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## Alkylmagnesium Reagents from Boron-Magnesium Exchange

R = various primary and secondary Alk

E = various electrophiles

## Selected products obtained after trapping of prepared alkylmagnesium reagents:

**Significance:** A novel method for preparing alkylmagnesium reagents has been disclosed. Alkenes undergo a hydroboration with subsequent boron—magnesium exchange to yield the corresponding primary and secondary alkylmagnesium reagents. These organometallic reagents can be used in a wide range of carbon—carbon bond-forming reactions.

**Comment:** The key for an efficient boron–magnesium exchange is the use of a pinacolborolane and a 1,4-dimagnesium reagent. The byproducts formed in the course of the exchange reaction did not disturb various subsequent reactions like alkylations, 1,2-additions as well as transition-metal-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions.

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