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<u>Alcohols - I</u>

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Hydration refers to the addition of water molecules to a compound.

In the manufacturing of ethanol through the direct hydration of ethene, this process involves the addition of water (H_2O) to ethene (C_2H_4) to form ethanol (C_2H_5OH).

The chemical equation for this reaction is: $C_2H_4 + H_2O \rightarrow C_2H_5OH$

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Advantage:

Renewable Feedstock: Ethanol production by fermentation utilizes renewable feedstocks, such as sugars from crops, contributing to sustainable and green practices.

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Disadvantage:

Slow Processing: Fermentation is a slow process, impacting the overall efficiency and speed of ethanol production.

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Ethanol can be oxidised to an aldehyde and to a carboxylic acid following are the structures of these products

Structure of aldehyde:

Structure of carboxylic acid:

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(b) Reagent: Sodium / (potassium) dichromate (VI)

Conditions:

Acidified or sulfuric acid can be used. The reaction is often performed with the addition of heat under reflux. Reagents can be employed under these conditions.

$$CH_{3}CH_{2}OH+ 2/3 O_{2} \xrightarrow{\text{K2Cr2O7,H2SO4}} CH_{3}COOH+H_{2}O$$
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Butane-1,4-diol belongs to **primary alcohols**. In butane-1,4-diol, each carbon to which the hydroxyl groups are attached is a primary carbon, as they are each bonded to only one other carbon atom.

Reagent: acidified potassium $(H_2SO_4 / K_2Cr_2O_7)$

Equation:

 $HOCH_2CH_2CH_2CH_2OH + 4[O] \rightarrow HOOCCH_2CH_2COOH + 2H_2O$

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Separate samples of propanone and propanal by test using:

Test Reagent:

Tollens' reagent (ammoniacal silver nitrate solution) **Observation with Propanone (Propan-2-one)**:

Propanone does not give a positive reaction with Tollens' reagent. It does not reduce the silver ions in the reagent, so no silver mirror or precipitate is formed.

Observation with Propanal (Propanaldehyde):

Propanal reacts with Tollens' reagent. The aldehyde group in propanal is oxidized to a carboxylic acid, and silver ions in the Tollens' reagent are reduced to metallic silver. This results in the formation of a silver mirror on the inner surface of the test tube or container, indicating the presence of an aldehyde functional group.

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