# **Activation Of Carboxylic Acids**

from chapter(s) \_\_\_\_\_ in the recommended text

#### A. Introduction

#### **B. Reactivity**

poor acylating agents because:

- hydroxide is a
- exists as a carboxylate.

are reactive to nucleophiles.

# **C. Common Carboxylic Acids Derivatives**

#### D. Activation Of Carboxylic Acids By Conversion To Acid Chlorides

**Thionyl Halides: Excellent Dehydrating Agents** 

formula: SOBr<sub>2</sub>

Thionyl Halide Plus Carboxylic Acid Gives Acid Halide, SO<sub>2</sub>, And HX acid halides.

carboxylate

sulfonyl anhydride intermediate



tetrahedral intermediate

carboxylic acid bromide

## **E. Activation By Forming Anhydrides**

#### **Symmetrical Anhydrides**

1 molecule(s)

$$2 \, PhCO_2 H \xrightarrow{P_2O_5} \\ -H_2O$$

$$O O \bigcirc$$

Symmetrical anhydrides , but *unsymmetrical* ones

is symmetrical) and the unsymmetrical anhydride



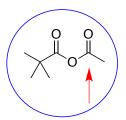
# **Unsymmetrical And Mixed Anhydrides**

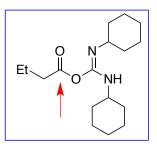
2 unsymmetrical. another type of acid.

are not

that can be used

eg





draw arrows to most reactive carbonyl carbon(s), circle unsymmetrical anhydrides, and box those that are mixed

different,

### Formation Of Unsymmetrical Anhydride Derivatives Using Carbodiimides urea.

$$\begin{array}{c} Cy \\ N \\ Cy \\ N \\ O \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} H^+, +H^+ \\ Cy \\ N \\ O \end{array}$$

tetrahedral intermediate

$$\mathsf{Bn} \underbrace{\mathsf{O}}_{\mathsf{N}} \underbrace{\mathsf{N}}_{\mathsf{H}} \mathsf{O} \mathsf{O} \mathsf{H}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c} CBZ & OH & (i) DCC \\ \hline N & O & (ii) \\ H_2N & O'Bu \\ \hline \end{array}$$

## F. Activation Of Phosphate Acids In Cells Via Phosphate Anhydrides

**Formation Of Mixed Anhydrides Of Phosphorus Acids** *mixed* anhydrides

$$\begin{array}{c} O & O & OH \\ \hline \\ O & P & OH \\ \hline \end{array}$$

acyl phosphate

the *carbonyl* of is a better leaving

$$O$$
 O OH  $H_2O$  O OH  $O$  OH

carboxylic and phosphoric acids

protonated

adenosine

acyl adenylate

, ADP / ATP,

AMP

ADP

AMP and acyl pyrophosphate

 $\beta$  phosphorus. on the  $\gamma$  phosphorus.

*repel* anionic *faster* if encapsulated