

Hydrolysis reactions

- 1) Carboxylic acid hydrolysis
- 2) Alkyl halide hydrolysis
- 3) Condensation reactions
- 4) Hydration reactions

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This reaction is called "acyl transfer".

- If an ester is converted to another ester, this alcoholysis reaction is called "transesterification". Alcohol occurs in the environment.

Degradation mechanisms

- Oxidation
- Hydrolysis
- Racemization
- Decarboxylation
- Enolization

- Epimerization
- Dehydration
- Dimerization
- Cyclisation (ring closure)
- Photolysis reactions

The most typical example ;

Benzylpenicillin (penicillin G) $\xrightarrow{\text{H}_2\text{O}}$ penicillic acid
lactam ring is formed.

Fragmented.

Hydrolyzed functional groups

Esters, lactones, amides, lactams, oximes, imides,
malonic ureas, nitrogen

- **Racemization reactions** Under some conditions it is said to convert the active isomer to the inactive form. The isomer that is subjected to racemization is not effective. Sample; epinephrine, pilocarpine, ergotamine and tetracyclines.

- **Decarboxylation reactions**
- Some dissolved carboxylic acids (p-amino salicylic acid, carbenicillin, ticarcillin, etc.) lose CO₂ from the carboxyl group when heated. The decarboxylation-resulting activity is reduced.

- **Enolization reactions**

Some compounds used as drugs are subjected to a keto-enol tautomerization reaction in solution. The keto form turns into enol form, a balance is established, and in consequence, inactive products form.