

Enol and Enolate Chemistry

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- Racemization pathways for chiral aldehydes and ketones
- The HVZ reaction.
- Lithium enolates and their alkylation.
 - That useful pKa trick for predicting acid-base equilibria.
- Acetoacetic and Malonic ester synthesis

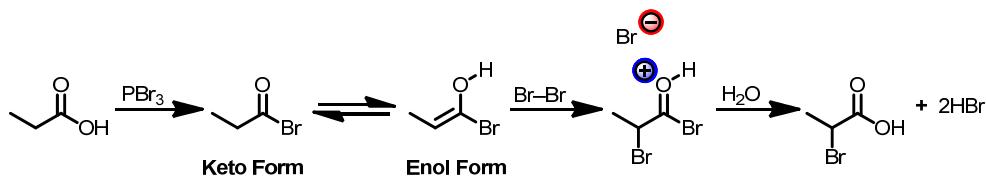
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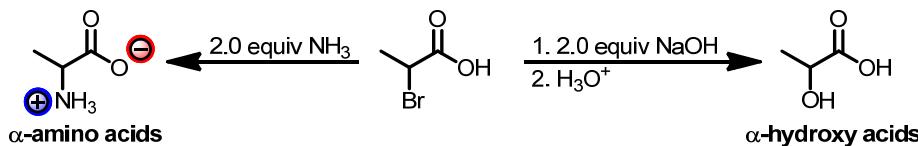
O'Leary's evening review session: Wednesdays 7:00 PM, SN Aud. Course website: <http://pages.pomona.edu/~djo04747/110/>

Suggested Problems for Exam 3. 10E/11E Chapter 18 problems: 15, 16, 20, 21, 26, 27, 29, 30, 32, 34.

Hell-Volhard-Zelinsky (HVZ) Reaction



The **Hell-Volhard-Zelinsky reaction** effects the synthesis of α -halogenated carboxylic acids. These are useful synthetic intermediates that easily lead to α -amino and α -hydroxy acids through nucleophilic displacement.



Some interesting properties of β -dicarbonyl compounds

compound	pK_a (H)	
	9	
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		keto-enol tautomerism:
		<i>Reference pKa values:</i>
		$\text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{CH}_2-\text{H}$ 20 $\text{EtO}-\text{CH}_2-\text{H}$ 24.5

Famous Decarboxylation Reactions

