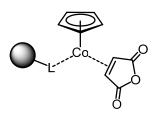
Towards a "Release and Catch" Catalytic System for [2+2+2] Cycloadditions

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Despite the myriad of Co(I)-complexes that catalyze [2+2+2] cycloadditions, the first catalytically active supported Co(I)-catalyst for this reaction type has just recently been reported, since immobilization of homogenous catalysts often results in decreased reactivity [1]. A potential circumvention of this problem is to synthesize a catalytic moiety that is reversibly attached to a solid support. Herein the efforts towards the development of a "release and catch" [2] catalytic system for [2+2+2] cycloaddition reactions are reported. Therefore two novel vinyl-functionalized phosphorus ligands and their respective CpCo(I)(P-ligand)(maleic anhydride) complexes were successfully prepared. Additionally the catalytic activity of one of those complexes was demonstrated. The obtained coordination compounds provide the possibility e.g. for copolymerization with styrene to prepare the first covalently immobilized catalysts that facilitate [2+2+2] cycloadditions via a "release and catch" mechanism.



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