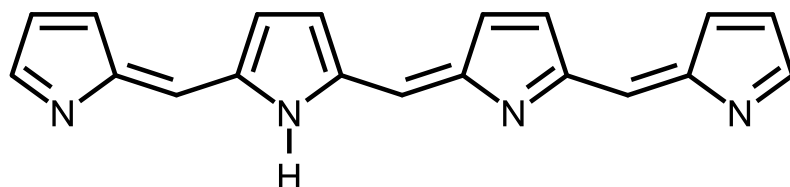


tetrapyrroles

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).



Source:

PAC, 1995, 67, 1307 (*Glossary of class names of organic compounds and reactivity intermediates based on structure (IUPAC Recommendations 1995)*) on page 1371

See also:

White Book, p. 279