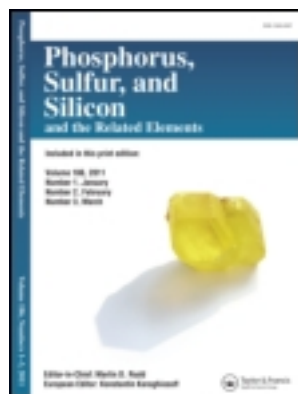


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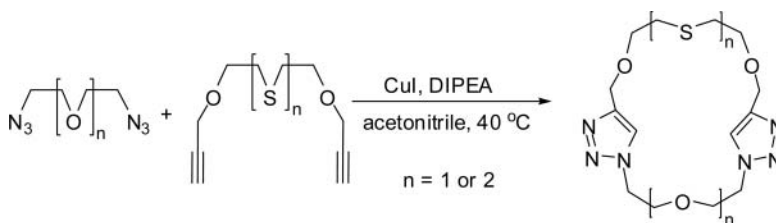
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### GRAPHICAL ABSTRACT



**Abstract** The efficient synthesis of new sulfur-containing macrocycles via “click”-type alkyne–azide cycloaddition was described. Preliminarily, under aqueous conditions (water–methanol) using  $\text{CuSO}_4$ /sodium ascorbate as a source of  $\text{Cu(I)}$ , the yields of the products were very poor. Using the  $\text{Cu(I)}$  in nonaqueous solution ( $\text{MeCN}$ ), the yields of the products grow significantly (approx. 50%).

**Keywords** Macrocyclic systems; click chemistry; 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition; sulfur oligomers

## INTRODUCTION

Recently, among many synthetic methods the “click”-type reactions are frequently utilized in the last decade. Alkyne–azide Huisgen 1,3-dipolar cycloaddition<sup>1</sup> is one of the most popular reactions, due to the regioselective  $\text{Cu(I)}$ -catalyzed version introduced by Meldal<sup>2</sup> and Sharpless<sup>3</sup> in the contrast of non-regioselective Huisgen thermal process.

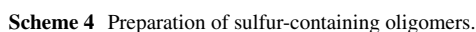
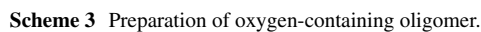
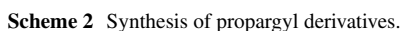
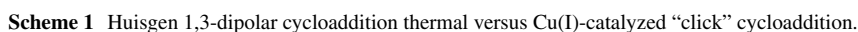
The syntheses of starting materials were performed according to known protocols,<sup>4</sup> however, the sulfur-containing propargyl derivatives **2a–b** have been obtained at first time.

The azides of di-triethylene glycols **3a–b** were obtained according to known procedure via their tosyl derivatives (Schemes 1–4).<sup>5,6</sup>

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## RESULTS

Initially cyclization reaction was carried out in the presence of  $\text{CuSO}_4$  and sodium ascorbate in water–methanol mixture at  $60^\circ\text{C}$ , but in this case only one oligomer was obtained with very low yield. The 24-membered oligomeric compound **4a** was obtained with significantly better yield (37%) in the presence of Cu(I) as a catalyst. The reaction was carried out in the acetonitrile with addition of diisopropylethylamine (DIPEA) at  $40^\circ\text{C}$ .

The best conditions for the “click” cycloaddition toward new sulfur-containing oligomers **5a–d** were developed using Cu(I) in the presence of DIPEA in high-diluted version, obtaining **5a–d** with average yields 50%. Similar structures using intramolecular “click”-type cycloaddition were obtained from linear substrates.<sup>6</sup>

In conclusion, we have developed the straightforward access to the new sulfur-containing macrocyclic compound with built-in 1,2,3-triazole ring. In all cases, the “click” methodology of cycloaddition reaction was utilized. The study of complexing properties of obtained oligomeric compounds is under investigation.

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