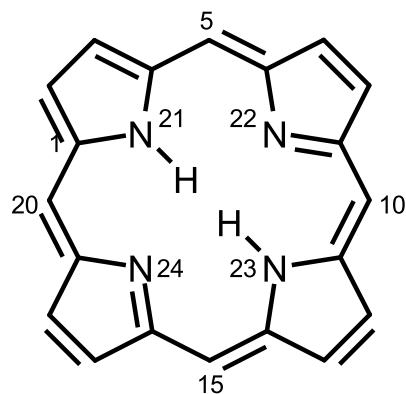


## porphyrins

Natural pigments containing a fundamental skeleton of four pyrrole nuclei united through the  $\alpha$ -positions by four methine groups to form a macrocyclic structure (porphyrin is designated porphine in Chemical Abstracts indexes).



porphyrin

**See also:** corrinoids

**Source:**

PAC, 1995, 67, 1307 (*Glossary of class names of organic compounds and reactivity intermediates based on structure (IUPAC Recommendations 1995)*) on page 1360

White Book, p. 281