

# **Phyllobilins – the Abundant Tetrapyrrolic Catabolites of the Green Plant Pigment Chlorophyll**

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## **Supporting Information**

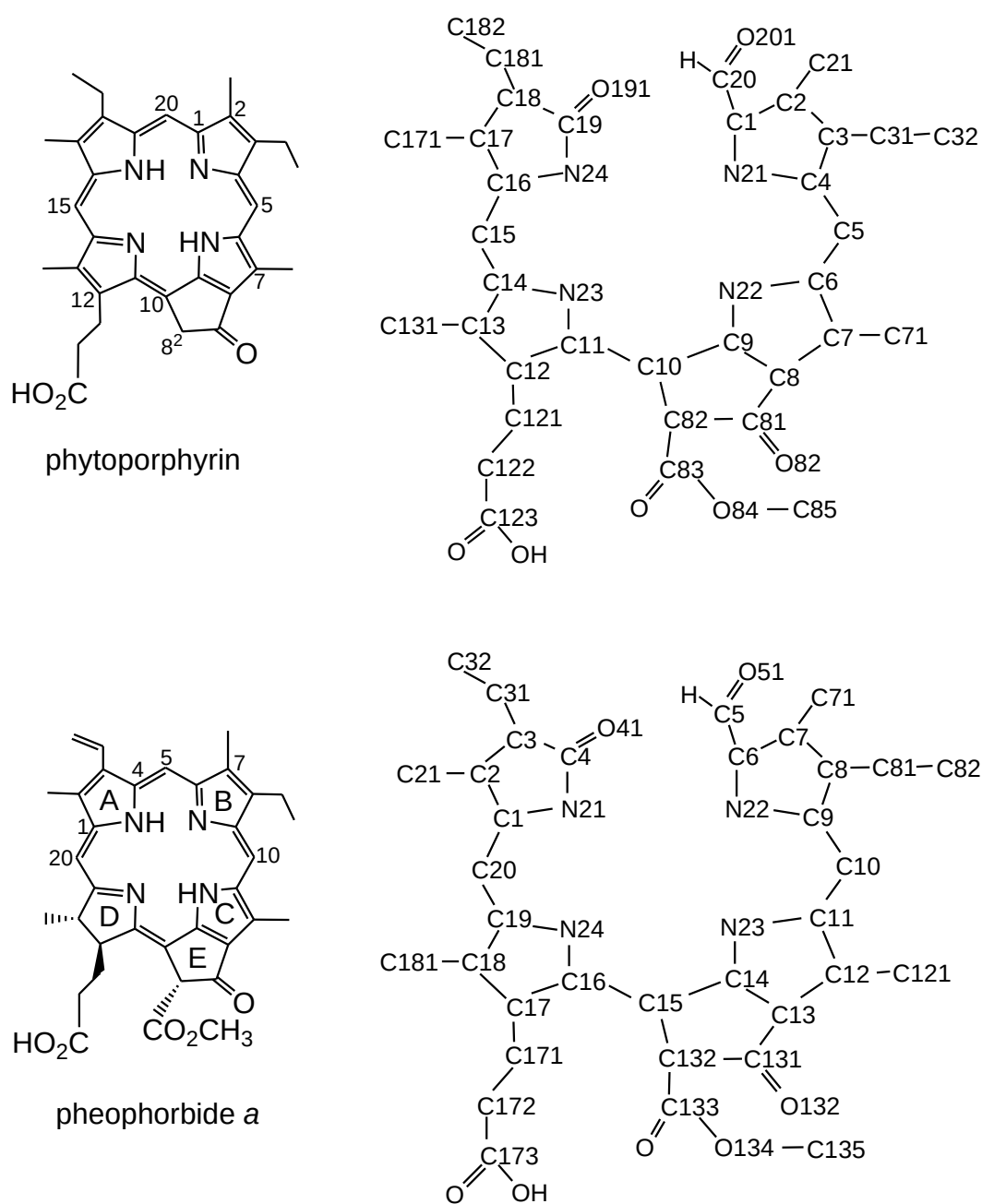
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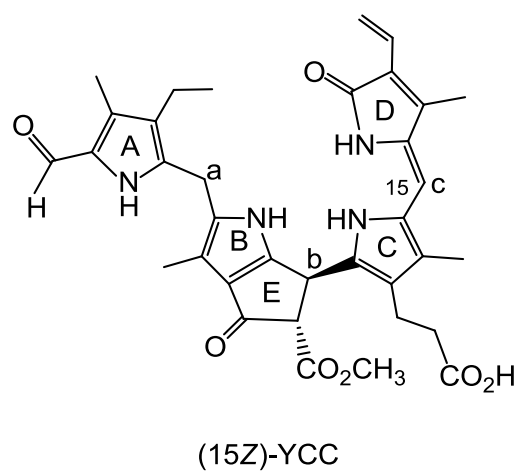
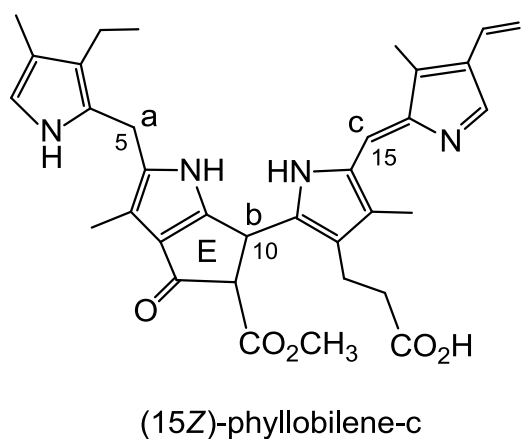
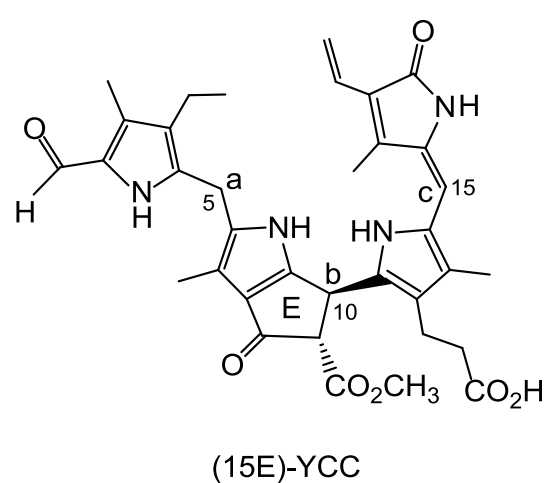
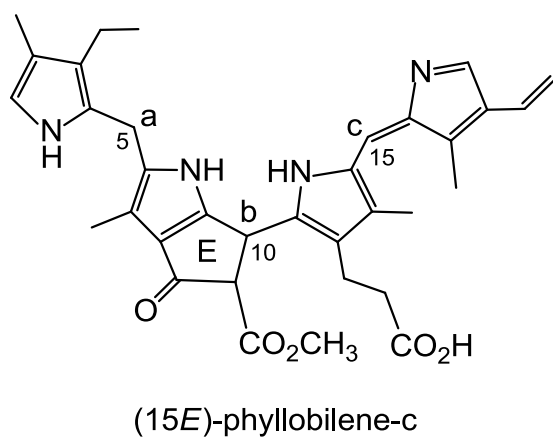
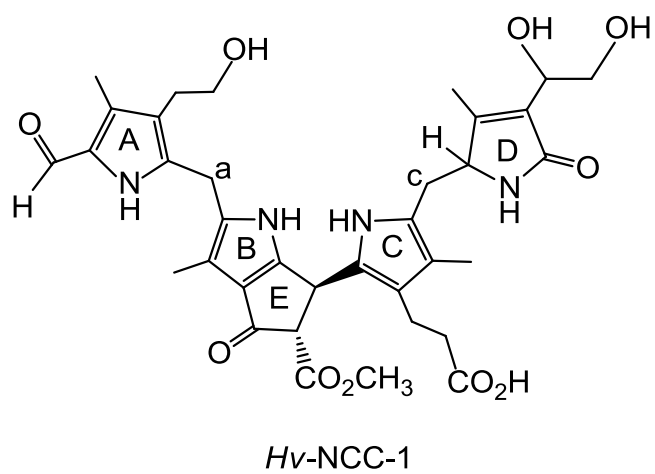
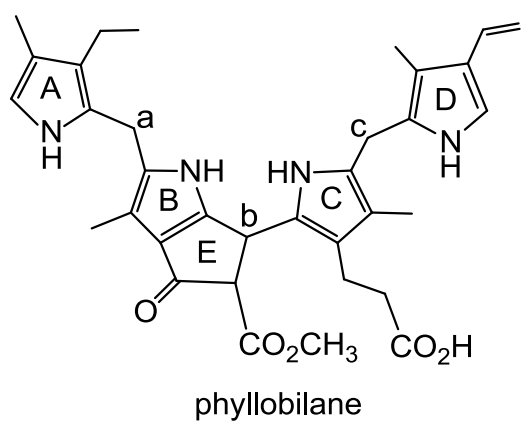
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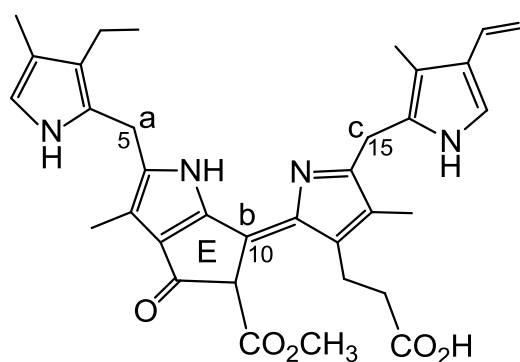
**Figure S1.** Atom numbering for phyllobilins.

Top. Phytoporphyryn formula with adapted atom numbering (left) and deduced atom numbering system used here for phyllobilin skeleton (right).

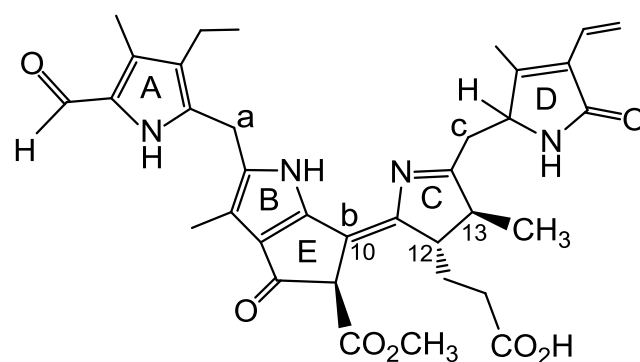
Bottom. Formula of pheophorbide *a* (Pheo *a*) with conventional atom numbering (left) and corresponding atom numbering for Chl-catabolites, used in earlier publications (right).



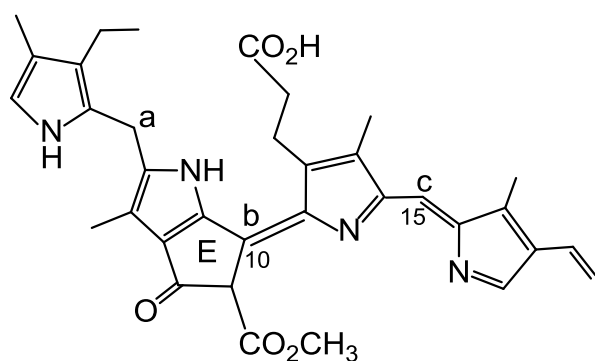
**Figure S2a.** Phyllobilin nomenclature (part a): phyllobilane, two isomeric phyllobilenes-c, and corresponding examples of three natural phyllobilins.



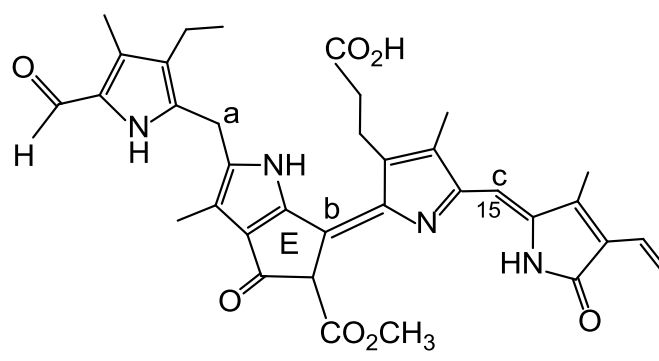
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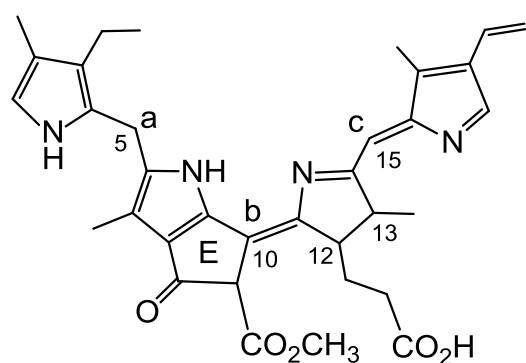
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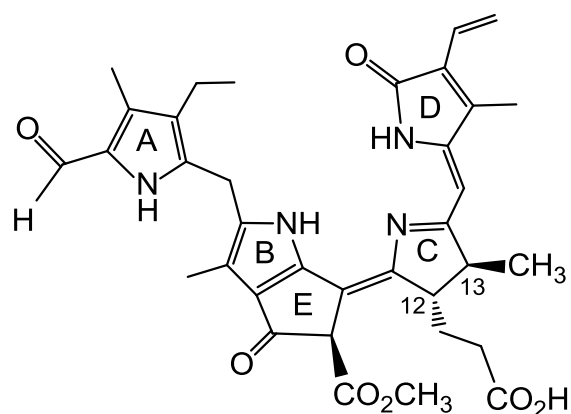
(10E, 15Z)phyllobiladiene-b,c



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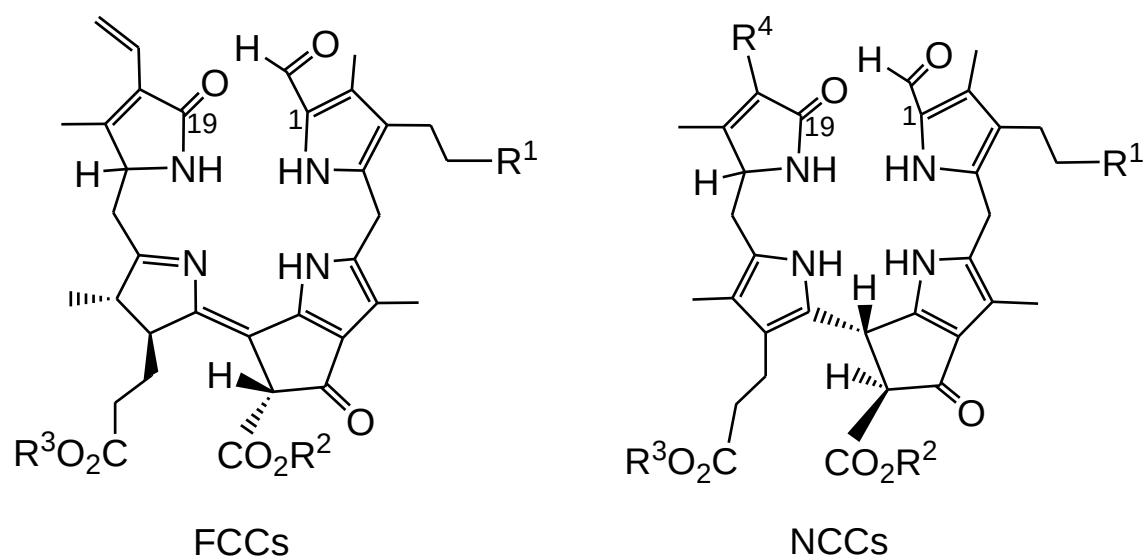


(10Z,15Z)-12,13-dihydro-phyllobiladiene-b,c



RCC

**Figure S2b.** Phyllobilin nomenclature (part b): phyllobilene-b and two phyllobiladienes-b,c, and corresponding examples of three natural phyllobilins.



**Figure S3.** Generalized formulas for FCCs and NCCs, two type-I phyllobilins (for specifications of R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>4</sup> in known natural type-I phyllobilins, see Tables S1 and S2).

**Table S1:** Structures of natural non-fluorescent Chl-catabolites (NCCs): labels **R<sup>1</sup>** to **R<sup>4</sup>** refer to the generalized formula of NCCs (Figure S3); atom numbering, as shown in Figure S1.

| <b>R<sup>1</sup></b> <sup>[a]</sup> | <b>R<sup>2</sup></b> | <b>R<sup>3</sup></b> | <b>R<sup>4</sup></b>     | <b>C16</b> <sup>[b]</sup> | <b>provisional names</b> <sup>[c]</sup>                                                                                               | <b>Ref.</b> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| OH                                  | CH <sub>3</sub>      | OH                   | CH(OH)CH <sub>2</sub> OH | n                         | <i>Hv</i> -NCC-1                                                                                                                      | 1, 2        |
| OH                                  | CH <sub>3</sub>      | OH                   | CH(OH)CH <sub>2</sub> OH | epi                       | <i>So</i> -NCC-2 ( <i>Mc</i> -NCC-42)                                                                                                 | 3-5         |
| OH                                  | CH <sub>3</sub>      | OH                   | CH=CH <sub>2</sub>       | n                         | <i>Sw</i> -NCC-58                                                                                                                     | 6           |
| OH                                  | CH <sub>3</sub>      | OH                   | CH=CH <sub>2</sub>       | epi                       | <i>Cj</i> -NCC-1 ( <i>So</i> -NCC-4 / <i>Pc</i> -NCC-2 / <i>Md</i> -NCC-2 / <i>Mc</i> -NCC-61)                                        | 4, 5, 7-9   |
| H                                   | CH <sub>3</sub>      | OH                   | CH=CH <sub>2</sub>       | epi                       | <i>Cj</i> -NCC-2 ( <i>So</i> -NCC-5)                                                                                                  | 4, 8        |
| O-Glc                               | CH <sub>3</sub>      | OH                   | CH=CH <sub>2</sub>       | epi                       | <i>Nr</i> -NCC-2 ( <i>Zm</i> -NCC-2 / <i>Pc</i> -NCC-1 / <i>Md</i> -NCC-1 / <i>Tc</i> -NCC-2 / <i>Mc</i> -NCC-59 / <i>Ug</i> -NCC-43) | 5, 9-13     |
| O-Glc                               | CH <sub>3</sub>      | OH                   | CH(OH)CH <sub>2</sub> OH | epi                       | <i>Zm</i> -NCC-1 ( <i>Tc</i> -NCC-1 / <i>Ug</i> -NCC-27)                                                                              | 11-13       |
| O-(6'-O-Mal)-Glc                    | CH <sub>3</sub>      | OH                   | CH=CH <sub>2</sub>       | epi                       | <i>Nr</i> -NCC-1                                                                                                                      | 10          |
| H                                   | H                    | OH                   | CH=CH <sub>2</sub>       | n                         | <i>Bn</i> -NCC-4 ( <i>At</i> -NCC-5)                                                                                                  | 14, 15      |
| OH                                  | H                    | OH                   | CH=CH <sub>2</sub>       | n                         | <i>Bn</i> -NCC-3 ( <i>At</i> -NCC-2)                                                                                                  | 14, 16      |
| OH                                  | H                    | OH                   | CH=CH <sub>2</sub>       | epi                       | <i>So</i> -NCC-3 ( <i>Mc</i> -NCC-49)                                                                                                 | 4, 5        |
| OH                                  | H                    | OH                   | CH(OH)CH <sub>2</sub> OH | epi                       | <i>So</i> -NCC-1 ( <i>Mc</i> -NCC-26)                                                                                                 | 4, 5        |
| O-Mal                               | H                    | OH                   | CH=CH <sub>2</sub>       | n                         | <i>Bn</i> -NCC-1                                                                                                                      | 16, 17      |
| O-Glc                               | H                    | OH                   | CH=CH <sub>2</sub>       | n                         | <i>Bn</i> -NCC-2 ( <i>At</i> -NCC-1)                                                                                                  | 14, 16      |
| OH                                  | CH <sub>3</sub>      | <sup>[d]</sup>       | CH = CH <sub>2</sub>     | epi <sup>[e]</sup>        | <i>Mc</i> -NCC-58                                                                                                                     | 5           |
| OH                                  | CH <sub>3</sub>      | <sup>[d]</sup>       | CH = CH <sub>2</sub>     | epi <sup>[f]</sup>        | <i>Mc</i> -NCC-55                                                                                                                     | 5           |

<sup>[a]</sup> abbreviations: Mal = malonyl; Glc =  $\beta$ -glucopyranosyl; <sup>[b]</sup> configuration at C16 from correlation with NCCs derived from *p*FCC (n = 'normal') or from *epi-p*FCC (epi = 'epimeric'), the absolute configuration at C16 is still unknown; <sup>[c]</sup> for specific provisional names see references: *Hv*-NCC-1 (from barley, *Hordeum vulgare*)<sup>1, 2</sup>, *So*-NCC s (from spinach, *Spinacia oleracea*)<sup>3, 4</sup>, *Cj*-NCCs (from Katsura tree, *Cercidiphyllum japonicum*)<sup>7, 8</sup>, *Sw*-NCC-58 (from Peace Lily, *Spathiphyllum wallisii*)<sup>6</sup>, *Pc*-NCCs (from *Pyrus communis*)<sup>9</sup>, *Md*-NCCs (from *Malus domestica*)<sup>9</sup>, *At*-NCCs (from *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *At*-NCC-3 carries a HO-CH<sub>2</sub>-group at C2, see ref. <sup>18</sup>),<sup>14, 18</sup> *Nr*-NCCs (from tobacco, *Nicotiana rustica*)<sup>10</sup>, *Zm*-NCCs (from maize, *Zea mays*)<sup>11</sup>, and *Bn*-NCCs (from oilseed rape, *Brassica napus*)<sup>15-17</sup>, *Tc*-NCCs (from Lime tree, *Tilia cordata*)<sup>12</sup>, *Ug*-NCCs (from Dutch Elm tree, *Ulmus glabra*)<sup>13</sup> and *Mc*-NCCs (from banana peels, *Musa acuminata*, Cavendish cultivar).<sup>5</sup> <sup>[d]</sup> R<sup>3</sup> = daucic acid;); <sup>[e]</sup> R-configuration at C10; <sup>[f]</sup> S-configuration at C10 (configuration derived from CD-spectra <sup>5</sup>).

**Table 2.** Structures of natural fluorescent Chl-catabolites (FCCs): labels R<sup>1</sup> to R<sup>3</sup> refer to the generalized formula of FCCs (Figure S3); atom numbering, as shown in Figure S1.

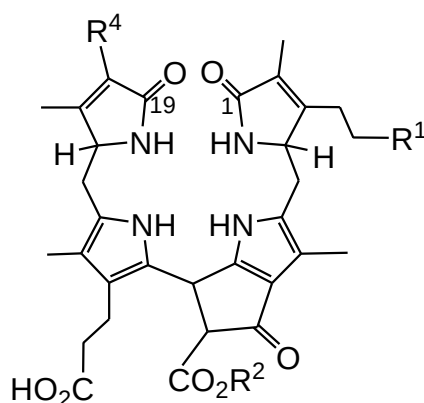
| R <sup>1</sup>       | R <sup>2</sup>  | R <sup>3</sup>           | C16 <sup>[a]</sup> | provisional names <sup>[b]</sup>     | Ref. |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|------|
| H                    | CH <sub>3</sub> | H                        | n                  | <i>Bn</i> -FCC-2 ( <i>p</i> FCC)     | 19   |
| H                    | CH <sub>3</sub> | H                        | epi                | <i>Ca</i> -FCC-2 ( <i>epi-p</i> FCC) | 20   |
| H                    | H               | H                        | n                  | <i>At</i> -FCC-2                     | 14   |
| OH                   | H               | H                        | n                  | <i>At</i> -FCC-1                     | 14   |
| OH                   | CH <sub>3</sub> | H                        | epi                | <i>Mc</i> -FCC-62                    | 5    |
| OH                   | CH <sub>3</sub> | CH <sub>3</sub>          | epi                | <i>Mc</i> -FCC-71 <sup>[d]</sup>     | 5    |
| OH                   | CH <sub>3</sub> | 5'-daucyl <sup>[e]</sup> | epi                | <i>Mc</i> -FCC-56                    | 21   |
| OH                   | CH <sub>3</sub> | 4'-daucyl <sup>[f]</sup> | epi                | <i>Mc</i> -FCC-53                    | 22   |
| O-Glc <sup>[c]</sup> | CH <sub>3</sub> | 5'-daucyl <sup>[e]</sup> | epi                | <i>Mc</i> -FCC-49                    | 22   |
| O-Glc <sup>[c]</sup> | CH <sub>3</sub> | 4'-daucyl <sup>[f]</sup> | epi                | <i>Mc</i> -FCC-46                    | 22   |
| OH                   | CH <sub>3</sub> | <sup>[g]</sup>           | n                  | <i>Sw</i> -FCC-62                    | 6    |
| OH                   | CH <sub>3</sub> | <sup>[h]</sup>           | epi                | <i>Ma</i> -FCC-61                    | 23   |
| OH                   | CH <sub>3</sub> | <sup>[g]</sup>           | epi                | <i>Ma</i> -FCC-69                    | 24   |
| OH                   | CH <sub>3</sub> | <sup>[i]</sup>           | epi                | <i>Ma</i> -FCC-63                    | 24   |
| OH                   | CH <sub>3</sub> | <sup>[j]</sup>           | epi                | <i>Ma</i> -FCC-64                    | 24   |

<sup>[a]</sup> relative configuration at C16: n = 'normal', i.e. derived from *p*FCC, or epi = 'epimeric', i.e. derived from *epi-p*FCC; <sup>[b]</sup> *Bn*-FCC-2 (from oilseed rape, *Brassica napus*);<sup>19</sup> *Ca*-FCC-2 (from sweet pepper, *Capsicum annuum*);<sup>20</sup> *At*-FCCs (from *Arabidopsis thaliana*);<sup>14</sup> *Mc*-FCCs (from banana peels, *Musa acuminata*, Cavendish cultivar,<sup>5, 6, 21, 22</sup>); *Ma*-FCCs (from banana leaves, *Musa acuminata*, Cavendish cultivar,<sup>23, 24</sup>); *Sw*-FCC-62 (from senescent leaves of *Spathiphyllum wallisii*,<sup>6</sup>). <sup>[c]</sup> Glc =  $\beta$ -glucopyranosyl; <sup>[d]</sup> apparently an artefact, from methanolysis of 'persistent' FCC-daucyl-esters, such as *Mc*-FCC-56 and *Mc*-FCC-53; <sup>[e]</sup> daucic acid bound at 5'-OH; <sup>[f]</sup> daucic acid bound at 4'-OH; <sup>5</sup> <sup>[g]</sup> R<sup>3</sup> = 6 $\beta$ -glucopyranosyl-(1-1')-2-[3,4-dihydroxyphenyl]-ethyl; <sup>6</sup> <sup>[h]</sup> R<sup>3</sup> = 6 $\alpha$ -galactopyranosyl-(1-6)- $\beta$ -galactopyranosyl-(1-1)-glyceryl; <sup>23</sup> <sup>[i]</sup> R<sup>3</sup> = 6-(1 $\beta$ )-glucopyranosyl; <sup>24</sup> <sup>[j]</sup> R<sup>3</sup> = 6-(1 $\alpha$ )-glucopyranosyl<sup>24</sup>.

**Table 3.** Structures of natural dioxobilane-type non-fluorescent Chl-catabolites (DNCCs): labels  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$  and  $R^4$  refer to the general constitutional formula of DNCCs, shown below; atom numbering, as shown in Figure S1.

| $R^1$ | $R^2$           | $R^4$                            | C16 <sup>[a]</sup> | provisional names <sup>[b]</sup>     | Ref.   |
|-------|-----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|
| OH    | CH <sub>3</sub> | CH(OH)-CH <sub>2</sub> OH        | n                  | -                                    | 25     |
| OH    | CH <sub>3</sub> | CH(OH)-CH <sub>2</sub> OH        | n                  | -                                    | 25     |
| OH    | CH <sub>3</sub> | CH <sub>2</sub> =CH <sub>2</sub> | [c]                | UNCC- <i>Pvir</i><br>UNCC- <i>Pp</i> | 26, 27 |
| H     | H               | CH <sub>2</sub> =CH <sub>2</sub> | n                  | <i>At</i> -DNCC                      | 28     |
| OH    | CH <sub>3</sub> | CH(OH)-CH <sub>2</sub> OH        | epi                | <i>Ap</i> -DNCC                      | 29     |
| OH    | H               | CH <sub>2</sub> =CH <sub>2</sub> | n                  | <i>At</i> -DNCC-33                   | 28     |
| OH    | CH <sub>3</sub> | CH <sub>2</sub> =CH <sub>2</sub> | n                  | <i>At</i> -DNCC-38                   | 30     |
| H     | CH <sub>3</sub> | CH <sub>2</sub> =CH <sub>2</sub> | n                  | <i>At</i> -DNCC-47                   | 30     |

<sup>[a]</sup> relative configuration at C16: n = ‘normal’, if derived for *p*FCC or epi = ‘epimeric’, if derived for *epi-p*FCC; <sup>[b]</sup> for specific provisional names see references: e.g. *Ap*-DNCC (from *Acer platanoides*<sup>29</sup>); *At*-DNCCs (from *Arabidopsis thaliana*);<sup>28, 30</sup> <sup>[c]</sup> relative configuration at C16 not determined.



DNCCs

Generalized constitutional formula of DNCCs  
(type-II phyllobilins)



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