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Grignard reagents as simple precatalysts for the dehydrocoupling of amines and silanes

Magnesium scores! Simple Grignard compounds are as effective as more complex magnesium pre-catalysts for the dehydrocoupling of amines and silanes. The Grignard reagents are less reactive than other precatalysts, including other simply and commercially available pre-catalysts like BuLi and KO^tAmyl, but the Grignard does provide greater selectivity in these reactions under similar conditions. This represents an effective and complementary catalyst in the family of readily available reagents for cross-dehydrocoupling for N-Si bond formation.



