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DDQ (2,3-Dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone)

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## **TOPICS COVERED**

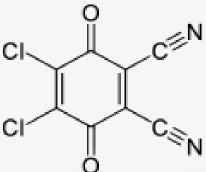
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## What is DDQ

- PQuinones are used for dehydrogenation reactions. Among them, 2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone (DDQ) is an important reagent. DDQ is very reactive and used under anhydrous conditions because it decomposes in the presence of water.
- The reaction is carried out in inert solvents such as benzene, THF and dioxane. Solution of DDQ in benzene is red in color because of the formation of charge transfer complex. After dehydrogenation, DDQ is reduced to hydroquinone, that is a yellow solid and insoluble in benzene.
- ➤ It is used as a reagent in organic chemistry, a mild oxidizing agent as well as a radical receptor.



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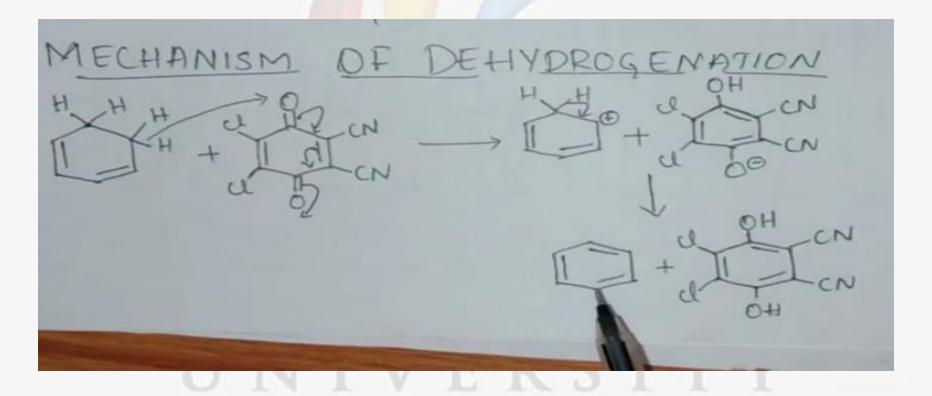
## **Preparation of DDQ**

It's Synthesis has been described by Thiele and Ganther. It is synthesized from benzoquinone by HCN/HCl followed by oxidation.

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**Mechanism-**The mechanism of dehydrogenation with DDQ involves the transfer of hydride ion form the substrate to the qunione oxygen followed by the transfer of a proton to the phenolate ion. Thus DDQ is reduced to dichlorodicyano hydroquinone of DDQH2.



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#### Mechanism with substituted compound followed by rearrangement.

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## **Reactions- Benzylic oxidation**

Dehyrogenation by DDQ can only be possible of if benzylic carbon or allylic carbon and its alpha carbon have one hydrogen each.

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## **Aromatisation**

Aromatisation is accomplished most easily if there are already one or two double bonds in the ring or if the ring is fused to an aromatic ring DDQ is an effective reagent for the dehydrogenation of hydro aromatic compund.

$$\frac{DDQ}{C_6H_6/reflux}$$

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## Formation of Conjugate double bonds

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# **Allylic oxidation**

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