Al-Mustaqbal University College Department of Medical Physics First Class Organic Chemistry Lec 4 Alkenes

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Members of the alkene group have a double bond between two carbon atoms.

One hydrogen atom has been removed from two adjacent carbon atoms, thereby allowing the two adjacent carbon atoms to form a double bond.

General formula is CnH2n

Begins with ethene (ethylene)



## Some Members of the Alkene Series



## Physical properties

Carbon-carbon double bond changes the physicals properties of alkenes.

• At R.T., alkenes exist in all three phases, solid, liquids, and gases.

- •1 . Physical state:
- Ethene, Propene, and Butene exists as colorless gases.

 Members of the 5 or more carbons such as Pentene, Hexene, and Heptene are liquid

- Members of the 15 carbons or more are solids
- . Density: Alkenes are lighter than water

3.Solubility: insoluble in water.

Alkenes are only soluble in nonpolar solvent like benzene, ether, chloroform.

4.Boiling point : depends on more molecular mass (chain length.)more intermolecular mass is added, the higher the boiling point.5.Melting point : depends on the packaging of the molecules.Alkenes have similar melting points to that of alkanes



• " - ane" suffix for the corresponding alkane is changed to "ene" for alkenes.

•A number preceding the name indicates the C atom on which the double bond starts.

• The carbons are numbered such that the double bond has the lowest number.

• For example, 1-butene and 2-butene







1,4-Cyclohexadiene







1,3,5,7-cyclooctatetraene cycloocta-1,3,5,7-tetraene

