp usually results in loss of  $H_2O$ , especially when conjugation is possible.

HOH, EtOH, reflux HOH = HO

Again, *intermolecular* aldol reaction is the only possibility here since there isn't a second carbonyl in the substrate. The use of KOH as base ensures that both some enolate and some of the starting aldehyde are present. Carrying out these reactions at higher temp usually results in elimination of H<sub>2</sub>O to form  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated product.







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The *intramolecular* aldol is much faster than intermolecular reaction, therefore a cycle is formed. There are two types of  $\alpha$ -H in the starting material, however only one cyclization leads to a stable ring. Refluxing (boiling) the mixture promotes loss of H<sub>2</sub>O in the final step.

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The *intramolecular* aldol much faster than the intermolecular reaction, therefore a cycle is formed. Two types of  $\alpha$ -H but only one pathway leads to a stable product, in this case a five-membered ring. Refluxing the mixture promotes loss of H<sub>2</sub>O in the final step.

2. Draw all of the possible *aldol condensation* products possible in the following reaction.



3. Provide the reagents required to make each of the following compounds via 1,4-addition chemistry.



4. In the following Robinson annulation, 3 aldol products are possible; explain why only one is formed.



Since there are 3 different types of  $\alpha$ -H there are 3 different enolates possible here. The outcome of the reaction is governed by thermodynamics (i.e. stability) since the steps are reversible, therefore the most stable product will result. The enolate formed by removal of H<sub>1</sub> would generate a bicylic system (somewhat strained), the one formed by removal of H<sub>2</sub> would only afford a 4-membered ring (quite strained), whereas the enolate generated by removal of H<sub>3</sub> would give the favourable 6-membered ring shown above.

5. Give the major products from each step of the following reaction sequences.



6. Provide complete mechanisms for the following conversions. Include all resonance structures for any intermediates that may be formed.





7. Give structures for each of the products in the following "roadmap."



8. The polyether compound *chauncydermolide* G (shown below) was recently isolated by Triplet Pharmaceuticals Inc. and found to have promising antibiotic properties. In order to prove the structure unequivocally, a total synthesis beginning with the shown starting material was carried out. Give structures for each of the products in the synthetic sequence.





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  - a. <u>Retrosynthesis</u>



It would also be possible to use organometallic chemistry in this synthesis (e.g. turn one piece into a Grignard reagent and then add to a ketone, followed by acid-catalyzed elimination), however that might not give you this alkene as the major isomer in the elimination step. The Wittig route puts the double bond in the right place without any complications.



One could also make the Grignard reagent from the cyclopentanol and the ketone from the isopropanol or even use Wittig chemistry here. Since the product is the most highly substituted alkene anyway, both methods work.

### c. <u>Retrosynthesis</u>





The limitation here is the starting materials that are given; the 2-carbon alcohol limits what type of chemistry can be applied and the only logical way really is to recognize that the *alpha*-carbon of the ketone may be deprotonated to form the nucleophilic enolate.

### d. <u>Retrosynthesis</u>



Logical to use crossed-aldol here since the alkene is *alpha* to the ketone carbonyl. Heating ensures elimination.



Given the two alcohols here the logical first disconnection is the ethyl group, which reveals a 6-carbon fragment that is then accessible by a simple intermolecular aldol reaction. Heating the aldol step ensures that elimination occurs to give the required  $\alpha$ , $\beta$ -unsaturated product.

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2. Give the major organic product(s) from each step of the following synthetic sequence.

1. Na₂Cr₂O<sub>7</sub>, H₂SO<sub>4</sub>
 2. xs CH₃OH, cat. H₂SO<sub>4</sub>
 3. NaOCH₃, CH₃OH
 4. aq. NH₄Cl (quench)
 5. NaOCH₃, THF
 6. CH₃CH₂Br
 7. NaOH, aq. THF
 8. dil. HCl (quench)
 9. 180 °C (-CO₂)
 10. LDA, THF, -78 °C
 11. PhCH₂Br

3. In the boxes provided, give the products from each step in the following "road-map" scheme. Predict the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of each of the organic products from each step.



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Synthesis



If the alcohol is inexpensive and readily available then the Fischer esterification works well, however if the alcohol is expensive, it is better to convert the carboxylic acid to the acid chloride (X = Cl) using SOCl<sub>2</sub>/pyridine or the anhydride (X = OCOPh) by heating and removing H<sub>2</sub>O. Both of these reactive carboxylic acid derivatives require 1 equivalent of alcohol to give the ester (with pyridine as a base).

Retrosynthesis



The most straightforward way to make an anhydride from a volatile (i.e. easily distillable) carboxylic acid is to heat it up with a small amount of a mineral acid and remove the water that is formed. You could also form the acid chloride from a portion of the carboxylic acid (using SOCl<sub>2</sub>/pyridine) and then react that with more of the remaining carboxylic acid.



All of the required carbon atoms for the product are found in the given starting material, which needs to be manipulated to introduce oxygen. The system has to be oxidized to produce the lactone (cyclic ester) so the Baeyer-Villager oxidation is appropriate.

d. Retrosynthesis



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