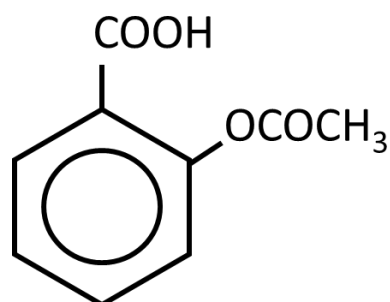


Synthesising aspirin



Structure of aspirin

The Upper 6 chemists have been synthesising their own aspirin, its full chemical name is 2-ethanoyloxybenzene carboxylic acid. Aspirin has a long history and was originally extracted from the bark of willow trees, it is an analgesic (reduces pain) and anti-pyretic (reduces fever).

Once the synthetic method was developed it could be made commercially.

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