

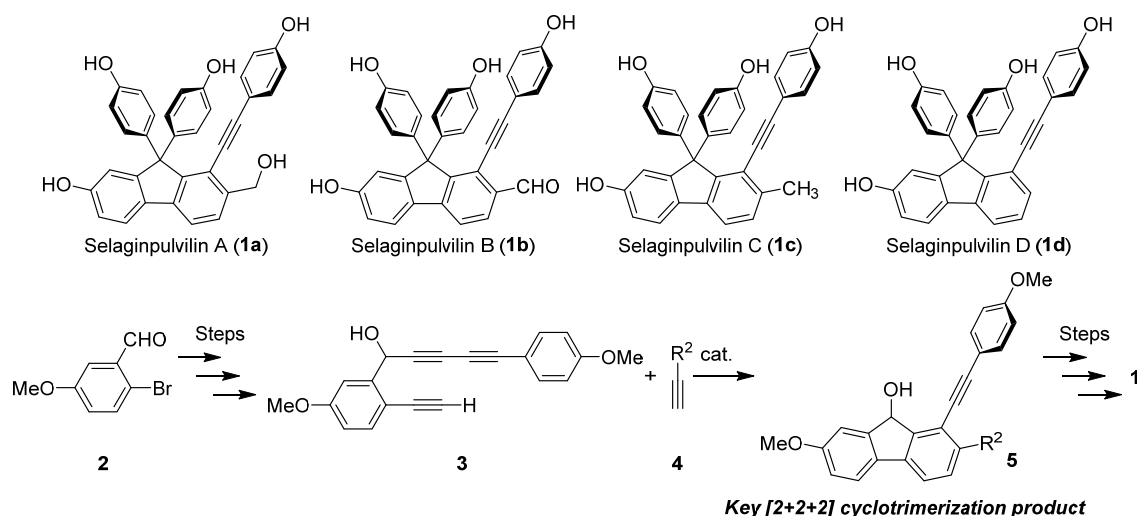
APPLICATION OF [2+2+2] CYCLOADDITION IN THE TOTAL SYNTHESIS OF SELAGINPULVILINES

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Selaginpulvilins (**1**) are natural products which were for the first time isolated from *Selaginella pulvinata*, a plant widely used in the traditional Chinese medicine [1].

In their structure, selaginpulvilins contain the fluorene motif, which is found in the naturally occurring compounds rather rarely. Within our longstanding interest in catalytic [2+2+2] cyclotrimerizations, we have demonstrated that the cyclotrimerization can be applied in syntheses of various fluorene containing systems [2, 3]. In this contribution, we would like to report a synthetic approach to the fluorene core of selaginpulvilins based on catalytic [2+2+2] cyclotrimerization of triynes **3** with alkynes **4** as the key step. The respective triyne **3** was prepared from benzaldehyde **2**. We studied the course of the cyclotrimerization with various alkynes using catalytic systems based on Rh, Ru or Ir complexes. Of particular interest was selectivity for formation of fluorenols **5**. In the last part, conversion of the cyclotrimerization products **5** towards selaginpulvilins will be described.



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