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## Mn-Catalyzed Cross-Coupling of Aryl Grignard Reagents with Alkenyl Halides

ArMgCl MnCl<sub>2</sub> (10%) THF, 0–50 °C 
$$R^2$$
  $49-85\%$  preservation of stereoinformation  $R^2$   $X=I$ , Br, Cl  $R^2$   $49-85\%$  preservation of stereoinformation  $R^2$   $R^$ 

**Significance:** In this article a highly stereoselective Mn(II)-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction between (hetero)aryl Grignard reagents and nonactivated alkenyl halides is reported. The stereoinformation of the alkenyl halide is usually preserved. An exception to that rule represents the case of (*Z*)-3-(2-bromoethenyl)pyridine, where the configuration of the double bond is completely reversed.

**Comment:** This new methodology shows that also Mn(II) salts can be successfully used as catalysts in cross-coupling reactions with non-activated electrophiles. Mn-catalyzed reactions represent a real alternative to Fe-catalyzed reactions, since Mn salts are generally readily available, cheap and environmentally benign.

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