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(57) Abstract			
Described is a process for the regioselective dehydration of 11-hydroxy steroids using PCl_5, PCl_3, POCl_3 or either SO_2Cl_2 and imidazole, or PPh_3 and CCl_4. The disclosed process selectively forms $\Delta^{9,11}$ steroids from either 11-α- or 11-β-hydroxy steroids, and can also be used for the one-step conversion of 11,21-dihydroxy steroids to 21-chloro-$\Delta^{9,11}$ steroids. Also disclosed are processes for the regioselective conversion of 11-β-chloro steroids to $\Delta^{9,11}$ steroids, and for regioselectively converting an 11,17,21-trihydroxy steroid to a 21-chloro-11,17-dihydroxy steroid.			

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