

Preparation and Reactions of Polyfunctional Organozinc Reagents in Organic Synthesis

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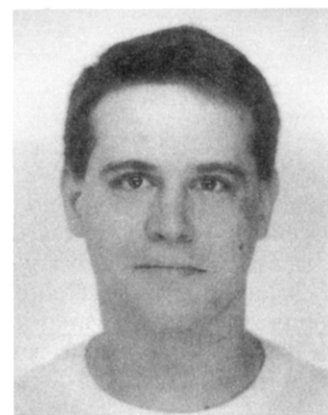
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I. Introduction

Most organic target molecules are polyfunctional compounds requiring, in a retrosynthetic analysis,¹ the reaction between a functionalized carbon electrophile



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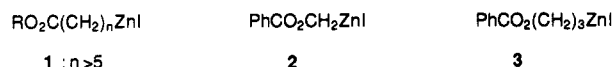
and a functionalized carbon nucleophile. Many carbon nucleophiles are organometallic reagents, and the highly reactive nature of the carbon-metal bond often pre-

cludes having functional groups present in these reagents. Thus, the development of methods allowing the preparation of functionalized organometallic compounds is of great importance. These reagents will be very useful in the preparation of complex organic molecules since they will allow shorter synthetic routes by avoiding, for example, the use of protection-deprotection steps as well as functional group interconversions. The use of functionalized organometallics may also lead to the discovery of new reactivity patterns, especially if the carbon-metal bond can interact with an organic functionality in close proximity. This type of interaction may change both the chemical behavior of the functional group and of the carbon-metal bond leading to new synthetic applications. If the carbon chain linking the carbon-metal bond to the functional group has the appropriate length, then new ring closure reactions can be performed. Finally, if the functional group contains a chiral moiety, then new types of asymmetric synthesis will become possible.

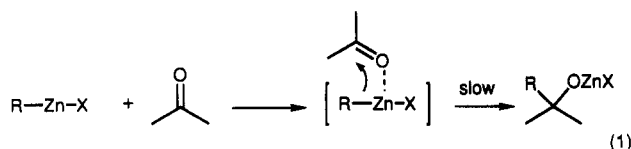
A reactivity problem may, however, occur if functionalized organometallics are used. As a general rule, an organometallic reagent which tolerates the presence of a broad range of functional groups will display a low reactivity toward these organic functions and, in general, will also be relatively unreactive toward many organic electrophiles. The apparent contradiction of having a reactive organometallic bearing functionalities can be realized if two metals, M^1 and M^2 , are used instead of one. The role of the first metal, M^1 , will be to convert a highly functionalized organic substrate $FG-RX$ into a relatively stable (and unreactive) organometallic $FG-RM^1$. This reagent is then transmetalated by the second metal, M^2 , to a more reactive organometallic reagent, $FG-RM^2$, which can then react efficiently with an electrophile. A large part of this review will be devoted to the demonstration of the synthetic utility of this approach using Zn as M^1 and Cu, Pd, or Ti as M^2 . Thus, after a section describing the various preparations of functionalized organozinc reagents, we will examine their reactivity toward electrophiles after transmetalation or in the presence of other metallic salts. Applications of the use of functionalized zinc-copper organometallics in natural product synthesis will be presented. Only the preparation and reactivity of organometallics bearing relatively reactive functionalities will be discussed. The chemistry of organometallic species bearing an ether, acetal, or ketal functionality will generally not be covered in this review. Only reactions in which organozinc compounds are clearly reaction intermediates will be discussed in detail.

Organozinc compounds (R_2Zn and $RZnX$) are one of the first classes of main-group organometallic compounds prepared.² Frankland discovered, in 1849 at Marburg, that the heating of ethyl iodide with zinc produces highly pyrophoric diethylzinc. Amazingly, hydrogen gas was used as protective atmosphere in this preparation.^{3,4} A systematic study of the carbon-carbon-bond-forming ability of these reagents with typical organic electrophiles such as acid chlorides,⁵ aldehydes, ketones,^{6,7} or esters had been completed before 1880.⁸ These popular organometallic reagents were, however, replaced at the turn of the century by the more reactive organomagnesium compounds. Only the Reformatsky reaction⁹ (addition of zinc ester

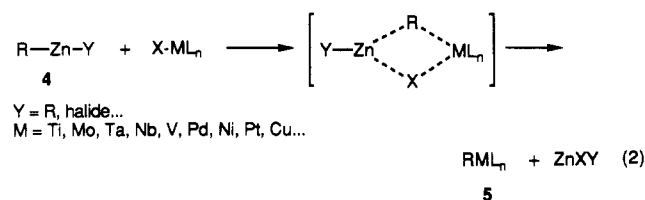
enolates to aldehydes) has remained in use by organic chemists. The reasons for this lack of interest were due to the very low reactivity of dialkylzincs toward most organic electrophiles and to the moderate yields obtained.² This low reactivity presents a potential advantage for the preparation of functionalized zinc reagents. This was first recognized in 1936 by Hunsdiecker who prepared several organozinc iodides **1** bearing an ester functionality by the direct insertion of zinc into the corresponding alkyl iodides in boiling ethyl acetate.¹⁰ More than 30 years later, Wittig and Jautelat reported the preparation of [(benzoyloxy)methyl]zinc iodide **2** in ether (reflux, 4 h, 82% yield) and [3-(benzoyloxy)propyl]zinc iodide **3** in dioxane (90 °C, 2.5 h, 65% yield).¹¹



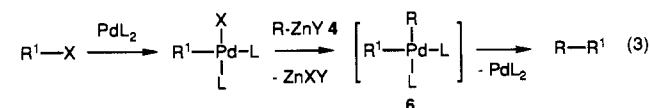
In these reports, no reactivity studies of these reagents were made. The reagent **2**^{11,12} as well as ICH_2ZnI ¹²⁻¹⁵ were used as precursors of a carbene in cyclopropanation reactions. Only a few other reactions using ICH_2ZnI for forming new carbon-carbon bonds have been reported.^{16,17} The low reactivity of organozincs is a result of the high covalent character of the carbon-zinc bond (comparable to the carbon-tin bond).¹⁸ Also, the Lewis acidity of Zn(II) is not sufficient to activate carbonyl groups toward addition reactions (eq 1). On the other



hand, the empty low-lying p orbitals of zinc allow many transmetalation reactions with metallic salts to proceed as long as they are thermodynamically favored (eq 2). This excellent transmetalation ability permits the conversion of organozinc reagents **4** into a variety of new organometallics **5**.

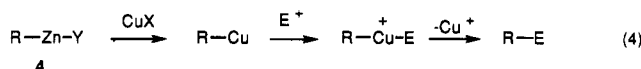


Especially interesting for synthetic applications are compounds **5** in which M is a transition metal, since these metals can mediate reaction pathways not available for main-group metals. Thus it has been shown, first by Negishi, that intermediate organopalladium(II) **6** can readily be formed from organozinc compounds **4**, and after reductive elimination, various cross-coupling products are obtained²⁰⁻²⁵ (eq 3).



The process is catalytic in palladium and allows efficient cross-coupling reactions of various unsaturated

halides or acid chlorides with organozinc reagents.^{20–25} Similarly, a transmetalation of 4 to copper organometallics using $\text{CuBr}\cdot\text{SMe}_2$ ^{26–27} in ether/HMPA, CuCN ,²⁸ or $\text{CuCN}\cdot 2\text{LiCl}$ ²⁹ in THF are also possible (eq 4). The THF soluble copper salt $\text{CuCN}\cdot 2\text{LiCl}$ is especially convenient, leading to functionalized copper reagents which react with various classes of electrophiles.

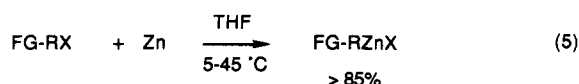


Some of these reactions (allylation, acylation) can be performed using catalytic amounts of copper(I) salts.^{28,29} Finally, the reactivity of the carbon–zinc bond toward aldehydes can be improved by the presence of various Lewis acids, and efficient asymmetric catalysis can be developed if chiral Lewis acid complexes are used.³⁰

II. Preparation of Functionalized Organozinc Reagents

A. Preparation by a Direct Insertion of Zinc Metal

The rate of zinc insertion into the carbon–halide bond of organic halides depends strongly on the nature of the organic moiety, the halide, the reaction conditions (solvent, concentration, temperature), and the zinc activation. In 1962, Gaudemar reported that alkyl iodides insert zinc rapidly using zinc foil (electrolytic quality >99.9% purity) in THF under relatively mild conditions³¹ (50 °C, for primary iodides, 25 °C for secondary iodides). This procedure proved to be very general. Zinc foil can be replaced by zinc dust from various sources (Aldrich, Fluka, Riedel-de H  en).³² If the zinc dust is activated successively with 1,2-dibromoethane (4–5 mol %) ^{29,33} and chlorotrimethylsilane (1 mol %) ^{29,33,34} prior to the addition of the organic halide, then fast reaction rates are observed. Thus if the alkyl iodide (i.e. butyl iodide) is added as a 2.5–3.0 M THF solution, the zinc insertion is complete within 2–3 h between 35 and 40 °C. Secondary iodides react even faster, and a complete conversion to the alkylzinc iodide is usually observed after 0.5–1 h at 25 °C.²⁹ The zinc insertion shows a remarkable functional group tolerance and most common organic functional groups (i.e. ester,^{29,35–52} ketone,^{29,35} cyanide,^{29,35–43,47,49–52,54} halide,^{29,35,43,48,50,52} *N,N*-bis(trimethylsilyl)amino group,⁵⁵ primary and secondary amino groups,⁵⁶ amide and phthalimide,^{25,56,57} trialkoxysilyl group,⁵⁸ sulfoxide,⁵⁹ sulfide,⁵⁹ sulfone,^{59,60} thioester,⁶⁰ boronic ester,^{46,48,50} enone,^{40,53} and phosphate^{39,61}) can be present during the organozinc formation (eq 5). Only hydroxyl groups (deprotonation) or nitro and azide functionalities (inhibition of the zinc insertion) cannot be present in the alkyl iodide.



X = I, Br; FG = CO_2R , enoate, CN, enone, halide, $(\text{RCO})_2\text{N}$, $(\text{TMS})_2\text{Si}$, RNH, NH_2 , RCONH, $(\text{RO})_3\text{Si}$, $(\text{RO})_2\text{P}(\text{O})$, RS, RS(O), RSO_2 , PhCOS ; R = alkyl, aryl, benzyl, allyl.

The structure of the alkyl halide is very important for predicting the zinc insertion rate. Thus, allylic and

benzylic groups considerably facilitate the formation of the zinc reagent and these reactions occur between 5 and 10 °C allowing the less active organic bromides³¹ (or even chlorides^{36,37}) to be used. The presence of a polar functional group in the α or β position to the halide in an alkyl chain also strongly enhances the zinc insertion rate. Thus, whereas butyl iodide reacts in THF at 40 °C, the presence of a cyano group^{54,55} at the β position to the halide allows zinc insertion at 25–30 °C. The presence of a polar phosphonate moiety in the organic halide enables successful zinc insertion under very mild conditions. Thus, diethyl 2-bromoethylphosphonate⁶¹ is converted to the corresponding zinc reagent at 30 °C (10 h; >85% yield). The exact reason for such a rate enhancement is not clear. Since the addition of equimolar quantities of acetonitrile to butyl iodide does not enhance the rate of zinc insertion in this reaction, the observed rate enhancement mentioned above cannot only be due to more efficient solvation of the zinc reagent or more efficient displacement of the newly formed organometallic from the zinc surface. The close proximity of the polar group to the carbon–iodine bond is also important. Hence, the rate of the zinc insertion to the iodides of type $\text{NC}(\text{CH}_2)_n\text{I}$ decreases as *n* increases and reaches a comparable rate to the zinc insertion into butyl iodide when *n* = 4. Thus, the polar group may facilitate the zinc insertion by accepting an electron from the zinc surface. This electron may then be transferred in a second step into the $\sigma^*(\text{C-X})$ orbital. These successive electron transfer reactions between closer energy levels should proceed at a faster rate than the direct electron transfer from the zinc surface to the $\sigma^*(\text{C-X})$ orbital.⁶² Interestingly, the presence of a nitro or azide functionality in the molecule completely inhibits zinc insertion. In these cases, the electron from the zinc surface seems to be transferred reversibly to the NO_2 or N_3 group (no reduction product is observed under aprotic conditions in THF), and no further transfer to the $\sigma^*(\text{C-X})$ seems to occur. Also, pinacol (iodomethyl)boronate, which has a low empty non-bonding orbital centered at boron, inserts zinc very rapidly (20 °C, 0.1 h, >90% yield).⁴⁶ The presence of a phenylthio group, which is also a good electron acceptor,⁶³ allows smooth zinc insertion into the carbon–chlorine bond in chloromethyl phenyl thioether (THF, 25 °C, 1 h).^{59,60} Alkenyl and aryl iodides having a stronger $\text{Csp}^2\text{-I}$ bond (compared to $\text{Csp}^3\text{-I}$) do not insert zinc in THF and react only in polar solvents at elevated temperatures with zinc metal (DMF, 70 °C, 14 h).³⁵ However, a vinylic iodide conjugated with a carbonyl group such as 3-iodo-2-cyclohexen-1-one is converted to (3-oxo-1-cyclohexenyl)zinc iodide in THF under quite mild conditions (25–50 °C, 0.5 h; >85% yield).⁵³ Some typical reaction conditions for the preparation of organozinc halides are summarized in Table 1.

The preparation of alkylzinc halides can also be performed in mixtures of benzene and DMA or HMPA using a zinc–copper couple.^{21–25,28b,c} It is possible to generate *in situ* very reactive zinc metal by the reduction of zinc chloride with lithium naphthalene in THF (eq 6).^{64–67} This type of zinc reacts with alkyl bromides

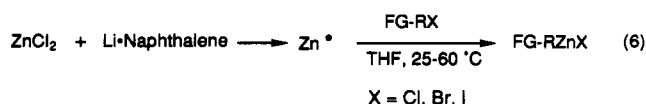
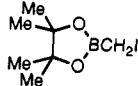
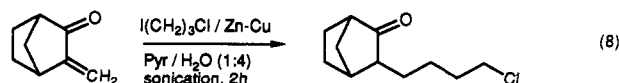
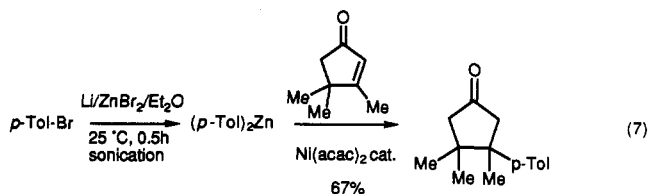


Table 1. Reaction Conditions for the Preparation of Organozinc Halides from the Corresponding Organic Halides (Added as 2.5–3.0 M Solution)

organic halide	<i>T</i> (°C)	<i>t</i> (h)	solvent
n-BuI	45–50	3–4	THF
c-HexI	25–30	2	THF
NC(CH ₂) ₂ I	20	2	THF
(EtO) ₂ (O)P(CH ₂) ₂ Br	30	10	THF
	20	0.1	THF
PhSCH ₂ Cl	25	1	THF
Hex(H)C=CHI (E or Z)	70	14	DMF
	25–50	0.5	THF
benzyl bromide	0–5	2	THF
allyl bromide	10	4–5	THF

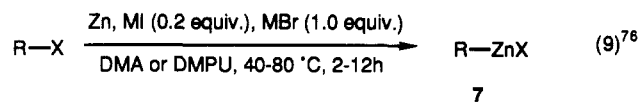
in THF at 25 °C in a few hours and with aromatic bromides at reflux, in THF, affording the corresponding organozinc bromides in excellent yields. After a transmetalation to the copper reagent by the addition of the THF soluble copper(I) salt CuCN·2LiBr,²⁹ various electrophiles (i.e. acid chlorides, enones, and allylic or propargylic halides) react with these organometallics in excellent yields. The addition of an aromatic bromide or iodide bearing an electron-withdrawing group to the zinc reagent in the presence of Pd(PPh₃)₄ (5 mol %) also produces the desired coupling products.⁶⁴ The reaction was shown to tolerate various functional groups (i.e. ester, nitrile, aromatic ketone, or halide)^{64–67} and should be especially useful for the preparation of polyfunctional aromatic zinc compounds.

A potentially very promising preparation of dialkyl- and diarylzinc reagents is the direct reaction of alkyl, alkenyl, and aromatic bromides with lithium metal and zinc chloride under sonication.^{68–72} The reaction proceeds under mild conditions and affords reactive diorganozincs which undergo 1,4-addition reactions with enones in the presence of nickel(II) salts (eq 7). The sonication of an alkyl iodide and a zinc–copper couple in the presence of an enone in an aqueous medium provides the 1,4-adduct in excellent yield (eq 8).^{68,71}



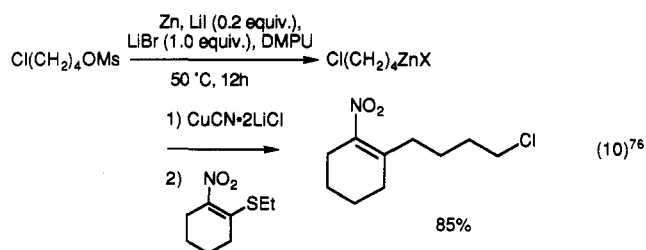
It is, however, questionable if the reaction proceeds through the intermediate of a zinc or copper organometallic while the radical nature of the reactive species is very probable.⁷³ Remarkably, this Barbier reaction⁷⁴ can be performed with alkyl iodides bearing a halide or a hydroxy functionality.⁶⁸ The use of polar solvents such as *N,N*-dimethylacetamide (DMA) or *N,N*-dimethylpropylene urea (DMPU)⁷⁵ in the presence of a

catalytic amount of LiI allows the use of primary alkyl chlorides, sulfonates, phosphates, or bromides as precursors for the formation of organozinc compounds 7 (eq 9).⁷⁶

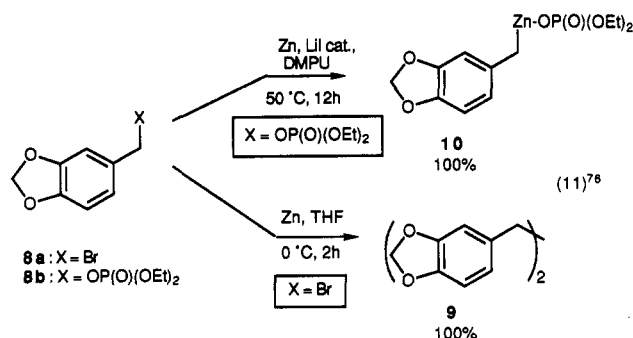


X = Cl, Br, OMs, OTs, OP(O)(OPh)₂; M = Li, Na, Cs

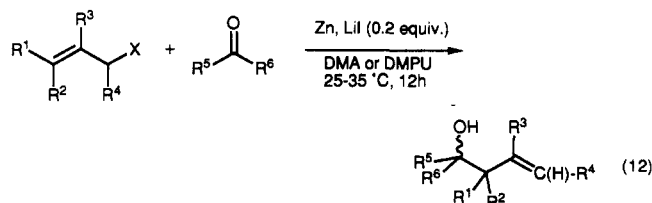
Various functional groups are tolerated such as an ester, cyanide, or chloride. After the addition of CuCN·2LiCl,²⁹ these zinc reagents are readily converted to the corresponding copper derivatives and react well with various electrophiles (eq 10).⁷⁶



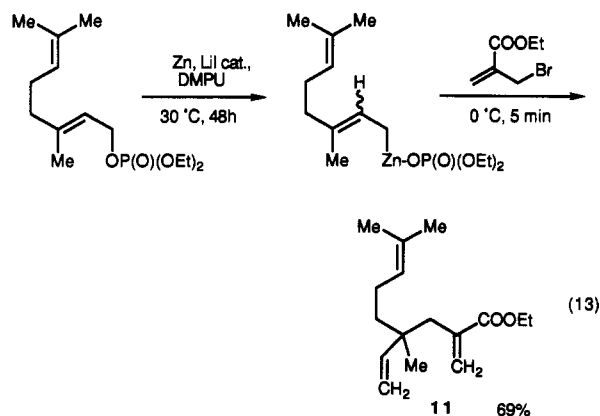
Remarkably, the reaction can be extended to the preparation of benzylic and allylic zinc reagents. These reactions proceed without the formation of Wurtz-coupling products. Thus, for example, an electron-rich benzylic bromide such as 8a (X = Br) furnishes, with zinc under typical reaction conditions (THF, 5 °C, 2 h), only the Wurtz-coupling product 9. However, the reaction of the corresponding phosphate 8b [X = OP(O)(OEt)₂], which is obtained in quantitative yield from the corresponding benzylic alcohol,⁷⁷ reacts with zinc in DMPU in the presence of LiI (0.2 equiv) to produce, after 12 h at 50 °C, the desired zinc reagent 10 without the formation of any self-coupling product 9 (eq 11).



Allylic mesylates and phosphates react under Barbier conditions in the presence of an aldehyde or ketone, LiI (0.2 equiv), and zinc in DMA or DMPU to furnish homoallylic alcohols in excellent yields (25–35 °C, 12 h, 78–95% yield, eq 12).⁷⁶

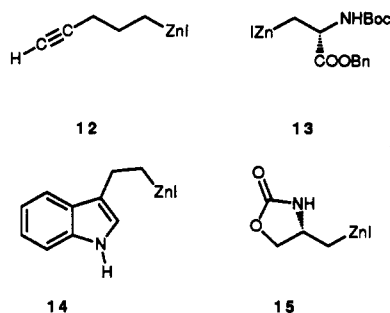


The reaction proceeds well, even with highly substituted allylic mesylates or phosphates (i.e. no Wurtz coupling). It is also possible to generate the zinc organometallic first and to couple it in a second step with a reactive allylic bromide such as ethyl α -(bromomethyl)acrylate⁷⁸ to obtain the cross-coupling product 11 in 69% yield (eq 13).⁷⁶

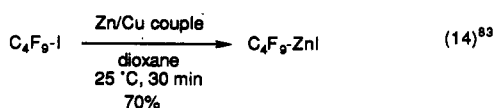


It should be mentioned that allylic or benzylic phosphates are far more stable than the corresponding bromides, tosylates, or mesylates and thus, are particularly convenient precursors for the preparation of allylic or benzylic organozinc reagents.⁷⁷

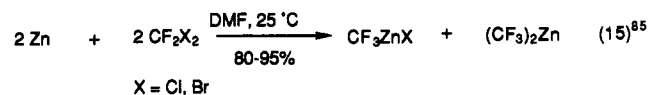
Relatively acidic protons are tolerated during the preparation of organozinc halides in strong contrast to the preparation of organomagnesium or lithium compounds. Thus, 5-iodopentyne can readily be converted to the zinc reagent 12 (THF, 25–30 °C, 2 h) with less than 5% deprotonation.^{56,79} Similarly, zinc reagents bearing NH and NH₂ groups of amines or amides can be obtained, and the reagents 13,^{80,81} 14,⁵⁶ and 15⁹⁵ can be easily prepared and reacted with electrophiles in the presence of Cu(I) or Pd(0) complexes.^{56,80,81}



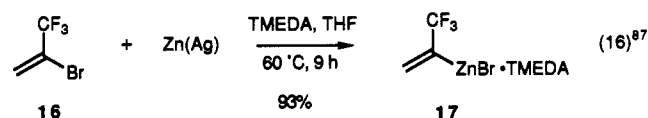
Remarkably the reagent 13 does not show any tendency to undergo a β -elimination reaction, and other zinc reagents bearing a potential leaving group in the β -position such as $\text{NCCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{ZnI}$ ⁵⁴ and $(\text{EtO})_2\text{P}(\text{O})\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{ZnI}$ ⁶¹ do not undergo an elimination under the usual reaction conditions. Fluorinated organozinc reagents have also been prepared by the direct insertion of zinc metal. Thus polyfluoroalkyl iodides are cleanly converted to the corresponding zinc reagents under mild conditions in solvents such as dioxane or THF^{82,83} (eq 14). These compounds have a low reactivity,⁸⁴ and



transmetalations to the corresponding copper reagents have been performed to increase their reactivity. If difluorodihalomethanes, such as CF_2Cl_2 or CF_2Br_2 , are submitted to zinc insertion in DMF, a complex reaction occurs⁸⁵ and produces a mixture of bis(trifluoromethyl)-zinc and a trifluoromethylzinc halide in high yield (eq 15).^{85,86}



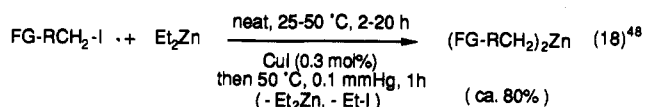
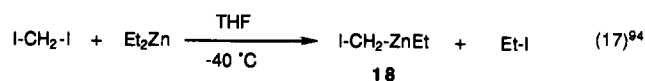
The presence of a trifluoromethyl group close to the carbon-halide bond in vinyl halides facilitates the formation of the organozinc reagents^{87–89} and 2-bromotrifluoropropene 16 can be converted to (trifluoroisopropenyl)zinc bromide 17 in THF (60 °C, 9 h, 93% yield; eq 16).⁸⁷



Finally, electrochemical methods⁹⁰ or the use of metal vapors⁹¹ of Zn can also be used to prepare fluorinated organozinc reagents.

B. Preparation of Functionalized Dialkylzincs by an Iodine–Zinc Exchange Reaction

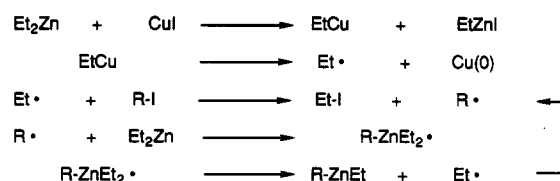
The preparation of diorganozinc compounds is of special importance due to the utility of these reagents for catalytic asymmetric additions to aldehydes.^{92,93} Furukawa described in 1966 that diiodomethane readily reacts with diethylzinc affording ethyl(iodomethyl)-zinc (18) and ethyl iodide in quantitative yield⁹⁴ (eq 17). This reaction can be greatly extended to a variety of functionalized primary iodides (eq 18).^{48,95}



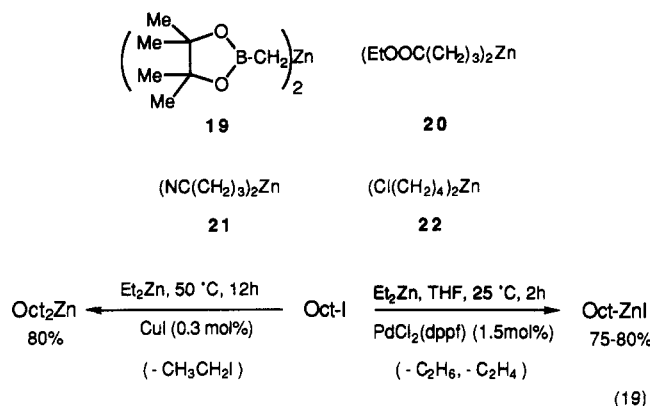
The exchange reaction can be catalyzed by transition-metal salts, and it was found that the addition of CuI (0.3 mol %) allows the reduction of both the reaction time (by half) and the excess of Et_2Zn used (1.5 equiv instead of 5 equiv). A possible mechanism for the catalytic effect of CuI is given in Scheme 1.

The reaction of Et_2Zn with CuI first produces EtCu which decomposes under the reaction conditions (50 °C) giving an ethyl radical and copper(0). A copper mirror is observed at the end of the reaction. The ethyl radical undergoes a radical substitution reaction with

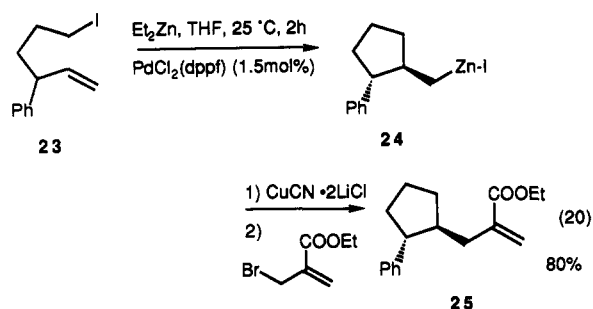
Scheme 1



the alkyl iodide, and the newly produced radical, $R^\cdot$, adds to diethylzinc providing an organozinc radical $Et_2(R)Zn^\cdot$ which then fragments and gives a new ethyl radical which continues the catalytic cycle. The yields are good, and a wide range of new functionalized dialkylzincs (19–22) are obtained by this method. Interestingly, other transition-metal catalysts such as $PdCl_2(dppf)^{96}$ or $Ni(acac)_2$ catalyze these reactions even more effectively. However, in these cases the corresponding alkylzinc iodide is obtained instead of the dialkylzinc (eq 19).⁹⁵



The mechanism of this reaction is currently under investigation^{95,97} and seems to be of radical nature. The reaction of the 5-hexenyl iodide **23** with Et_2Zn , in the presence of a catalytic amount of $PdCl_2(dppf)$ or $Ni(acac)_2$ in THF, produces with an excellent selectivity (ca. 20:1) the cyclized organozinc **24**. Transmetalation of **24** with $CuCN \cdot 2LiCl^{29}$ followed by reaction with ethyl α -(bromomethyl)acrylate⁷⁸ affords the cyclopentylmethyl derivative **25**⁹⁵ (eq 20, Scheme 8 and Table 20).



Whereas, the Pd-catalyzed reaction allows carbozincation to be performed under mild conditions (section C.4), the copper(I)-catalyzed preparation of functionalized dialkylzincs provides a unique source of zinc reagents for the catalytic asymmetric addition to aldehydes⁴⁸ (section V). Polyfluorinated iodides such as CF_3I or CF_3CF_2I react with dialkylzincs in the presence of a Lewis base to give $(CF_3)_2Zn$ and $(C_6F_5)_2Zn$ complexes.⁹⁸ The extension of the reaction to higher polyfluorinated iodides does not proceed cleanly.⁹⁸

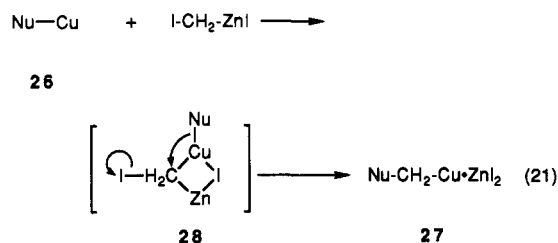
C. Preparation of Functionalized Organozinc–Copper Reagents by Using Insertion Reactions

The oxidative addition of zinc metal to organic halides represents the most widely used preparation method of functionalized organozinc halides. However, a recently described selective methylene homologation^{44,99–101}

Table 2. Zinc–Copper Organometallics 27 Obtained by the Reaction of a Copper Reagent with Iodomethylzinc Iodide

copper reagent 26	homologated reagent 27	yield (%)
CuCN	$NC-CH_2Cu \cdot ZnI_2$	84
$NCCH_2Cu$	$NC-(CH_2)_2Cu \cdot ZnI_2$	91
$NC(CH_3)CHCu$	$NC-CH(CH_3)CH_2Cu \cdot ZnI_2$	69
$PhCH_2(CH_3)NCu$	$PhCH_2(CH_3)NCH_2Cu \cdot ZnI_2$	68
		64
		96
		93
		74

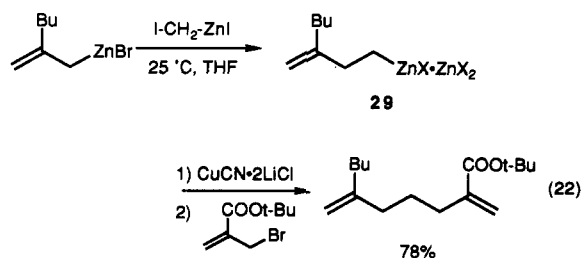
of organocopper compounds using ICH_2ZnI allows the conversion of a variety of copper derivatives $Nu-Cu$ (**26**) into $NuCH_2Cu \cdot ZnI_2$ (**27**) in good to excellent yields (eq 21).^{14,16,94}



Nu : CN, $CH(R)CN$, NR_2 , S-alkyl, Ar, 2-thienyl, alkynyl, alkenyl

The copper nucleophile $Nu-Cu$ (**26**) can be $CuCN$, a cyanoalkylcopper, a copper amide, an aryl- or heteroaryl copper, or an alkenyl- or an alkynylcopper^{99–101} (Table 2).

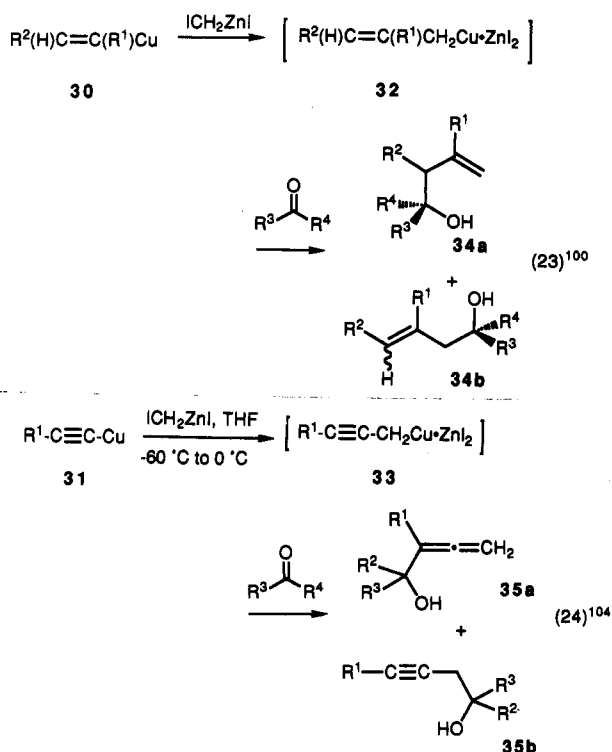
The tentative mechanism for this reaction involves a 1,2-migration of the nucleophile Nu from copper to carbon with the simultaneous expulsion of an iodide ion (see **28**, eq 21). The copper reagent formed, **27**, is intimately associated with ZnI_2 as shown by its reactivity and is best considered as being a mixed zinc–copper cluster.^{99–101} In strong contrast to organocopper compounds, Grignard reagents, organozincs, or organolithiums do not undergo the methylene homologation cleanly.¹⁰² Only the reactive allylic zinc bromides react directly with ICH_2ZnI , affording homoallylic zinc halides of type **29**, which after transmetalation to the corresponding copper reagent³⁰ can be allylated in good yields (eq 22).¹⁰³



Interestingly alkenyl- and alkynylcopper reagents **30** and **31** can be cleanly converted respectively to allylic and propargylic copper–zinc reagents of type **32** and **33**. The reactive organometallics **32** and **33** undergo

further reaction with ICH_2ZnI if no other reaction partner is present in the reaction mixture.

However, if an electrophile such as an aldehyde, ketone, imine, or formate is added to **30** prior to the addition of ICH_2ZnI , then the intermediate allylic reagent **32** is trapped by this electrophile and high yields of homoallylic alcohols of type **34a,b** are obtained.¹⁰⁰ A similar reaction of the propargylic intermediate **33** with an aldehyde or a ketone provides the allenic and/or homopropargylic alcohols **35a** and **35b** (eqs 23 and 24).¹⁰¹



The method is especially well suited for the preparation of functionalized allylic organometallics not readily available by standard methods. Thus, the alkenylcopper reagents **36** and **37** are readily homologated by a methylene unit, affording the allylic reagents **38** and **39** bearing an allylsilane¹⁰⁴ and an allylic amine functionality, respectively. Trapping **38** or **39** with an aldehyde or a ketone provides the expected functionalized homoallylic alcohols **40** and **41a,b** in good yields (eqs 25 and 26).¹⁰⁰

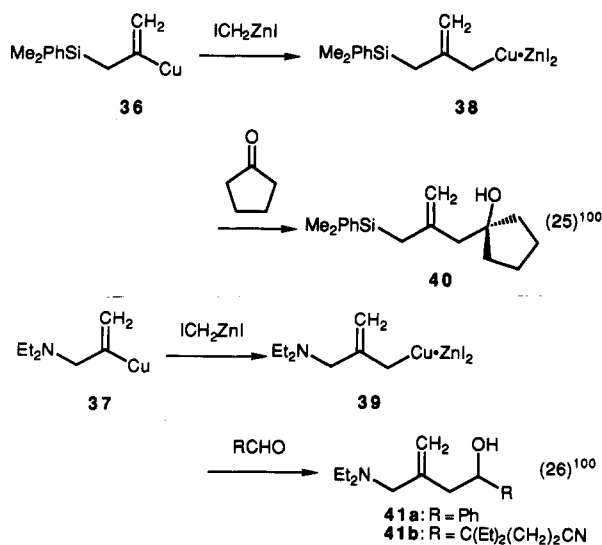
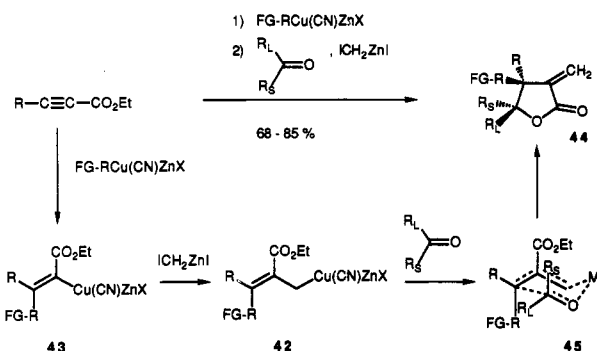


Table 3. α -Methylene- γ -Butyrolactones **44** Prepared by the Reaction of an Acetylenic Ester, $\text{FG-RCu}(\text{CN})\text{ZnX}$, a Carbonyl Compound, and Iodomethylzinc Iodide

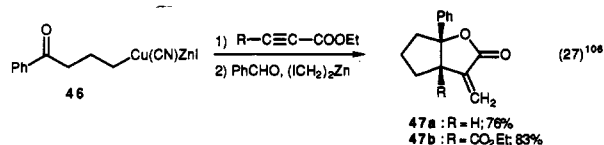
R	FG-R	R _L	R _S	cis-trans ratio	yield (%)
H	Bu	c-Hex	H	80:20	76
H	PhCH ₂	Ph	H	92:8	78
H	NC(CH ₂) ₃	Ph	H	90:10	75
H	Bu-C≡C(CH ₂) ₂	Ph	H	95:5	76
H	EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃	Ph	H	95:5	85
H	EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃	(CH ₂) ₅	H		68
H	Cl(CH ₂) ₄	Ph	CH ₃	100:0	82
EtO ₂ C	EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃	PhCH ₂ CH ₂	H	85:15	86
EtO ₂ C	NC(CH ₂) ₃	c-Hex	H	95:5	93
Bu	c-Hex	Ph	H	75:25	60
c-Hex	Bu	Ph	H	98:2	67
Bu	Ph	Ph	H	60:40	78
Ph	Bu	Ph	H	98:2	85

Scheme 2

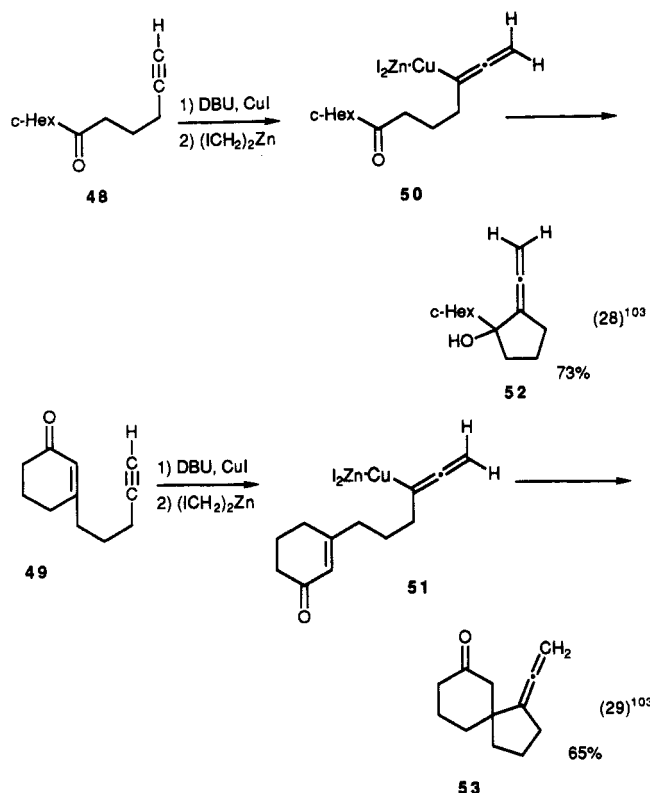


Furthermore, a one-pot preparation of functionalized α -methylene- γ -butyrolactones can be realized using an allylic organometallic intermediate of type **42**¹⁰⁵ bearing an ester functionality in position 2 (Scheme 2 and Table 3).^{103,106} Thus, the carbocupration of acetylenic esters with a functionalized copper-zinc reagent, $\text{FG-RCu}(\text{CN})\text{ZnI}$, provides a functionalized alkenylcopper of type **43** which inserts ICH_2ZnI and gives a *cis*- α -methylene- γ -butyrolactone **44** stereoselectively in the presence of an aldehyde or ketone. The stereochemistry of this transformation can be rationalized by a transition state of type **45**¹⁰⁶ (Scheme 2).

The addition of a zinc-copper reagent bearing a keto group at the γ -position^{24b} such as **46** allows a direct construction of the bicyclic γ -butyrolactones **47**¹⁰⁶ (eq 27).¹⁰³

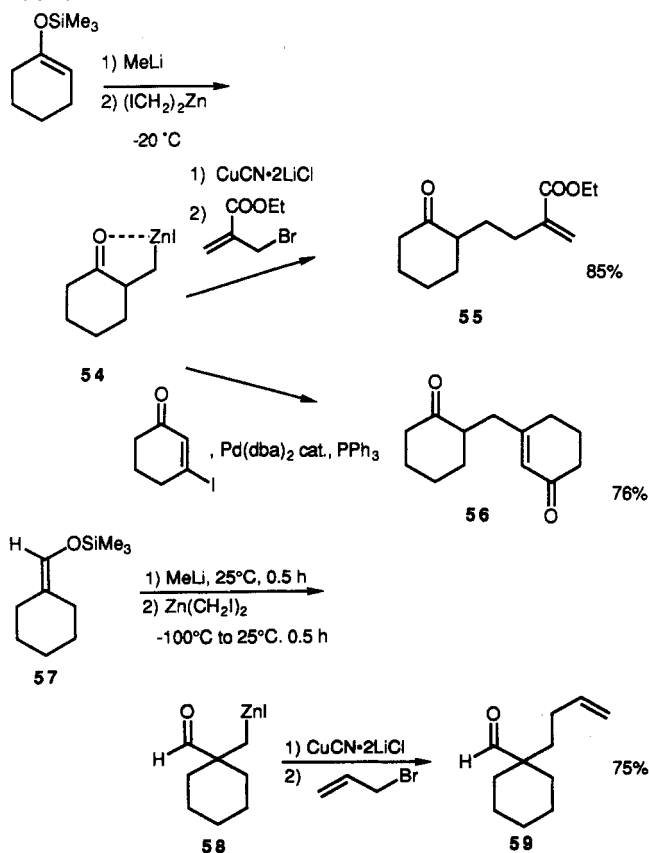


An extension of this method to the functionalized copper acetylenides **48** and **49** permits the preparation of polyfunctional allenic organometallics such as **50** and **51**. Intramolecular trapping of **50** and **51** in a 1,2- or 1,4-addition leads to the cyclized products **52** and **53** in good yields (eqs 28 and 29).^{49a,103} Zinc organometallics bearing a carbonyl function at the β -position (homoenolate)²⁶⁻²⁸ can be obtained by the homologation of lithium enolates with bis(iodomethyl)zinc.^{14b} Thus, the treatment of the lithium enolate of cyclohexanone generated from the silylenol ether, with $(\text{ICH}_2)_2\text{Zn}$



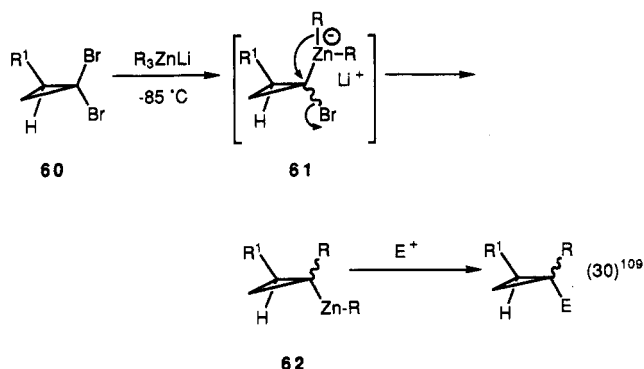
affords the homoenolate **54** which can be allylated after its transmetalation with $\text{CuCN}\cdot 2\text{LiCl}$ to afford **55**.^{49a} Homo enolate **54** can also be coupled with 3-iodocyclohexenone in the presence of catalytic amounts of $\text{Pd}(\text{dba})_2$ ¹⁰⁷ and PPh_3 to afford **56** (Scheme 3).

Scheme 3

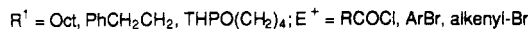
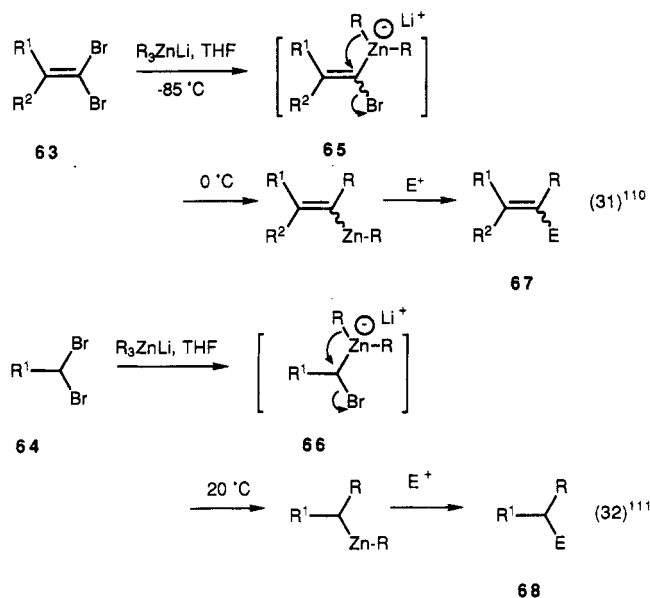


Similarly, the silylenol ether of cyclohexanecarboxaldehyde **57** was converted to the homoenolate **58** which

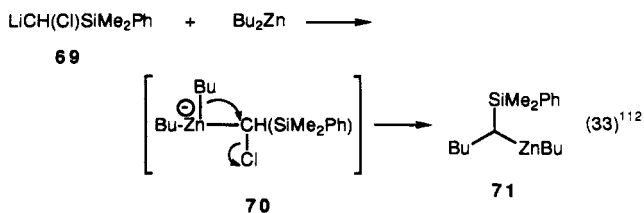
was allylated with an excess of allyl bromide in the presence of $\text{CuCN}\cdot 2\text{LiCl}$, giving the aldehyde **59** in 75% yield (Scheme 3).^{49a,103} Geminal dibromocyclopropanes **60** bearing some functionalities react with lithium zincates (R_3ZnLi) leading to cyclopropanic zinc carbenoids **61** which undergo a 1,2-migration¹⁰⁸ leading to substituted mixed dialkylzincs **62** (eq 30).¹⁰⁹



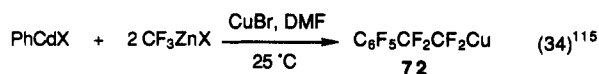
This reaction pattern is quite general, and 1,1-dibromoalkenes **63**¹¹⁰ as well as 1,1-dibromoalkanes **64**^{111a} undergo a bromine-zinc exchange reaction with the zincates R_3ZnLi , providing the corresponding zinc carbenoids **65** and **66** which after the 1,2-migration and reaction with an electrophile (H^+ , acyl chloride, alkenyl, and aryl halide) furnish products of type **67** and **68** in good yields (eqs 31 and 32).^{110,111}



The reaction of silicon-substituted carbenoids like **69** with dialkylzincs provides the same type of intermediate zincates **70** and after 1,2-migration leads to the interesting zinc and silicon 1,1-bimetallics **71** (eq 33).¹¹²⁻¹¹⁴ Polyfluorinated copper reagents such as **72**

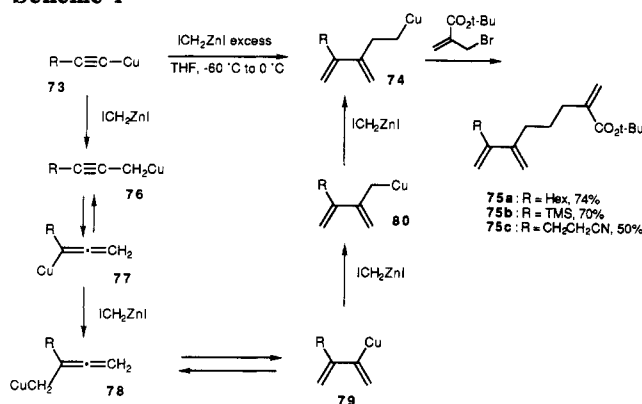


can be obtained formally by a double insertion reaction of a (trifluoromethyl)zinc halide with a phenylcadmium halide in the presence of CuBr (eq 34).¹¹⁵



Selective polymethylene insertions can also be performed very efficiently.^{49a,99,101,103} Thus, alkynylcopper reagents like **73** selectively insert, in the absence of an electrophile, four methylene units leading to dienylcopper–zinc reagents **74** which after allylation give the unsaturated esters **75a–c** in 74–50% yield (Scheme 4).¹⁰³

Scheme 4

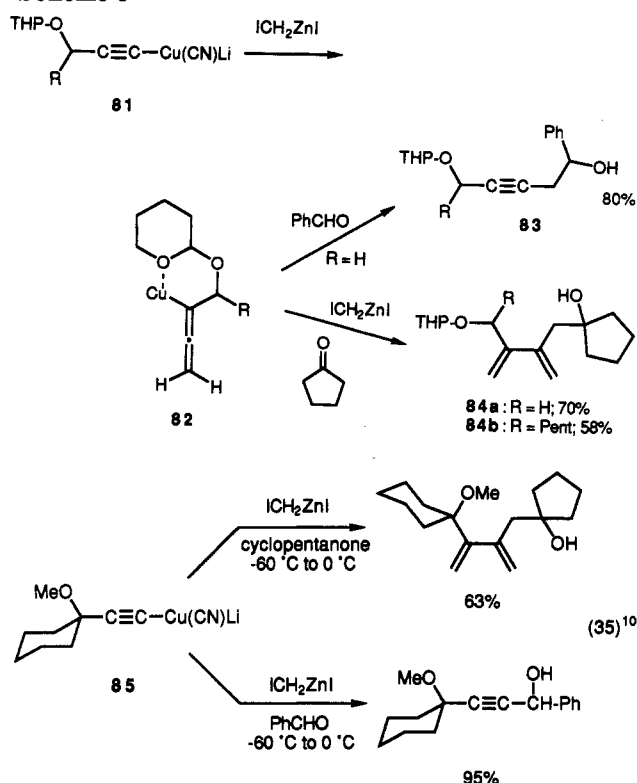


The first methylene insertion converts the alkynyl copper **73** into a propargylic organometallic **76** which is in equilibrium with the allenic form **77**. The insertion of a new methylene unit leads to the allylic reagent **78** which is in equilibrium with the dienic organocopper **79**. The methylene homologation of **79** by ICH_2ZnI furnishes the relatively reactive allylic reagent **80** which readily inserts another molecule of ICH_2ZnI , providing the alkylzinc–copper **74** which under the reaction conditions does not insert another methylene group and can be allylated cleanly (Scheme 4).

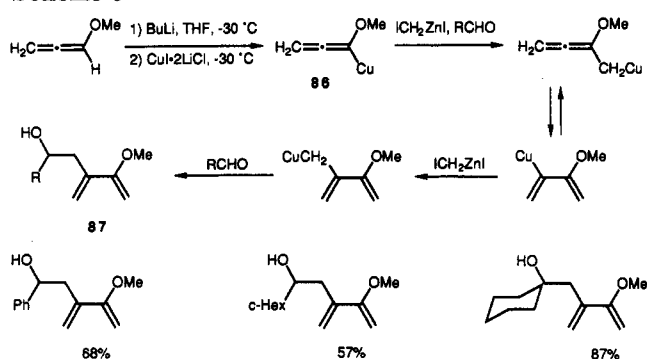
Alkynylcoppers, bearing an alkoxy group in the propargylic position, display a reactivity pattern which depends on the nature of the electrophile. Thus the tetrahydropyranyl ether **81** is readily homologated by ICH_2ZnI in the presence of a carbonyl compound, giving the chelation stabilized allenic copper compounds **82**. In the presence of a reactive electrophile such as benzaldehyde, the polar addition reaction proceeds and the homopropargylic alcohol **83** is isolated as the only product. In the presence of a less reactive electrophile such as cyclopentanone, further homologation of **82** is faster than the addition to the electrophile and it is only when the homologation process produces a reactive allylic intermediate (of type **80**, Scheme 4) that the reaction with cyclopentanone occurs. The hydroxydienes **84a,b** are then obtained in 58–70% yields (Scheme 5). The same type of reactivity is observed with the propargylic ether **85** (eq 35).^{101,103}

The functionalized allenic copper reagent **86**, obtained by the metalation of methoxyallene, is also an excellent precursor for a selective double methylene homologation. Its reaction with ICH_2ZnI in the presence of an aldehyde or a ketone provides functionalized dienols of type **87** in fair to good yields (Scheme 6).¹⁰³

Scheme 5



Scheme 6

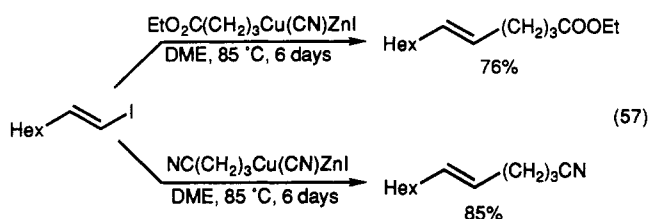


The insertion reaction described in this section allows unique and very efficient preparations of various types of functionalized zinc and copper organometallic reagents. The novel aspects of this chemistry certainly increase the synthetic potential of carbenoid reagents^{15,116} and should lead to useful applications in synthesis.

D. Preparation of Functionalized Organozinc Reagents Obtained from Reactive Organolithiums by a Lithium–Zinc Transmetalation

Organolithium reagents are considered to be too reactive to tolerate most functionalities.^{18,117,118} However, the polar character and the reactivity of a carbon–metal bond depends not only on the nature of the metal, but also on the hybridization of the carbon atom attached to this metal and on the structure and aggregation of this organometallic.^{18,117,118} Alkenyl- and aryllithiums are known to be less reactive than their alkyl counterparts and several electrophilic functions can be present in these organometallics [i.e. a halide (eq 36),¹¹⁹ a sulfone (eq 37),¹²⁰ an epoxide (eq 38),^{121a} or even in the case of aryl¹²⁶ and acetylenic¹²³ lithiums, an

hours without appreciable decomposition (eq 57).¹³⁹ The

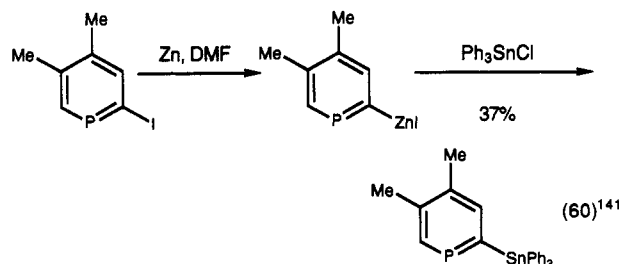
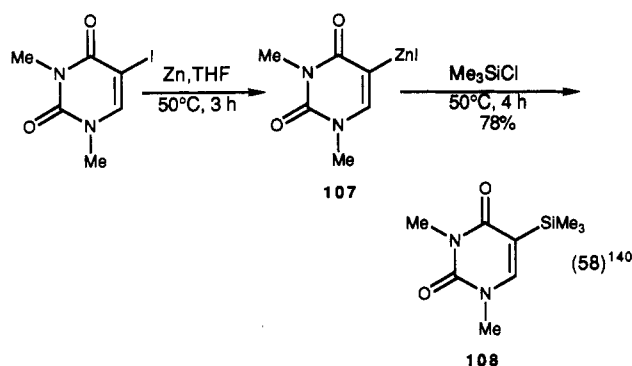


reactivity of **100** toward different classes of electrophiles is described in detail in the following sections.

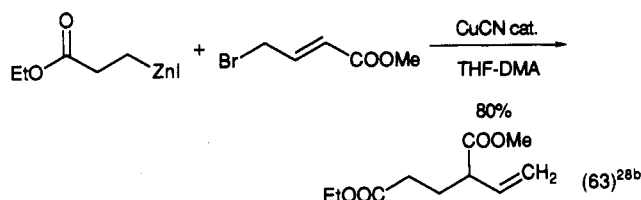
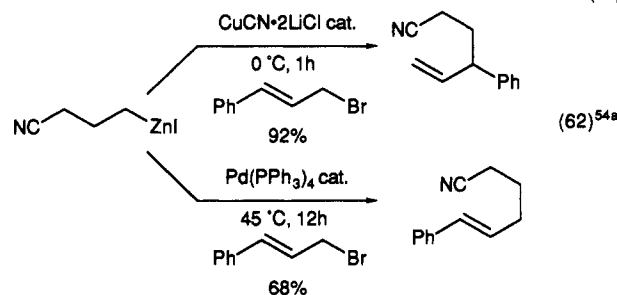
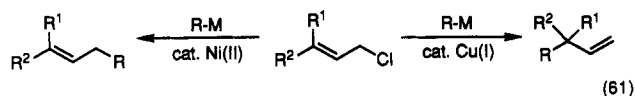
B. Substitution Reactions

1. Coupling with Reactive Halides

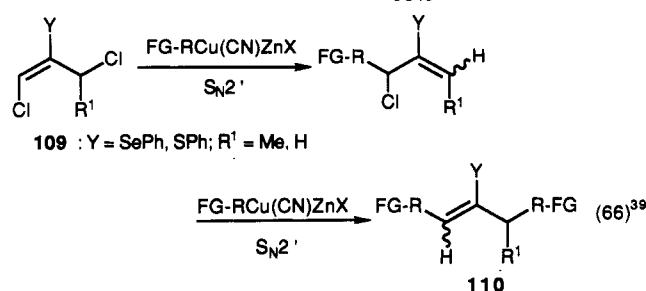
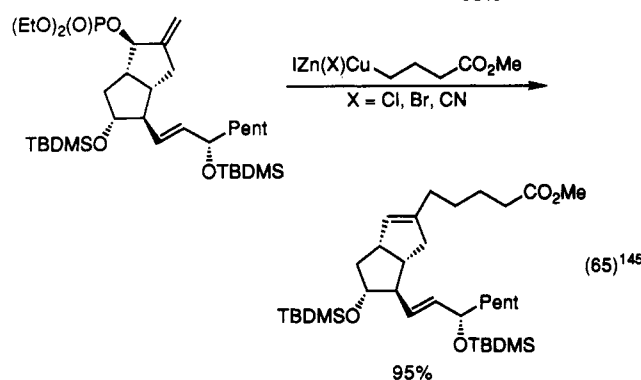
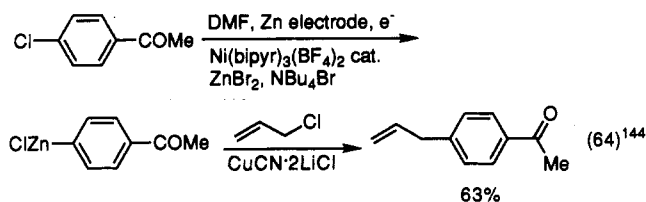
Metallic halides of the type MX_n react differently with zinc-copper reagents (Table 4). Thus, Me_3SiCl does not react with most zinc-copper compounds, although the direct reaction of the zinc reagent **107** with Me_3SiCl furnishes the silylated heterocycle **108** in good yields (eq 58).¹⁴⁰ However, R_3SnCl reacts with **100** or **105** in very high yields (eq 59). This reaction can be used to prepare stannylated phosphabenzenes directly from the aromatic zinc reagent (eq 60).¹⁴¹



The reaction of organozinc halides or diorganozincs with allylic halides in the presence of copper(I) salts (catalytic or stoichiometric amounts) occurs with a very high S_N2' selectivity.^{27,28b,30,64,142} In contrast, Ni(0)- or Pd(0)-catalyzed reactions of organozincs with allylic halides produce preferentially the S_N2 substitution product (eq 61)^{27,142} and (eq 62).^{54a} 3-Carbomethoxy-2-propenyl bromide gives the S_N2' product with complete selectivity (eq 63),^{28,143} whereas most allylic halides (chlorides or bromides)^{27,28b,29,64} react with regioselectivity (S_N2'/S_N2) of ca. 95–80/5–20 (Tables 5–7).



Aromatic organozinc reagents generated electrochemically using a sacrificial zinc anode can be allylated after transmetalation with $CuCN \cdot 2LiCl$ in satisfactory yields (eq 64).¹⁴⁴ This allylation procedure can be applied to a short preparation of isocarbacyclins (eq 65).¹⁴⁵ The 1,3-dichloropropenes of type **109** ($Y = SPh, SePh$) react with almost complete S_N2' selectivity³⁹ with $RCu(CN)ZnI$ and give 1,3-disubstituted propenes **110** in excellent yields (eq 66 and Tables 5–7).¹¹

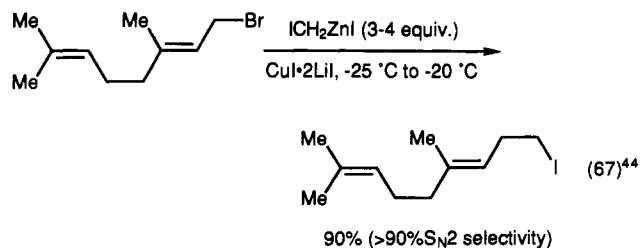


In strong contrast to most functionalized copper-zinc reagents ICH_2Cu (**100**), an unstable copper carbenoid which is generated *in situ* in the presence of an allylic halide by the addition of ICH_2ZnI ¹⁸ to $CuI \cdot 2LiI$,

Table 4. Functionalized Stannanes Obtained by the Reaction of Functionalized Zinc-Copper Reagents with Trialkyltin Chlorides

FG-RCu(CN)ZnX (FG-R)	chlorotrialkylstannane	product	yield (%)	ref(s)
CH ₂ OPiv 	Bu ₃ SnCl Me ₃ SnCl	Bu ₃ SnCH ₂ OPiv 	93 87	44 46a
CH ₂ SCOPh (CH ₂) ₃ S(O)Ph	Bu ₃ SnCl Me ₃ SnCl	Bu ₃ SnCH ₂ SCOPh 	64 90	60 59,60
CH ₂ CH ₂ P(O)(OEt) ₂	Bu ₃ SnCl		81	61
CH(Pr)CH ₂ P(O)(OMe) ₂ (CH ₂) ₃ COPh 	Me ₃ SnCl Bu ₃ SnCl Bu ₃ SnCl	Me ₃ SnCH(Pr)CH ₂ P(O)(OMe) ₂ Bu ₃ Sn(CH ₂) ₃ COPh 	67 65 86	61 24b 37
	Bu ₃ SnCl		88	37
	Me ₃ SnCl		93	53
	Me ₃ SnCl		95	53
<i>E/Z</i> (11:89)		<i>E/Z</i> (0:100)		
	Me ₃ SnCl		89	46b
<i>E/Z</i> (82:18)				
	Me ₃ SnCl		69	53
	Me ₃ SnCl		65	49b
	Me ₃ SnCl		74	49b

reacts with very high S_N2 selectivity (eq 67 and Table 5).⁴⁴ The reaction of FG-RCu(CN)ZnI with propargylic halides or tosylates provides allenes or dienes (Table 8).^{28b,65,80d}



Cationic pentadienyliron and pentadienylmolybdenum complexes such as 111 also react under very mild

conditions (23 °C, 2 h) with FG-RCu(CN)ZnX (100), providing several types of functionalized iron dienes 112 (Table 9, eq 68).^{51,80f}

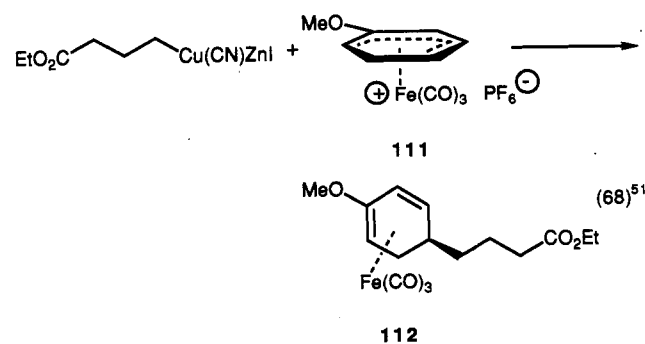


Table 5. Products Obtained from the Reaction of Functionalized Aliphatic Organozinc-Copper Reagents with Allylic Halides or Tosylates

RCu(CN)ZnX (R)	allylic electrophile	product	S _N 2'/S _N 2 ratio	yield (%)	ref(s)
CH ₂ CH ₂ CO ₂ Et	allyl tosylate			89	28b
CH ₂ CH ₂ CO ₂ Et	2-cyclohexenyl tosylate			82	28b
CH ₂ CH ₂ CO ₂ Et	cinnamyl tosylate		87:13	80	28b
CH ₂ CH ₂ CO ₂ Et	cinnamyl bromide		88:12	93	28b
CH ₂ CH ₂ CO ₂ Et	cinnamyl chloride		87:13	99	28b
CH ₂ CH ₂ CO ₂ Et	α-methallyl tosylate		72:28	50	28b
CH ₂ CH ₂ CO ₂ Et			100:0	80	28b
CH ₂ CH ₂ CO ₂ Et				89	28b
CH ₂ CH ₂ CO ₂ i-Pr	cinnamyl chloride		96:4	97	27
CH ₂ CH ₂ CO ₂ i-Pr	geranyl chloride		88:12	81	27
CH ₂ CH ₂ CO ₂ i-Pr	2-cyclohexenyl bromide			93	27
CH ₂ CH ₂ CO ₂ i-Pr			85:15	79	27
CH ₂ CH ₂ CO ₂ i-Pr			100:0	72	27
CH ₂ CH ₂ CO ₂ i-Pr				87	27
CH(CH ₃)CH ₂ CO ₂ Et	cinnamyl bromide		86:14	85	29b
CH(CH ₃)CH ₂ CO ₂ Et			100:0	79	29b
CH ₂ CH(CH ₃)CO ₂ Me	2-cyclohexenyl bromide			59	27
(CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et	crotyl tosylate		78:22	68	29b
(CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et			73:27	95	29b

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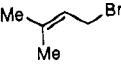
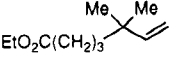
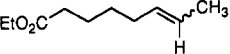
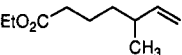
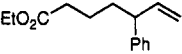
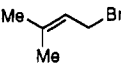
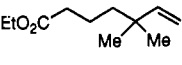
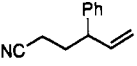
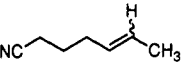
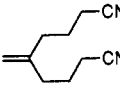
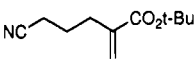
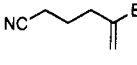
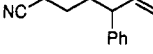
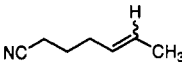
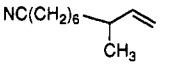
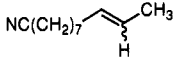
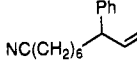
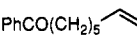
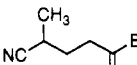
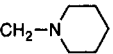
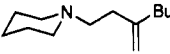
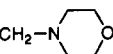
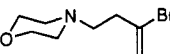
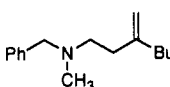
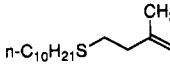
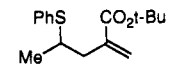
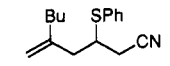
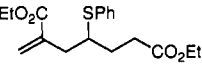
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(CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et	3-chloro-1-butene		100:0	87	64
(CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et	1-chloro-2-butene		96:4	83	64
(CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et	cinnamyl chloride		97:3	86	64
(CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et			98:2	88	64
CH ₂ CH ₂ CN	cinnamyl bromide		100:0	92	54a
CH ₂ CH ₂ CN	3-chloro-1-butene		100:0	84	54a
CH ₂ CH ₂ CN	2-chloromethyl-1-propene			83	54a
CH ₂ CH ₂ CN				95	54a
CH ₂ CH ₂ CN	2-(bromomethyl)hexene			84	99
(CH ₂) ₃ CN	cinnamyl bromide		96:4	88	30
(CH ₂) ₃ CN	3-chloro-1-butene		97:3	85	30
(CH ₂) ₆ CN	1-chloro-2-butene		97:3	91	64
(CH ₂) ₆ CN	3-chloro-2-butene		97:3	87	64
(CH ₂) ₆ CN	cinnamyl chloride		98:2	88	64
(CH ₂) ₄ COPh	allyl chloride			70	24b
CH ₂ CH(CH ₃)CN	2-(bromomethyl)hexene			69	99
	2-(bromomethyl)hexene			76	99
	2-(bromomethyl)hexene			68	99
CH ₂ N(CH ₃)CH ₂ Ph	2-(bromomethyl)hexene			64	99
CH ₂ SC ₁₀ H ₂₁				75	99
CH(CH ₃)SPh				87	59,60
CH(SPh)CH ₂ CN	2-(bromomethyl)hexene			75	60
CH(SPh)(CH ₂) ₂ CO ₂ Et				92	59,60

Table 5. (Continued)

RCu(CN)ZnX (R)	allylic electrophile	product	S _N 2/S _N 2 ratio	yield (%)	ref(s)
CH ₂ SCOPh				95	60
CH ₂ SCOPh				89	60
CH ₂ SCOPh	2-(bromomethyl)hexene			75	60
CH ₂ SCOPh				70	60
(CH ₂) ₃ SPh				87	59,60
(CH ₂) ₃ S(O)Ph				76	59,60
(CH ₂) ₃ SO ₂ Ph				88	60
				90	60
(CH ₂) ₃ C≡CH				86	56
				95	56
				95	54b
				86	54b
				80	50
(CH ₂) ₅ OAc				88	48
				90	46a,48
				86	46a
CH ₂ I	2-(bromomethyl)hexene			90	44
CH ₂ I				89	44
CH ₂ I				95	44
CH ₂ I				96	44

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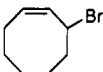
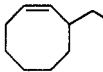
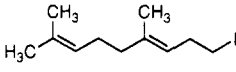
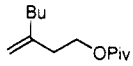
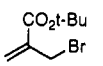
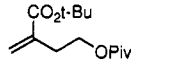
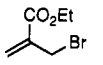
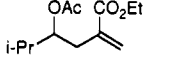
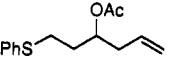
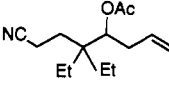
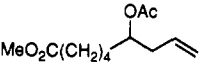
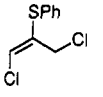
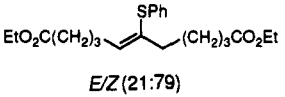
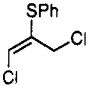
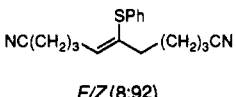
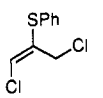
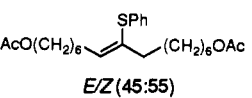
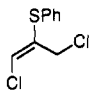
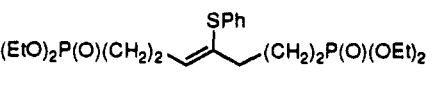
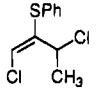
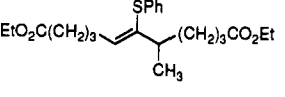
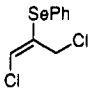
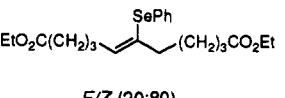
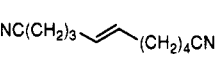
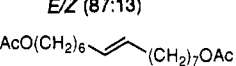
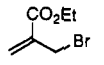
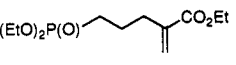
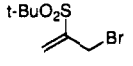
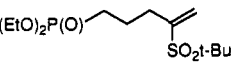
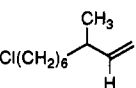
RCu(CN)ZnX (R)	allylic electrophile	product	S _N 2/S _N 2 ratio	yield (%)	ref(s)
CH ₂ I				79	44
CH ₂ I	geranyl bromide			90	44
CH ₂ OPiv	2-(bromomethyl)hexene			95	44
CH ₂ OPiv				94	44
CH(OAc)CH(CH ₃) ₂				95	45
CH(OAc)CH ₂ CH ₂ SPh	allyl bromide			86	45
CH(OAc)C(Et) ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ CN	allyl bromide			69	45
CH(OAc)(CH ₂) ₃₄ CO ₂ Me	allyl bromide			95	45
(CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et		 <i>E/Z</i> (21:79)	>97:3	88	39
(CH ₂) ₃ CN		 <i>E/Z</i> (8:92)	>97:3	85	39
(CH ₂) ₆ OAc		 <i>E/Z</i> (45:55)	>97:3	76	39
(CH ₂) ₂ P(O)(OEt) ₂		 <i>E/Z</i> (8:92)	>97:3	90	39
(CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et		 <i>E/Z</i> (11:89)	>97:3	89	39
(CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et		 <i>E/Z</i> (20:80)	>97:3	89	39
(CH ₂) ₃ CN	1,3-dichloropropene	 <i>E/Z</i> (87:13)	>97:3	88	39
(CH ₂) ₆ OAc	1,3-dichloropropene	 <i>E/Z</i> (70:30)	>97:3	80	39
(CH ₂) ₂ P(O)(OEt) ₂				92	61
(CH ₂) ₂ P(O)(OEt) ₂				79	61
(CH ₂) ₆ Cl	1-chloro-2-butene		98:2	94	64

Table 5. (Continued)

RCu(CN)ZnX (R)	allylic electrophile	product	S _N 2/S _N 2 ratio	yield (%)	ref(s)
				83	46b
				74	101
				70	101
				50	80d
				65	80d
				48	80d
				48	80d
				55	80d
				56	80d
				51	80d
				62	49b
				70	49b
				81	49b
				68	49b
				67	49b
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				74	49b
				75	49b

Table 6. Products Obtained by the Reaction of Functionalized Benzylic Zinc-Copper Reagents with Allylic Halides

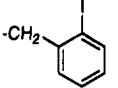
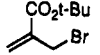
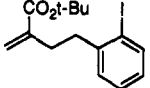
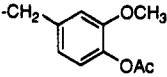
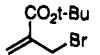
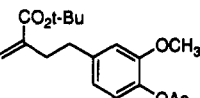
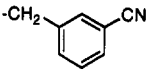
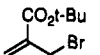
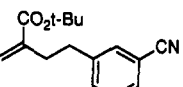
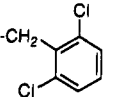
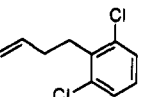
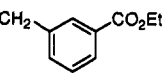
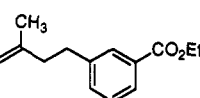
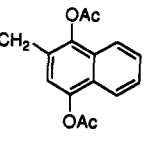
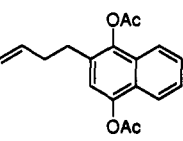
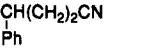
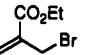
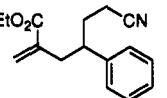
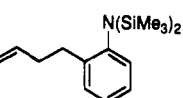
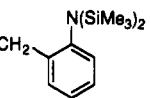
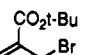
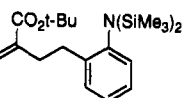
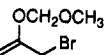
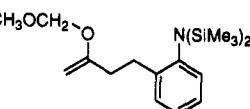
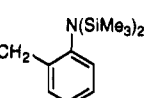
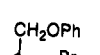
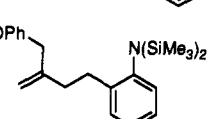
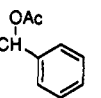
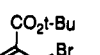
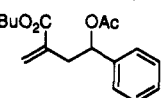
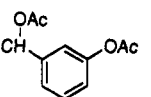
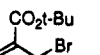
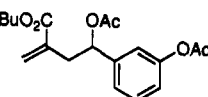
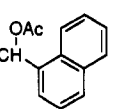
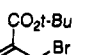
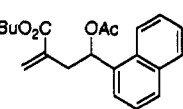
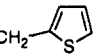
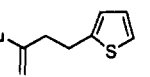
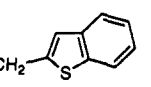
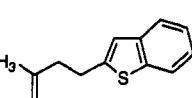
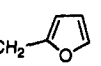
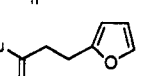
FG-RCu(CN)ZnX (FG-R)	allylic halide	product	yield (%)	ref(s)
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			98	36
			97	37
			96	37
			87	37
			82	37
			92	37,54b
			86	55
			84	55
			81	55
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			96	99
			93	99
			74	99

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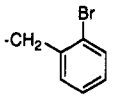
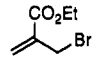
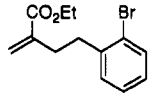
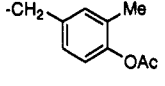
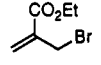
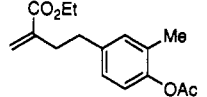
FG-RCu(CN)ZnX (FG-R)	allylic halide	product	yield (%)	ref(s)
			86	76
			82	76

Table 7. Products Obtained by the Reaction of Functionalized Alkenyl and Aromatic Zinc-Copper Reagents with Allylic Halides

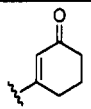
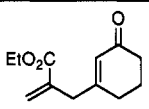
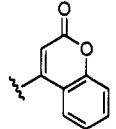
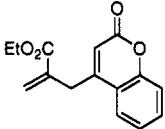
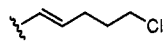
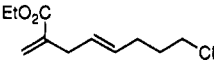
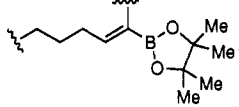
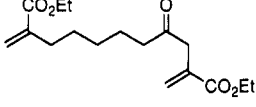
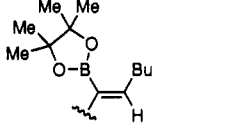
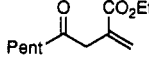
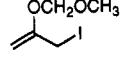
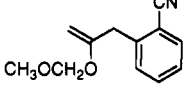
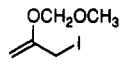
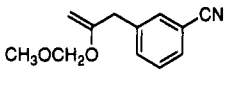
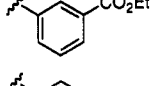
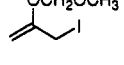
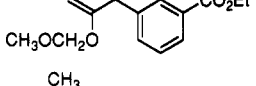
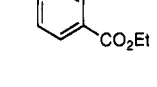
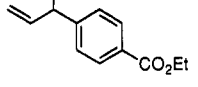
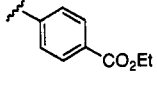
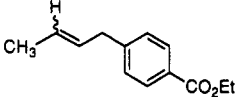
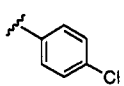
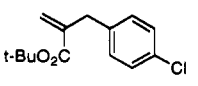
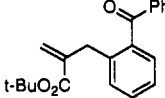
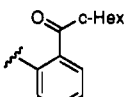
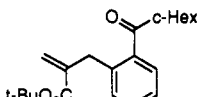
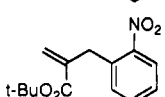
FG-RCu(CN)ZnX (FG-R)	allylic halide	product	S _N 2'/S _N 2	yield (%)	ref
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				71	53
				81	125a
				59	46b
				69	46b
				72	35
				91	35
				72	35
	1-chloro-2-butene		80:20	86	64
	3-chloro-1-butene		100:0	93	64
				83	35
				83	35
				72	35
				79	125

Table 7 (Continued)

FG-RCu(CN)ZnX (FG-R)	allylic halide	product	S _N 2'/S _N 2	yield (%)	ref
	allyl chloride			41	144
	allyl chloride			63	144

Table 8. Preparation of Dienes or Allenes by the Reaction of Propargylic Halides or Tosylates with Organozinc-Copper Reagents

FG-RCu(CN)ZnX (FG-R)	propargylic electrophile	product	yield (%)	ref
(CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et	HC≡CCH ₂ OTs			28b
(CH ₂) ₃ CN	ClCH ₂ C≡CCH ₂ Cl	R = (CH ₂) ₃ CN	84	65
(CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et	ClCH ₂ C≡CCH ₂ Cl	R = (CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et	95	65
(CH ₂) ₆ Cl	ClCH ₂ C≡CCH ₂ Cl	R = (CH ₂) ₆ Cl	92	65
CH ₂ -C ₆ H ₄ -p-CN	TsOCH ₂ C≡CCH ₂ OTs	R = CH ₂ -C ₆ H ₄ -p-CN	93	65
C ₆ H ₄ -p-COMe	TsOCH ₂ C≡CCH ₂ OTs	R = C ₆ H ₄ -p-COMe	93	65
C ₆ H ₄ -p-CN	TsOCH ₂ C≡CCH ₂ OTs	R = C ₆ H ₄ -p-CN	97	65
	HC≡CCH ₂ Br		55	80d

Table 9. Functionalized Iron and Molybdenum Diene Complexes Obtained by the Reaction of Cationic Iron or Molybdenum Complexes with Functionalized Zinc-Copper Reagents

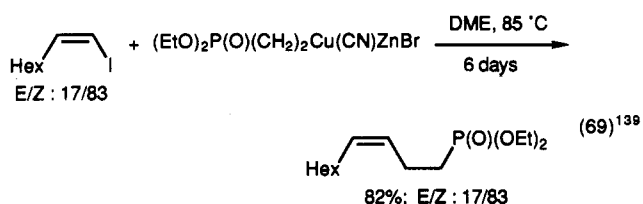
FG-R ² Cu(CN)ZnX (FG-R ²)	cationic complex	product	yield (%)	ref
(CH ₂) ₂ CN			84	51a
(CH ₂) ₃ CN		R ¹ = H; R ² = (CH ₂) ₃ CN	90	51a
(CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et		R ¹ = H; R ² = (CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et	97	51a
(CH ₂) ₃ CN		R ¹ = Me; R ² = (CH ₂) ₃ CN	75	51a
(CH ₂) ₂ CN			78	51a
(CH ₂) ₃ CN		R ¹ = H; R ² = (CH ₂) ₃ CN	75	51a
(CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et		R ¹ = H; R ² = (CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et	83	51a
(CH ₂) ₄ OAc		R ¹ = H; R ² = (CH ₂) ₄ OAc	60	51a
(CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et		R ¹ = OMe; R ² = (CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et	76	51a
(CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et				
(CH ₂) ₄ OAc		A: R ¹ = H; R ² = (CH ₂) ₄ OAc	57:0	51b
(CH ₂) ₃ CN		B: R ¹ = H; R ² = (CH ₂) ₃ CN	68:0	51b
(CH ₂) ₂ CN		A: R ¹ = H; R ² = (CH ₂) ₂ CN	65:0	51b
(CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et		B: R ¹ = H; R ² = (CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et	45:0	51b
(CH ₂) ₄ OAc		A: R ¹ = Me; R ² = (CH ₂) ₄ OAc	28:23	51b
(CH ₂) ₂ CN		B: R ¹ = Me; R ² = (CH ₂) ₂ CN	15:43	51b
		A: R ¹ = Me; R ² = (CH ₂) ₂ CN	20:36	51b
(CH ₂) ₄ CO ₂ Et				
(CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et		R ² = (CH ₂) ₄ CO ₂ Et	90	51c
(CH ₂) ₂ CO ₂ Et		R ² = (CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et	90	51c
(CH ₂) ₄ CN		R ² = (CH ₂) ₂ CO ₂ Et	33	51c
(CH ₂) ₃ CN		R ² = (CH ₂) ₄ CN	58	51c
(CH ₂) ₃ CN		R ² = (CH ₂) ₃ CN	41	51c
(CH ₂) ₄ OAc		R ² = (CH ₂) ₄ OAc	51	51c

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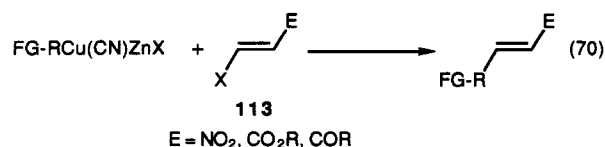
FG-R ² Cu(CN)ZnX (FG-R ²)	cationic complex	product	yield (%)	ref
(CH ₂) ₄ OCOPh CH ₂ —NH ₂ Boc CO ₂ Bn		R ² = (CH ₂) ₄ OCOPh 	57 68	51c 80f
CH ₂ —NH ₂ Boc CO ₂ Bn			59	80f
CH ₂ —NH ₂ Boc CO ₂ Bn			57	80f
CH ₂ —NH ₂ Boc CO ₂ Bn			64	80f
CH ₂ —NH ₂ Boc CO ₂ Bn			52	80f
CH ₂ —NH ₂ Boc CO ₂ Bn			31	80f

2. Coupling with Alkynyl, Alkenyl, and Alkyl Halides

Organocopper reagents are well known to undergo coupling reactions with alkenyl halides.¹³⁶ The copper reagents derived from organozinc halides, RCu(CN)ZnI, react only under harsh conditions with alkenyl halides¹³⁹ (several days, reflux in DME); however, the reactions produce functionalized olefins in a stereocontrolled fashion (eqs 57 and 69).

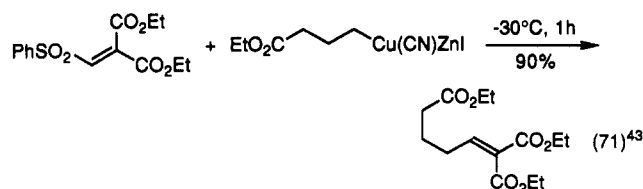


The presence of an electron-withdrawing substituent at the β-position considerably facilitates the substitution reaction since an addition-elimination mechanism can take place. Various reagents of type 113 react with zinc-copper organometallics in high yields (eq 70 and Table 10).



The reaction can be used to prepare a variety of β-substituted alkylidenemalonates by the addition of various zinc-copper reagents FG-RCu(CN)ZnX to a [(phenylsulfonyl)methylidene]malonate (eq 71).⁴³

A unique access to γ-acetoxy nitro olefins 114 is also possible by this approach. Thus, the addition of an α-acetoxyalkylzinc-copper reagent to (E)-2-(ethylsulfonyl)-1-nitroethylene provides the pure (E)-acetoxy



nitro olefin 114 in good yields (eq 72).^{45b} The addition of FG-RCu(CN)ZnX to 3-iodocyclohexenone usually proceeds very well and leads to highly functionalized 3-substituted cyclohexanones (eqs 73 and 74 and Table

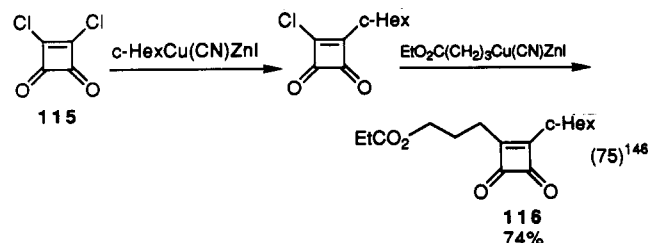
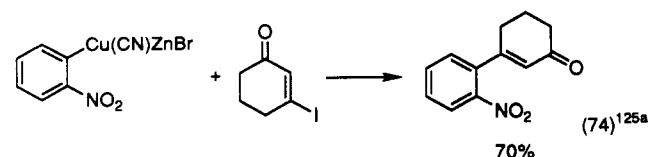
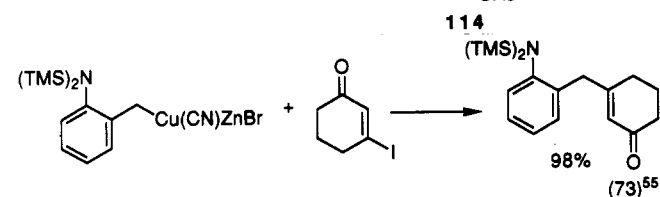
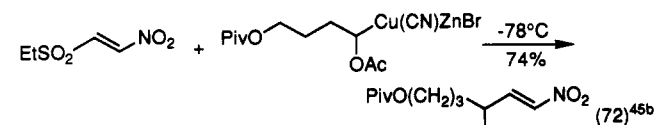


Table 10. Reaction of Alkenyl Halides and Related Compounds with Zinc-Copper Organometallics Leading to Functionalized Olefins

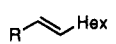
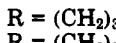
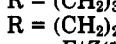
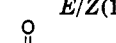
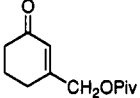
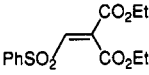
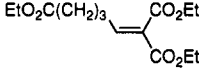
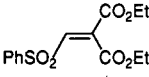
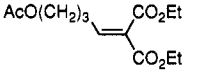
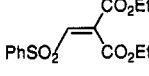
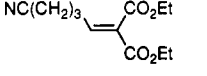
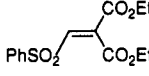
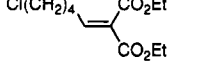
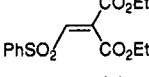
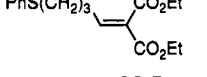
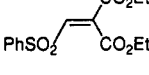
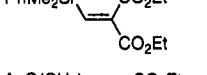
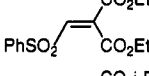
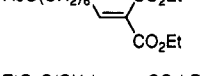
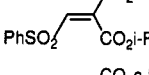
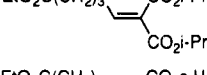
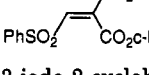
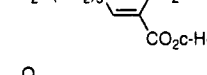
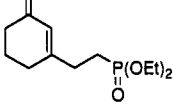
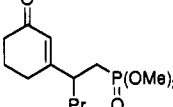
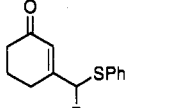
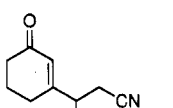
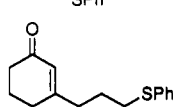
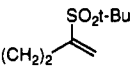
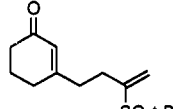
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CH ₂ OPiv	<i>E/Z</i> (17:83)		97	44
			97	44
(CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et			90	43
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(CH ₂) ₃ CN			83	43
(CH ₂) ₄ Cl			84	43
(CH ₂) ₃ SPh			74	43
SiMe ₂ Ph			40	43
(CH ₂) ₆ OAc			88	43
(CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et			82	43
(CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et			74	43
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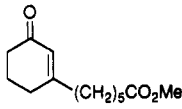
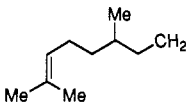
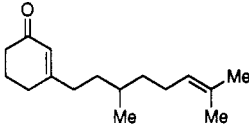
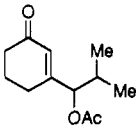
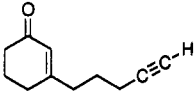
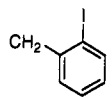
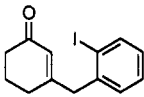
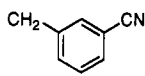
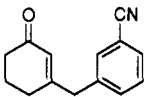
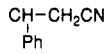
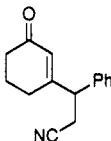
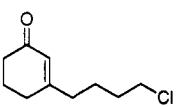
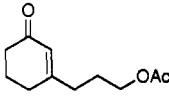
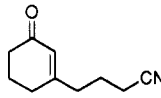
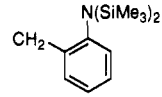
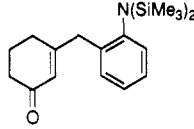
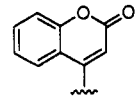
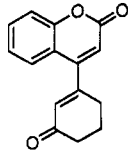
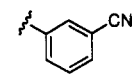
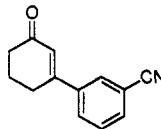
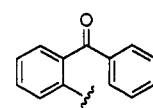
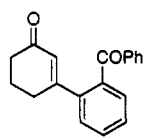
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(CH ₂) ₄ Cl	3-iodo-2-cyclohexenone		84	38,48
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(CH ₂) ₃ CN	3-iodo-2-cyclohexenone		89	38
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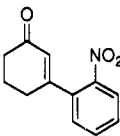
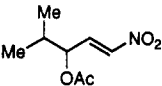
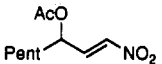
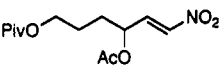
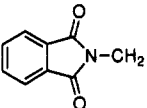
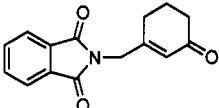
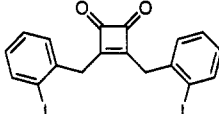
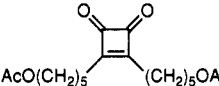
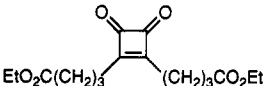
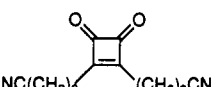
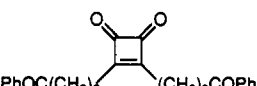
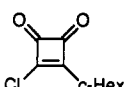
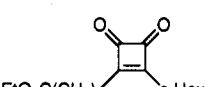
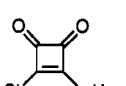
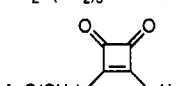
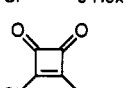
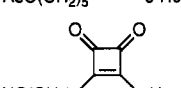
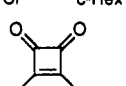
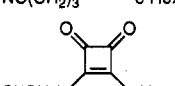
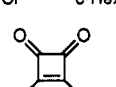
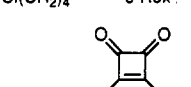
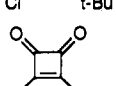
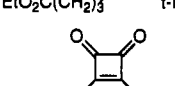
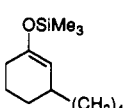
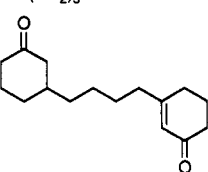
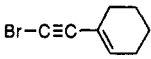
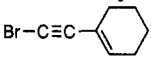
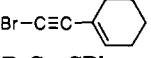
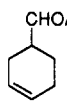
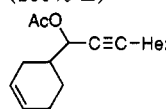
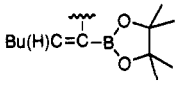
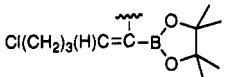
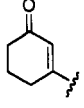
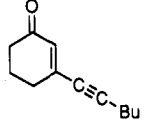
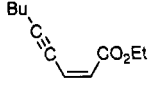
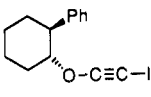
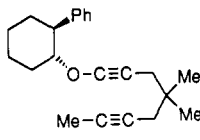
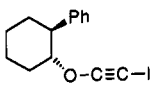
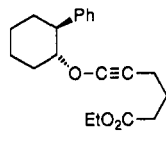
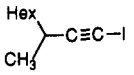
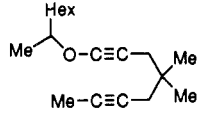
FG-RCu(CN)ZnI	alkenyl iodide	product	yield (%)	ref(s)
	3-iodo-2-cyclohexenone		70	125a
CH(OAc)-CH(CH ₃) ₂	PhSO ₂ -CH=CH-NO ₂		74	45b
CH(OAc)Pent	EtSO ₂ -CH=CH-NO ₂		80	45b
CH(OAc)(CH ₂) ₃ OPiv	PhSO ₂ -CH=CH-NO ₂		74	45b
	3-iodo-2-cyclohexenone		72	45b
			79	146
(CH ₂) ₅ OAc			89	146
(CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et			83	146
(CH ₂) ₃ CN			83	146
(CH ₂) ₃ COPh			72	146
(CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et			74	146
(CH ₂) ₅ OAc			67	146
(CH ₂) ₃ CN			65	146
(CH ₂) ₄ Cl			57	146
(CH ₂) ₃ CCO ₂ Et			81	146
(CH ₂) ₃ CN			77	146
	3-iodo-2-cyclohexenone		64	49b

Table 11. Functionalized Alkynes Obtained by the Reaction of Zinc-Copper Organometallics with 1-Haloalkynes

FG-RCu(CN)ZnX (FG-R)	alkynyl halide	product	yield (%)	ref(s)
CH ₂ OPiv	1-bromooctyne	PivOCH ₂ C≡CHex	72	44
(CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et	BrC≡CCH ₂ OTHP	EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ C≡CCH ₂ OTHP	74	147e
(CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et	1-bromooctyne	EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ C≡CHex	78	41
(CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et	1-bromo-2-phenylacetylene	EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ C≡CPh	71	41
(CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et		EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ -C≡C- 	74	41
(CH ₂) ₃ CN	1-bromooctyne	HexC≡C(CH ₂) ₃ CN	81	41
(CH ₂) ₃ CN		NC(CH ₂) ₃ -C≡C- 	79	41
(CH ₂) ₃ CH(OPiv)CH ₃	1-iodooctyne	CH ₃ CH(OPiv)(CH ₂) ₃ C≡CHex	75	41
(CH ₂) ₄ Cl		Cl(CH ₂) ₄ -C≡C- 	81	41
(CH ₂) ₃ C≡CPent	BrC≡CPh	PentC≡C(CH ₂) ₃ C≡CPh	73	41
CH ₂ CH ₂ P(O)(OEt) ₂	1-bromooctyne	(EtO) ₂ P(O)CH ₂ CH ₂ C≡CHex	89	61
CH ₂ SPh	1-bromooctyne	PhSCH ₂ C≡CHex	70	59,60
(CH=CH)Hex-(E)	1-iodohexyne	(E)-BuC≡CCH=CHHex (100% E)	77	50
	1-bromooctyne		86	45
(CH ₂) ₃ C≡CH	1-iodohexyne	BuC≡C(CH ₂) ₃ C≡CH	60	56
CH ₂ OPiv	1-iodohexyne	BuC≡CCH ₂ OPiv	74	45
(H)C≡C(H)(CH ₂) ₃ OPiv-(E)	1-iodohexyne	(E)-BuC≡CCH=CH(CH ₂) ₃ OPiv	66	125a
	1-iodohexyne	PentCOC≡CBu	86	46b
	1-iodohexyne	Cl(CH ₂) ₄ COC≡CBu	87	46b
	1-iodohexyne		92	53
(H)C≡C(H)CO ₂ Et	1-iodohexyne		81	53
CH ₂ C(CH ₃) ₂ CH ₂ C≡CMe			61	148
(CH ₂) ₃ CO ₂ Et			56	148
CH ₂ C(CH ₃) ₂ CH ₂ C≡CMe			56	148

10). A selective double addition-elimination on 3,4-dichlorocyclobutene-1,2-dione (115) provides a range of functionalized 3,4-disubstituted cyclobutene-1,2-diones 116 (eq 75).¹⁴⁶

Lithium- and magnesium-derived organocopper reagents are known to react under mild conditions with 1-halogenoalkynes.¹⁴⁷ Similarly, it was found that the functionalized copper-zinc reagents FG-RCu(CN)ZnX (100) undergo a smooth coupling reaction with 1-iodo or 1-bromoalkynes. This provides an excellent synthesis of functionalized alkynes (Table 11) and has been used

to prepare functionalized acetylenic ethers 117 (eq 76).¹⁴⁸

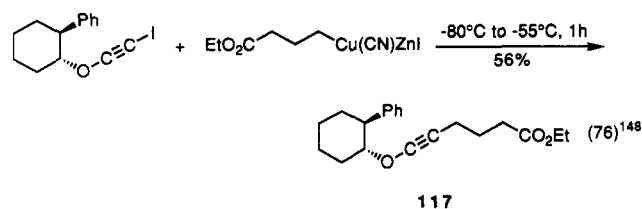
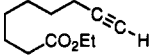
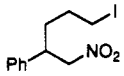
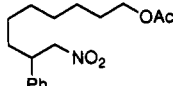
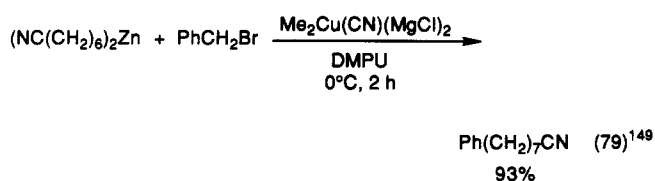
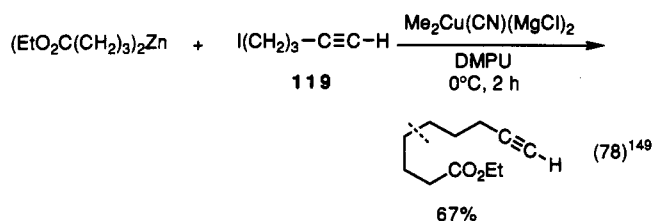
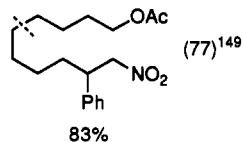
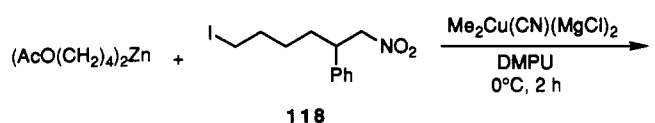


Table 12. Coupling Reaction between Functionalized Alkylzinc Reagents and Polyfunctional Electrophiles in DMPU¹⁴⁹

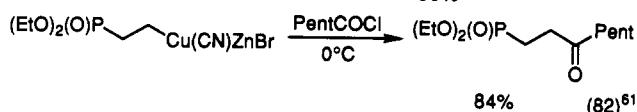
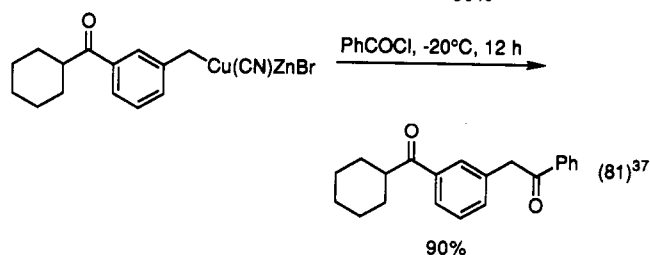
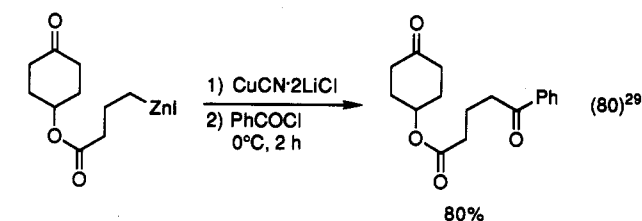
(FG-R) ₂ Cu(MgX)·Me ₂ Zn (FG-R)	alkyl halide	product	yield (%)
AcO(CH ₂) ₅	OctI	AcO(CH ₂) ₁₂ CH ₃	80
AcO(CH ₂) ₅	EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ I	AcO(CH ₂) ₈ CO ₂ Et	74
AcO(CH ₂) ₅	NC(CH ₂) ₃ I	AcO(CH ₂) ₈ CN	81
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃	OctI	EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₁₀ CH ₃	72
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃	I(CH ₂) ₃ C≡CH		71
AcO(CH ₂) ₄			83
AcO(CH ₂) ₄	SO ₂ CF ₃ PhCH ₂ N(CH ₂) ₃ I	PhCH ₂ -N(CH ₂) ₇ OAc SO ₂ CF ₃	87
PhCH ₂ N(SO ₂ CF ₃)(CH ₂) ₃	NC(CH ₂) ₃ I	PhCH ₂ N(SO ₂ CF ₃)(CH ₂) ₆ CN	77
NC(CH ₂) ₆	PhCH ₂ Br	NC(CH ₂) ₇ Ph	93

The lower reactivity of copper–zinc reagents compared to the corresponding lithium or magnesium copper derivatives becomes especially apparent in alkylation reactions. However, it was found that the treatment of *dialkylzincs* with 1 equiv of a lithium or magnesium dimethylcuprate provides a reagent which is able to alkylate primary alkyl iodides and benzylic bromides in polar solvents such as DMPU or NMP under relatively mild conditions (0 °C, 2 h).¹⁴⁹ Less than 5% of methyl transfer was observed under these conditions. This reaction shows a remarkable functional group tolerance, and an iodide bearing a primary nitroalkane (118) or a terminal acetylene functionality (119) reacts to provide the expected mixed coupling product (Table 12 and eqs 77–79). This is one of the few methods allowing cross-coupling reactions between functionalized substrates to be performed.



3. Coupling with Acid Chlorides

Acid chlorides react only slowly with alkylzinc halides, and the reaction is further complicated by zinc(II)-catalyzed THF ring opening. In contrast, the corresponding organocopper reagents **100** react smoothly with acid chlorides at 0 °C (2–12 h) and provide polyfunctional ketones in excellent yields. Alkyl, aryl, or benzylic zinc–copper reagents can be used with equal success (eqs 80–83 and Table 13). In the case of α -oxygenated organometallics, it was shown that the corresponding copper–cadmium organometallics react with acid chlorides in better yields.⁴⁵



C. Addition Reactions

1. Additions to Aldehydes and Related Reagents

The direct addition of alkyl, aryl, or alkenyl zinc reagents to aldehydes is usually relatively inefficient.² However, it has been shown that alkenylzinc chlorides which seem to be more reactive than their alkyl

Table 13. Preparation of Polyfunctional Ketones by the Addition of Zinc-Copper Reagents to Acid Chlorides

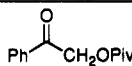
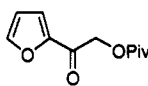
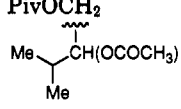
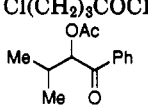
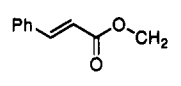
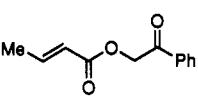
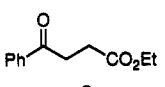
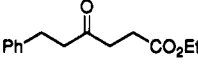
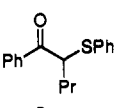
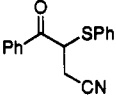
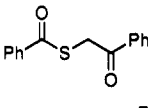
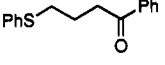
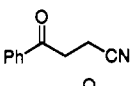
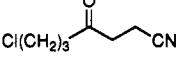
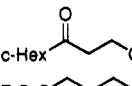
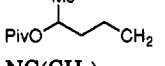
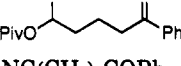
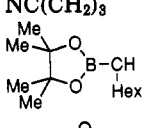
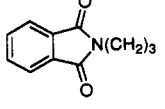
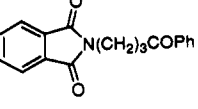
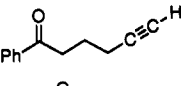
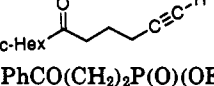
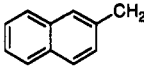
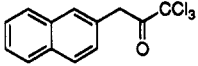
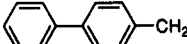
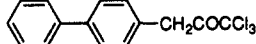
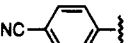
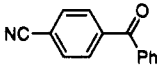
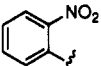
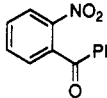
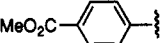
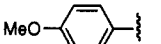
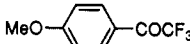
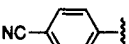
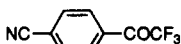
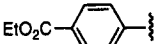
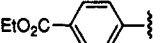
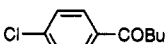
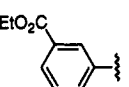
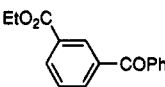
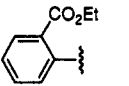
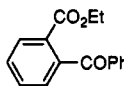
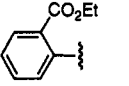
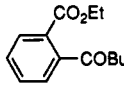
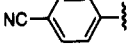
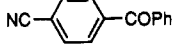
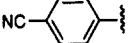
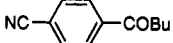
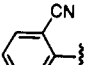
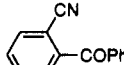
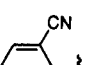
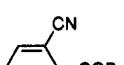
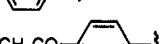
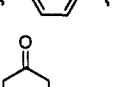
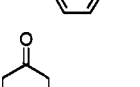
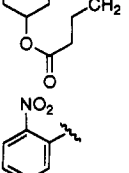
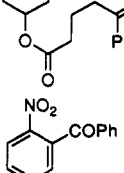
FG-RCu(CN)ZnX (FG-R)	RCOCl (R)	product	yield (%)	ref(s)
PivOCH ₂	Ph		81	44,45
PivOCH ₂			90	44,45
PivOCH ₂	c-Hex	PivOCH ₂ COc-Hex	66	44,45
PivOCH ₂	Cl(CH ₂) ₃	Cl(CH ₂) ₃ COCH ₂ OPiv	42	44,45
	Ph		82	45
	Ph		93	45
EtO ₂ CCH ₂ CH ₂	Ph		76	27a
EtO ₂ CCH ₂ CH ₂	Ph(CH ₂) ₂		89	27a
PrCH(SPh)	Ph		93	59,60
NCCH ₂ CH(SPh)	Ph		79	59,60
PhCOSCH ₂	Ph		85	60
PhS(CH ₂) ₃	Ph		87	59,60
NC(CH ₂) ₂	Ph		83	54a
NC(CH ₂) ₂	Cl(CH ₂) ₃		77	54a
NC(CH ₂) ₂	c-Hex		79	54a
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃	Ph		87	29
	Ph		93	29
NC(CH ₂) ₃	Ph	NC(CH ₂) ₃ COPh	93	29
	Ph	HeptCOPh	74	46a
	Ph		74	57
HC≡C-(CH ₂) ₃	Ph		68	56
HC≡C-(CH ₂) ₃	c-Hex		67	56
(EtO) ₂ (O)P(CH ₂) ₂	Ph	PhCO(CH ₂) ₂ P(O)(OEt) ₂	96	61
(EtO) ₂ (O)P(CH ₂) ₂	c-Hex	c-HexCO(CH ₂) ₂ P(O)(OEt) ₂	86	61
(EtO) ₂ (O)P(CH ₂) ₂	Pent	PentCO(CH ₂) ₂ P(O)(OEt) ₂	84	61
AcO(CH ₂) ₅	Ph	OhCO(CH ₂) ₅ OAc	87	48

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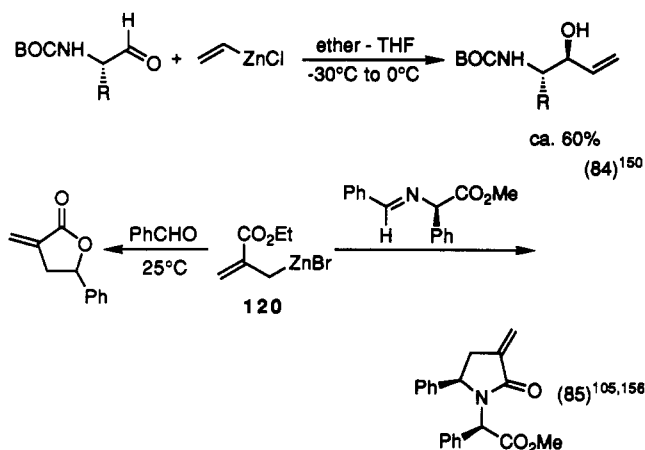
FG-RCu(CN)ZnX (FG-R)	RCOCl (R)	product	yield (%)	ref(s)
	Ph	 <i>cis/trans</i> (1:4)	89	54b
	Ph	 <i>cis/trans</i> (<1:>99)	67	54b
	Ph	 <i>cis/trans</i> (<1:>99)	68	54b
PrCH(CH ₂ CN)	Ph		81	54b
PhCH(CH ₂ CN)	Ph		82	54b
	ClCOCOC		77	49
	Ph		90	36,37
PhCH(CH ₃) Ph CH(CH ₂) ₂ CN	c-Hex Ph	PhCH(CH ₃)COC-c-Hex 	93 83	36,37 37
	c-Hex		92	36
	Ph		94	55
	Ph		75	55
			78	55
	Cl(CH ₂) ₃		80	55
	Cl(CH ₂) ₃		73	55
	ClCH ₂ -		76	55
	Ph-		53	55

Table 13 (Continued)

FG-RCu(CN)ZnX (FG-R)	RCOCl (R)	product	yield (%)	ref(s)
	Cl ₃ C		82	70b
	Cl ₃ C		85	70b
	Ph		82	125
	Ph		75	125
	CF ₃ ^a		52	144
	CF ₃ ^a		32	144
	CF ₃ ^a		50	144
NC(CH ₂) ₆	Ph	NC(CH ₂) ₆ COPh	94	64
Cl(CH ₂) ₆	Ph	PhCO(CH ₂) ₆ Cl	85	64
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃	Bu	EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ COBu	91	64
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃	Ph	EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ COPh	95	64
	Bu		83	64
	Ph		88	64
	Bu		90	64
	Ph		83	64
	Ph		92	64
	Bu		94	64
	Ph		73	64
	Bu		71	64
	Ph		98	64
	Bu		97	64
	Bu		80	64
	CH ₃		76	64
	Ph		80	29
	Ph		75	125a

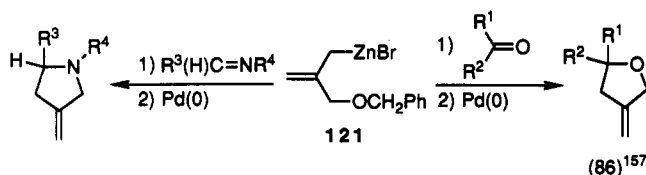
^a (CF₃CO)₂O was used.

counterparts,^{131b} add to α -amino aldehydes in acceptable yields,¹⁵⁰ providing unsaturated 1,2-amino alcohols stereoselectively (eq 84). Allylic zinc reagents, which are highly reactive, add to a wide range of carbonyl functionalities (Table 14).¹⁵¹⁻¹⁵⁶ For example, the functionalized 2-carboethoxyallylzinc bromide **120** reacts well with aldehydes, ketones or imines^{105,156} (eq 85



and Table 14) leading to α -methylene- γ -butyrolactones or α -methylene- γ -butyrolactams.¹⁵⁶

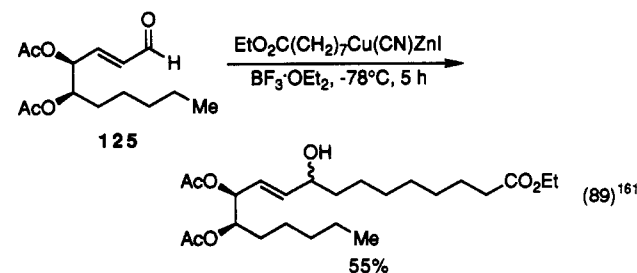
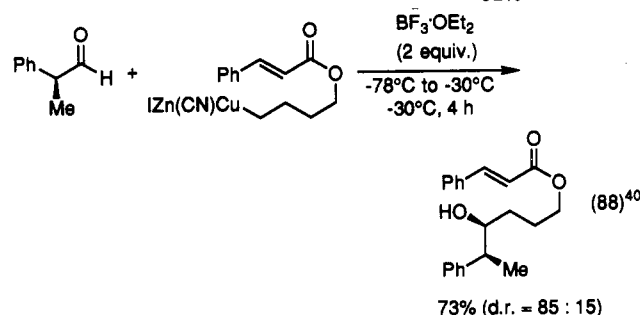
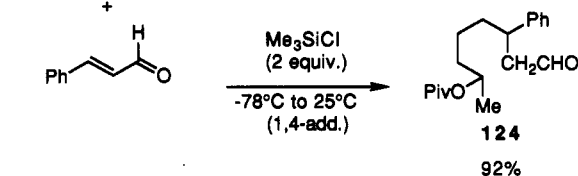
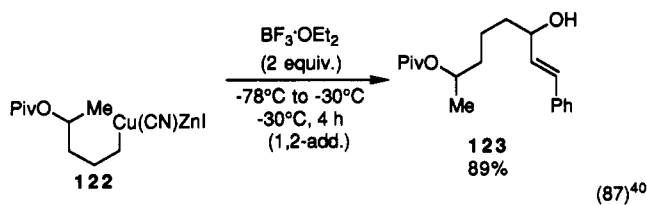
The zinc reagent **120** is prepared in high yield (>90%) from the corresponding bromide in THF if the reaction temperature is maintained between 17 and 20 °C during the addition and if zinc having a granulometry of 30 mesh is used (Table 14).¹⁰⁵ The allylic zinc compound **121** formally allows (3 + 2) cyclization reactions to be performed,¹⁵⁷ and its addition to aldehydes or imines furnishes, after a Pd(0)-catalyzed ring closure, 3-methylenetetrahydrofurans and 3-methylenepyrrolidines (eq 86).¹⁵⁷



In the presence of Lewis acids such as $\text{Ti}(\text{O}i\text{-Pr})_4$,¹⁵⁸⁻¹⁵⁹ Me_3SiCl , or $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$,⁴⁰ the addition of functionalized organozinc halides to aldehydes proceeds satisfactorily. An excellent chemoselectivity is observed; thus, the reaction of cinnamaldehyde with the zinc-copper reagent **122** produces in the presence of $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$ (2 equiv) the 1,2-adduct **123** in 89% yield (Table 14), whereas in the presence of Me_3SiCl (2 equiv) the same organometallic reagent undergoes a 1,4-addition leading to the aldehyde **124** (92% yield; eq 87).⁴⁰ As is the case for organotitanium reagents,¹⁶²⁻¹⁶³ the organometallics $\text{FG-RCu}(\text{CN})\text{ZnI}$ add, in the presence of $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$, with good diastereoselectivity to α -chiral aldehydes (eq 88).⁴⁰ Oxygenated metabolites of unsaturated fatty acids can be prepared using the addition of a functionalized zinc-copper reagent to the unsaturated polyfunctional aldehyde **125** (eq 89).¹⁶¹

The direct addition of organozinc halides to aromatic aldehydes is possible in the presence of $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$, but the use of the corresponding copper compounds is mandatory for other classes of aldehydes (Table 15). Interestingly, it was found that functionalized (bro-

momethyl)oxazoles of type **126** can be readily converted to the corresponding zinc reagents **127** and be added under very mild reaction conditions (0 °C, 2 h) to aldehydes and ketones *in the absence of copper salts* (eq 90).¹⁶⁴ This high reactivity can be explained by the



enolate character of the zinc compounds **127**, and it is well known that zinc enolates display usually a good reactivity toward carbonyl compounds (Reformatsky reaction).⁹ In contrast, a benzylic zinc halide requires the transmetalation to the copper reagent **128** to add to aldehydes (eq 91).

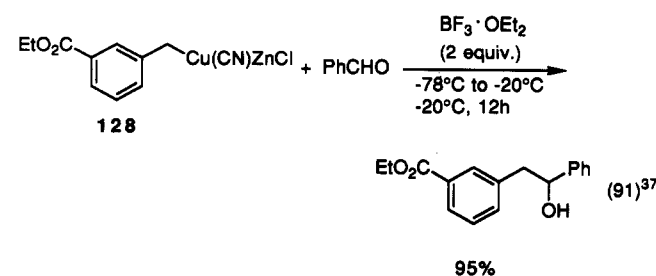
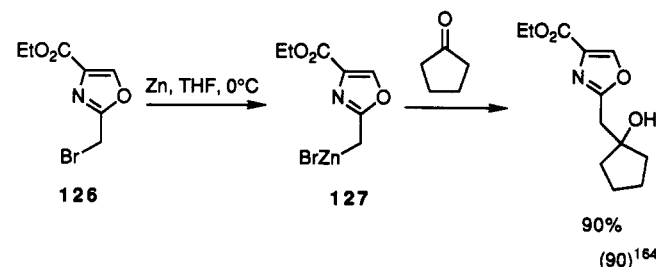


Table 14. Preparation of Polyfunctional Secondary Alcohols by the Addition of Allylic Organozinc or Organozinc-Copper Reagents to Aldehydes, Ketones, and Imines

FG-RM ^a M = Cu(CN)ZnI	carbonyl compound	product	yield (%)	ref
	PhCHO		96	100
			71	100
	PhCHO		90	100
	NC(CH ₂) ₂ C(Et) ₂ CHO		75	100
			58	101a
			70	101a
	PhCHO PhCHO	THPOCH ₂ C≡CCH ₂ CH(OH)Ph	80 95	101a 101a
	PhCHO		46	101b
			64	101b
	PhCOMe		37	151c
	MeCOMe		20	151c
			64	151c
	PhCHO		95	157c
			92	157c
	PhCOMe		100	157c
			100	157c
			98	157c
	Ph-N=Me		90	157c

Table 14 (Continued)

FG-RM ^a M = Cu(CN)ZnI	carbonyl compound	product	yield (%)	ref
			91	157c
	PhCHO		88	105b
	PhCHO		33	105b
	PhCHO		87	105b
	PhCHO		89	105b
	c-HexCHO		76	106
	PhCHO	<i>cis/trans</i> (80:20) 	78	106
	PhCHO	<i>cis/trans</i> (92:8) 	75	106
	PhCHO	<i>cis/trans</i> (90:10) 	76	106
	PhCHO	<i>cis/trans</i> (95:5) 	85	106
		<i>cis/trans</i> (95:5) 	68	106
	PhCOMe		82	106
		<i>cis/trans</i> (100:0) 	86	106
		<i>cis/trans</i> (85:15) 		

Table 14 (Continued)

FG-RM ^a M = Cu(CN)ZnI	carbonyl compound	product	yield (%)	ref
	c-HexCHO		93	106
	PhCHO		60	106
	PhCHO		67	106
	PhCHO		78	106
	PhCHO		85	106
	Ph-CH=N-CH(Ph)-CH2OH		85	156a
	Ph-CH=N-CH(Me)-CH2OH		77	156a
	c-HexCHO		78	76
	PhCHO		95	76
	PentCOSiMe3		78	155
	Ph-CH=N-CH(Ph)-CO2Me		70	156b
	Ph-CH=N-CH(Ph)-CO2Et		85	156b
	Ph-CH=N-CH(Me)-CO2Et		78	156b
	t-Bu-CH=N-CH(Ph)-CO2Et		75	156b

^a Prepared by the methylene homologation of the corresponding alkenylcopper (or alkynylcopper) using iodomethylzinc iodide.^b Prepared by metalation. ^c Prepared by direct zinc insertion.

Table 15. Preparation of Polyfunctional Secondary Alcohols Obtained by the Addition of Organozinc or Organozinc-Copper Reagents to Aldehydes, Ketones, Imines, or Immonium Ions in the Presence of Lewis Acids

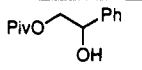
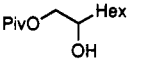
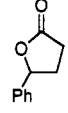
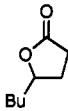
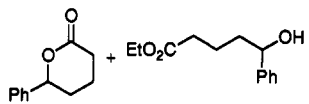
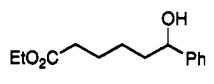
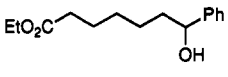
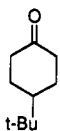
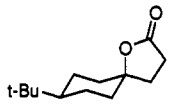
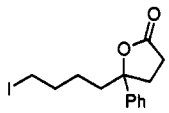
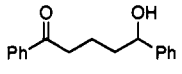
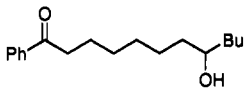
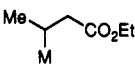
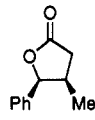
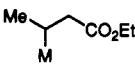
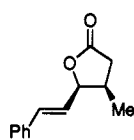
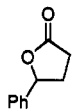
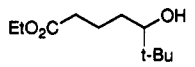
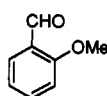
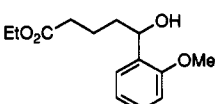
FG-RM ^a	carbonyl compound	product	yield (%)	ref(s)
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PivOCH ₂ M	HexCHO		73	44,45b
PhSCH ₂ M EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₂ M	PhCHO PhCHO	PhSCH ₂ CH(OH)Ph 	71 95	59,60 158
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₂ M	BuCHO		100	158
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ M	PhCHO		78	158
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₄ M	PhCHO		80	158
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₅ M	PhCHO		95	158
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₂ M			88	158
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₂ M	I(CH ₂) ₄ COPh		95	158
PhCO(CH ₂) ₃ M	PhCHO		76	158
PhCO(CH ₂) ₆ M	BuCHO		75	158
	PhCHO	 <i>cis/trans</i> (>99:1)	94	158
	Ph-CH=CH-CHO	 <i>cis/trans</i> (83:17)	95	158
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₂ M	PhCHO		95	160
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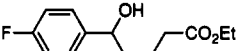
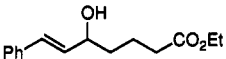
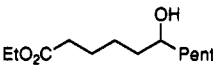
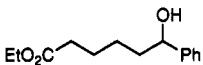
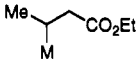
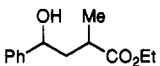
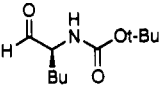
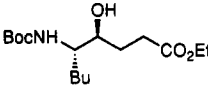
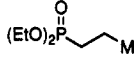
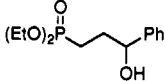
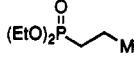
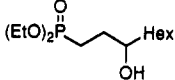
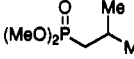
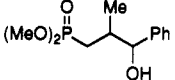
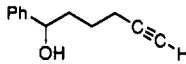
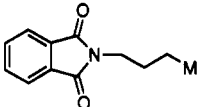
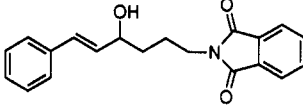
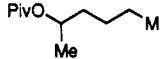
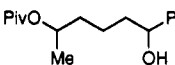
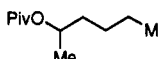
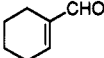
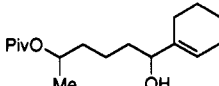
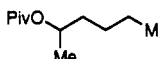
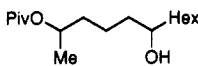
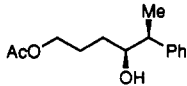
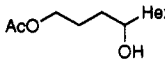
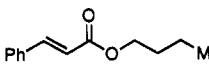
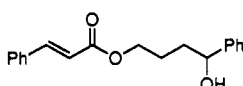
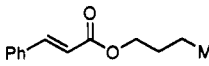
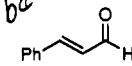
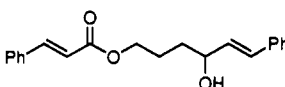
FG-RM ^a	carbonyl compound	product	yield (%)	ref(s)
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ M			88	160
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ M	Ph-CH=CH-CHO		68	160
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₄ M	PentCHO		22	160
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₄ M	PhCHO		80	160
	PhCHO		70	160
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₂ M			32	159
	PhCHO		96	61
	HexCHO		88	61
	PhCHO		81	61
HC≡C-CH2CH2CH2M	PhCHO		75	56
	Ph-CH=CH-CHO		65	57
	PhCHO		80	40
			84	40
	HexCHO		77	40
AcO(CH ₂) ₃ M		 (R*,R*/R*S* = 83:17)	77	40
AcO(CH ₂) ₃ M	HexCHO		91	40
	PhCHO		93	40
			79	40

Table 15 (Continued)

FG-RM ^a	carbonyl compound	product	yield (%)	ref(s)
			73	40
NC(CH ₂) ₃ M	PhCHO	(R*, R*/R* S* = 85:15) 	85	40
	PhCHO		89	40
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ M	PhCHO		72	40
			93	46a
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ M			80	161
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ M			55	161
C ₂ F ₅ M		<i>o</i> -Tol-CH(OH)C ₂ F ₅	85	176
<i>i</i> -C ₃ F ₇ M		<i>o</i> -TolCH(OH)CF ₃	100	176
C ₈ F ₁₃ M		<i>o</i> -TolCH(OH)C ₈ F ₁₃	80	176
	PhCHO		76	46b
	BuCHO		74	46b
	<i>c</i> -HexCHO		87	46b
BuC≡C(CH ₂) ₄ M 	PhCHO 	BuC≡C(CH ₂) ₄ CH(OH)Ph 	64 >60	49b 150
		(dr = 8:1)		

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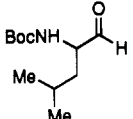
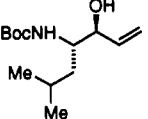
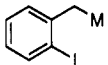
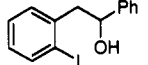
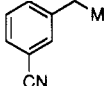
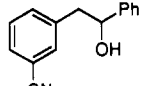
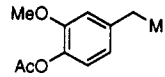
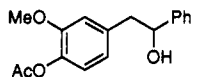
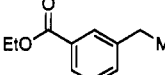
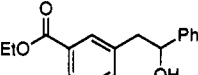
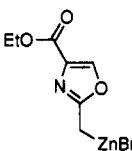
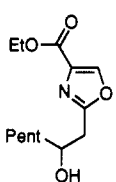
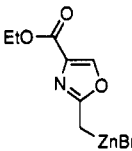
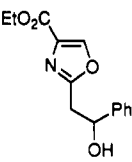
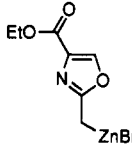
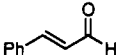
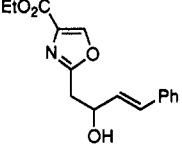
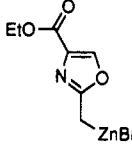
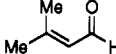
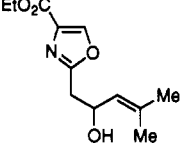
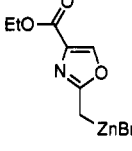
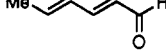
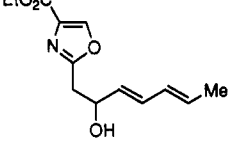
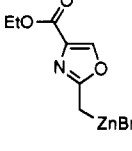
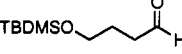
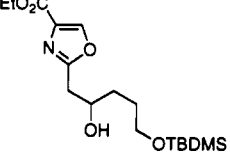
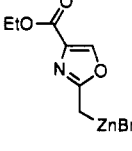
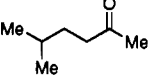
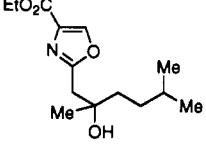
FG-RM ^a	carbonyl compound	product	yield (%)	ref(s)
		 (dr = 8:1)	>60	150
	PhCHO		93	36,37
	PhCHO		94	36,37
	PhCHO		85	36,37
	PhCHO		97	37
	PhCHO		92 ^b	164
	PhCHO		96 ^b	164
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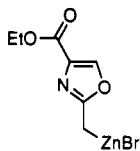
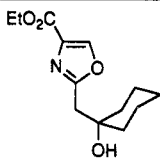
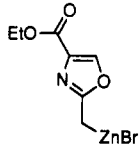
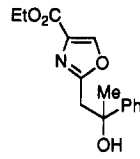
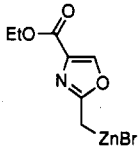
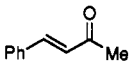
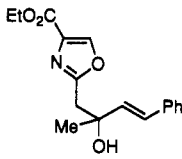
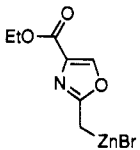
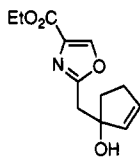
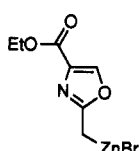
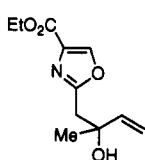
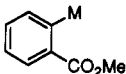
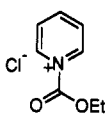
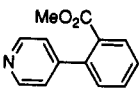
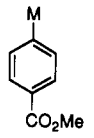
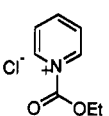
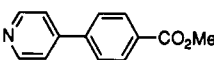
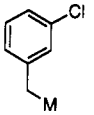
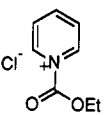
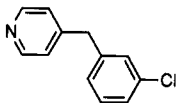
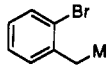
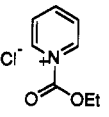
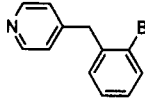
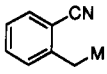
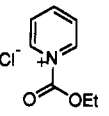
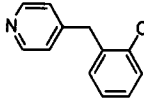
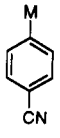
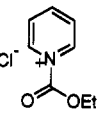
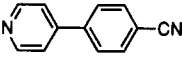
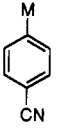
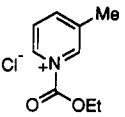
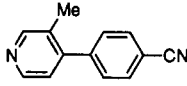
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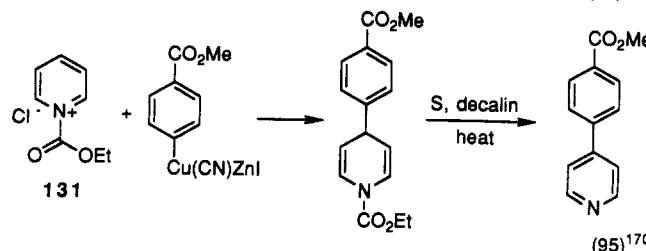
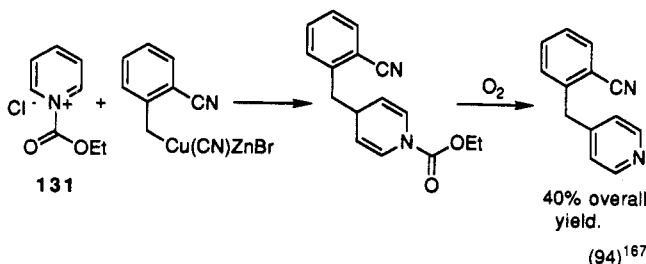
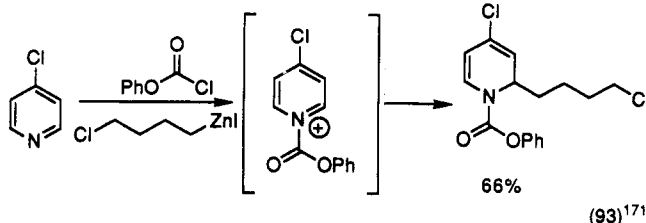
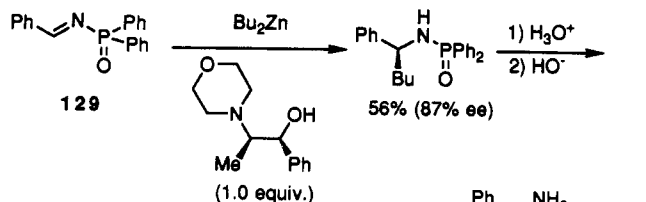
FG-RM ^a	carbonyl compound	product	yield (%)	ref(s)
			60 ^b	169
			44 ^b	169
			45 ^b	169
			43 ^b	169
			57 ^b	169
			46 ^b	169
			38 ^b	169
			29 ^b	169
			50 ^b	169
			41 ^b	169
			61 ^b	168
			39 ^b	168
			66 ^b	168

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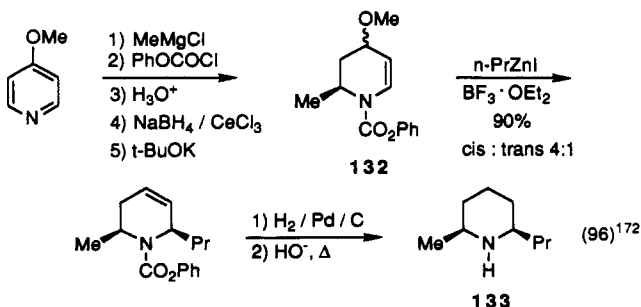
FG-RM ^a	carbonyl compound	product	yield (%)	ref(s)
Cl(CH ₂) ₄ ZnI			77 ^b	172
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₂ ZnI			97 ^b	172
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ ZnI			82 ^b	172
			64 ^b	172
Cl(CH ₂) ₄ ZnI			70 ^b	171
Cl(CH ₂) ₄ ZnI			81 ^b	171
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₂ ZnI			46 ^b	171
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ ZnI			35 ^b	171
Cl(CH ₂) ₄ ZnI			57 ^b	171
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₂ ZnI			66 ^b	171
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ ZnI			47 ^b	171
Cl(CH ₂) ₄ ZnI			66 ^b	171
NC(CH ₂) ₄ CH=CHMgBr	c-HexCHO		71 ^b	125a
NC(CH ₂) ₄ CH=CHMgBr			77 ^b	125a

^a M = Cu(CN)ZnX. ^b Prepared in the absence of Lewis acid.

Nonactivated imines do not react with organozinc reagents; however, the addition of some dialkylzincs to α -diimines proceeds quantitatively.¹⁶⁵ The addition of dialkylzincs to *N*-diphenylphosphinoylimines **129** in the presence of a catalytic or a stoichiometric amount of chiral β -amino alcohols provides chiral amines of type **130** with excellent enantioselectivity (75–98% ee; eq 92).^{166a}



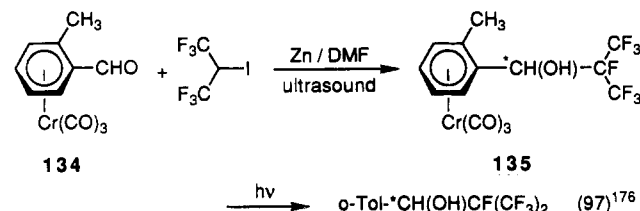
Pyridinium salts **131**^{167–171} or unsaturated piperidines¹⁷² **132** react with various organozincs or with the corresponding copper reagents and provide an expeditious preparation of various polyfunctional heterocycles (eqs 93–95).^{167–171} This reaction has been applied to a synthesis of ($\pm$)-dihydropinidine **133** (eq 96).¹⁷² A new synthesis of chiral amino acids using the



addition of dialkylzincs to chiral oxazolidines has been

reported. The extension of the reaction to functionalized dialkylzincs seems straightforward and would allow an easy access to chiral polyfunctional amino acids.^{173–175}

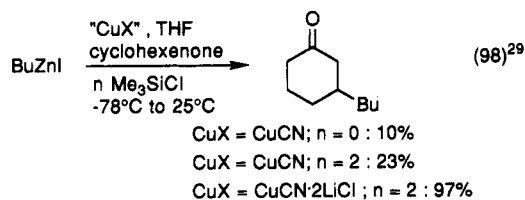
The diastereoselective addition of perfluoroalkylzinc iodides to chiral arene-chromium complexes **134** has been exploited to prepare (perfluoroalkyl)arylcbinols **135** in 30–66% ee (eq 97).¹⁷⁶



The low reactivity of organozinc compounds in addition reactions makes these organometallics ideal reagents for catalyzed reactions, and a number of highly efficient catalytic systems have been developed for performing selective additions of diethylzinc to aldehydes.^{30,92,93} Recently, the reaction has been extended to functionalized diorganozincs using a chiral titanium catalyst (see section V).⁴⁸

2. 1,4-Additions to α,β -Unsaturated Carbonyl Compounds

One of the most useful synthetic properties of organocopper compounds derived from lithium or magnesium organometallics is their ability to readily undergo 1,4-addition reactions. As expected the zinc copper reagents FG-RCu(CN)ZnI react under the appropriate reaction conditions with several types of α,β -unsaturated carbonyl compounds. The use of a soluble copper salt was found to be mandatory.²⁹ The addition of CuCN (1 equiv), which is insoluble in THF, to butylzinc iodide in the presence or absence of Me_3SiCl ^{177–180} leads only to low yields of 3-butylcyclohexanone (10–23%; eq 98 and Table 16), whereas the use of the THF soluble copper salt $\text{CuCN} \cdot 2\text{LiX}$, in the presence of Me_3SiCl , provides the desired Michael adduct in 97% isolated yield!²⁹



Clearly the rate of the transmetalation from zinc to copper is faster if a soluble copper salt is used. With $\text{CuCN} \cdot 2\text{LiCl}$, various functionalized organozinc halides can be added to β -monosubstituted enones in the presence of Me_3SiCl (2 equiv; eqs 99–101 and Table

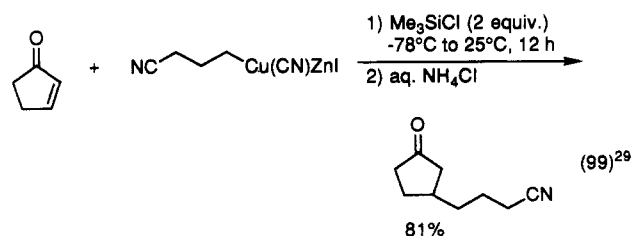


Table 16. Michael Additions of Functionalized Zinc-Copper Reagents to Enones and Related Carbonyl Compounds

FG-RM ^a	α,β -unsaturated carbonyl compound	product	yield (%)	ref(s)
NCCH ₂ CH ₂ M			95	54a,99
NCCH ₂ CH ₂ M			65	54a
NCCH ₂ CH ₂ M			86	54a
PivOCH ₂ M			59	44,45b
PhSCH(Pr)M			78	59,60
PhS(CH ₂) ₃ M			84	59,60
PhS(CH ₂) ₃ M			81	60
			67	46a
			74	46a
			57	46a
		(1 diastereomer)		
			79	46a
		(1 diastereomer)		
			95	46a
		(1 diastereomer)		
			86	46a
		(mixture of diastereomers)		
			71	61

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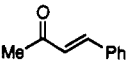
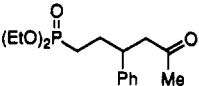
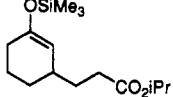
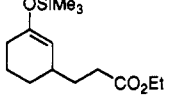
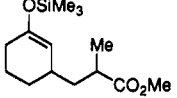
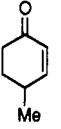
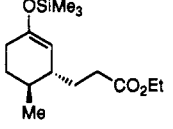
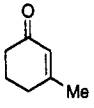
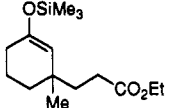
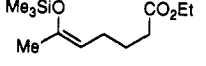
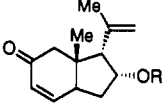
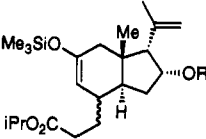
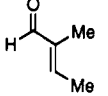
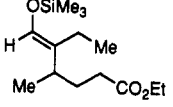
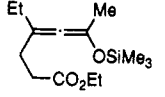
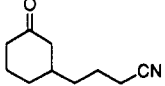
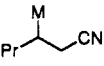
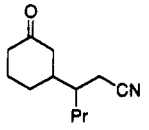
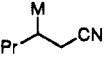
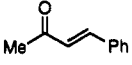
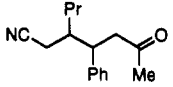
FG-RM ^a	α,β -unsaturated carbonyl compound	product	yield (%)	ref(s)
$(\text{EtO})_2\text{P}(=\text{O})\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{M}$			88	61
$(i\text{PrO}_2\text{CCH}_2)_2\text{Zn}$			93	27a
$(\text{EtO}_2\text{CCH}_2)_2\text{Zn}$			76	27a
$(\text{MeO}_2\text{CCH}(\text{Me})\text{CH}_2)_2\text{Zn}$			91	27a,28b
$(\text{EtO}_2\text{CCH}_2)_2\text{Zn}$		 (dr = 72:28)	78	27a
$(\text{EtO}_2\text{CCH}_2)_2\text{Zn}$			92	27a
$(\text{EtO}_2\text{CCH}_2)_2\text{Zn}$		 E/Z (24:76)	75	27a
$(i\text{PrO}_2\text{CCH}_2)_2\text{Zn}$	 R = Me ₃ Sn, Ac, MOM	 (dr = 1:1)	85–95	27a
$(\text{EtO}_2\text{CCH}_2)_2\text{Zn}$			75	27a
$(\text{EtO}_2\text{CCH}_2)_2\text{Zn}$	$\text{EtC}\equiv\text{CCOMe}$		73	27a
$(\text{NC}(\text{CH}_2)_3)_2\text{Zn}$			83	48
		 (dr = 67:33)	84	54b
		 (dr = 76:24)	83	54b

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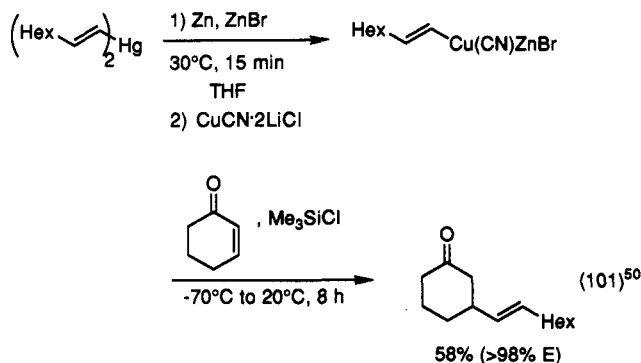
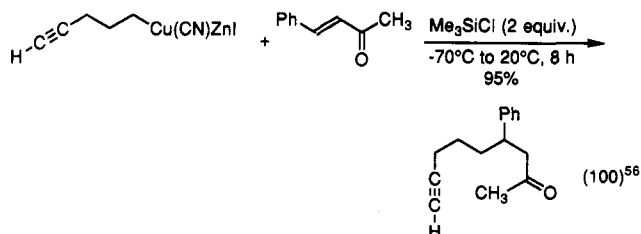
FG-RM ^a	α,β -unsaturated carbonyl compound	product	yield (%)	ref(s)
			76	54b
			62	54b
		(dr = 83:17)		
			86	54b
			92	40
			95	56
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ M			95 (55,64)	29 (64,28b)
			74	49
	(then allyl bromide)			
		(dr = 80:20)		
			94	29
			97	29
			81	29
			99	29
			78	28b
			76	28b
			70	28b

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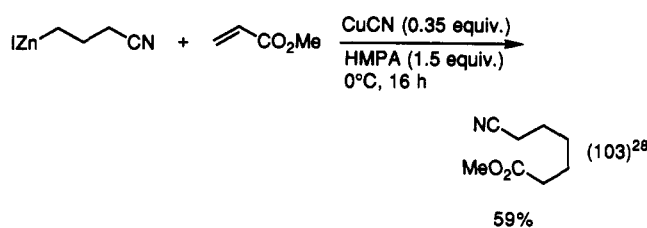
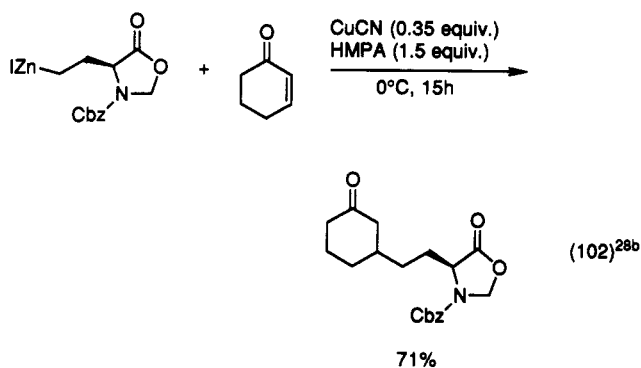
FG-RM ^a	α,β -unsaturated carbonyl compound	product	yield (%)	ref(s)
			54	28b
			62	28b
			70	28b
			95	28b
			59	28b
			71	28b
			70	28b
			77	28b
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			86	185
			88	185
			83	185

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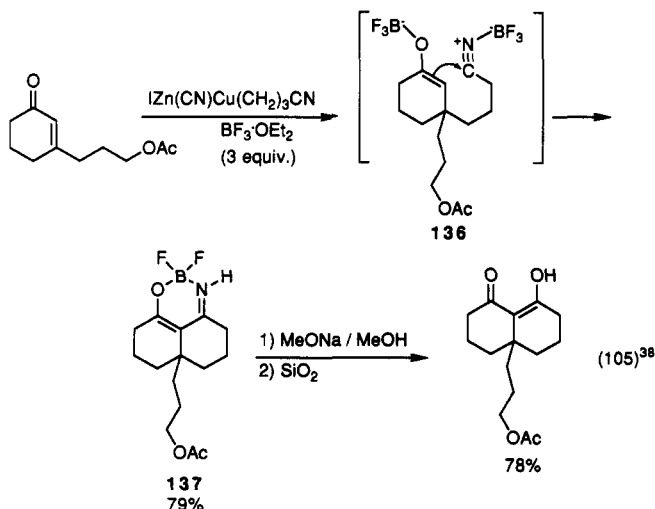
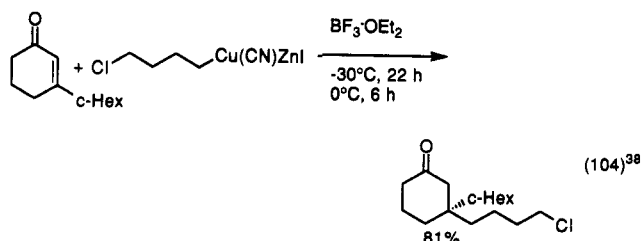
FG-RM ^a	α,β -unsaturated carbonyl compound	product	yield (%)	ref(s)
$\text{MeO}_2\text{CC}\equiv\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{M}$			75	185
$\text{MeO}_2\text{CC}\equiv\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{M}$			95	185
$\text{MeO}_2\text{C}\text{---}\text{CH}=\text{CH}\text{---}\text{CH}_2\text{---}\text{CH}_2\text{---}\text{CH}_2\text{---}\text{M}$			75	185
$\text{MeO}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_5\text{M}$			78	186
			93	36,37
			95	36,37
$\text{Cl}\text{---}\text{CH}_2\text{---}\text{CH}_2\text{---}\text{CH}_2\text{---}\text{CH}_2\text{---}\text{CH}=\text{CH}\text{---}\text{M}$			80	125b
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$\text{NC}\text{---}\text{CH}_2\text{---}\text{CH}_2\text{---}\text{CH}_2\text{---}\text{CH}_2\text{---}\text{CH}=\text{CH}\text{---}\text{M}$			82	125b
$\text{PivO}\text{---}\text{CH}_2\text{---}\text{CH}_2\text{---}\text{CH}_2\text{---}\text{CH}_2\text{---}\text{CH}=\text{CH}\text{---}\text{M}$			76	125b
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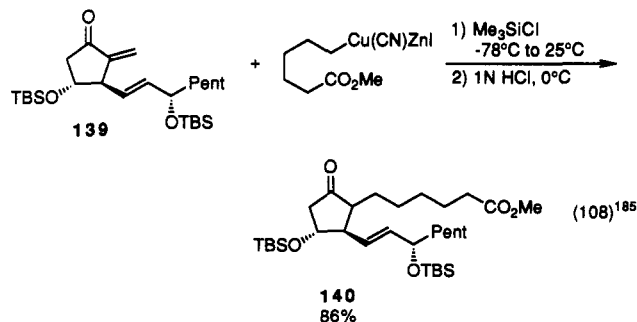
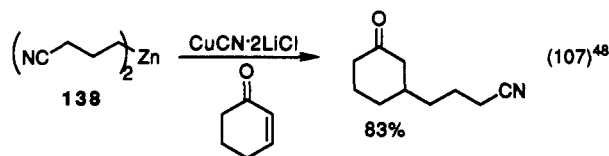
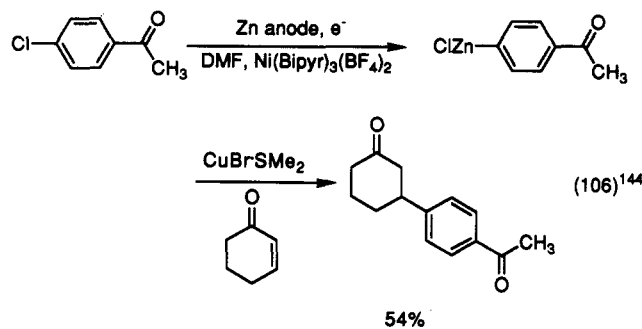
16). However, under these conditions β -disubstituted enones or unsaturated esters do not react. The use of a polar solvent such as HMPA circumvents this problem and allows the addition of organozinc reagents to both β -mono and β -disubstituted enones as well as to ethyl acrylate to proceed (eqs 102 and 103).^{28b} Another way



to extend the scope of the reaction is to use a Lewis acid or $\text{Me}_3\text{SiX}^{180}$ to activate the unsaturated carbonyl moiety. The reaction of β -disubstituted enones with various functionalized zinc-copper reagents occurs well under these conditions (eqs 104 and 105 and Table 17).⁸⁸ Interestingly, if a cyano substituent is present or introduced on the side chain at the appropriate position, as in 136, a ring closure occurs affording a stable difluoroboron enolate 137 which can be purified by flash-chromatography and was characterized by its X-ray structure.⁸⁸ The Michael addition can also be performed with functionalized arylzinc reagents prepared by an electroreduction of the corresponding chloride or bromide using a sacrificial zinc electrode (eq 106).¹⁴⁴ Dialkylzincs like 138 can be used advan-

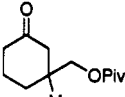
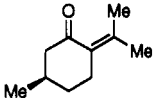
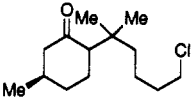
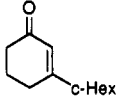
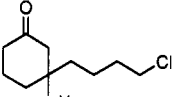
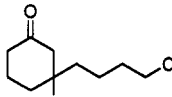
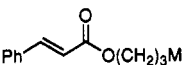
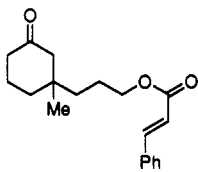
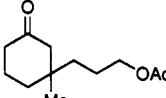
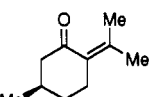
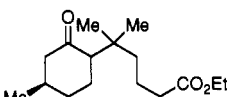
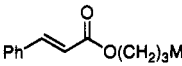
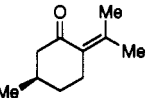
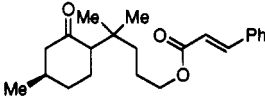
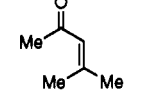
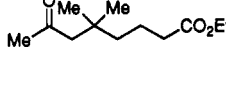
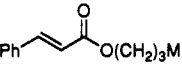
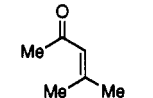
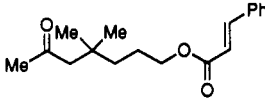
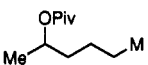
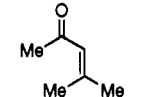
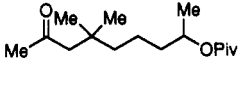
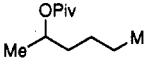
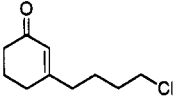
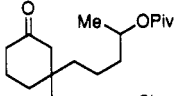
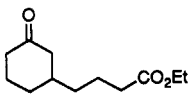
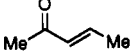
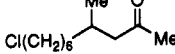
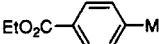
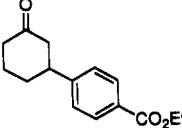


tageously in Michael additions, and their transmetalation with $\text{CuCN} \cdot 2\text{LiCl}$ affords a copper species which reacts readily with enones (eq 107).⁴⁸ It should be noted



that unfunctionalized dialkylzincs (Et_2Zn) can also be added enantioselectively in a 1,4-fashion to chalcone in the presence of Ni(II) salts and chiral ligands^{181,182} or

Table 17. Michael Additions of Functionalized Zinc-Copper Reagents to β -Disubstituted Enones in the Presence of $\text{BF}_3 \cdot \text{OEt}_2$

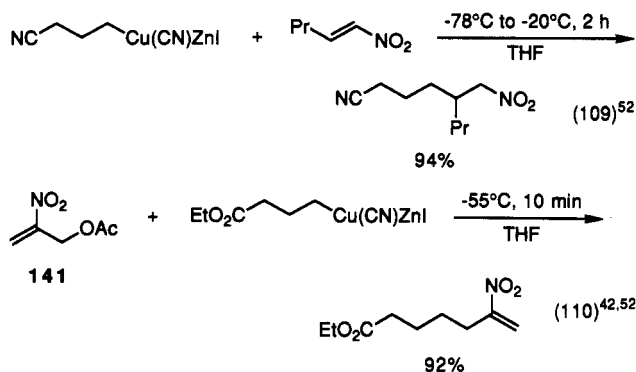
FG-RM ^a	α,β -unsaturated carbonyl compound	product	yield (%)	ref
PivOCH ₂ M			71	44
Cl(CH ₂) ₄ M			94	38
Cl(CH ₂) ₄ M			81	38
Cl(CH ₂) ₄ M			88	38
			98	38
AcO(CH ₂) ₃ M			87	38
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ M			94	38
			84	38
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ M			88	38
			88	38
			88	38
			86	38
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ M			74	64
Cl(CH ₂) ₆ M			77	64
			68	64

^a M = Cu(CN)ZnI.

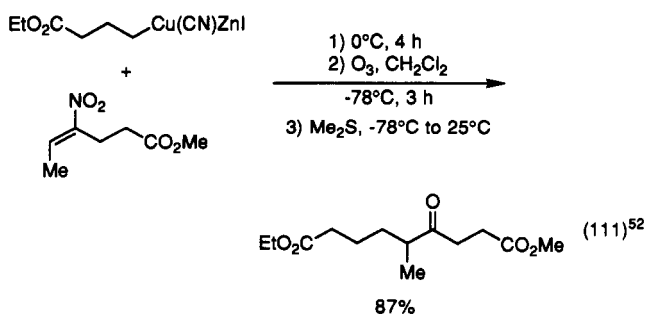
by using a chiral copper(I) catalyst.^{183,184} The Michael addition of functionalized zinc-copper organometallics has been extensively applied to the synthesis of prostacyclins, prostaglandins, and related molecules.^{185,186} Thus, the α -methylenecyclopentanone **139** reacts in excellent yields with various types of polyfunctional reagents (FG-R)Cu(CN)ZnI providing the desired prostaglandin **140** (eq 108).

3. Michael Additions to Nitro Olefins and Related Reagents

Nitro olefins are excellent Michael acceptors and add a wide range of nucleophiles providing functionalized nitroalkanes which are important intermediates in synthesis. They can be readily converted to amines by reduction or carbonyl compounds by a Nef reaction.¹⁸⁷ Interestingly, the addition of lithium or magnesium cuprates to nitrostyrene does not occur cleanly. This may be due to electron-transfer side reactions and to the fact that the magnesium and lithium nitronates obtained after addition can themselves add to nitro olefins and hence lead to polymerization products.^{188,189} In strong contrast, copper reagents derived from organozinc compounds add cleanly and in high yields to various types of nitro olefins.^{42,47,52} The reaction proceeds at -20°C for aliphatic nitro olefins, whereas conjugated aromatic nitro olefins, such as nitrostyrene, react only at 0°C (eq 109 and Table 18). Unsaturated nitro compounds bearing a leaving group in the β -position,¹⁹⁰ such as 2-nitro-1-acetoxy-2-propene, (**141**), react under milder conditions (-55°C , 10 min) and provide new nitro olefins which are susceptible to addition of a second different nucleophile (multicoupling reagent)¹⁹⁰ (eq 110). The intermediate nitronates

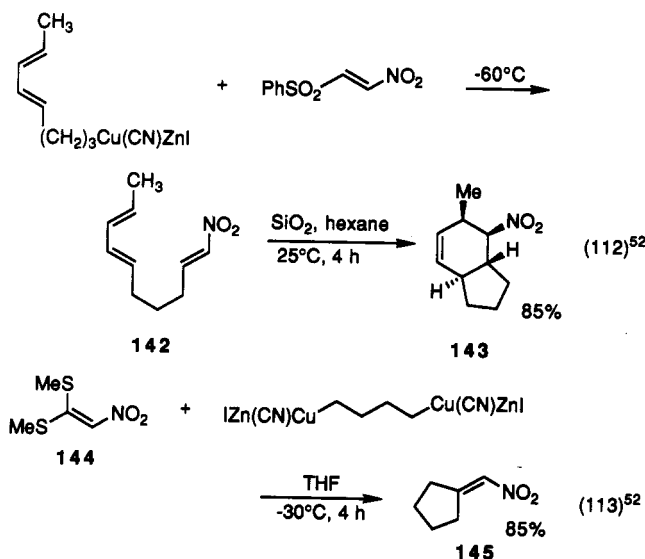


obtained after the addition of FG-RCu(CN)ZnX can be directly submitted to an oxidative Nef reaction (O_3 , CH_2Cl_2 , -78°C , 3 h) and converted into polyfunctional ketones in good overall yields (eq 111).⁵² Finally, an



interesting addition-elimination reaction of **100** to nitro

olefins bearing a leaving group in the β -position (SR or SO_2R) produces pure (*E*)-nitro olefins.^{47,52} The reaction has been applied to the preparation of the nitro triene **142** which undergoes a highly stereoselective Diels-Alder reaction on silica gel¹⁹¹ leading to the nitro compound **143** (eq 112).^{47,52,192} The addition of RCu(CN)ZnI to 2,2-bis(methylthio)-1-nitroethylene (**144**) provides the *exo*-(nitromethylidene)cyclopentane (**145**) in 85% yield. No migration of the double bond is observed under the mild reaction conditions used (eq 113).⁵²



4. Carbocupration Reactions

The addition of organometallics to unactivated alkynes represents a unique method for the stereoselective preparation of (*E*)- or (*Z*)-trisubstituted alkynes.^{193,194} As expected only highly reactive zinc reagents such as allylic zinc compounds are able to add to unactivated alkynes. These reactions have been elegantly applied to the synthesis of 1,5-annulated 4-methylenecyclopentenones. Thus, the zinc reagent **146** undergoes a smooth cyclization (THF, 25°C , 2 h) leading to the alkenyl zinc **147**. Treatment of **147** with a catalytic amount of $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (5 mol %) provides the bicyclic diene **148** in 84% GC yield (eq 114 and

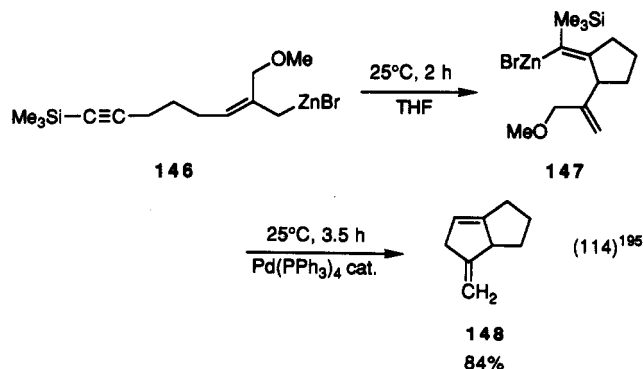


Table 19).¹⁹⁵ Several classes of mixed zinc-copper organometallics are able to add to activated and some nonactivated alkynes. Ethyl propiolate reacts at -60 to -50°C with FG-RCu(CN)ZnI and provides the *syn*-addition product **149** with high stereoselectivity. By performing the reaction at higher temperature and

Table 18. Preparation of Polyfunctional Nitroalkanes by the Addition of Polyfunctional Zinc-Copper Reagents to Nitro Olefins

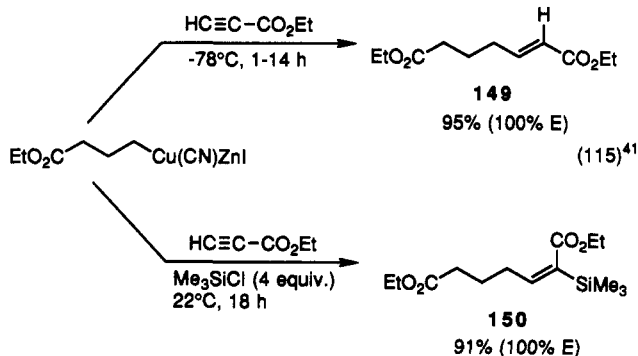
FG-RM ^a	nitro olefin	product	yield (%)	ref(s)
			72	45
			68	45b
			83	60
			81	61
			91	61
AcO(CH₂)₅M			82	48
			90	42,52,56
			77	42,52
			84	42,52
			80	61
			94	42,52
AcO(CH₂)₆M			76	42,52
			94	42,52
			90	42,52
			81	42,52
			75	42,52
			92	42,52
AcO(CH₂)₆M			88	42,52
			72	42,52
			82 ^b	42,52
			76 ^b	42,52
AcO(CH₂)₆M			71 ^b	42,52

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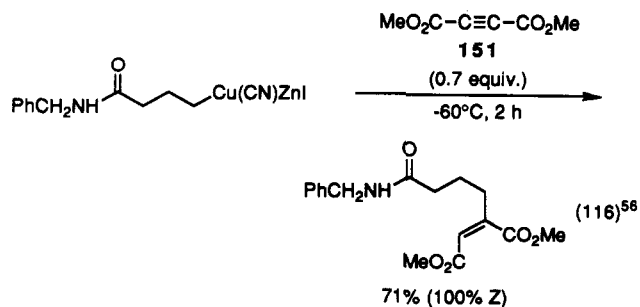
FG-RM ^a	nitro olefin	product	yield (%)	ref(s)
			70 ^b	61
			85 ^b	52
			87 ^b	52
			74 ^b	52
			75 ^b	52
			78 ^b	52
			69 ^b	46b
			85	76
			74	49b

^a M = Cu(CN)ZnI. ^b Yield after oxidative Nef reaction.

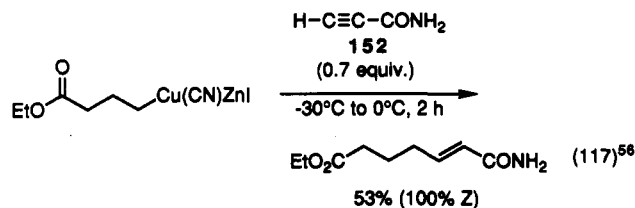
in the presence of an excess of Me₃SiCl, an (*E*)- α -silylated acrylic ester of type 150 is obtained (eq 115).⁴¹



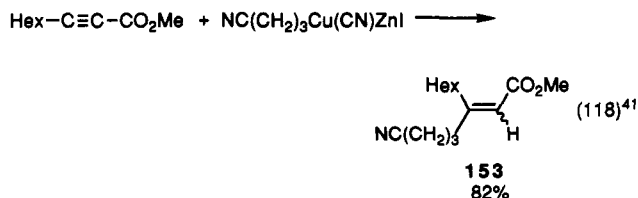
Dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate (151)^{27a,56} and propiolamide (152)⁵⁶ react in satisfactory yield with FG-



RCu(CN)ZnX. The presence of relatively acidic N-H protons does not interfere with the addition reaction (eqs 116 and 117). In the case of substituted propiolic



esters the addition proceeds only at -30 to -20 °C resulting in a partial isomerization of the intermediate alkenylcopper leading to a mixture of (*E*)- and (*Z*)-acrylic esters 153 (eq 118).⁴¹ If the addition is performed



in HMPA using (2-carbethoxyethyl)zinc chloride (154), a cyclization reaction occurs leading to a highly functionalized cyclopentenone 155 (eq 119).¹⁹⁶

The zinc-copper reagents FG-RCu(CN)ZnI (100) do not add to unactivated alkynes; however, the treatment

Table 19. Additions of Zinc or Zinc-Copper Reagents to Alkynes

FG-RM	alkyne	product	E/Z ratio	yield (%)	ref(s)
	HC≡CCO ₂ Et		97:3	83	41
	HC≡CCO ₂ Et		>99:1	84 ^a	41
	HC≡CCO ₂ Et		>99:1	99	41,76
	HC≡CCO ₂ Et		>99:1	91 ^a	41
	HC≡CCO ₂ Et		>99:1	85 ^a	41
	HexC≡CCO ₂ Me		mixture	82	41,48
	HexC≡CCO ₂ Me		mixture	77	41
	HexC≡CCO ₂ Me		mixture	73 ^a	41
	MeC≡CCO ₂ Me		mixture	78 ^a	41
	MeC≡CCO ₂ Me		mixture	76 ^a	41
	HC≡CCO ₂ Et		>96:4	91	45
	MeO ₂ CC≡CCO ₂ Me		>97:3	93	45
	MeO ₂ CC≡CCO ₂ Me		>98:2	77	45b
	HC≡CCO ₂ Et		98:2	69	45b
	EtO ₂ CC≡CCO ₂ Et		100:0	87	60
	HC≡CCO ₂ Et		100:0	95	60
	HC≡CCO ₂ Et		100:0	85	61
	MeO ₂ CC≡CCO ₂ Me		100:0	91	61
	HC≡CCO ₂ Et		>95.5:0.5	92	56

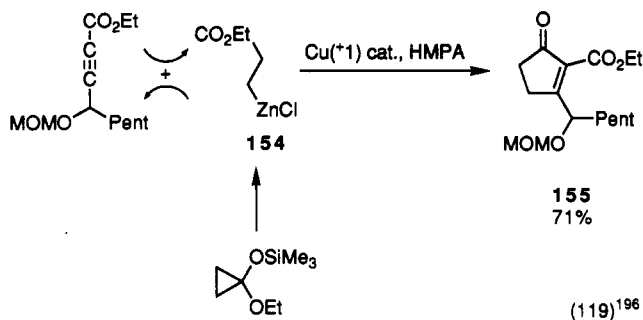
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FG-RM	alkyne	product	E/Z ratio	yield (%)	ref(s)
	$\text{MeO}_2\text{CC}\equiv\text{CCO}_2\text{Me}$		100:0	71	56
$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{M}$	$\text{HC}\equiv\text{CCONH}_2$	$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{CONH}_2$	100:0	53	56
	$\text{HC}\equiv\text{CCO}_2\text{Et}$		100:0	72	46b
	$\text{HC}\equiv\text{CCO}_2\text{Et}$		100:0	91	46b
	$\text{HC}\equiv\text{CCO}_2\text{Et}$		100:0	84	76
$(\text{EtO}_2\text{C}-\text{CH}_2)_2\text{Zn}$	$\text{EtC}\equiv\text{CCOMe}$			73	27a
$(\text{EtO}_2\text{C}-\text{CH}_2)_2\text{Zn}$	$\text{MeO}_2\text{CC}\equiv\text{CCO}_2\text{Me}$		92:8	63	27a,196
	$\text{HC}\equiv\text{CCO}_2\text{Et}$		95:5	79	37
$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{M}$	$\text{PhC}\equiv\text{CCO}_2\text{Et}$			70	28b
$\text{PivO}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{M}$	$\text{HC}\equiv\text{CCO}_2\text{Et}$	$\text{PivO}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$	>98:2	68	125a
$\text{Cl}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{M}$	$\text{HC}\equiv\text{CCO}_2\text{Et}$	$\text{Cl}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$	>98:2	70	125a
$\text{N}_3-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{M}$	$\text{HC}\equiv\text{CCO}_2\text{Et}$	$\text{N}_3-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$	>98:2	81	125a
$(\text{TMS})_2\text{N}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{M}$	$\text{HC}\equiv\text{CCO}_2\text{Et}$	$(\text{TMS})_2\text{N}-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-\text{CO}_2\text{Et}$	97:3	85	55
$(\text{EtO}_2\text{C}-\text{CH}_2)_2\text{Zn}$					
		$\text{R} = \text{MOM}$		71	196
		$\text{R} = \text{Ac}$		50	196
				70	196
$(\text{EtO}_2\text{C}-\text{CH}_2)_2\text{Zn}$					
		$\text{R} = \text{MOM}$		72	196
		$\text{R} = \text{Ac}$		49	196
		$\text{R} = \text{TMS, H}$		70	196
				65	196
$(\text{EtO}_2\text{C}-\text{CH}_2)_2\text{Zn}$					
		TMSO			

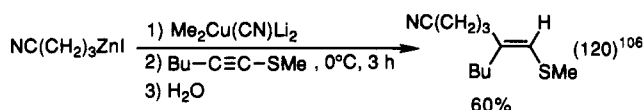
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FG-RM	alkyne	product	<i>E/Z</i> ratio	yield (%)	ref(s)
$(\text{EtO}_2\text{C}-\text{CH}_2)_2\text{Zn}$					
		R = MOM		65	196
		R = TMS, H		82	196
$(\text{EtO}_2\text{C}-\text{CH}_2)_2\text{Zn}$				83	196
$(\text{EtO}_2\text{C}-\text{CH}_2)_2\text{Zn}$				65	196
$(\text{EtO}_2\text{C}-\text{CH}_2)_2\text{Zn}$	BuC$\equiv$CCO₂Me			65	196
$\text{Ph}-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{ZnI}$				55 ^b	198
$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{M}$	BuC$\equiv$CSMe				
		X = H	95:5	92	106
		X = allyl	95:5	70 ^c	106
		X = I	95:5	75 ^d	106
$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{M}$	HC$\equiv$CH		<1:99	26 ^d	106
$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{M}$	BuC$\equiv$CSMe		<1:99	75	106
$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{M}$	HC$\equiv$CH		1:99	66 ^d	106
$\text{NC}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{M}$	BuC$\equiv$CSMe		99:1	60	106
$\text{Cl}-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{M}$	BuC$\equiv$CSMe		99:1	66	106
			99:1	60 ^e	106
			74:26	63 ^f	106

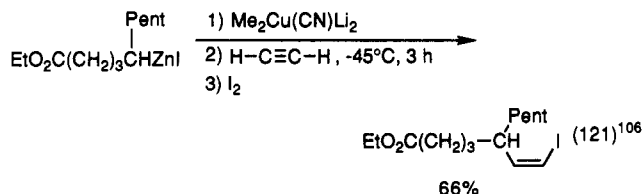
^a Reaction performed in the presence of excess TMSCl. ^b Addition of Cp_2TiCl_2 . ^c The reaction mixture was trapped with allyl bromide. ^d The reaction mixture was trapped with iodine. ^e The reaction mixture was trapped with ethyl α -(bromomethyl)acrylate. ^f The reaction mixture was trapped with Me_3SnCl .



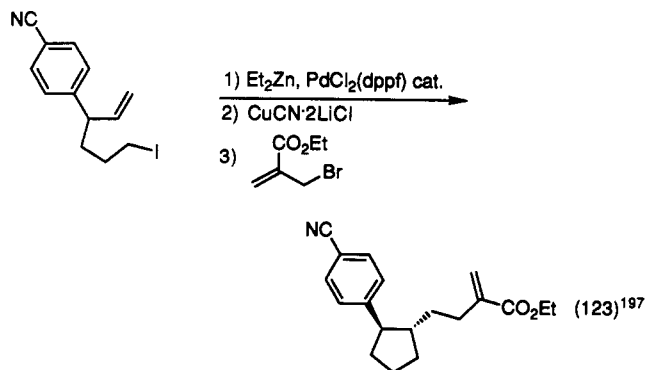
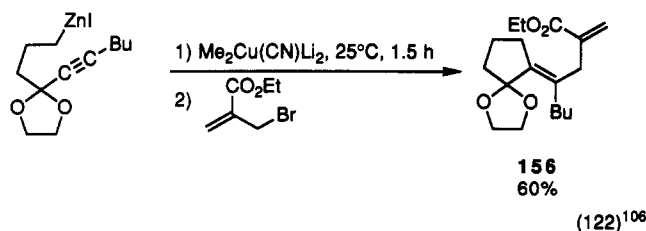
of an alkylzinc iodide with $\text{Me}_2\text{Cu}(\text{CN})\text{Li}_2$ provides a copper reagent, tentatively represented as $\text{FG-RCu}(\text{CN})\text{Li} \cdot \text{Me}_2\text{Zn} \cdot \text{LiI}$, which adds smoothly to alkynyl thioethers (25 °C, 2–6 h) leading stereospecifically, after the trapping of the intermediate alkenylcopper with an electrophile, to tri- or tetrasubstituted olefins (eq 120 and Table 19).¹⁰⁶ The addition of these copper



derivatives to acetylene itself proceeds well if secondary alkylcopper reagents are used; with primary organozinc-copper reagents only low yields are obtained (eq 121).¹⁰⁶

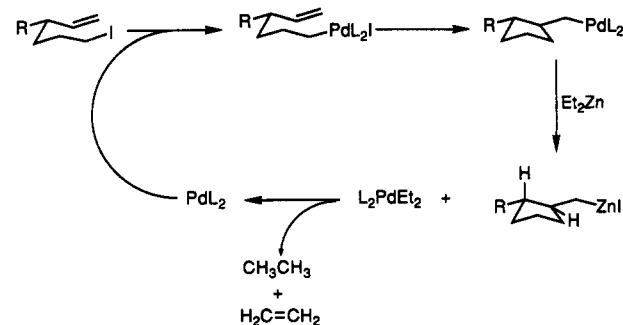


The intramolecular version of these carbometalation reactions produces highly functionalized *exo*-alkylenecyclopentanone derivatives of type 156 in satisfactory overall yields (eq 122).¹⁰⁶ The addition of



functionalized organozincs to alkenes is difficult to realize; however, in the presence of catalytic amounts of $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{dppf})$, an intramolecular addition occurs providing a new stereoselective route to polyfunctional

Scheme 8

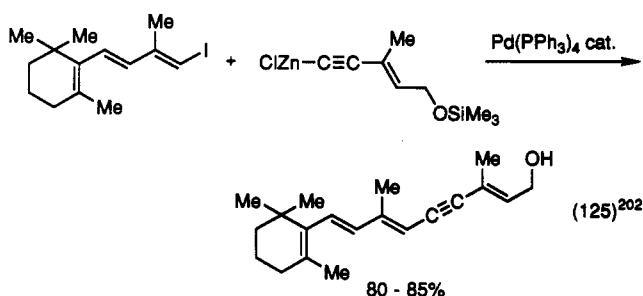


cyclopentanes (eq 123 and Table 20).¹⁹⁷ The tentative mechanism for the Pd-catalyzed ring closure is described in Scheme 8. Some radical cyclizations of organozinc derivatives have been described.^{41,198}

IV. Reactions of Functionalized Organozincs Catalyzed by Palladium(0) Complexes

A. Cross-Coupling Reactions with Alkenyl and Aryl Halides

Organozinc halides readily undergo transmetalation reactions with palladium(II) salts²⁰ (or nickel(II) salts).¹⁹⁹ The resulting organometallics display a rich and unique chemistry. Cross-coupling reactions with alkenyl and aromatic halides as well as acylation reactions (section IV.B) have been especially well studied.²⁰⁰ In 1977, Negishi showed that organozinc halides react with alkenyl iodides in the presence of catalytic amounts of $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ ^{201–202} (eqs 124 and 125). The reaction has



been extended to highly functionalized organozinc compounds. For example, zinc homoenolates such as 157 undergo selective cross-coupling reactions with a wide range of aromatic or vinylic halides in the presence of 5% of a nickel or palladium catalyst (Table 21 and eq 126).²⁷ The reaction can be further extended to a

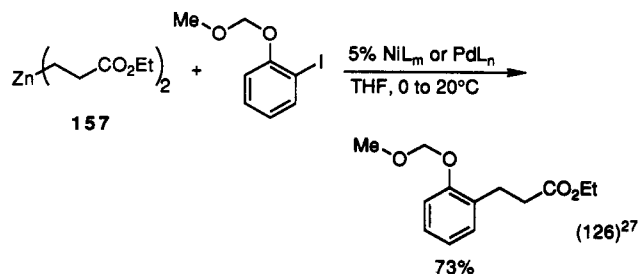
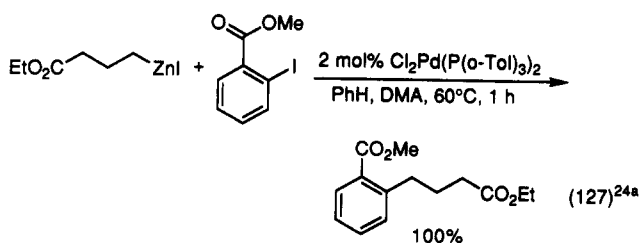


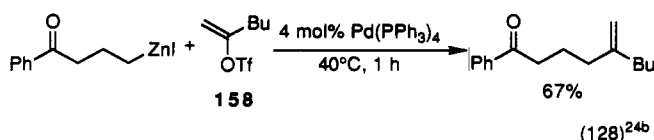
Table 20. Intramolecular Carbozincation of Alkenes Catalyzed by $\text{PdCl}_2(\text{dppf})^{197}$

iodide	intermediate zinc derivative	electrophile	product	yield (%)
				80
				73
		I_2		90
				80
		$\text{HC}\equiv\text{CCO}_2\text{Et}$		64
		PhCOCl		76
				78
				83
				62

wide range of ester or ketone substituted organozinc compounds (Table 21 and eq 127). Interestingly,



alkenyl triflates such as **158** can also be used under the same reaction conditions (eq 128).²⁴ The use of



functionalized aromatic zinc halides allows easy access to polyfunctional aromatic and heteroaromatic compounds (eqs 129–131).^{64,203,95} The remarkable aspect of this cross-coupling reaction is its high functional group tolerance.²⁰⁴ Hence, a wide range of amino acids

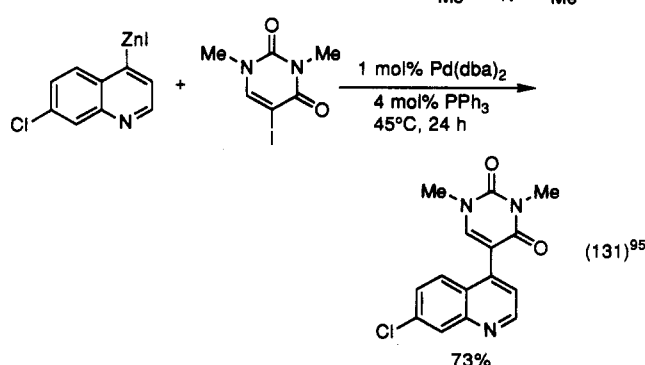
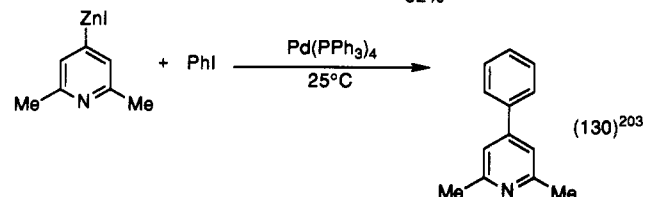
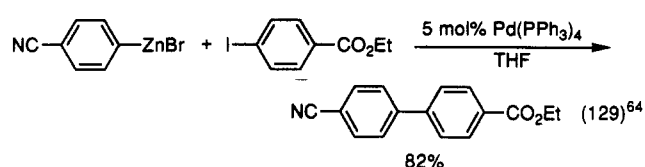


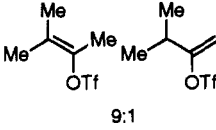
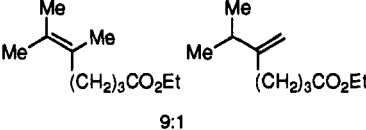
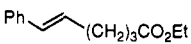
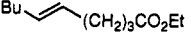
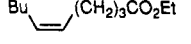
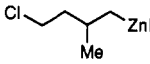
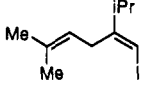
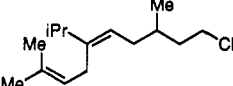
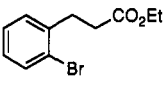
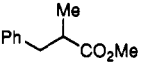
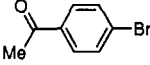
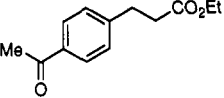
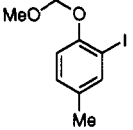
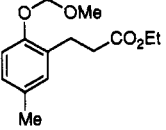
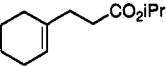
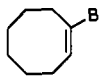
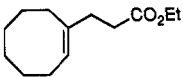
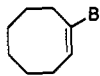
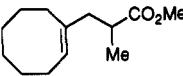
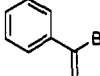
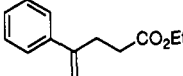
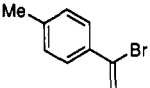
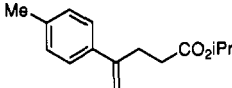
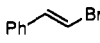
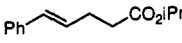
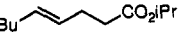
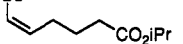
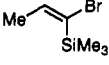
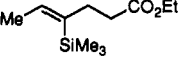
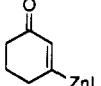
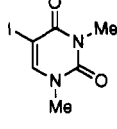
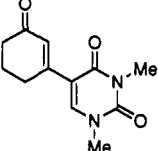
Table 21. Palladium-Catalyzed Cross-Coupling Reaction between Alkenyl and Aryl Halides or Triflates and Functionalized Organozincs

FG-RZnX	organic halide	product	yield (%)	ref(s)
	PhI	Ar = Ph	55	80,81
		Ar = 1-naphthyl	64	80,81
		Ar = 2-AcOC ₆ H ₄	13	80,81
		Ar = 2-MeOC ₆ H ₄	50	80,81
		Ar = AcOC ₆ H ₄	53	80,81
		Ar = 4-BrC ₆ H ₄	67	80,81
		Ar = 4-FC ₆ H ₄	36	80,81
		Ar = 4-MeC ₆ H ₄	50	80,81
		Ar = 4-NO ₂ C ₆ H ₄	61	80,81
PhCO(CH ₂) ₃ ZnI	PhI	PhCO(CH ₂) ₃ Ph	99	24b
PhCO(CH ₂) ₃ ZnI			67	24b
PhCO(CH ₂) ₆ ZnI			74	24b
PhCO(CH ₂) ₃ ZnI			77	24b
			77	46b
			86	46a
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ ZnBr		EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ -C ₆ H ₄ -COMe	86	64
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ ZnBr		EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ -C ₆ H ₄ -CN	93	64
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ ZnBr		EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ -C ₆ H ₄ -NO ₂	90	64
EtO ₂ C-C ₆ H ₄ -ZnI		EtO ₂ C-C ₆ H ₄ -C ₆ H ₄ -CN	80	64

Table 21 (Continued)

FG-RZnX	organic halide	product	yield (%)	ref(s)
			94	64
			82	64
			95	64
			82	64
			93	64
		R = H	95	64
		R = Me	93	64
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₂ ZnI	PhI	EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₂ Ph	90	24a, 27a
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ ZnI	PhI	EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ Ph	90	24a
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₂ ZnI			90	24a
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ ZnI			95	24a
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₂ ZnI			96	24a
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ ZnI			75	24a
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₂ ZnI			95	24a
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ ZnI			100	24a
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₂ ZnI			67	24a
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ ZnI			75	24a
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ ZnI			78	24a
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₂ ZnI			80	24a
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₂ ZnI			74	24a
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ ZnI			87	24a

Table 21 (Continued)

FG-RZnX	organic halide	product	yield (%)	ref(s)
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ ZnI	 9:1	 9:1	83	24a
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ ZnI			79	24a
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ ZnI			71	24a
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ ZnI			89	24a
			42	201c
(EtO ₂ CCH ₂ CH ₂) ₂ Zn			83	27a
(MeO ₂ CCH(Me)CH ₂) ₂ Zn	PhI		79	27a
(EtO ₂ CCH ₂ CH ₂) ₂ Zn			49	27a
(EtO ₂ CCH ₂ CH ₂) ₂ Zn			73	27a
(i-PrO ₂ CCH ₂ CH ₂) ₂ Zn			55	27a
(EtO ₂ CCH ₂ CH ₂) ₂ Zn			79	27a
(MeO ₂ CCH(Me)CH ₂) ₂ Zn			85	27a
(EtO ₂ CCH ₂ CH ₂) ₂ Zn			85	27a
(iPrO ₂ CCH ₂ CH ₂) ₂ Zn			76	27a
(iPrO ₂ CCH ₂ CH ₂) ₂ Zn			76	27a
(iPrO ₂ CCH ₂ CH ₂) ₂ Zn			90	27a
(iPrO ₂ CCH ₂ CH ₂) ₂ Zn			76	27a
(EtO ₂ CCH ₂ CH ₂) ₂ Zn			87	27a
			97	53

FG-RZnX	organic halide	product	yield (%)	ref(s)
	PhI		71	53b
			73	53b
			82	53b
			93	53b
		<i>E/Z</i> (5:95)		
			71	53b
			81	53b
<i>E : Z</i> (11 : 89)		100% 2 <i>Z</i> .4 <i>E</i>		
			87	53b
		100% <i>Z</i>		
			88	53b
		<i>E/Z</i> (88:12)		
			87	53b
		<i>E/Z</i> (4:96)		
			55	53b
		100% <i>E,E</i>		
			40	53b

c1ccncc1Br + CC(=O)O[C@H](CNC(=O)OC(C)(C)C)Zn $\xrightarrow[35\text{ to }40^\circ\text{C, 30 min}]{((o\text{-Tol})_3\text{P})_2\text{PdCl}_2\text{ cat.}}$ CC(=O)O[C@H](CNC(=O)OC(C)(C)C)c1ccccn1 (132)⁸⁰

Table 22. Palladium-Catalyzed Acylation Reactions between Acid Chlorides or Related Reagents and Functionalized Organozincs

FG-RZnI	acid chloride	product	yield (%)	ref(s)
$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{ZnI}$	EtCOCl		84	22
$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{ZnI}$	HeptCOCl		100	22
$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{ZnI}$	PhCOCl		100	22,27
$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{ZnI}$			94	22
$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{ZnI}$			100	22
$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{ZnI}$			81	22
$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{ZnI}$			92	22
$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{ZnI}$			90	22
$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{ZnI}$	HeptCOCl		94	22
$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{ZnI}$	$\text{MeO}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_4\text{COCl}$		90	22
$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{ZnI}$	$\text{MeO}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_7\text{COCl}$		89	22
$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{ZnI}$	$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_8\text{COCl}$		72	22
	PhCOCl		53	24b
	HeptCOCl		62	24b
	HeptCOCl		80	24b
			90	24b
			85	24b
	PhCOCl		76	24b
	EtCOCl		77	24b

Table 22 (Continued)

FG-RZnI	acid chloride	product	yield (%)	ref(s)
	MeCOCl		74	24b
	EtCOCl		85	24b
	EtCOCl		63	24b
	EtCOCl		91	24b
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃ ZnI			88	206
	PhCOCl		93	27a
			81	27a
			89	27a
(<i>i</i> -PrO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₂) ₂ Zn	<i>t</i> -BuCOCl		50	27a
	PhCOCl		72	53b
	PhCOCl		70	80,81
			90	80,81
	MeCOCl		80	80,81
	EtCOCl		83	80,81
			76	80,81
	<i>t</i> -BuCH ₂ COCl		84	80,81
	PhCH ₂ COCl		41	80,81
			72	80,81
			43	80,81

Table 22 (Continued)

FG-RZnI	acid chloride	product	yield (%)	ref(s)
			63	80,81
	ClCH_2COCl		39	80,81
	$\text{AcOCH}_2\text{COCl}$		64	80,81
			53	80,81
			61	80e
	ClCOOPh		41	80e
	ClCO_2Et		10	80e
	$i\text{-PrCH}_2\text{OCOC}$		10	80e
	PhOCOC		45	80e
$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{ZnI}$			87 ^a	207
$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{ZnI}$			85 ^a	207
$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{ZnI}$			85 ^a	207
$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{ZnI}$			100 ^a	207
$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{ZnI}$			100 ^a	207
$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{ZnI}$			35 ^a	207
$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_2\text{ZnI}$			44 ^a	207
$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{ZnI}$			28 ^a	207
$\text{EtO}_2\text{C}(\text{CH}_2)_3\text{ZnI}$			78 ^a	207

^a Reaction performed under a CO atmosphere.

Table 23. Enantioselective Addition of Functionalized Dialkylzinc Reagents to Aldehydes in the Presence of Catalytic Amounts of 1(*R*),2(*R*)-Bis(trifluoromethanesulfonamido)cyclohexane

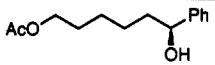
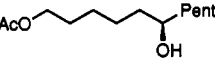
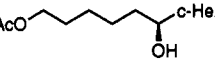
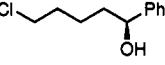
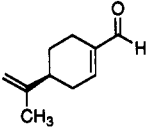
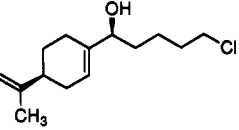
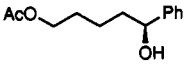
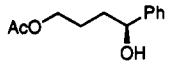
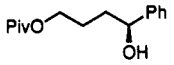
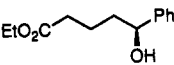
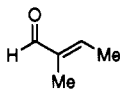
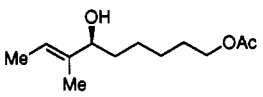
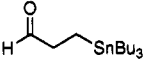
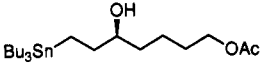
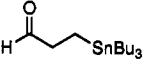
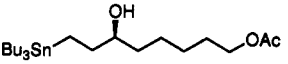
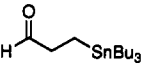
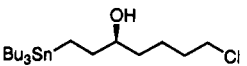
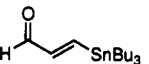
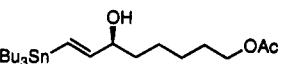
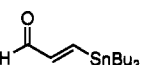
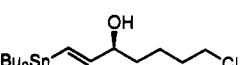
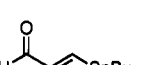
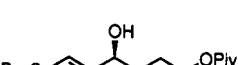
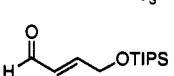
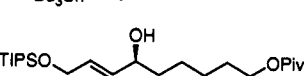
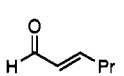
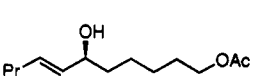
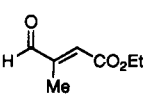
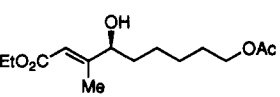
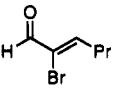
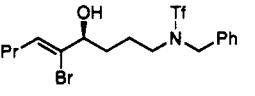
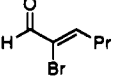
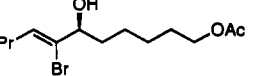
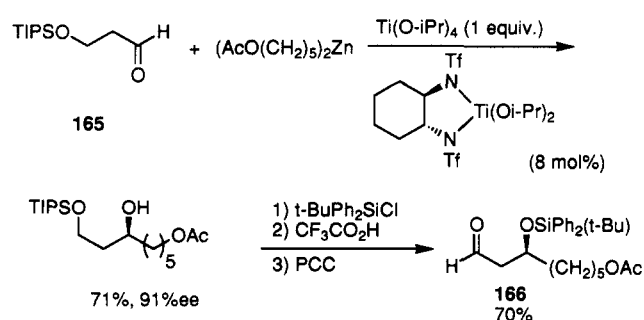
(FG-R) ₂ Zn (FG-R)	aldehyde	product	enantiomeric excess (% ee)	yield (%)	ref
AcO(CH ₂) ₅	PhCHO		93	79	48
AcO(CH ₂) ₅	PentCHO		97	62	48
AcO(CH ₂) ₅	c-HexCHO		97	83	48
Cl(CH ₂) ₄	PhCHO		93	95	48
Cl(CH ₂) ₄			97	95	48
AcO(CH ₂) ₄	PhCHO		92	72	48
AcO(CH ₂) ₃	PhCHO		86	75	48
PivO(CH ₂) ₃	PhCHO		92	90	48
EtO ₂ C(CH ₂) ₃	PhCHO		60	75	48
AcO(CH ₂) ₅			98	70	48
AcO(CH ₂) ₄			93	85	211
AcO(CH ₂) ₅			92	81	211
Cl(CH ₂) ₄			95	79	211
AcO(CH ₂) ₅			91	75	211
Cl(CH ₂) ₄			95	69	211
PivO(CH ₂) ₃			90	67	211
PivO(CH ₂) ₅			92	90	210
AcO(CH ₂) ₅			75	83	210
AcO(CH ₂) ₅			80	78	210
PhCH ₂ (Tf)N(CH ₂) ₃			86	56	210
AcO(CH ₂) ₅			94	95	210

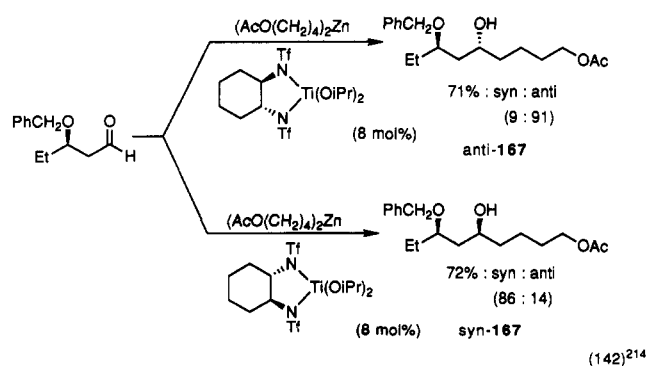
Table 23 (Continued)

(FG-R) ₂ Zn (FG-R)	aldehyde	product	enantiomeric excess (% ee)	yield (%)	ref
Cl(CH ₂) ₄			95	68	210
PivO(CH ₂) ₃			95	68	210
AcO(CH ₂) ₅			68	68	210
AcO(CH ₂) ₅			80	77	210
PhCH ₂ (Tf)N(CH ₂) ₃			82	62	210
AcO(CH ₂) ₅			96	70	210
Cl(CH ₂) ₄			96	70	214
AcO(CH ₂) ₅			91	71	214
PivO(CH ₂) ₅			91	72	214
AcO(CH ₂) ₄			99	62	214
PivO(CH ₂) ₃			40	55	214
Cl(CH ₂) ₆			66	59	214

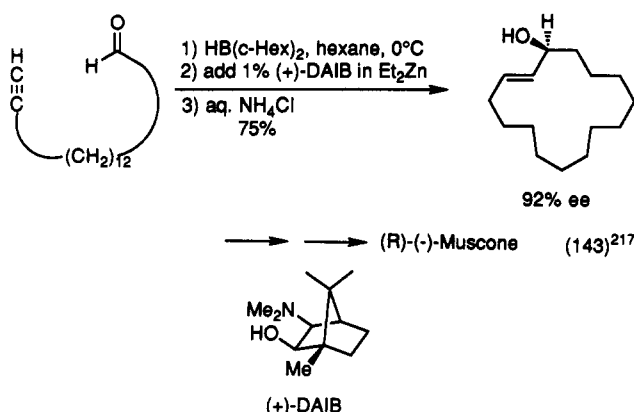
of functionalized dialkylzincs to β -(silyloxy)propionaldehyde **165** provides 1,3-diol derivatives which can be converted to aldol products of type **166** (eq 141).²¹⁴ The



enantioselective addition of a diorganozinc to these carbonyl compounds selectively provides *syn*- or *anti*-1,3-diols **167**, depending on the configuration of the catalyst used (eq 142).^{214,215} Functionalized mixed alkenyl(alkyl)zincs can be readily prepared from the corresponding boranes.¹³¹ Their addition to aldehydes



in the presence of a chiral catalyst proceeds with high enantioselectivity.^{131b} It should be noted that the alkenyl group is transferred preferentially to the alkyl group. This method has been elegantly applied to a synthesis of (*R*)-(-)-muscone (eq 143).²¹⁷ Clearly, this approach will allow the preparation of a wide range of chiral polyfunctionalized building blocks with a high enantioselectivity.



VI. Conclusions and Perspectives

Organozinc compounds have been considered for a long time as unreactive organometallics with limited applications in organic synthesis. It has become clear within recent years that this opinion has to be revised. In fact, the low reactivity of the carbon–zinc bond can be exploited for the preparation of a wide range of polyfunctionalized zinc reagents. The good transmetalation ability of organozinc derivatives with soluble copper salts such as CuCN·2LiX²⁹ or palladium(II) complexes²⁰ allows the *in situ* preparation of highly reactive organometallic species. The reaction pathways which are now available for these transition-metal intermediates allow reactions with numerous carbon electrophiles in excellent yields. The addition of functionalized dialkylzincs to aldehydes in the presence of chiral titanium catalysts provides a general enantioselective preparation to polyfunctional secondary alcohols and considerably extends the synthetic utility of diorganozincs. Their excellent functional group tolerance, their high chemoselectivity and excellent stereoselectivity in many reactions makes organozincs ideal organometallic intermediates for the construction of complex polyfunctional molecules.

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