

Cyclic porphyrin oligomers ...

... are difficult to obtain efficiently. In their Communication on page 12357 ff., A. Osuka, H. Yorimitsu, and S. Tokuji show Pd-catalyzed trimerization of 2,18-diethynylporphyrins. Hexaporphyrins with meso-meso directly linked porphyrins can be used to model a light-harvesting antenna. The crystal structure of the trimer resembles the family crest of Mitsuba-aoi (three leaves of Hollyhock), which is the famous crest of the Tokugawa clan.

