## Alkylmagnesium Reagents from BoronMagnesium Exchange



R = various primary and secondary Alk
$E=$ various electrophiles


PhMe-co-solvent r.t., $1-16 \mathrm{~h}$
electrophile (E)


Selected products obtained after trapping of prepared alkylmagnesium reagents:


94\% yield

$84 \%$ yield


92\% yield

$83 \%$ yield


91\% yield

$86 \%$ yield

$91 \%$ yield

$76 \%$ yield

Significance: A novel method for preparing alkylmagnesium reagents has been disclosed. Alkenes undergo a hydroboration with subsequent boronmagnesium 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-met-al-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions.

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