CHEM1611 Worksheet 9 – Answers to Critical Thinking Questions

The worksheets are available in the tutorials and form an integral part of the learning outcomes and experience for this unit.

Model 1: Carboxylic Acid Derivatives

1. See below. The base, B, could be solvent or H_2NCH_3 .



2. Addition of an amine:



- 3. An alcohol (with its alkyl group corresponding, as shown above, to the –OR' group in the ester.
- 4. Simple H^+ transfer reactions occur:



5. Step 1: CH₃OH is added and H₂O is removed. The acid and alcohol *combine* to make an ester in the *condensation* reaction.

Step 2: H₂O is added and CH₃OH is removed in this *hydrolysis* reaction.

6. See below.



7. An acid chloride is more reactive to nucleophiles like water than an amide.