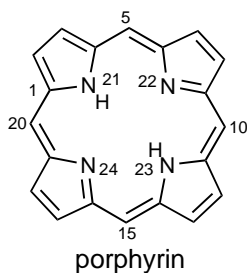


## porphyrins

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).



See also *corrinoids*.

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