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7.6.5.6 Aryl Grignard Reagents
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Halogen–magnesium exchange between aryl iodides or bromides and an isopropylmagnesium chloride–lithium chloride complex or lithium trialkylmagnesates is now recognized as a useful method for the preparation of aryl Grignard reagents in addition to the conventional Grignard method. The exchange reactions lead to a wide variety of functionalized aryl Grignard reagents containing, for example, a carbonyl or a cyano group. Directed ortho-magnesiation reactions of arenes with bulky magnesium amide complexes, such as (2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-1-yl)magnesium chloride–lithium chloride complex and bis(2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidin-1-yl)magnesium–bis(lithium chloride) complex, are also useful.

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\text{Ar}^1\text{X} \xrightarrow{\text{iPrMgCl•LiCl}} \text{Ar}^1\text{MgCl•LiCl}
\]

\(X = \text{I, Br}\)

Keywords: amination · “ate” complexes · carbomagnesiation · carbometalation · Grignard reagents · homocoupling · magnesates · magnesium compounds · metation

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7.6.10.9 Alkyl Grignard Reagents
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While the conventional preparation of Grignard reagents from alkyl halides and metallic magnesium remains reliable, halogen–magnesium and sulfoxide–magnesium exchange have emerged as useful methods for the preparation of functionalized alkyl Grignard reagents that are otherwise difficult to synthesize. Carbomagnesiation reactions of alkenes are also useful for preparing alkyl Grignard reagents of some complexity. The formation of “ate” complexes gives a significant improvement in the utility of alkyl Grignard reagents and can lead to higher efficiency in nucleophilic addition to carbonyl compounds.

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\text{R}^1\text{X} \xrightarrow{\text{R}^2\text{MgX}} \text{R}^1\text{MgX}
\]

\(X = \text{I, Br, SOAr; } \text{R}^2 = \text{Et, iPr}\)

Keywords: “ate” complexes · carbomagnesiation · carbometalation · cyclization · magnesium compounds · magnesates · metation · Grignard reagents · nucleophilic addition · sulfoxides
Magnesium Halides

This manuscript is an update to the earlier Science of Synthesis contribution describing reactions involving magnesium halides. It focuses on the literature published in the period 2001–2009. In particular, magnesium bromide and magnesium iodide are used frequently as promoters for specific transformations of important molecules.

Keywords: Friedel–Crafts reaction · Knoevenagel reaction · magnesium bromide · magnesium chloride · magnesium enolates · magnesium fluoride · magnesium iodide · Mori−ta−Baylis−Hillman reaction

Magnesium Oxide, Alkoxides, and Carboxylates

This manuscript is an update to the earlier Science of Synthesis contribution describing reactions involving magnesium oxide, alkoxides, and carboxylates. It focuses on the literature published in the period 2001–2009. In particular, magnesium oxide and magnesium alkoxides are used for useful chemoselective transformations.

Keywords: Baeyer–Villiger oxidation · Diels–Alder reaction · ethyl magnesium malonate · magnesium alkoxides · magnesium bis[2-(alkoxycarbonyl)acetate] · magnesium carboxylates · magnesium monoperoxyphthalate · magnesium oxide · Mannich-type reaction · Michael addition · Oppenauer oxidation

Product Subclass 14: Magnesium Amides

This manuscript is a revision of the earlier Science of Synthesis contribution describing reactions involving magnesium amides. Synthesis of a series of magnesium amides, bis-amides, and their lithium chloride complexes is described. The use of magnesium amides as bases enables the regioselective deprotonation of a variety of molecules. Chiral magnesium amides are also discussed.

X = COF, CN, COR
Z = directing group
**Keywords:** amidomagnesium halide–lithium chloride complexes · amidomagnesium halides · magnesium bis(amide)–lithium chloride complexes · magnesium bis(amides) · magnesium dialkylamides · deprotonation

**Oxazoles**

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This manuscript is an update to the earlier *Science of Synthesis* contribution describing methods for the synthesis of oxazoles. This heterocyclic system is of particular interest, since many oxazole-containing natural products and their synthetic analogues possess interesting biological activities. In addition, oxazoles and related compounds serve as building blocks and reagents for organic synthesis.

![Chemical structure](image)

**Keywords:** oxazoles · cyclization · multicomponent reaction · gold catalysis · heterocycles · N-propargylamides · cycloisomerization · coupling reactions

**Acyclic and Semicyclic O/O Acetals**

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This manuscript is an update to the previous *Science of Synthesis* contribution describing methods for the synthesis of acyclic and semicyclic acetals. It focuses on the literature published in the period 2007 to mid-2010.

![Chemical structure](image)

**Keywords:** acyclic acetals · semicyclic acetals · aldehydes · ketones · trialkyl orthoformates · enol ethers · cycloaddition · dehydration · acetalization
This manuscript is an update to the earlier Science of Synthesis contribution describing methods for the synthesis of 1,3-dioxetanes and 1,3-dioxolanes. It focuses on the synthesis and synthetic applications of 1,3-dioxolanes covered in the literature over the period 2008–2010.

**Keywords:** dioxolane · carbonyls · diols · protecting groups · deprotection

This manuscript is an update to the earlier Science of Synthesis contribution describing methods for the synthesis of spiroketals. It focuses on the literature published in the period 2005–2010.

**Keywords:** spiroketal · acetalization · benzannulation · carbon–oxygen bonds · cyclic compounds · diastereoselectivity · intramolecular reactions · oxiranes · oxygen heterocycles · synthesis design · spiro compounds
29.16 Product Class 16: Glycosyl Oxygen Compounds (Di- and Oligosaccharides)
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This manuscript is a revision of the earlier Science of Synthesis contribution describing methods for the synthesis of di- and oligosaccharides. Recent new developments and important improvements of fundamental concepts are the particular focus of this update.

**Keywords:** carbohydrates · enzyme catalysis · glycosidases · glycosidation · glycosides · glycosylation · halides · imidates · neighboring-group participation · neuraminic acids · nucleophilic substitution · oligosaccharides · protecting groups · solid-phase synthesis · saccharides · stereoselective synthesis · sugars · thioglycosides · thioimidates

29.17 Product Class 17: Acyclic Hemiacetals, Lactols, and Carbonyl Hydrates
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Acyclic hemiacetals are in most cases unstable and exist only as transient intermediates, in contrast with cyclic hemiacetals (lactols), which are often stable, isolable compounds. Lactols may be prepared using various different methods, including the reduction of lactones, reduction of dicarbonyl compounds, or the selective oxidation of diols, as well as by addition of carbon nucleophiles to lactones or dicarbonyl compounds, deprotection of O-protected cyclic hemiacetals, or from enol ethers. Carbonyl hydrates are generally short-lived intermediates, although a limited number of stable carbonyl hydrates (generally derived from strained carbonyl compounds or carbonyl compounds bearing electron-withdrawing groups) have been documented.

**Keywords:** carbonyl additions · carbonyl compounds · dicarbonyl compounds · diols · hydroxycarbonyl compounds · lactols · lactonization · oxidation · reduction
29.18 **Product Class 18: 1,1-Diacyloxy Compounds**  
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1,1-Diacyloxy compounds can be accessed from a variety of starting materials including aldehydes, ketones, and O/O, O/Hal, and Hal/Hal acetals under a variety of reaction conditions. This product class encompasses Meldrum’s acid, several natural products, and acyloxy ester prodrugs; in addition, acyl acetals are useful protecting groups for aldehydes and can be cleaved orthogonally to alkyl acetals.

Keywords: acetals · acylation · alkylation · carbonyl compounds · carboxylic acids · esters · Lewis acid catalysts · oxidation