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# Common Functional Groups

A Level  
P P P

Familiarity with different functional groups is important in organic chemistry. Name the following common functional groups.

## Part A Functional group A

What is the name of the functional group present in the following compound?



Figure 1: A common functional group

## Part B Homologous series B

What is the name of the class of compounds that have a general formula of  $C_nH_{2n}$  and include a  $C=C$  double bond?

## Part C Homologous series C

What is the name of the class of compounds that have a general formula of  $C_nH_{2n}$  and include a ring?

## Part D Functional group D

What is the name of the following functional group?

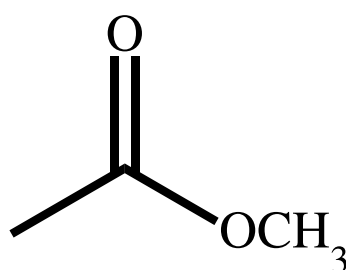


Figure 2: A common functional group

## Part E Functional group E

What is the name of the following functional group?

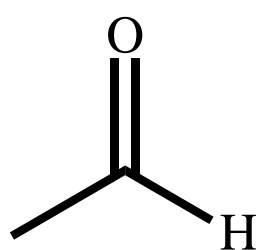


Figure 3: A common functional group

## Part F Functional group F

What is the name of the following functional group?

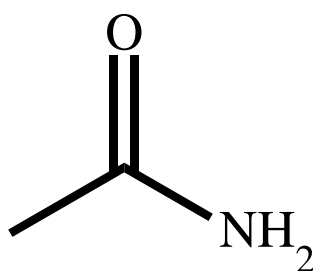


Figure 4: A common functional group

## Part G Functional group G

What is the name of the following functional group?

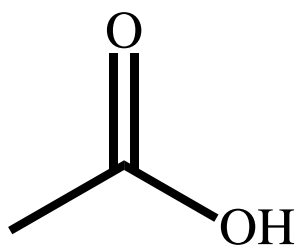


Figure 5: A common functional group

## Part H Functional group H

What is the name of the following functional group?

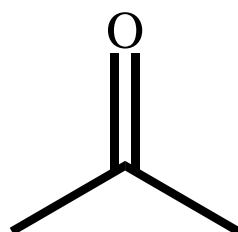


Figure 6: A common functional group

## Part I Functional group I

What is the name of the following functional group?

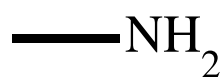


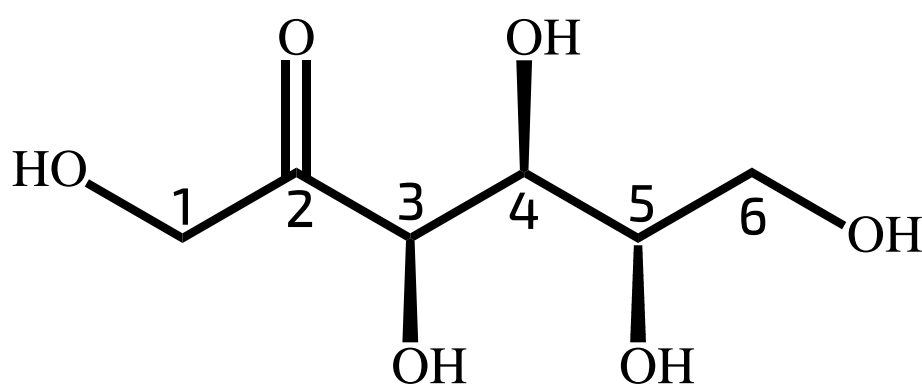
Figure 7: A common functional group



# Fructose Functional Groups



The structure of the monosaccharide fructose is shown below.



**Figure 1:** Fructose structure

## Part A Carbon 2

Name the functional group at the position labelled 2.

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## Part B Carbon 6

Name the functional group at the position labelled 6.

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# Hops

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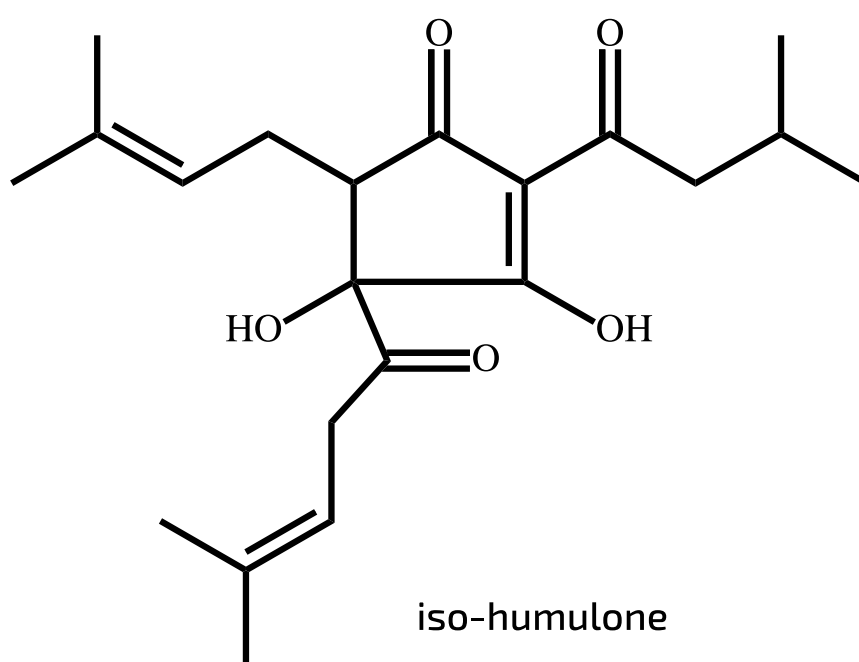
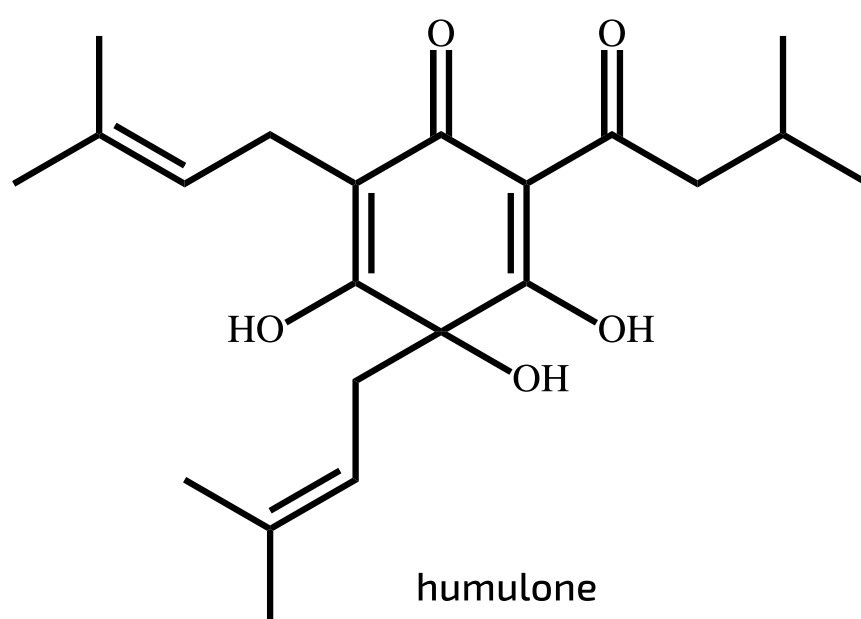
**A Level**  


Hops are used to give beers their bitter flavour. Traditionally the hop flavours are extracted by heating with water. The bitterness develops during this process when humulone in the hops is converted into a bitter-tasting isomer, iso-humulone.

## Part A Functional groups

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The structures of humulone and iso-humulone are shown below.



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**Figure 1:** Humulone and iso-humulone

Name three functional groups which are present in both humulone and iso-humulone. Give your answer in the format "**A, B, C**"

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## Part B Isomers

Why are humulone and iso-humulone considered to be isomers?

They share the same  formula, but have different arrangements of  within their , resulting in different properties.

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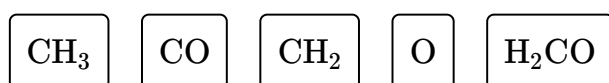
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# Methyl Ester

A Level  
P P P

Combine the components below to create the condensed formula of methyl ethanoate.

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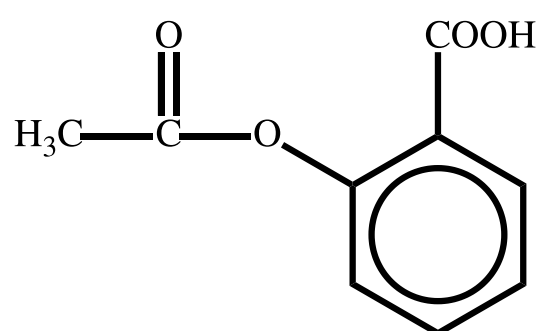
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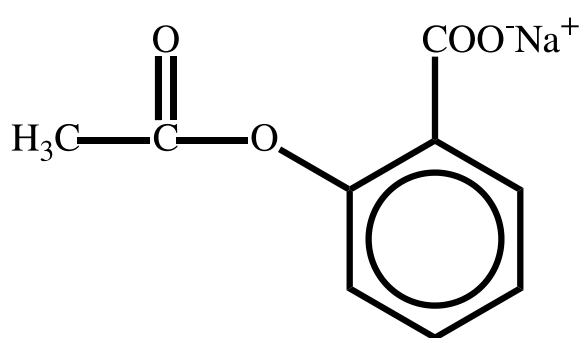


# Aspirin

The drug aspirin, shown below, is a powerful painkiller.



Aspirin



Compound C

**Figure 1:** Aspirin and compound C

Aspirin contains a benzene ring with two functional groups, one of which reacts with dilute sodium hydroxide solution to give compound C.

## Part A Type of reaction

What type of reaction is this?

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**Part B**    **Reacting functional group**

What type of functional group does this reaction show aspirin to contain?

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**Part C**    **Other functional group**

Name the other functional group present in aspirin.

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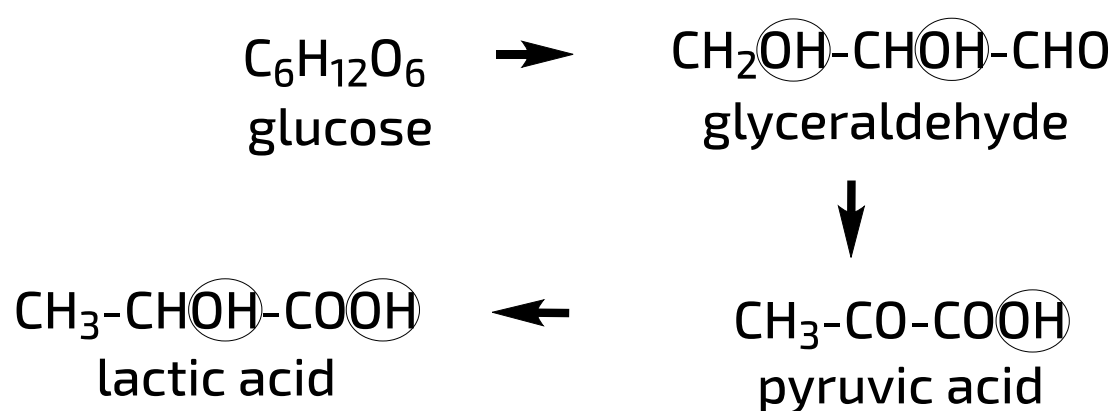
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# Glucose to Lactic Acid

When oxygen is in short supply, human muscle cells can break down glucose by a process which involves the following molecules among others:



**Figure 1:** The metabolic pathway from glucose to lactic acid.

This process enables energy to be released from glucose without overall oxidation being necessary.

## Part A Secondary alcohol

Which of these circled groups contains a secondary alcohol?

- ☐ Left group circled in glyceraldehyde.
- ☐ Right group circled in glyceraldehyde.
- ☐ Group circled in pyruvic acid.
- ☐ None of the above

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**Part B**    Pyruvic acid

State the type of functional group present on the middle carbon of pyruvic acid.

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**Part C**    Lactic acid

Give the systematic name for lactic acid.

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**Part D**    Glyceraldehyde

Draw a full structural formula for glyceraldehyde.

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# Nitrogen-containing Compounds

A Level  
P P P

Consider the three compounds **P** and **Q** and **R**.

$\text{CH}_3\text{CONH}_2$	$\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{NH}_2$	$\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$
<b>P</b>	<b>Q</b>	<b>R</b>

## Part A   **P**

To what class of organic compounds does compound **P** belong?

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## Part B   **Q**

To what class of organic compounds does compound **Q** belong?

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## Part C   **R**

To what class of organic compounds does compound **R** belong?

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## Part D    Structure of P

Draw the structure of **P** in the [structure editor](#) and enter your answer as a SMILES string.

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In the editor, after drawing your structure, click on the round, yellow smiley face to generate a SMILES string. Copy the SMILES string and paste it in the answer box.

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## Part E    Structure of R

Draw the structure of **R** in the [structure editor](#) and enter your answer as a SMILES string.

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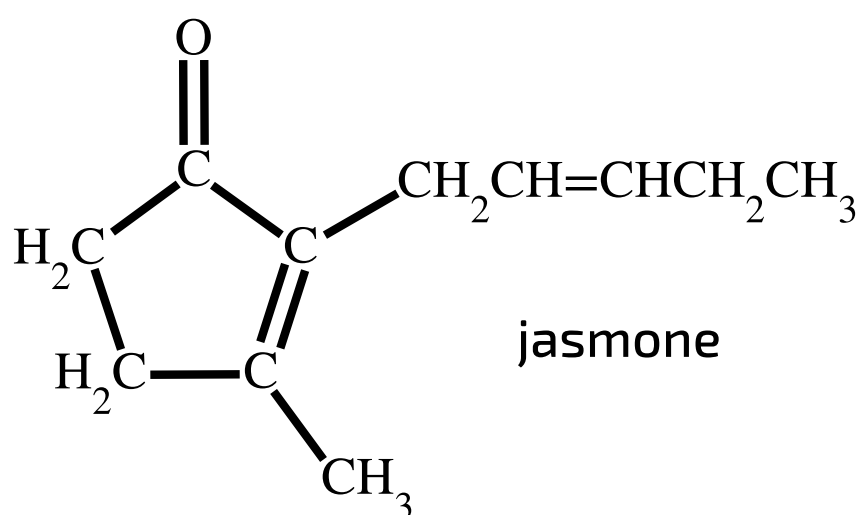
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# Change of Colour

## Part A Jasmone

Jasmone is the active ingredient of jasmine. It is extracted from jasmine flowers for perfume.



**Figure 1:** Structure of jasmone

Which of the following reagents, when added to jasmone, would show a change of colour?

1. Potassium dichromate (VI)
2. Tollens' reagent
3. Bromine

- ☐ 1, 2 and 3 are correct
- ☐ 1 and 2 only are correct
- ☐ 1 and 3 only are correct
- ☐ 2 and 3 only are correct
- ☐ 1 only is correct
- ☐ 2 only is correct
- ☐ 3 only is correct

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**Part B**    **Aq. bromine test**

When aqueous bromine is added to an organic compound, **Y**, the colour of bromine is discharged.

To which classes of compound could **Y** belong?

**1** Alkenes

**2** Carboxylic acids

**3** Alcohols

- ☐ **1, 2 and 3** are correct
  - ☐ **1 and 2** only are correct
  - ☐ **1 and 3** only are correct
  - ☐ **2 and 3** only are correct
  - ☐ **1** only is correct
  - ☐ **2** only is correct
  - ☐ **3** only is correct
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# Successive tests

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Compound **A** forms a yellow/orange precipitate when reacted with 2,4-DNP(H) (Brady's reagent). **A** reacts with acidified dichromate to form compound **B** which fizzes upon reaction with sodium carbonate.

## Part A   Functional group

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What functional group is **A** likely to contain?

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## Part B   Additional test

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What reagent would you use to verify the presence of this functional group in **A**?

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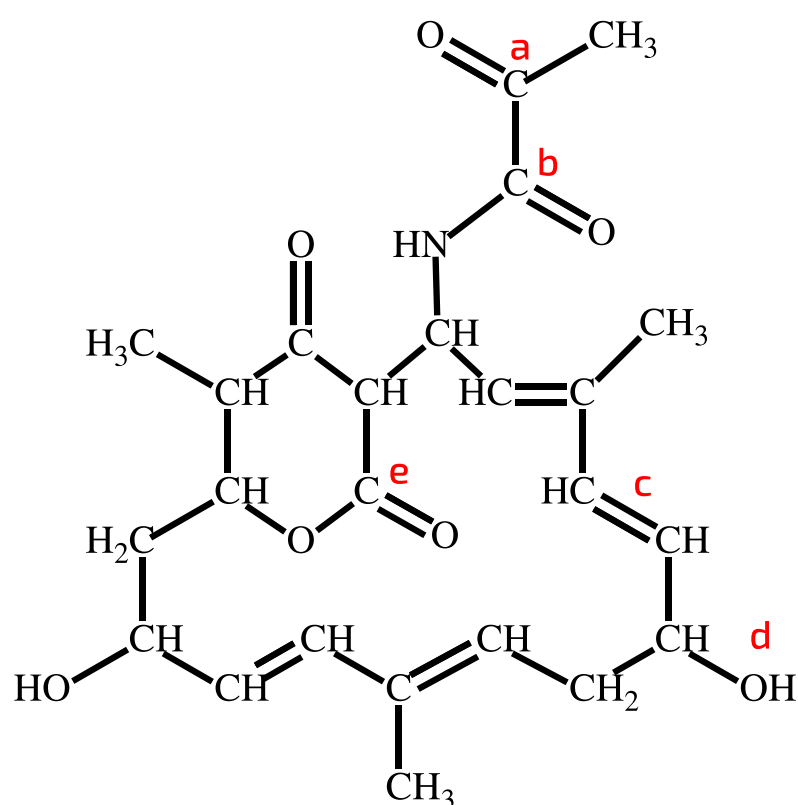
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# Antibiotics

The structure of Lankacidin C is shown below



**Figure 1:** Structure of Lankacidin C

Identify the functional groups **a-e** present in Lankacidin C.

**Part A**    **a**

Functional group **a**

**Part B**    **b**

Functional group **b**

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**Part C**    **c**

Functional group **c**

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**Part D**    **d**

Functional group **d**

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**Part E**    **e**

Functional group **e**

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**Part F**    **Chemical tests 1**

Which of the functional groups **a-e** will react with acidified potassium dichromate (VI)?

- ☐ **a**
  - ☐ **b**
  - ☐ **c**
  - ☐ **d**
  - ☐ **e**
  - ☐ None of the above
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## Part G Chemical tests 2

Which of the functional groups **a-e** will give a silver mirror on addition of Tollens' reagent?

- ☐ **a**
  - ☐ **b**
  - ☐ **c**
  - ☐ **d**
  - ☐ **e**
  - ☐ None of the above
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