• Show clearly the reagents you would use to carry out the following chemical conversion. Two steps are required. Give the structure of the intermediate compound.

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dilute
$$H_2SO_4$$
 $Cr_2O_7^{2\Theta}/H^{\Theta}$

How can IR spectroscopy distinguish between the starting material, the intermediate and the product?

The product absorbs strongly in the 1650-1800 cm⁻¹ region.

The intermediate alcohol absorbs strongly in the 3000-3300 cm⁻¹ region.

The starting material does not absorb strongly in either of these regions.

How can ¹³C NMR spectroscopy distinguish between the starting material and the product?

The starting material is symmetrical and has only $\bf 2$ resonances whilst the product has $\bf 4$ resonances.