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Assignment

1) HCOOH- Methanoic acid

HOOCCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COOH- Pentan-1, 5-dioic acid

CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COOH- Butanoic acid

HO<sub>2</sub>C-CO<sub>2</sub>H- Ethanedioic acid

CH<sub>3</sub>(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>4</sub>COOH- Hexanoic acid

CH<sub>3</sub>CH=CHCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>COOH- Hex-4-eneoic acid

2) Physical properties

Physical appearance: All simple aliphatic carboxylic acids up to  $C_{10}$  are liquids at room temperature; other carboxylic acids are solids at room temperature and anhydrous carboxylic acids freezes to an ice-like solid below the room temperature.

Boiling points: Aromatic carboxylic acids have higher melting points than their aliphatic counterparts of comparable relative molecular mass.

Solubility: The water solubility of the acids decreases as the relative molecular mass increases because the structure becomes relatively more hydrocarbon in nature and hence covalent. All carboxylic acids are soluble in organic solvents.

3) From carbon (II) oxide:

Methanoic acid is manufactured by adding carbon (II) oxide under pressure to hot aqueous solution of sodium hydroxide. The free carboxylic acid is liberated by careful reaction with tetraoxosulphate (VI) acid.

From ethanol:

Ethanoic acid is obtained commercially by the liquid phase airoxidation of 5% solution of ethanol to ethanoic acid using manganite (II) ethanoate catalyst. Ethanal is obtained from ethylene.

4) Synthetic preparations of carboxylic acids

- Oxidation of primary alcohols and aldehydes

Oxidation of primary alcohols and aldehydes can be used to prepare carboxylic acids using the oxidizing agents  $(KMnO_4)$  in acidic solution.

 $RCH_2OH_{\overline{(O),KMnO4}} \rightarrow RCHO_{\overline{(O)}} \rightarrow RCOOH$ 

- Carbonation of Grignard reagent

Aliphatic compounds acids are obtained by bubbling carbon(VI) oxide into the Grignard reagent and then hydrolysed with dilute acid.

 $RMgBr + CO_2 (C_2H_3)_2O \qquad RCOOMgBr - H_2O/dil Acid>$ 

RCOOH+MgBrOH

5) Reduction to primary alcohol

 $4RCOOH+3LiAlH_4 (C_2H_5)_2O \xrightarrow{} (RCH_2O)_4AlLi+2LiAlO_2+4H_2$  $4RCH_2OH+Al(OH)_3+LiOH$ 

 $CH_3CH_2CH_2COOH \longrightarrow CH_3CH_2CH_2CH_2OH$ 

- Decarboxylation

 $CH_3CH_2CH_2COONa+NaOH \xrightarrow{fuse} CH_3CH_2CH_3+Na_2CO_3$ 

Kolbe synthesis

 $2CH_3CH_2COONa+2H_2O \rightarrow CH_3(CH_2)_2CH_3+CO_2$ 

- Esterification

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