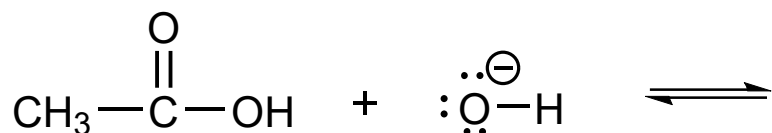


Is hydroxide a strong enough base to deprotonate acetic acid ($\text{CH}_3\text{CO}_2\text{H}$)? Explain.



A) Because hydroxide is less stable than this: $\text{CH}_3-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{O}^{\ominus}$
hydroxide is a suitable base to deprotonate acetic acid.

B) Because hydroxide is less stable than this: $\text{CH}_3-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{O}^{\ominus}$
hydroxide is NOT a suitable base to deprotonate acetic acid.

C) Because hydroxide is less stable than this: $\text{CH}_3-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{OH}$
hydroxide is a suitable base to deprotonate acetic acid.

D) Because hydroxide is less stable than this: $\text{CH}_3-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{OH}$
hydroxide is NOT a suitable base to deprotonate acetic acid.

E) It's impossible to predict the direction of the equilibrium
without pK_a data.