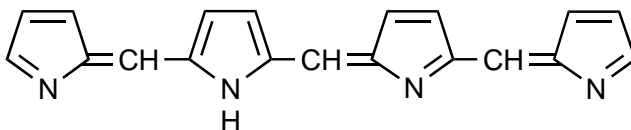


tetrapyrroles

Natural pigments containing four pyrrole rings joined by one-carbon units linking position 2 of one pyrrole ring to position 5 of the next. *Porphyrins* are macrocyclic tetrapyrroles. E. g. bilin (a linear tetrapyrrole).



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