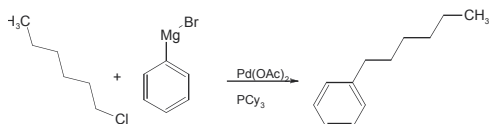
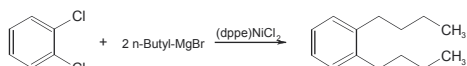
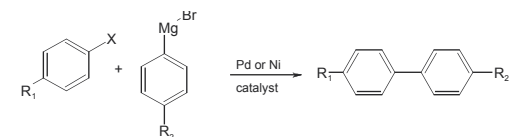


KUMADA-COUPLING<sup>1,2,3</sup>Precious-Metal catalysts from Acros Organics  
for coupling reactions in organic synthesis (VI)

The Kumada-coupling is the nickel<sup>4</sup>- or palladium-catalysed reaction between aryl- and vinyl-halogenides or -triflates and aryl-, alkenyl- or alkyl- grignard-reagents<sup>5,6</sup>. Also heteroaryl-<sup>7</sup> and alkyl<sup>8</sup>-halides can be coupled with Grignard reagents.

The reactivity of the halogenides follows the order  $I > Br > Cl$  when Palladium is used as catalyst, whereas with certain nickel-catalysts the order is:  $Cl > I > Br$ <sup>5</sup>.

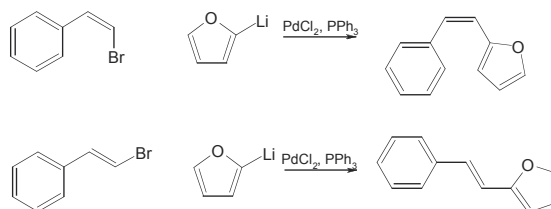
(Z)-Alkenyl-grignards couple non-stereospecific with nickel catalysts<sup>2</sup>, but the reaction is stereospecific ("retention of configuration") with palladium-catalysts<sup>9</sup>. The phosphine-ligand has also a strong influence on the yield. Bidentate ligands generally bear a higher activity than monodentate phosphines. Bis(diphenylphosphino)propane (AO 31005) is optimal for most reactions<sup>2</sup>.

The Kumada-coupling is somewhat limited because of the incompatibility of Grignard-reagents with certain functional groups<sup>10</sup>.

Murahashi et al<sup>11,12</sup> have used numerous functionalized and non-functionalized organolithium compounds instead of Grignard-reagents for a Kumada-like coupling reaction.



In a recent example the Kumada coupling was used for an intermediate step in the total synthesis of (+)-Ambrucitin<sup>13</sup>.



## SOME CATALYSTS AND REAGENTS FROM ACROS ORGANICS FOR THE KUMADA COUPLING

## Nickel &amp; Palladium catalysts and Ligands

[1,3-Bis-Diphenylphosphino-propane] nickel(II)chloride, 99%	29159	1,2-Bis(dicyclohexylphosphino)ethane nickel(II) chloride	30116
Nickel acetylacetonate, 96%	12826	1,1'-Bis-(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene	34801
Bis(triphenylphosphine)nickel(II)chloride, 98%	21750	1,2- Bis-(diphenylphosphino)ethane, 98+ %	14791
Tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)nickel(0), 95%	22398	1,3-Bis(diphenylphosphino)propane, 97%	31005
[1,2-Bis-Diphenylphosphino-ethane] nickel (II) chloride	36323	1,4-Bis-(diphenylphosphino)butane, 98%	29646
Bis(triphenylphosphine)nickel(II)bromide, 99%	31632		
Nickel(II) chloride hexahydrate, 99.9999%	19357	Bis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(II)chloride, 98%	29925
Nickel(II) chloride hexahydrate, p.a.	27051	Tetrakis(triphenylphosphine)palladium(0), 99%	20238
		1,1'-Bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene palladium(II)dichloride, complex with dichloromethane	34868

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