

(Z) 3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-pentenedioic acid

d. Two products are possible when compound **A** reacts with bromine.



Structures 1 and 2 are enantiomers.



g. In the formation of compound **A** from anisole, the attack takes place at the p-position of the **OCH**₃ group. However, when compound **B** is formed from phenol, the attack takes place at the o-position of the **OH** group. Steric

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hindrance of **OCH**₃ group favours the attack at the *para* position. Steric hindrance of the **OH** group is comparatively less. Thus, the attack is possible at the *ortho* or *para* positions. However, addition at *ortho* position is favoured as it leads to cyclization of the intermediate acid to stable **B**.

h. Phenol has only one OH group on the phenyl ring whereas resorcinol has two
OH groups on the phenyl ring at the m-positions. Hence, position 4 is considerably more activated (i.e, electron rich) in the case of resorcinol.



Therefore, under identical reaction conditions, the yield of compound **C** is much higher than that of **B**.

17. Organic spectroscopy and structure determination

a. The given Molecular formula is C_3H_60 . Therefore, the possible structures are:



The NMR spectrum of compound A shows a single peak which indicates that all the protons in A are equivalent. This holds true only for structure I. The IUPAC name of this compound is 2-propanone.

The NMR spectrum of compound **B** shows four sets of peaks, which indicate the presence of four non-equivalent protons. This holds true for structures III and IV. However, for structure IV, no singlet peak (see peak at $\delta = 3$) will be observed. So, compound **B** must have structure III. The IUPAC name is 1-methoxyethene.

b.
$$H_{b}$$
 $C = C$ OCH_{3}

Three doublets of doublets centred at 6.5 ppm, 3.9 ppm, 3.5 ppm are seen in the spectrum. The assignments in the spectrum are

- H_a : 6.5 ppm
- H_b : 3.5 ppm
- H_c : 3.9 ppm

Due to the presence of electron donating **OCH**₃, the trans proton H_b has higher electron density and thus more shielded than H_{c.} Thus, H_b appears upfield as compared to H_{c.} There is also a singlet line at δ =3. This corresponds to the **H** in **OCH**₃.

c. Coupling constants

| Ha | : | 12, 16 Hz | J (H_a , H_b) = 12 Hz |
|----------------|---|-----------|-----------------------------|
| | | | $J (H_{a}, H_{c}) = 16 Hz$ |
| H _b | : | 8, 12 Hz | $J (H_{a}, H_{b}) = 12 Hz$ |
| | | | $J (H_b, H_c) = 8 Hz$ |
| H _c | : | 8, 16 Hz | $J (H_b, H_c) = 8 Hz$ |
| | | | J (H_c , H_a) = 16 Hz |

Note: J = (difference in two lines in ppm) x (Instrument frequency) Geminal coupling < *cis*-vicinal coupling < *trans*-vicinal coupling d.

| Peak positions in Hz (for 400 MHz instrument) | Peak positions in Hz (for 600 MHz instrument) |
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| 2598 | 3897 |
| 2586 | 3879 |

e. Compound A will react with malonic acid in the following manner



Meldrum's acid ($C_6H_8O_4$)

The structure of Meldrum's acid is consistent with the ¹H-NMR and IR data. The peak in the IR spectrum at 1700 –1800 cm⁻¹ is because of the C=O stretching. The presence of peaks only between 0 – 7 δ in the ¹H-NMR spectrum indicates that the compound doesn't have any acidic group like COOH or OH.

If compound B reacts, the only possibility is that it will add across the double bond giving a product with molecular formula equal to $C_6H_{10}O_5$. This molecular formula does not match with the one stated in the problem.



f. The increased acidity is due to active –CH₂ group of Meldrum's acid flanked by two – CO groups. The carbanion formed at –CH₂ will be stabilised by these –CO groups, which are coplanar.



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g. The condensation product of Meldrum's acid with an aromatic aldehyde has the structure



18. Polymer synthesis



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C.



- **d.** Three signals (three singlets for -CH₃, –CH₂ and aromatic protons)
- e. Structure of polymer



g. With Glycerol (being a triol), cross-links between the polymer chains involving

the secondary hydroxyl group will form giving a three-dimensional network polymer is possible.



Glycerol



The polymer is unsuitable for drawing fibers because of its cross-linked, resinlike property.

19. Organic synthesis involving regioselection

The product obtained in the presence of catalyst HSbF₆ is *m*-bromophenol.
From the mass spectra given in the problem, direct bromination of phenol gives o/p–bromo derivatives as OH group present in phenol is o/p- directing.



Compound **B** may undergo nucleophilic reaction at the carbon bearing bromine. Compound **C** contains a carbanion and hence functions as a

nucleophile and will attack an electrophile. Thus, reactivity of **B** is reversed on its conversion to **C** (umpolung).



Tramadol has two asymmetric carbon atoms. It has two pairs of enantiomers .

20. Carbon acids

a. The molecular formula of the keto ester is C₅H₈O₃. Since X and Y are keto esters, they must have the following units-



This accounts for C_4O_3 . The remaining part comprises of CH_8 . Thus, only two types of ester groups are possible, methyl or ethyl.

For a methyl ester: CH_3 will be a part of the ester moiety. This leaves CH_5 to be attached.

For an ethyl ester: CH_2CH_3 will be a part of the ester group. Therefore H_3 unit needs to be accounted for.

Therefore, possible structures of the keto esters are:

H₃C-CH₂-C-C-OCH₂

Structure I

Structure II



b. Reaction sequence for keto esters





- Structure I gives a keto acid with molecular formula C₁₂H₁₄O₃ which matches with the formula of the keto acid obtained from Y. ∴ Structure I is Y.
- Structure II gives a neutral compound with molecular formula C₁₁H₁₄O that matches with the molecular formula of the neutral acid stated for X. ∴ Structure II is X.
- Structure III gives a keto acid with molecular formula C₁₁H₁₂O₃ that also does not match with any given molecular formula.

Hence the two keto esters are :



c. The β-keto ester gives on hydrolysis a β-keto acid. This acid readily undergoes decarboxylation involving a 6-membered transition state, giving a neutral product (Ketone).



d. i. When 1 equivalent of LDA is used compound **X** produces a carbanion (monoanion) as shown below.



ii. Use of 2 equivalents of LDA leads to the formation of a dianion .



21. Amino acids and enzymes

- **a.** The protonated amino group has an electron withdrawing effect. This enhances the release of proton from the neighboring –COOH, by stabilizing the conjugate base –COO⁻. This effect is greater when the –COO⁻ is physically closer to –NH₃⁺. As –NH₃⁺ group is present on the α -carbon, the effect is greater on α -COOH than on the γ -COOH. So the pKa value of α -COOH is lower than that of γ -COOH.
- **b.** The ratio of ionized to unionized γ -COOH group is obtained by using Henderson-Hasselbalch equation,

$$pH = pK_a + \log \frac{[COO^-]}{[COOH]}$$

The pH = 6.3 and pKa of γ -COOH group is 4.3. Substituting these values in the above equation we get,

$$6.3 = 4.3 + log \frac{[COO^-]}{[COOH]}$$

$$\therefore$$
 [COOH] = $\frac{100}{101}$ = 0.99% at pH 6.3

c. Glutamic acid has two pKa values lower than 7.0 and one pKa value higher than 7.0. Thus, the isoelectric point (pl) for glutamic acid will lie between the two acidic pKa values.

$$pl = (2.2 + 4.3)/2 = 3.25$$

At pH = 3.25, net charge on glutamic acid will be zero since this pH coincides with pl of glutamic acid. Hence, glutamic acid will be stationary at pH 3.25.