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Fe-Catalyzed Cross-Coupling of Alkyl Halides with Alkynyl Grignard Reagents

Alkyl = *c*-Hept, Cy, substituted piperidines and aliphatics

R = Cy, o-methylbenzyl, $C(Me)_2OSiMe_2(t-Bu)$, $Si(i-Pr)_3$, $SiMe_2(t-Bu)$

Selected examples:

$$Si(i-Pr)_3$$
 $Si(i-Pr)_3$ $Si($

Significance: The authors report a novel coupling of primary and secondary alkyl halides with alkynylmagnesium reagents with iron catalysis. The use of a bisphosphine ligand bearing peripheral steric bulk as well as slow addition of the Grignard reagent suppress undesired side reactions.

Comment: By using starting materials with two potential reactive sites, for example C(sp³)–Br and C(sp²)–OTf, and applying the reported ironcatalyzed cross-coupling with an alkynyl Grignard reagent, the C(sp)–C(sp³)-coupled products are obtained in excellent yields.

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