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## Cobalt-Catalyzed Cross-Coupling of 1-Bromo Glycosides and Grignard Reagents

Significance: Numerous metal-catalyzed cross-coupling methods to form anomeric C–C bonds exist, which are important for the synthesis of carbohydrate analogues such as C-glycosides (see Review below). However,  $\beta$ -elimination is a major drawback of these reactions. The authors report a new diastereoselective cobalt-catalyzed cross-coupling between 1-bromo glycosides and aryl and alkenyl Grignard reagents with moderate to good  $\alpha$ -selectivity.

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**Comment:** The authors report that there was good  $\alpha$ -selectivity for the cross-coupling reaction with mannose and galatose derivatives, but lower  $\alpha/\beta$  ratios for glucose derivatives. Like most cobalt-catalyzed cross-coupling reactions, the stereoselectivity of this reaction supports a radical pathway. Treatment of a  $\delta$ -olefinic 1-bromoglycoside produced an epimeric mixture of the bicyclic product, which would result from the formation of an anomeric radical that leads to a 5-exo-trig cyclization followed by cross-coupling with PhMgBr.