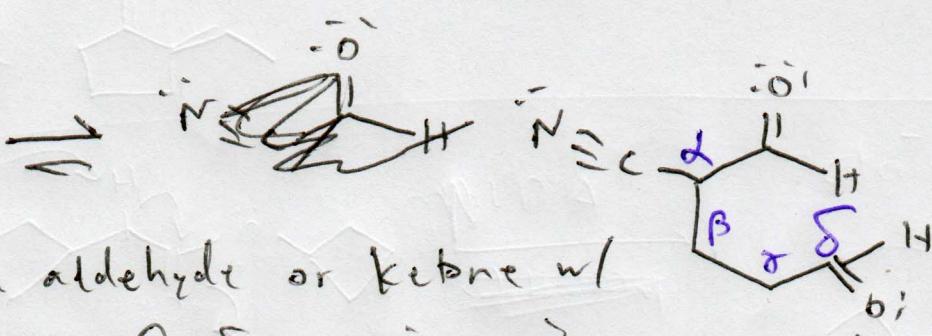
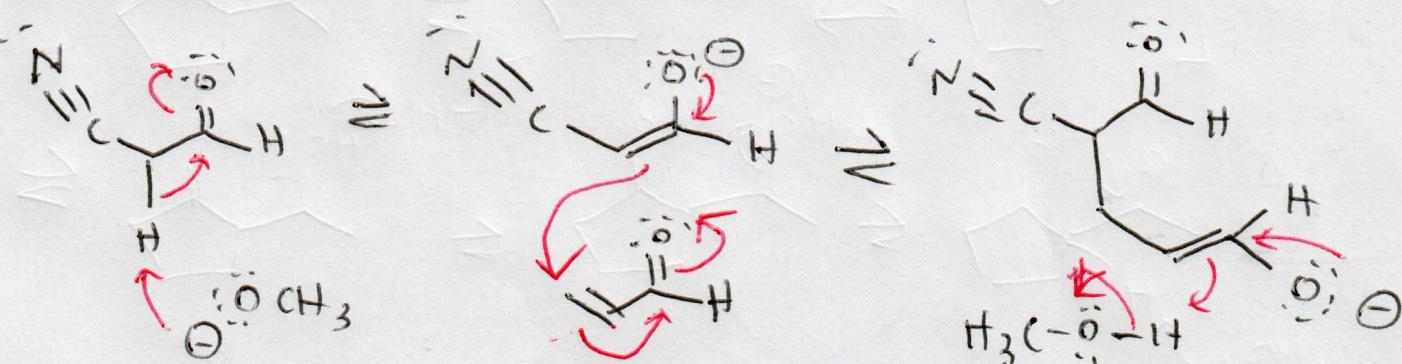


Due to resonance w/ both the  $\text{C}\equiv\text{O}$  +  $\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$ , the anion formed by removing this  $\alpha$ -proton is less basic (lower base strength) and therefore more "squishy", so it can undergo conjugate addition.



An aldehyde or ketone w/ a  $\text{C}\equiv\text{O}$  @  $\delta$  position is indicative of a Michael addition.