

Organocuprates $\text{Li}[\text{CuR}_2]$,⁸ prepared by reaction of the organolithium compound with a Cu(I) salt such as 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.