

A level Chemistry A

H432/02 Synthesis and analytical techniques

Question Set 18

1. Cinnamaldehyde and methylcinnamaldehyde are naturally occurring organic compounds.

cinnamaldehyde

methylcinnamaldehyde

(a) Methylcinnamaldehyde is an *E* stereoisomer.

Explain this statement in terms of the Cahn-Ingold-Prelog (CIP) rules.

(b) A student plans to carry out some chemical tests on both cinnamaldehyde and methylcinnamaldehyde.

cinnamaldehyde

methylcinnamaldehyde

(i) Suggest a suitable chemical test to confirm that both compounds contain an unsaturated carbon chain.

Your answer should include the reagent and observations.

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(ii) Describe a chemical test to confirm that both compounds contain an aldehyde functional group.

Your answer should include the reagent and observations.

[1]

(iii) Describe a chemical test to confirm that cinnamaldehyde and methylcinnamaldehyde contain a carbonyl group.

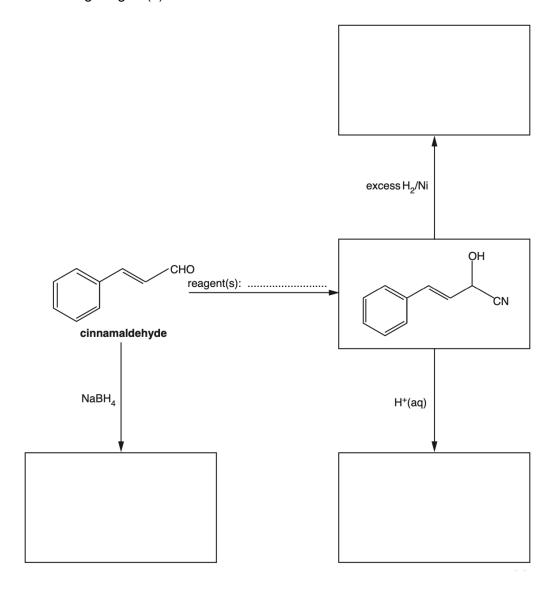
How could the products of this test be used to distinguish between the two compounds?

Your answer should **not** include spectroscopy.

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(c) The flowchart below shows some reactions starting with cinnamaldehyde.

Draw the structures of the missing organic compounds in the boxes and add the missing reagent(s) on the dotted line.



(d)* Methylcinnamaldehyde reacts with iodine monochloride, IC*l*, by electrophilic addition. Thereaction produces a mixture containing two different organic products.

methylcinnamaldehyde

The electronegativity values of chlorine and iodine are given in the table below.

	Pauling electronegativity value
Cl	3.0
I	2.5

Outline the mechanism, using the 'curly arrow' model, for the formation of **one** of the organic products and explain which of the two possible organic products is more likely to be formed.

In your mechanism, you can show the phenyl group as $\mathrm{C_6H_5}$.

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Total Marks for Question Set 18: 18



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