Malonic Ester Retro Synthesis

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This video provides the mechanism of the malonic ester synthesis reaction. It also provides a few retrosynthesis examples and problems as well. The malonic ester reaction is very useful for making substituted carboxylic acids and cyclic carboxylic acids. NaOEt and EtOH is used as the base and solvent in this reaction. Products produce include hexanoic acid cyclohexane carboxylic acid or cyclohexanoic acid in addition to cyclopentane carboxylic acid or cyclopentanoic acid.

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