#### **Quadrant II – Transcript and Related Materials**

**Programme:** Bachelor of Science (First Year)

**Subject:** Chemistry

Course Code: CHC 101

Course Title: Inorganic and Organic Chemistry Section - B

**Unit 3:** Aliphatic Hydrocarbons

**Unit Number**: 46

Module Name: Alkenes (upto 5 carbons). Reactions: Oxymercuration –

Demercuration, Hydroboration – Oxidation

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#### **Notes:**

#### **Oxymercuration – Demercuration Reaction**

Reaction in which alkenes react with the solution of aqueous Mercuric acetate, [(CH<sub>3</sub>COO)<sub>2</sub>Hg] in Tetrahydrofuran (THF) to form the intermediate which on reduction with Sodium borohydride (NaBH<sub>4</sub>) gives an alcohol.

Oxymercuration step

Demercuration step

$$C = C$$

$$Alkene$$

$$-OAc = CH_3COO-$$
Demercuration step
$$NaBH_4 \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow C$$

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OH Hg(OAc)<sub>2</sub>

$$OH H$$
Alcohol

**Oxymercuration – Demercuration** is highly regioselective and gives alcohols corresponding to **Markovnikov's addition** of water to the carbon-carbon double bond.

During oxymercuration addition of –OH and –HgOAc across the carbon carbon double bond takes place.

During demercuration replacement of HgOAc with Hydride takes place.

$$R \longrightarrow R \xrightarrow{\text{K-CH}} \text{Hg} \text{(OAc)}_2 \longrightarrow R \xrightarrow{\text{CH}} \text{CH}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Hg}} \text{R} \xrightarrow{\text{C}} \text{CH}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{Hg}} \text{Hg} \xrightarrow{\text{OAc}} \text{Mercurinium ion} \qquad \text{OAc}$$

$$\text{Proton transfer from water} \\ \text{NaBH}_4 \\ \text{(Demercuration)}$$

$$OH \\ R \longrightarrow C \longrightarrow CH_2$$

## **Examples:**

# **Hydroboration – Oxidation Reaction**

The Hydroboration-Oxidation is a two-step pathway used to produce alcohols from a reaction of an alkene and borane followed by oxidation in presence of hydrogen peroxide. This reaction gives the Anti-Markovnikovs addition product.

## **Examples:**

$$\frac{(BH_3)_2}{3,3\text{-Dimethyl-1-butene}} \xrightarrow{H_2O_2, OH^-} 3,3\text{-Dimethyl-1-butanol}$$