

Organocuprates  $\text{Li}[\text{CuR}_2]$ ,<sup>8</sup> prepared by reaction of the organolithium compound with a  $\text{Cu(I)}$  salt such as  $\text{CuI}$ , do not eliminate and are sufficiently nucleophilic, thanks to the net anionic charge, to attack a usefully wide variety of organic electrophiles. The structures of these reagents is still a matter of discussion, but oligomeric forms are likely to be present