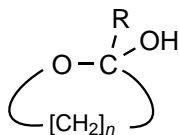


## **lactols**

1. Cyclic *hemiacetals* formed by intramolecular addition of a hydroxy group to an aldehydic or ketonic carbonyl group. They are thus 1-oxacycloalkan-2-ols or unsaturated analogues, e.g.



+ 2. This term has also been used for hydroxy *lactones*, but such use is not recommended.

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