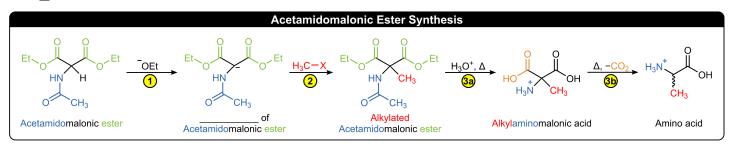
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## Intro to Acetamidomalonic Ester Synthesis

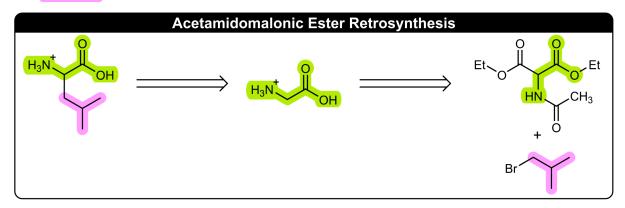
- Acetamidomalonic ester synthesis is a variation of \_\_\_\_\_\_ ester synthesis.
  - □ Uses diethyl acetamidomalonate as the starting material.
- Takes place in steps:
  - 1 Enolization: A strong base deprotonates the \_\_\_\_\_ atom of acetamidomalonic ester.
  - 2 Alkylation of Enolate: Enolate anion attacks an alkyl halide in an \_\_\_\_ reaction.
  - 3a Hydrolysis: The amide and the are hydrolyzed.
  - **3b Decarboxylation**: One of the two groups is lost as CO<sub>2</sub>.

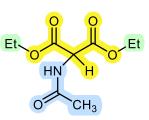


**EXAMPLE:** Draw the structure of the product when the enolate of diethyl acetamidomalonate reacts with methyl iodide followed by treatment with warm aqueous acid.

## **Synthesis of Amino Acids**

- Acetamidomalonic ester synthesis produces amino acids in good yields.
  - ☐ The base structure of the amino acid comes from the acetamidomalonic ester.
  - □ The side chain comes from an \_\_\_\_\_.





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**EXAMPLE:** Suggest an alkyl halide to synthesize methionine using acetamidomalonic ester synthesis.

**PRACTICE:** Which amino acid is formed when 1,3-dibromopropane is used in the acetamidomalonic ester synthesis and the final product mixture is treated with a base?

PRACTICE: How can aspartic acid be synthesized using acetamidomalonic ester synthesis?