

Friedel-Crafts alkylation

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Alkene	Catalyst	Alkene	Selectivity Towards Alkylbenzene		
		Conversion (%)	Mono	Di	Tri
1-hexene ¹	AICI ₃	100	58.6	31.1	10.3
1-hexene	Si-AlCl _x	100	71.0	28.0	1.0
1-decene ¹	AICI ₃	100	68.5	22.5	9.0
1-decene	Si-AICI _x	100	80.0	20.0	-

Conversion determined by GC-MS

SAMPLE PROCEDURE

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- Stir SiliaBond® Aluminum Chloride (0.03 eq.) in anhydrous benzene.
- Typical reaction solvent volume: 5mL/g of SiliaBond® Aluminum Chloride
- Add the alkene (1.0 eq.) slowly (over 30 min)(small exotherm observed).
- After the addition is completed, remove the catalyst by filtration. (The resulting products were analyzed by GC-MS.).

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1) J. Catal., 195 (2000) 412

SAMPLE PROCEDURE

Ether formation

- Triphenylcarbinol (1.0 eq.) was added to a solution of SiliaBond® Aluminum Chloride (1.15 eq.) in anhydrous methanol.
- The mixture was heated to 60°C until completed by TLC (90 min).
- The catalyst was removed by filtration and the product analyzed by ¹H NMR.

Ether formation with supported Aluminum Chloride

Alcohol	Catalyst	Conversion (%)
Triphenylmethanol	Si- AICI _x	95.0
	P-AlCl ₃	81.5
tert-Butyl alcohol	Si-AICI _x	60.0
	P-AlCl ₃	0.0
Benzyl alcohol	Si-AICI _×	40.0
	P-AICI ₃	0.0

Conversion determined by 1HNMR

