

REARRANGEMENT REACTIONS

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What is Rearrangement Reaction?

The term “rearrangement” is used to describe two different types of organic chemical reactions. A rearrangement may involve the one step migration of an H atom or of a larger molecular fragment within a relatively short lived intermediate.

On the other hand a rearrangement may be a multi step reaction that includes the migration of an H atom or of a larger molecular fragment as one of its steps.

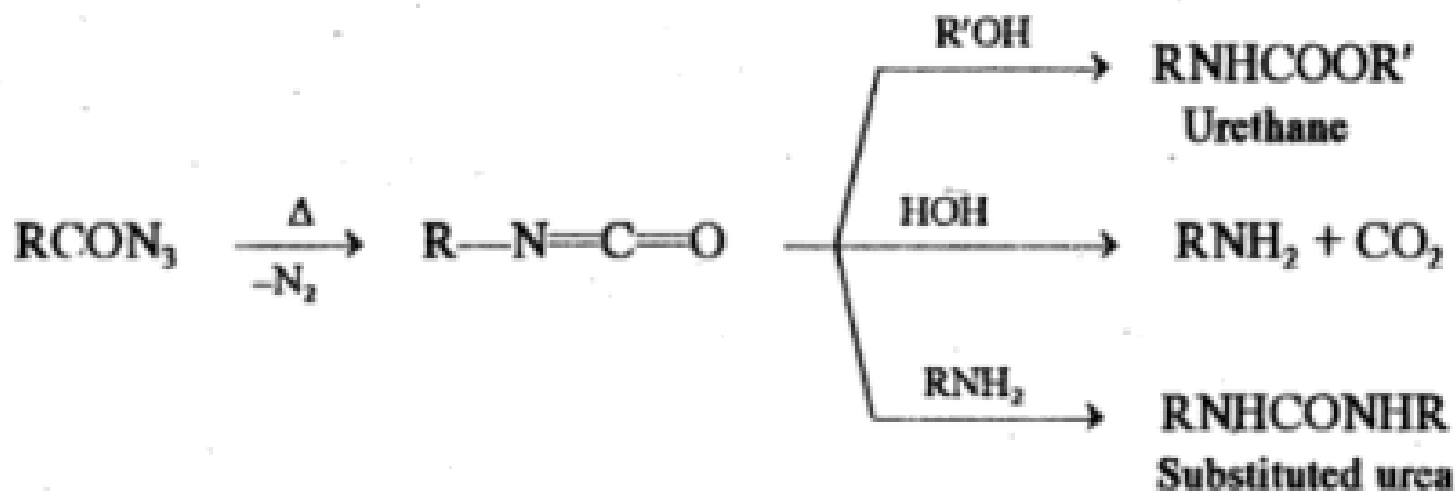
In many rearrangements, the migrating group connects to one of the direct neighbours of the atom to which it was originally attached. Rearrangements of this type are the so-called [1,2] – rearrangements or [1,2] – shifts. These rearrangements can be considered as sigma-tropic processes, the numbers 1 and 2 characterizing the subclass to which they belong.

Curtius Rearrangement

Curtius' reaction involves the heating of an acyl azide which loses nitrogen and then rearranges to form an isocyanate.

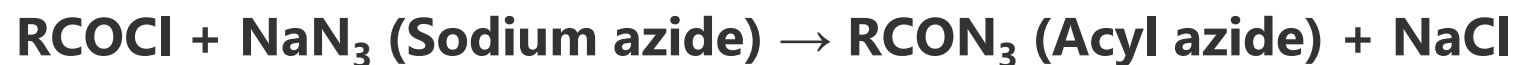


If the reaction is performed in an alcoholic or aqueous medium, the isocyanate further reacts to form [urethane](#), amine or substituted urea.



The conversion of acyl azides to isocyanates involves Curtius rearrangement whereas Curtius reaction involves the conversion of acids to amines, urethane and substituted urea via Curtius rearrangement.

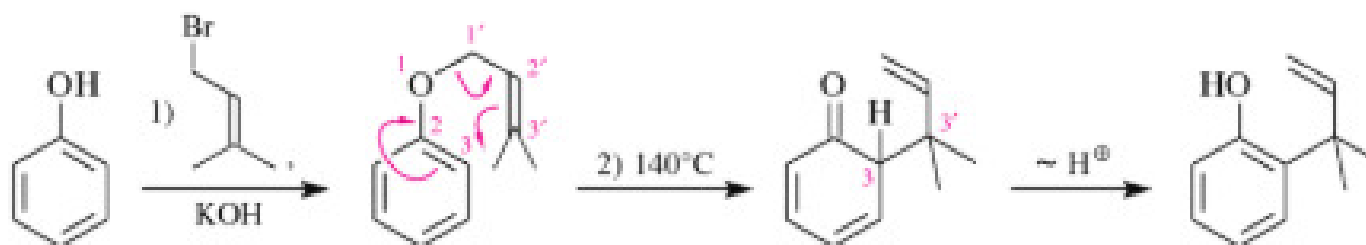
Acyl azide required for the reaction is obtained as follows.



Claisen Rearrangement

The classical Claisen rearrangement is the first and slow step of the isomerization of allyl aryl ethers to ortho allylated phenols. A cyclohexadienone is formed in the actual rearrangement step which is a [3,3]-sigmatropic rearrangement. Three valence electron pairs are shifted simultaneously.

Cyclohexadienone, a non-aromatic compound, cannot be isolated and tautomerizes immediately to the aromatic and consequently more stable phenol.



The Claisen rearrangement is a thermal rearrangement of allyl [aryl ethers](#) and allyl vinyl ethers respectively. It may be regarded as the oxa-version of the closely related Cope rearrangement. Claisen has discovered this reaction first on allyl vinyl ethers and then extended it to the rearrangement of allyl aryl ethers to yield o-allylphenols.

Beckmann Rearrangement

The Beckmann rearrangement, an oxime is converted to an amide. An oxime is easily obtained by the treatment of aldehyde or ketone with hydroxylamine. The OH group of ketoximes can become a leaving group. The Beckmann rearrangement of cyclic oximes results in lactams.

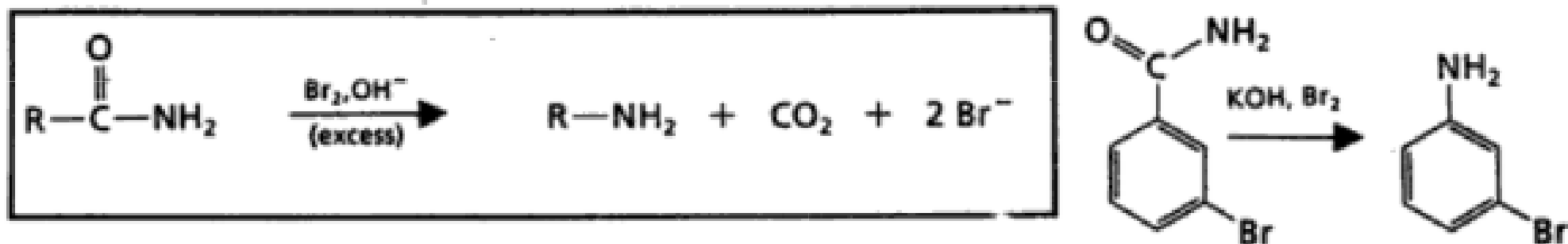
The comparison of the structure of the starting ketone with those of the products reveals that the combination of [oxime formation](#) and Beckmann rearrangement accomplishes the insertion of an NH group between the carbonyl carbon and the alpha carbon.



The Beckmann rearrangement of the oxime of cyclohexanone is carried out on a very large scale industrially because the product, caprolactam, is the direct precursor of nylon 6, a versatile polymer that has many applications: for example, the manufacture of fibres for carpeting and other textiles. Concentrated sulphuric acid is used as both the acid catalyst and the solvent for the reaction.

Hofmann Rearrangement

The Hofmann rearrangement results from the treatment of a primary amide with bromine and hydroxide ion in water, ultimately forming an amine in which the carbonyl group of the starting amide has been lost.



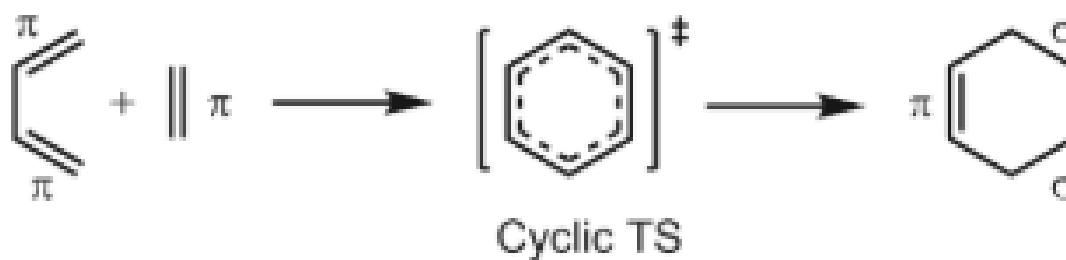
Thus, the Hofmann rearrangement results in a shortening of the carbon chain by one atom and a change in functional group from an amide to an amine. The Hofmann rearrangement occurs through a pathway similar to that for the Beckmann rearrangement.

Pericyclic Rearrangement

Pericyclic reactions are defined as the reactions that occur by a concerted cyclic shift of electrons. The definition states two key points that characterize a pericyclic reaction.

First point is that reaction is concerted. In concerted reaction, reactant bonds are broken and product bonds are formed at the same time without intermediates.

Second key point in pericyclic reactions involves a cyclic shift of electrons. The word pericyclic means around the circle. Pericyclic words come from the cyclic shift of electrons. Pericyclic reactions thus are characterized by a cyclic transition state involving the pi bonds.



The energy of activation of pericyclic reactions is supplied by heat or by UV light. Pericyclic reactions are stereospecific and it is not uncommon that the two modes of induction yield products of opposite stereochemistry.

Three features of any pericyclic reaction are intimately interrelated. These are:

• **Activation** – Pericyclic reactions are activated either by thermal energy or by UV light. However, many reactions that require heat are not initiated by light and vice versa.

• The number of pi bonds involved in the reaction.

• The stereochemistry of the reaction

Photochemical rearrangements

Many photoreactions are known to interconvert isomeric compounds. The term "*rearrangement*" is more general than "isomerization" but for the reactions under photochemical rearrangement will not be concerned with a distinction between these terms.

For convenience, we shall classify primary photochemical rearrangements as the following types.

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Sigmatropic rearrangements

Electrocyclic rearrangements

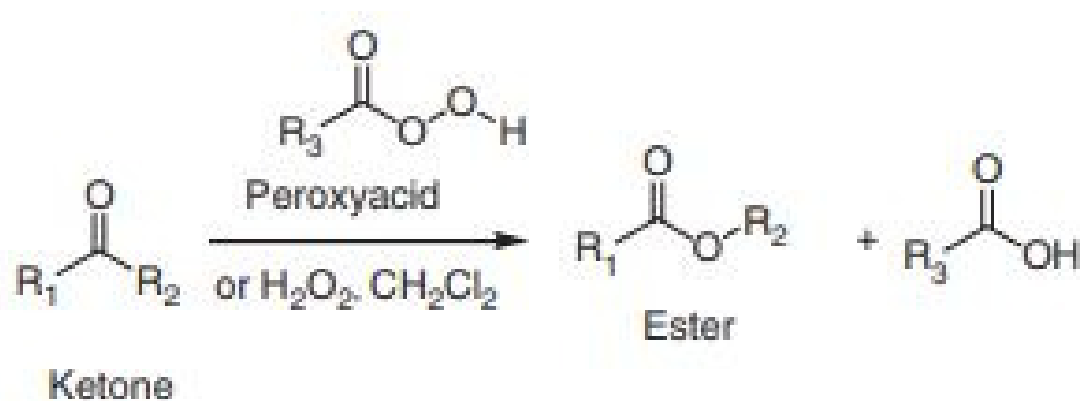
Structural rearrangements which result from intramolecular cycloadditions.

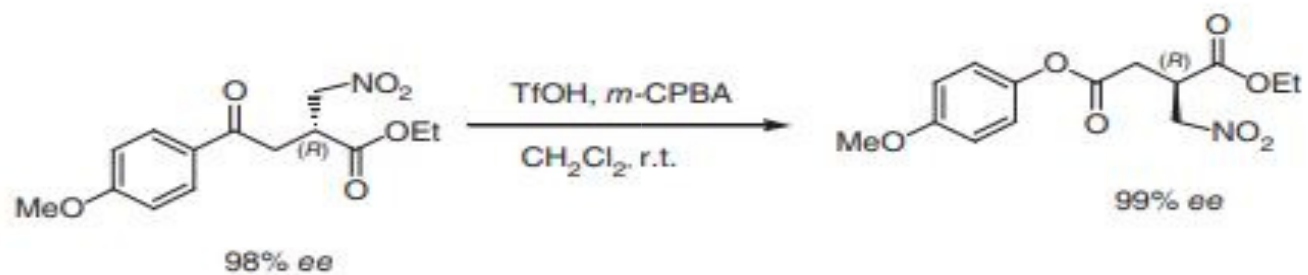
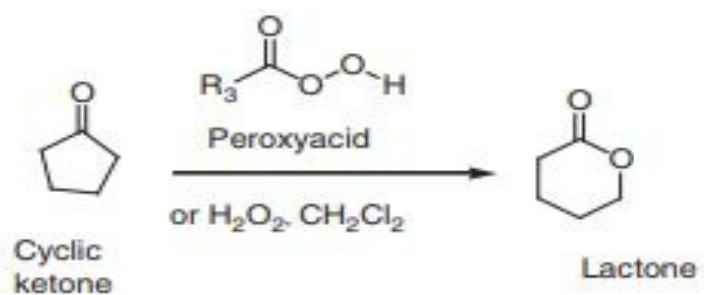
In a broad sense, all four of these classes are special cases of pericyclic rearrangements and for concerted reactions, they all may be treated under a unifying framework guided by the rules derived from orbital symmetry considerations.

Baeyer–Villiger Oxidation or Rearrangement

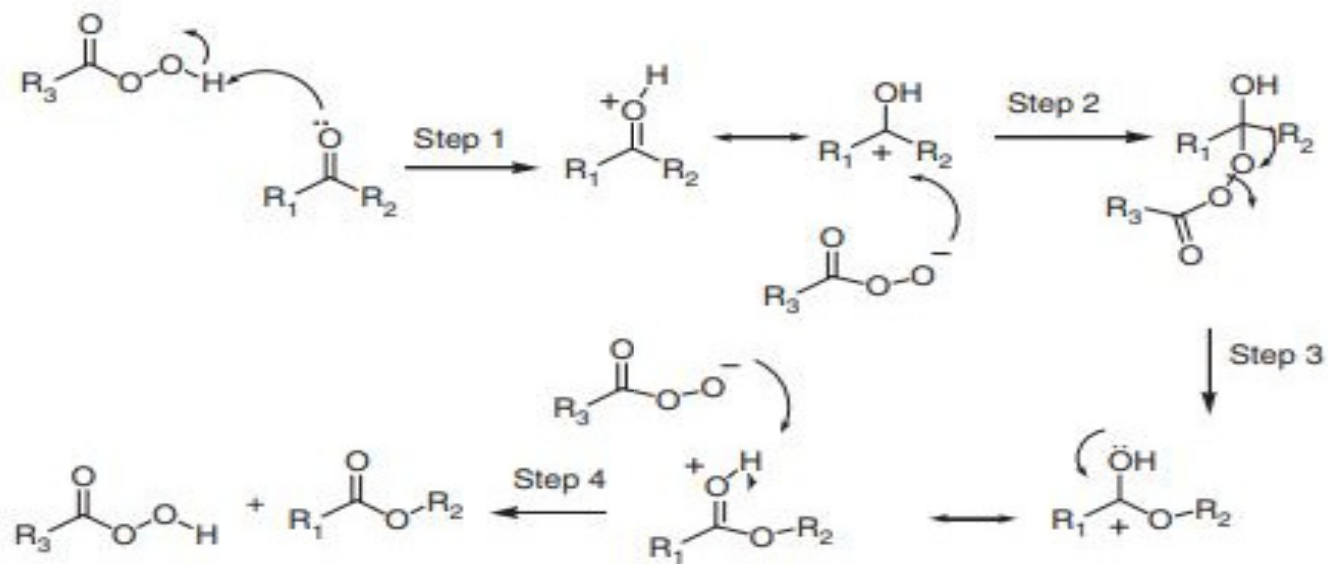
The Baeyer–Villiger oxidation is an organic reaction that converts a ketone to an ester or a cyclic ketone to a lactone in the presence of hydrogen peroxide or peroxy acids. The reaction was discovered in 1899 by Adolf von Baeyer and Victor Villiger. It is an intramolecular anionotropic rearrangement where an alkyl group migrates from the carbonyl carbon atom (migration origin) to an electron-deficient oxygen atom (migration terminus). The most electron-rich alkyl group (most substituted carbon) that is able to stabilize a positive charge migrates most readily.

The migration order is as follows: Tertiary alkyl > cyclohexyl > secondary alkyl > phenyl > primary alkyl > CH₃ > H





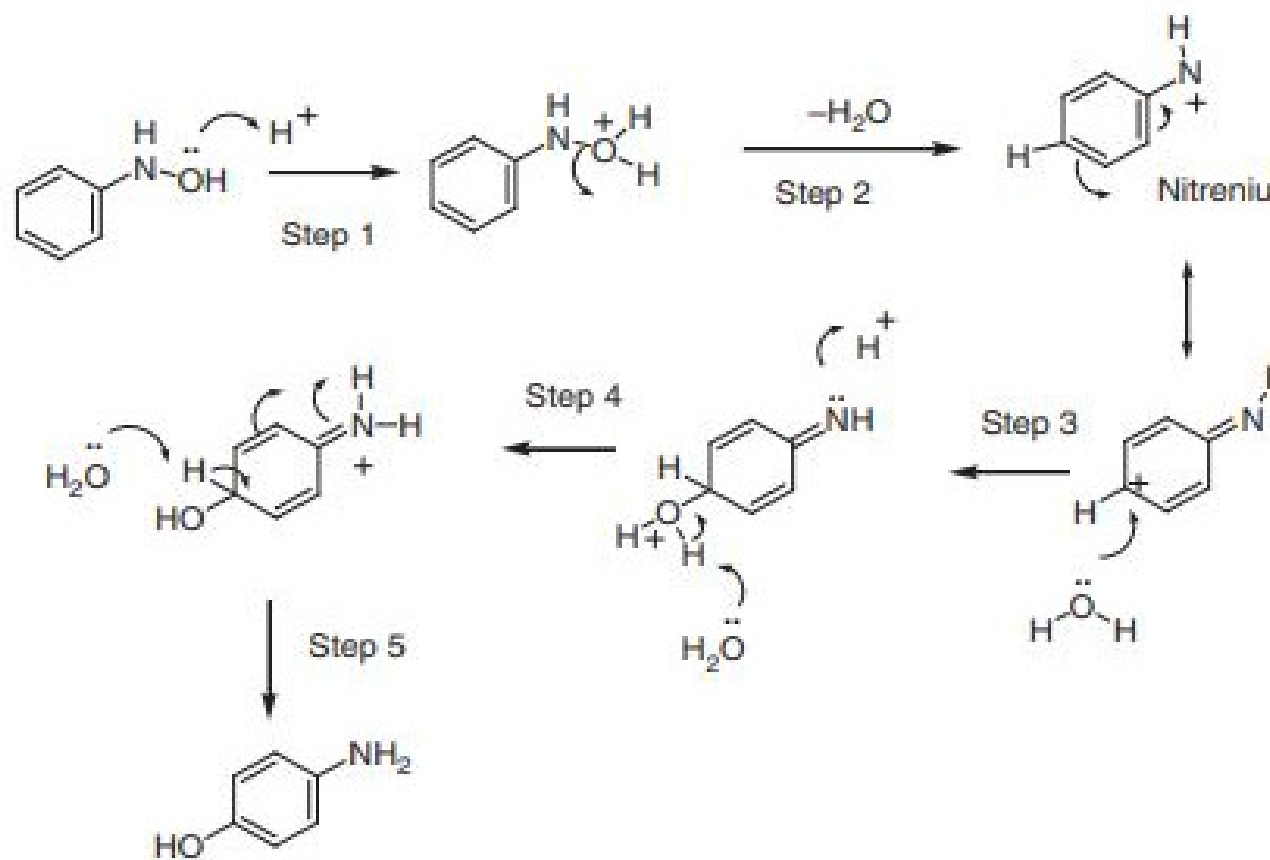
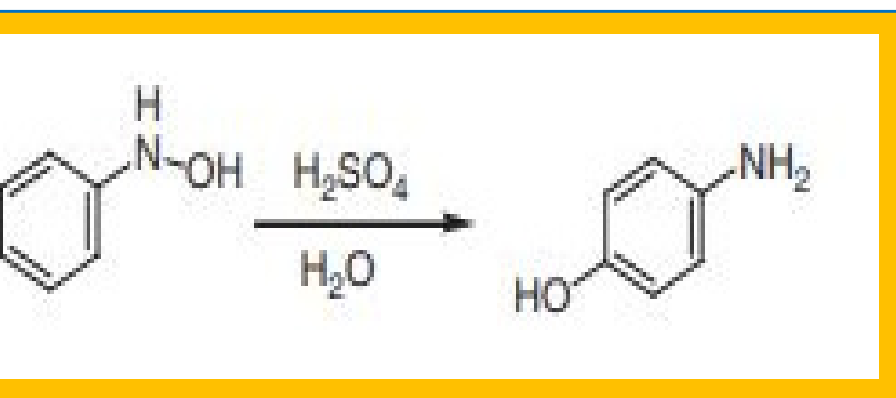
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Bamberger Rearrangement

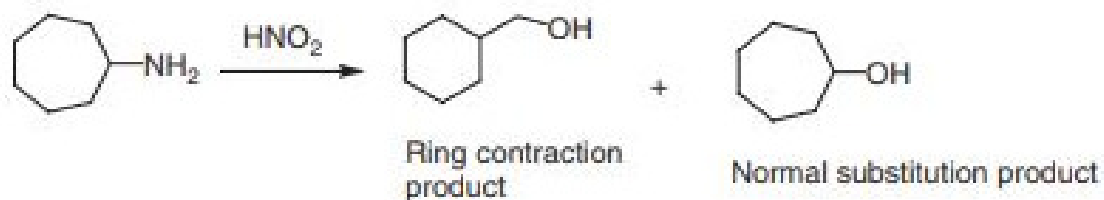
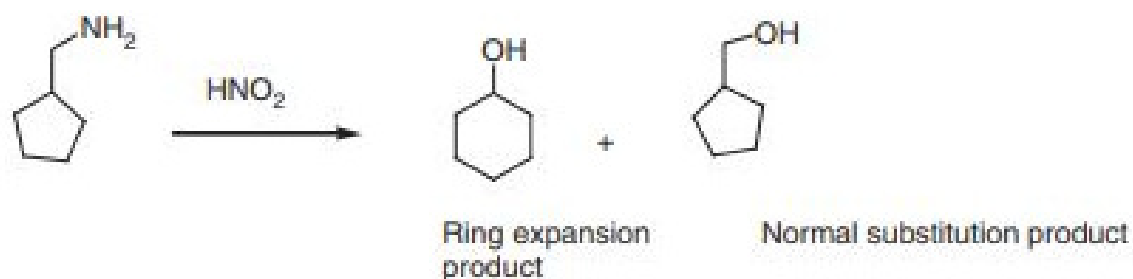
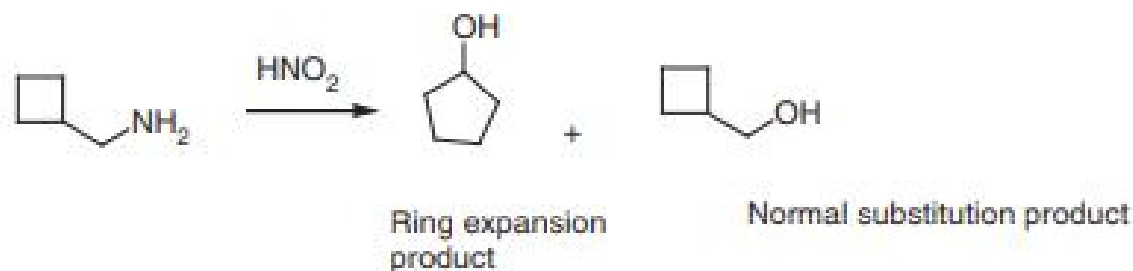
The Bamberger rearrangement is an organic reaction used to convert N-phenylhydroxylamine to 4-aminophenol in the presence of strong aqueous acid. The reaction is named after German chemist Euge Bamberger. Several new catalysts have been developed for the preparation of 4-aminophenol from directly nitrobenzene.

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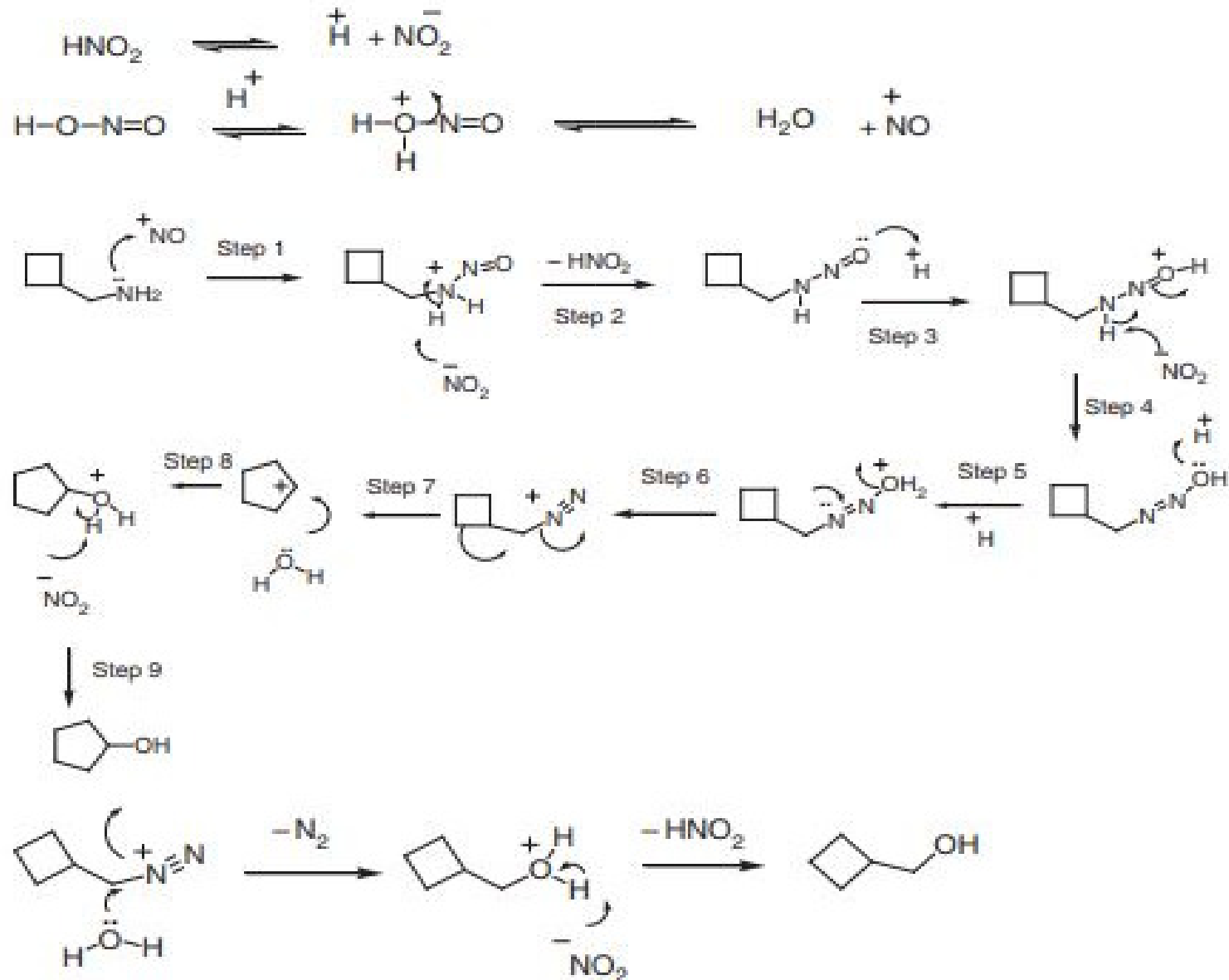
Demjanov Rearrangement

The Demjanov rearrangement is an organic reaction of primary amine with nitrous acid to form rearranged alcohols. The reaction proceeds via diazotization followed by ring expansion or ring contraction. The reaction is named after the Russian chemist Nikolay Yakovlevich Demjanov who discovered it in 1903. Several improvements and mechanistic studies have been developed on the reaction.



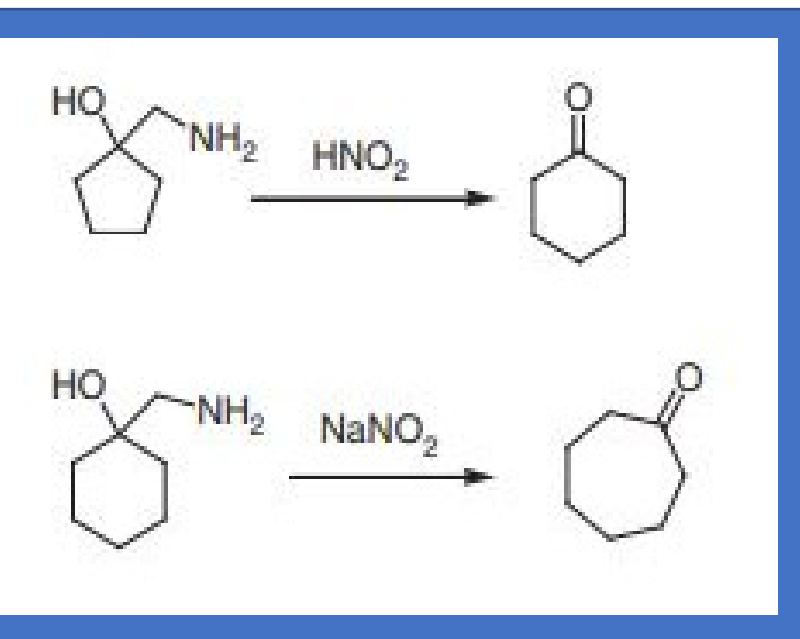
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Generation of Nitrosonium Ion



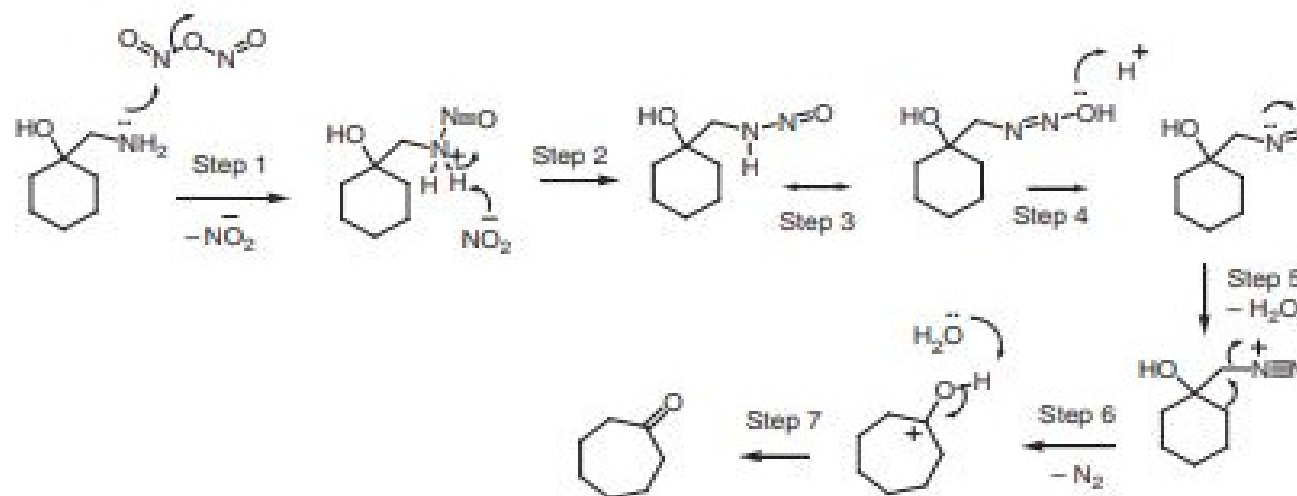
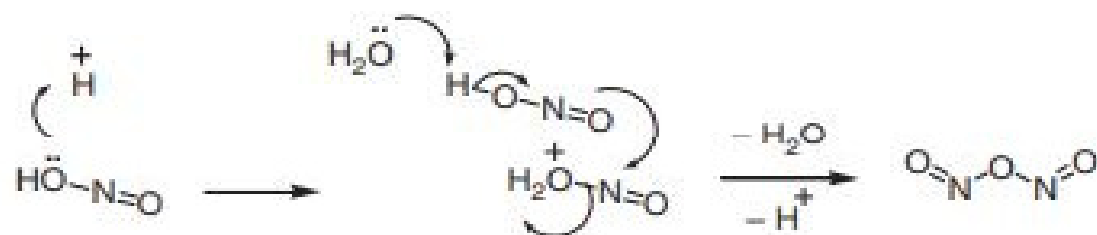
Tiffeneau–Demjanov Rearrangement

The carbocation rearrangement of β -amino alcohol (1-aminomethylcycloalkanol) with nitrous acid to form a ring-expanded cycloketone is known as the Tiffeneau–Demjanov rearrangement. The ring sizes from cyclopropane to octane can undergo this reaction with ring expansion, although ideal ring size 5–7 provides good yield.



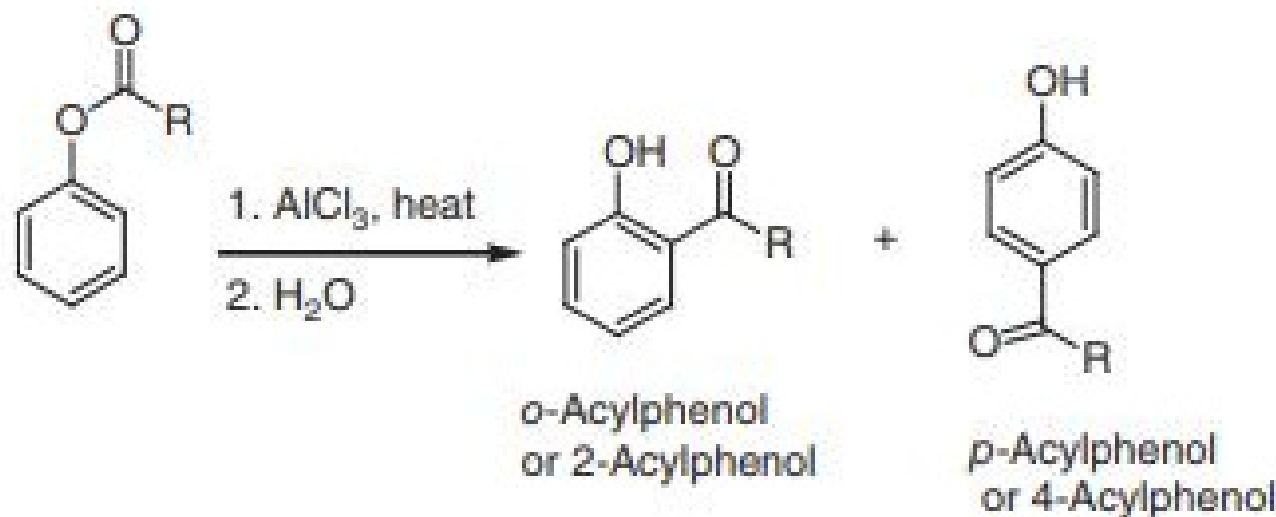
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Generation of N_2O_3

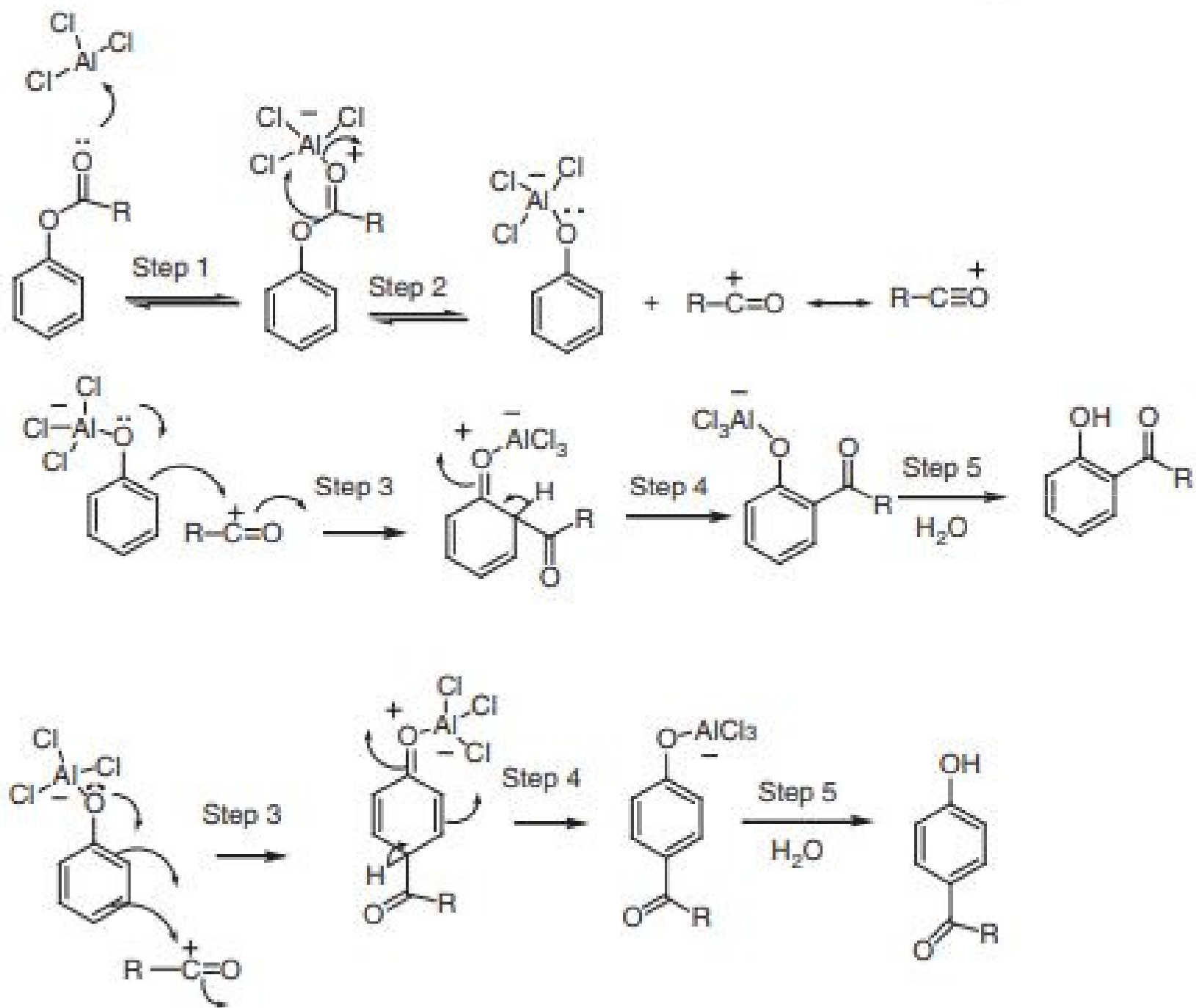


Fries Rearrangement

Mostly AlCl_3 , BF_3 , TiCl_4 , or SnCl_4 catalysed rearrangement of phenolic esters to 2-hydroxy aryl ketone or 4-hydroxy aryl ketone is called the Fries rearrangement, named after the German chemist Karl Theophil Fries. The rearrangement can also proceed with other acids such as HF , $\text{CF}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$, and MeSO_3H in an inert solvent or without any solvent. The acids are generally required in excess of the stoichiometric amounts, particularly with the Lewis acids (most common is AlCl_3) since they form complexes both with the starting materials and the products.

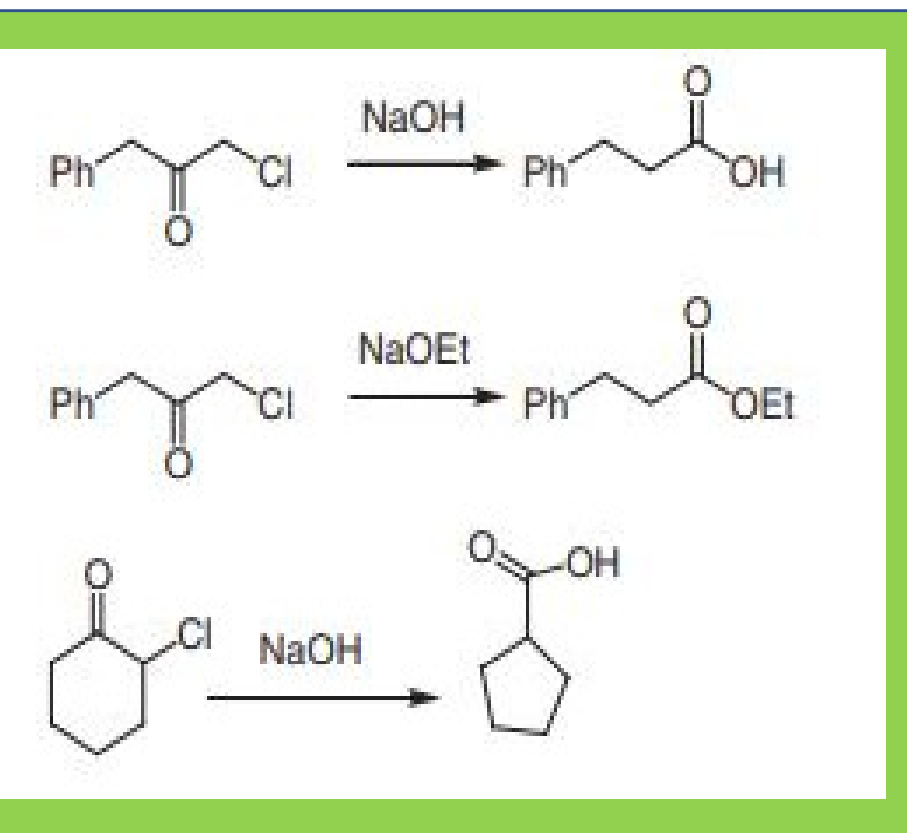


R = Alkyl or aryl group

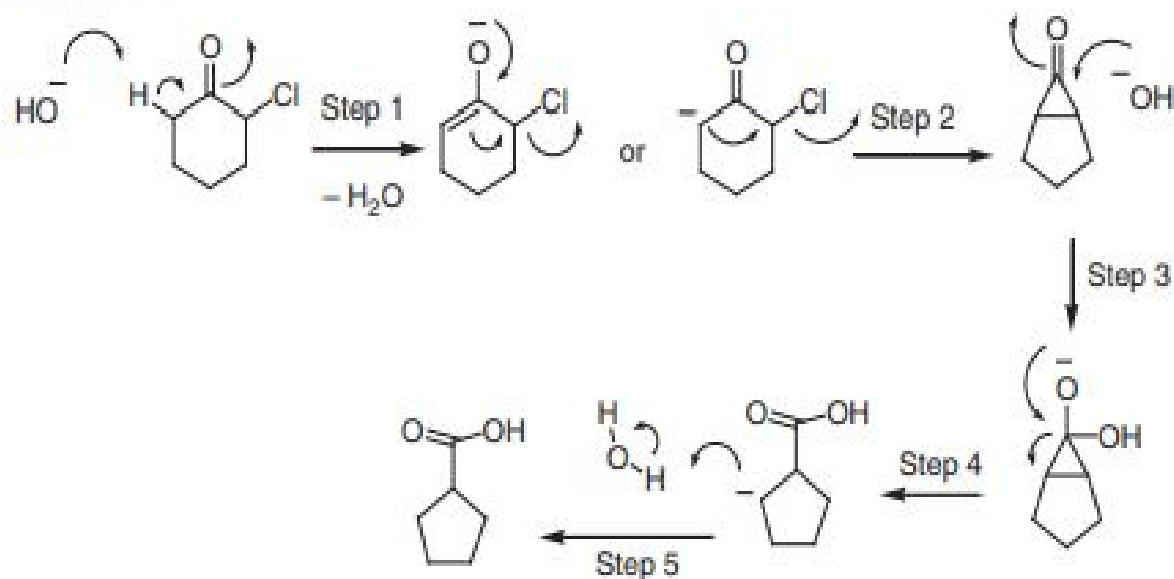


Favorskii Rearrangement

The Favorskii rearrangement is an organic reaction used to convert an α -haloketone to a rearranged acid or ester using a strong base (hydroxide or alkoxide). In case of cyclic α -haloketone, this reaction gives a ring contracted product. The reaction is named after its discoverer the Russian chemist Alexei Yevgrafovich Favorskii.

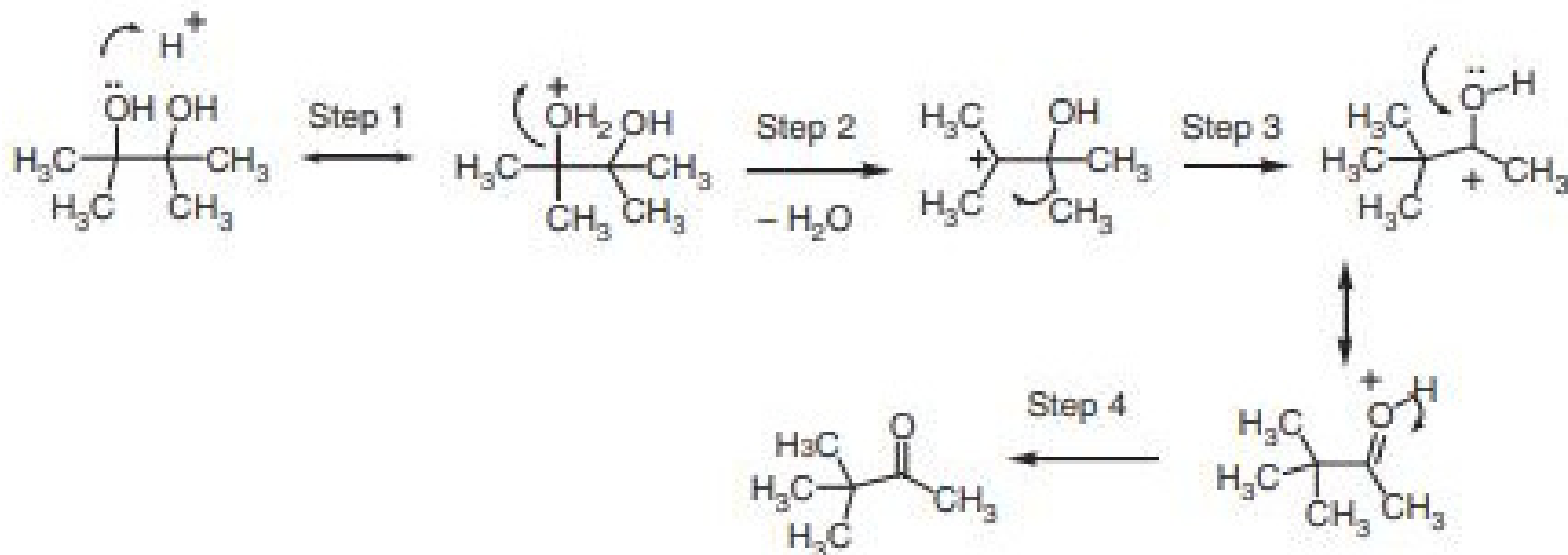
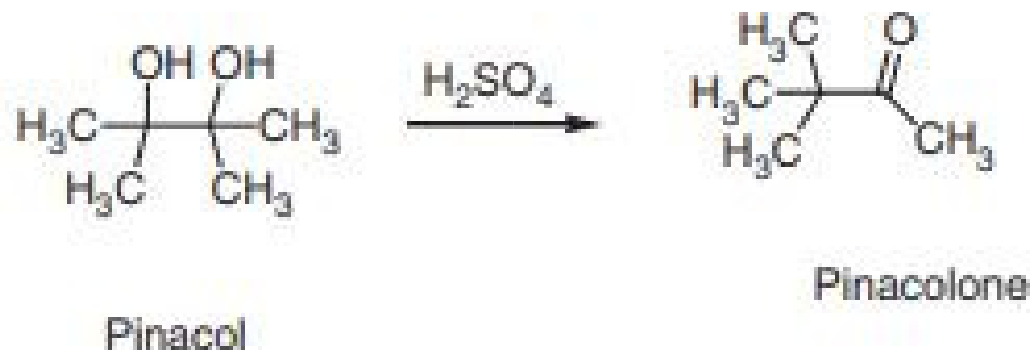


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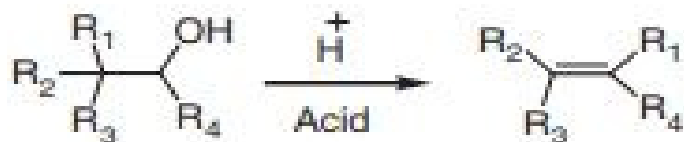
Pinacol–Pinacolone Rearrangement

The pinacol–pinacolone rearrangement is an acid-catalyzed conversion of a 1,2-diol to a carbonyl compound. The name of this reaction comes as pinacol rearranges to pinacolone.

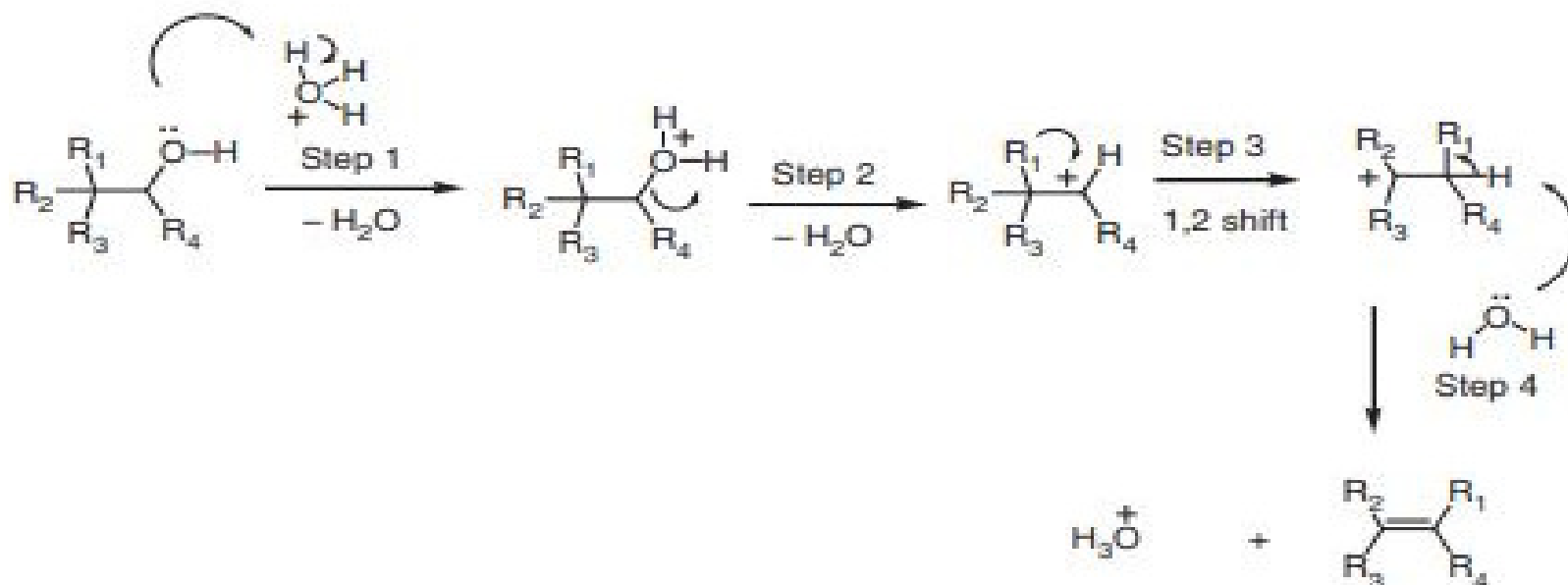


Wagner–Meerwein Rearrangement

The Wagner–Meerwein rearrangement is an acid-catalyzed alkyl group migration of an alcohol to give an olefin with the same substitution. This is a cationic [1, 2]-sigmatropic rearrangement reaction. This reaction has been applied to synthesize complex natural products and drug molecules.

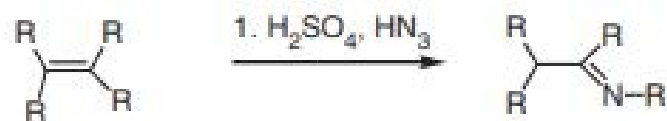
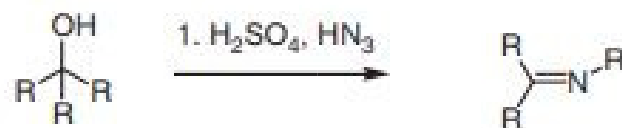
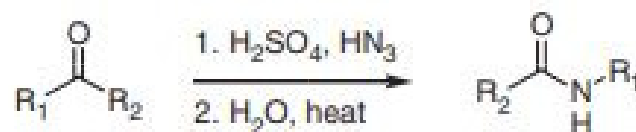
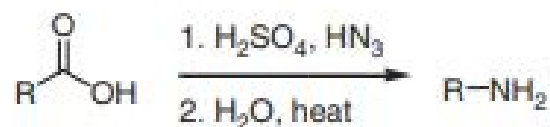


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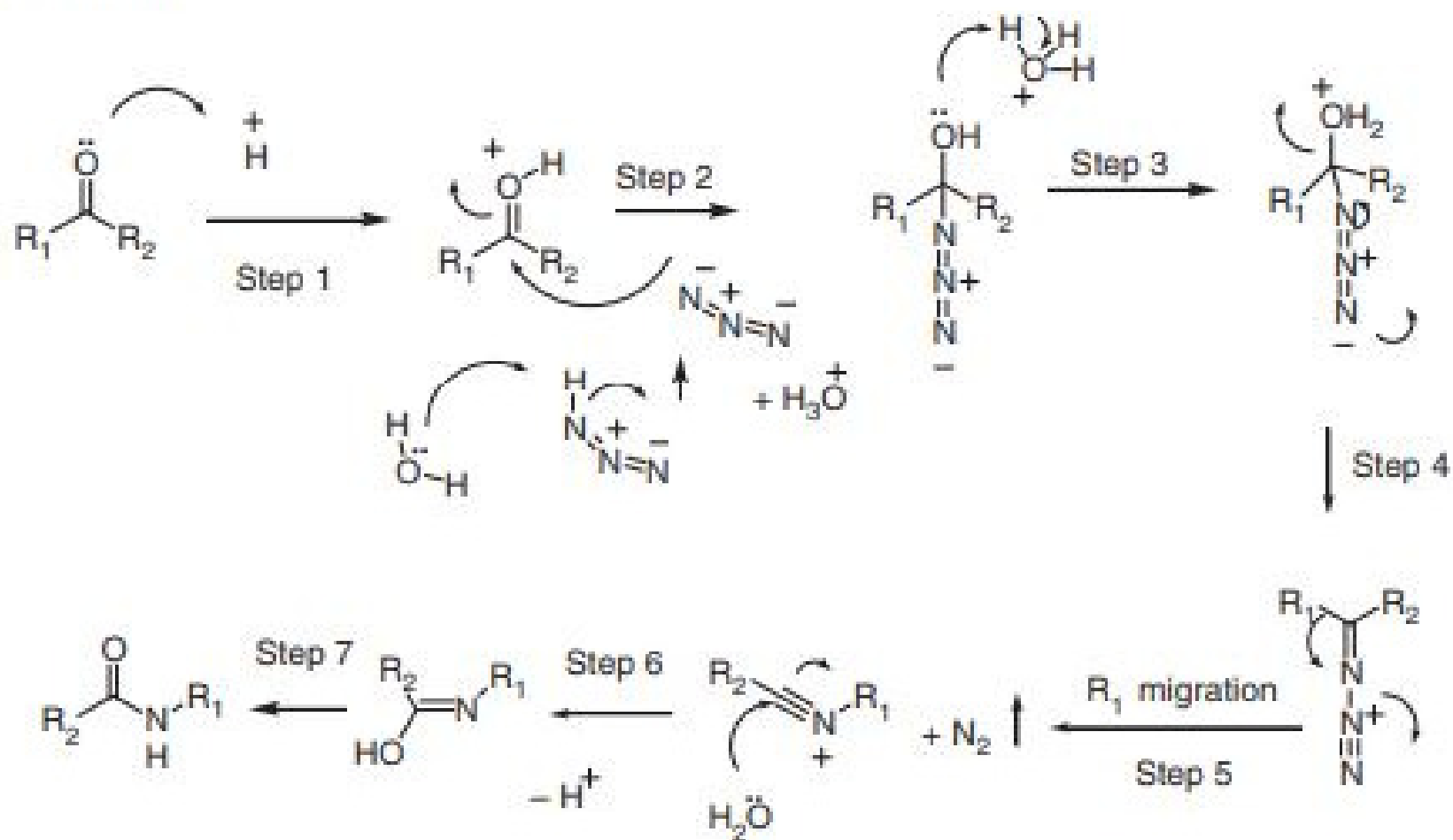


Schmidt Rearrangement or Schmidt Reaction

The Schmidt reaction or rearrangement is an acid-catalyzed reaction of hydrogen azide with a carbonyl compound such as an aldehyde, a ketone, or a carboxylic acid to give an amine, amide, or nitrile, respectively, after a rearrangement and the loss of a molecule of nitrogen gas. This reaction is extended with tertiary alcohol or olefin to give an imine. The reaction is named after Carl Friedrich Schmidt.



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