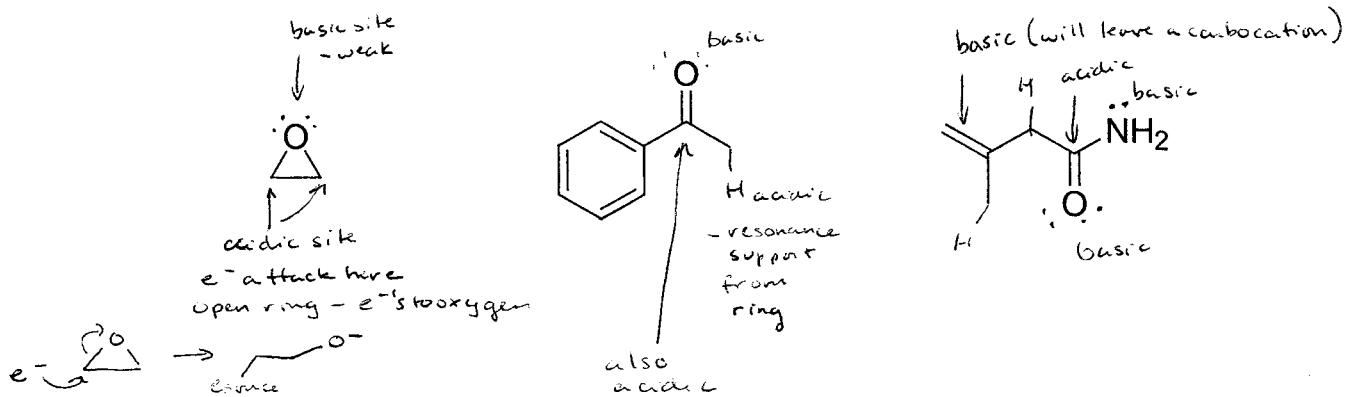


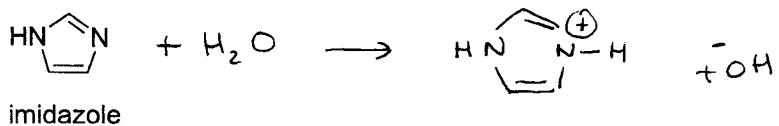
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Warm up exercise

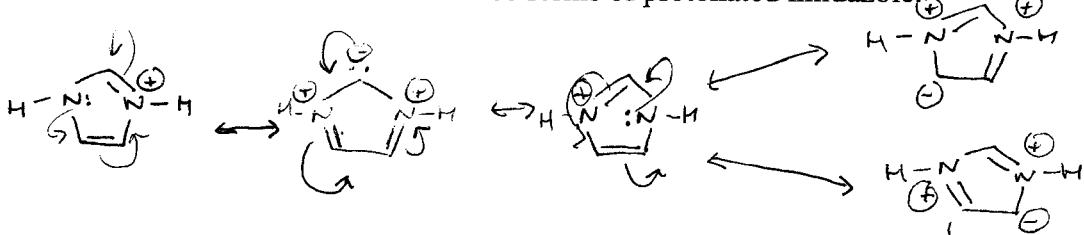
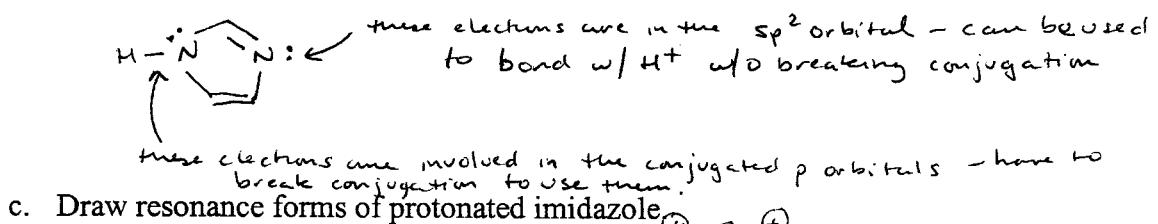
Identify the acidic and basic sites on each of the molecules below.

Group problems

1. Imidazole acts as a base in water.
a. Write a balanced equation for that reaction.

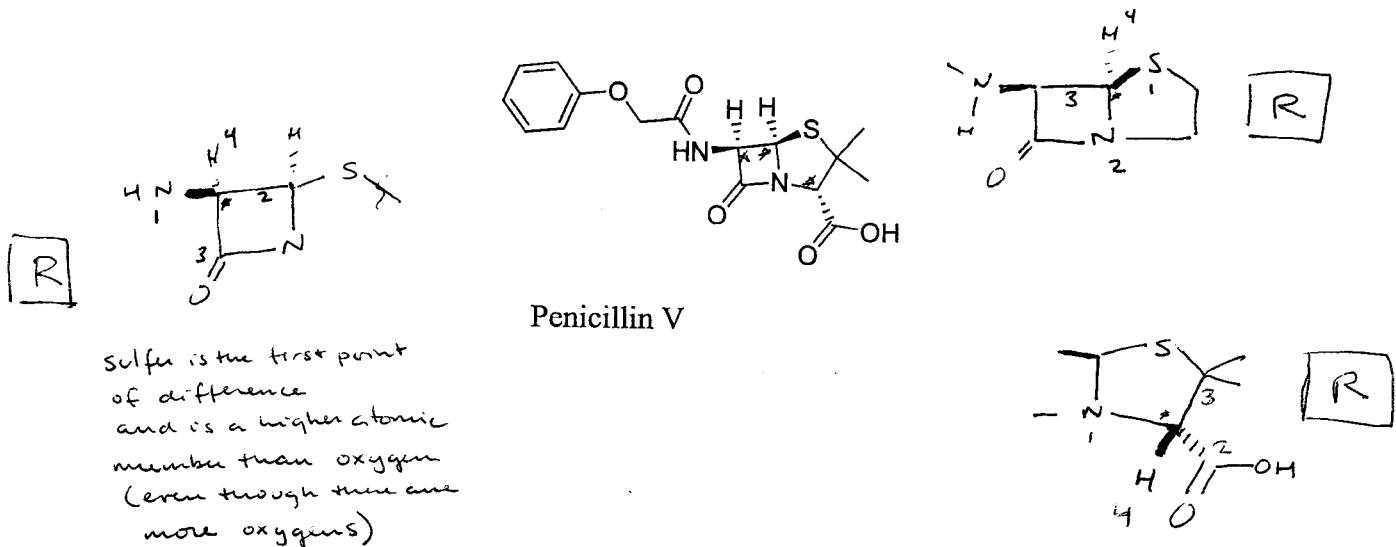


- b. Explain why one nitrogen in imidazole is favored over the other for protonation.

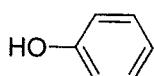


Chapter 4

2. How many stereogenic carbons does Penicillin V have? What are their configurations?



3. Use the pKa's listed for the following questions.



pKa = 10



pKa = 16



pKa = 18



pKa = 25

- a. Why is phenol more acidic than methanol and acetone?

phenol has more resonance stabilization

∴ more willing to give up a proton

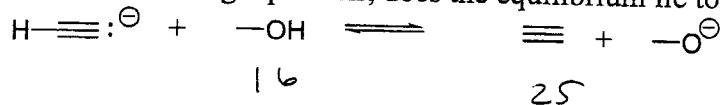
Carbon is more reluctant than oxygen to give up a proton

- so even though acetone will have resonance

stabilization methanol is more acidic - oxygen will give up that proton even w/o resonance.

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- b. For the following equations, does the equilibrium lie to the right or left?

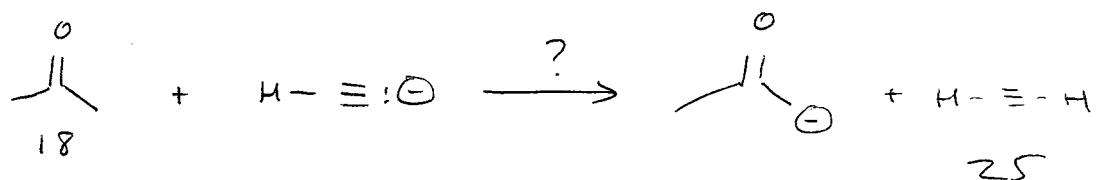


→ Right



← Left

- c. Can acetone protonate acetylide anion? Write the reaction- label the acid, base, conj acid and conj base.



stronger acid gives more protons

∴ yes