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Pharmacy

- 1. Classification of alkanols with two examples each.
- a) This is based on the number of hydrogen atoms attached to the carbon atom containing the hydroxyl group.
- *Primary Alcohol (1°): if the hydrogen atoms attached to the carbon atom bearing the hydroxyl group (OH) are three or two.
- *Secondary Alcohol(2°): if it is one hydrogen atom attached to the carbon.
- * Tertiary Alcohol(3°): if no hydrogen atom is attached to the carbon.

Examples are: CH3OH Methanol(1°) CH3CH(OH)CH3Propan-2-ol (2°), (CH3)3C-OH 2-methylpropan-2-ol (3°)

b) This is based on the number of hydroxyl groups they possess. Monohydric alcohols have one hydroxyl group present in the alcohol structure. Dihydric alcohols are also called glycols have two hydroxyl groups presenting the structure.

Examples are CH3CH2CH2OH Propanol (Monohydric alcohol)

2. Grignard Synthesis

Grignard reagent-C2H5MgBr

CH3CH2CH2-C=OCH2CH2CH3+ C2H5MgBr - - -> C4H9C3H7C2H5-C-OMgBr---> C4H9C3H7C2H5-C-OH +Mg(OH)Br

3. Industrial manufacture of Ethanol

Carbohydrate such as starch are major group of natural compounds that can be made to yield ethanol by the biological process of fermentation. The biological catalysts, enzymes found in yeast break down the carbohydrate molecule into ethanol to

give a yield of 95%. On warming starch with malt to 60° for a specific period of time are converted into maltose by the enzyme diastase contained in the malt.

Carbohydrate 60°C/diastase. Maltose

The maltose is broken down into glucose on addition of yeast which contains the enzyme maltase and at a temperature of 15°.

Maltose. 15°C/maltase Glucose

The glucose at constant temperature of 15°C is then converted into alcohol by the enzyme Zymase contained also in yeast

C6H12O6. ———> 2CH3CH2OH+2CO2

Glucose. 15°C/Zymase Ethanol

4. Alkanone. Reduction of alkanone gives secondary alkanols

CH3C2H5-C=O----->

LiAlH4

CH3C2H5CHOH(2°) alcohol

Alkanals. Reduction of alkanals gives primary alkanols.

CH3CH2CH=O ---> CH3CH2CH2OH

LiAlH4/H2O