

Chapter 23.2 - Ester Lab

Part I

Procedure A

1. Obtain and label a micro-tube A. Make sure the tube is clean and dry.
2. Using a clean pipet, place 10 drops of isopentyl alcohol into the micro-tube.
3. Using a clean pipet, place 10 drops of glacial acetic acid into the micro-tube.
4. Add one drop of concentrated sulfuric acid into the micro-tube.
5. Close the micro-tube and set aside.

Procedure B

1. Obtain and label a micro-tube B. Make sure the tube is clean and dry.
2. Using a clean pipet, place 10 drops of octanol alcohol into the micro-tube.
3. Using a clean pipet, place 10 drops of glacial acetic acid into the micro-tube.
4. Add one drop of concentrated sulfuric acid into the micro-tube.
5. Close the micro-tube and set aside.

Procedure C

1. Obtain and label a micro-tube C. Make sure the tube is clean and dry.
2. Using a scale, measure 0.15 grams of salicylic acid and add it to the micro-tube.
3. Using a clean pipet, place 12 drops of methyl alcohol to the micro-tube.
4. Add three drops of concentrated sulfuric acid into the micro-tube.
5. Close the micro-tube and set aside.

Procedure D

1. Obtain and label a micro-tube D. Make sure the tube is clean and dry.
2. Using a clean pipet, place 10 drops of propanol alcohol (n-Propyl) into the micro-tube.
3. Using a clean pipet, place 10 drops of glacial acetic acid to the micro-tube.
4. Add one drop of concentrated sulfuric acid into the micro-tube.
5. Close the micro-tube and set aside.

Part II

1. Heat 50 ml of water in a beaker, using a hot plate, to 80 degrees Celsius.
2. Using tongs pour the hot water into a Styrofoam cup.
3. Place all four micro-tubes (#A – D) with the top lid closed into cup of hot water.
4. After ten minutes, open micro-tubes A, B and D ONLY and carefully waft the odor.
5. For micro-tube C, open and add 3 drops of water to the tube and carefully waft the odor.

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Micro-tube Letter	Name of Alcohol	Name of Acid	Odor of Ester

Questions

1.) Esters are named for the Alcohol and Acid that is used to produce it with the ending of the acid being changed to -ate. For example, ester ethyl benzoate is made from the alcohol ethyl and the acid benzoic. What are the names of the four esters that you produced?

- a.)
- b.)
- c.)
- d.)

2.) What substituted hydrocarbon is found in all alcohols?

3.) Organic acids, like the glacial acetic acid used in this lab contain what hydrocarbon substitution?

4.) All esters contain what hydrocarbon substituted group?

5.) Give two examples of how esters are used in our everyday lives.

- a.)
- b.)