

**Synthesis of zinc bacteriochlorophyll-*d* analogues with various 17-substituents  
and their chlorosomal self-aggregates in non-polar organic solvents†**

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### Synthetic procedures of novel chlorins and their spectral data

**Ethyl pyropheophorbide-*d* (5a).** Into a dry toluene solution (30 ml) of **4** (102 mg, 185  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), ethanol (8.73 g, 189 mmol) and bis(dibutylchlorotin)oxide (14.1 mg, 25  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) were added, stirred and refluxed for 27 h. After evaporating the solvent, the residue was purified by FCC (4% Et<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) and recrystallization (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane) to give **5a** (62.3 mg, 60%) as a black solid: mp 222-225 °C; VIS (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  = 694 (relative intensity, 0.80), 632 (0.09), 554 (0.16), 521 (0.15), 429 (1.00), 388 nm (0.84); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 11.55 (1H, s, 3-CHO), 10.30, 9.61, 8.84 (each 1H, s, 5-, 10-, 20-H), 5.34, 5.19 (each 1H, d,  $J$  = 20 Hz, 13<sup>2</sup>-H<sub>2</sub>), 4.58 (1H, q,  $J$  = 7 Hz, 18-H), 4.39 (1H, d,  $J$  = 7 Hz, 17-H), 4.13-4.02 (2H, m, 17<sup>2</sup>-COOCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.77, 3.72, 3.32 (each 3H, s, 2-, 7-, 12-CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.72 (2H, q,  $J$  = 7 Hz, 8-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.75-2.70, 2.62-2.54, 2.35-2.26 (1H+1H+2H, m, 17-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.85 (3H, d,  $J$  = 7 Hz, 18-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.72 (3H, t,  $J$  = 7 Hz, 8<sup>1</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.16 (3H, t,  $J$  = 7 Hz, 17<sup>2</sup>-COOCC<sub>3</sub>H<sub>7</sub>), -0.13, -2.06 (each 1H, s, NH  $\times$  2); MS (APCI) found:  $m/z$  565. Calcd. for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>37</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: MH<sup>+</sup>, 565.

**Dodecyl pyropheophorbide-*d* (5b).** Similarly to synthesis of **5a**, transesterification of **4** (101 mg, 183  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) with 1-dodecanol (293 mg, 1.85 mmol) in toluene (30 ml) of tin-catalyst (10.3 mg, 18.7  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) for 5 h gave **5b** (83.0 mg, 64%) as a black solid after FCC (3-4% Et<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) and recrystallization (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/methanol): mp 125-130 °C; VIS (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  = 694 (rel., 0.80), 632 (0.09), 554 (0.17), 521 (0.15), 428 (1.00), 388 nm (0.84); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 11.57 (1H, s, 3-CHO), 10.33, 9.64, 8.85 (each 1H, s, 5-, 10-, 20-H), 5.35, 5.20 (each 1H, d,  $J$  = 20 Hz, 13<sup>2</sup>-H<sub>2</sub>), 4.58 (1H, dq,  $J$  = 2, 8 Hz, 18-H), 4.40 (1H, dt,  $J$  = 9, 2 Hz, 17-H), 4.00-3.91 (2H, m, 17<sup>2</sup>-COOCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.79, 3.73, 3.34 (each 3H, s, 2-, 7-, 12-CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.74 (2H, q,  $J$  = 8 Hz, 8-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.76-2.69, 2.61-2.53, 2.37-2.24 (1H+1H+2H, m, 17-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.85 (3H, d,  $J$  = 8 Hz, 18-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.73 (3H, t,  $J$  = 8 Hz, 8<sup>1</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.25-1.17 (20H, m, 17<sup>2</sup>-COOCC<sub>10</sub>H<sub>20</sub>), 0.84 (3H, t,  $J$  = 7 Hz, 17<sup>2</sup>-COOC<sub>11</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), -0.11, -2.04 (each 1H, s, NH  $\times$  2); MS (APCI) found:  $m/z$  705. Calcd. for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>57</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: MH<sup>+</sup>, 705.

**Docosyl pyropheophorbide-*d* (5c).** Similarly to synthesis of **5a**, transesterification of **4** (80 mg, 145  $\mu$ mol) with 1-docosanol (469 mg, 1.44 mmol) in toluene (25 ml) of tin-catalyst (5.6 mg, 10.1  $\mu$ mol) for 5 h gave **5c** (95.0 mg, 78%) as a black solid after FCC (3-4% Et<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) and recrystallization (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/methanol): mp 110-114 °C; VIS (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\lambda_{\max}$  = 694 (rel., 0.80), 632 (0.09), 554 (0.17), 521 (0.15), 429 (1.00), 388 nm (0.84); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 11.58 (1H, s, 3-CHO), 10.35, 9.65, 8.86 (each 1H, s, 5-, 10-, 20-H), 5.34, 5.23 (each 1H, d, *J* = 20 Hz, 13<sup>2</sup>-H<sub>2</sub>), 4.59 (1H, dq, *J* = 2, 8 Hz, 18-H), 4.40 (1H, dt, *J* = 8, 2 Hz, 17-H), 4.01-3.90 (2H, m, 17<sup>2</sup>-COOCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.80, 3.74, 3.35 (each 3H, s, 2-, 7-, 12-CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.75 (2H, q, *J* = 8 Hz, 8-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.77-2.69, 2.62-2.54, 2.37-2.27 (1H+1H+2H, m, 17-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.85 (3H, d, *J* = 8 Hz, 18-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.74 (3H, t, *J* = 8 Hz, 8<sup>1</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.26-1.18 (40H, m, 17<sup>2</sup>-COOCC<sub>20</sub>H<sub>40</sub>), 0.88 (3H, t, *J* = 7 Hz, 17<sup>2</sup>-COOC<sub>21</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), -0.10, -2.02 (each 1H, s, NH  $\times$  2); MS (APCI) found: *m/z* 845. Calcd. for C<sub>54</sub>H<sub>77</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: MH<sup>+</sup>, 845.

**Neopentyl pyropheophorbide-*d* (5d).** Similarly to synthesis of **5a**, transesterification of **4** (85 mg, 154  $\mu$ mol) with 2,2-dimethylpropanol (neopentyl alcohol, 133 mg, 1.51 mmol) in toluene (25 ml) of tin-catalyst (8.9 mg, 16.1  $\mu$ mol) for 21 h gave **5d** (55.7 mg, 60%) as a black solid after FCC (4% Et<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) and recrystallization (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane): mp 175-180 °C; VIS (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\lambda_{\max}$  = 694 (rel., 0.81), 632 (0.09), 554 (0.17), 522 (0.15), 429 (1.00), 388 nm (0.84); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 11.55 (1H, s, 3-CHO), 10.29, 9.60, 8.85 (each 1H, s, 5-, 10-, 20-H), 5.34, 5.20 (each 1H, d, *J* = 19 Hz, 13<sup>2</sup>-H<sub>2</sub>), 4.59 (1H, dq, *J* = 2, 7 Hz, 18-H), 4.41 (1H, dt, *J* = 8, 2 Hz, 17-H), 3.78, 3.70 (each 1H, d, *J* = 10 Hz, 17<sup>2</sup>-COOCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.78, 3.72, 3.31 (each 3H, s, 2-, 7-, 12-CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.72 (2H, q, *J* = 8 Hz, 8-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.78-2.72, 2.63-2.58, 2.37-2.29 (1H+1H+2H, m, 17-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.86 (3H, d, *J* = 7 Hz, 18-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.71 (3H, t, *J* = 8 Hz, 8<sup>1</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.84 (9H, s, 17<sup>2</sup>-COOCC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), -0.15, -2.07 (each 1H, s, NH  $\times$  2); MS (APCI) found: *m/z* 607. Calcd. for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>43</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: MH<sup>+</sup>, 607.

**Benzyl pyropheophorbide-*d* (5e).** Similarly to synthesis of **5a**, transesterification of **4** (97 mg, 175  $\mu$ mol) with benzyl alcohol (201 mg, 1.86 mmol) in toluene (30 ml) of tin-catalyst (30.0 mg, 54.2  $\mu$ mol) for 6 h gave **5e** (77.0 mg, 70%) as a black solid after FCC (4-5% Et<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) and

recrystallization (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/methanol): mp 98-102 °C; VIS (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) λ<sub>max</sub> = 694 (rel., 0.80), 633 (0.09), 555 (0.17), 522 (0.15), 429 (1.00), 388 nm (0.83); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 11.55 (1H, s, 3-CHO), 10.31, 9.61, 8.82 (each 1H, s, 5-, 10-, 20-H), 7.26-7.25 (3H, m, 3-, 4-, 5-H of Ph), 7.21-7.19 (2H, m, 2-, 6-H of Ph), 5.31, 5.14 (each 1H, d, *J* = 20 Hz, 13<sup>2</sup>-H<sub>2</sub>), 5.05, 4.98 (each 1H, d, *J* = 12 Hz, 17<sup>2</sup>-COOCH<sub>2</sub>), 4.56 (1H, dq, *J* = 1, 7 Hz, 18-H), 4.37 (1H, br-d, *J* = 7 Hz, 17-H), 3.77, 3.72, 3.32 (each 3H, s, 2-, 7-, 12-CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.73 (2H, q, *J* = 8 Hz, 8-CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.77-2.71, 2.65-2.60, 2.36-2.29 (1H+1H+2H, m, 17-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.82 (3H, d, *J* = 7 Hz, 18-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.72 (3H, t, *J* = 8 Hz, 8<sup>1</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>), -0.14, -2.08 (each 1H, s, NH × 2); MS (APCI) found: *m/z* 627. Calcd. for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>39</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: MH<sup>+</sup>, 627.

**17<sup>2</sup>-Acetoxymethyl-17<sup>2</sup>-decarboxy-pyropheophorbide-*d* (9a).** To a dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution (70 ml) of **8** (100.0 mg, 191 μmol), acetic acid (45.2 mg, 764 μmol), 1-[3-(*N,N*-dimethylamino)propyl]-3-ethylcarbodiimide hydrochloride (EDC·HCl, 220.0 mg, 1148 μmol) and DMAP (96.7 mg, 792 μmol) were added at 0 °C and stirred for 18 h under N<sub>2</sub> at room temperature. The reaction mixture was washed with aq. 2% HCl, aq. 4% NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by FCC (7% Et<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) and recrystallization (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane) to give **9a** (99.7 mg, 93%) as a black green solid: mp 250-252 °C; VIS (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) λ<sub>max</sub> = 695 (rel., 0.81), 633 (0.09), 554 (0.16), 522 (0.15), 429 (1.00), 387 nm (0.85); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 11.56 (1H, s, 3-CHO), 10.31, 9.62, 8.85 (each 1H, s, 5-, 10-, 20-H), 5.29, 5.19 (each 1H, d, *J* = 19 Hz, 13<sup>2</sup>-H<sub>2</sub>), 4.60 (1H, dq, *J* = 2, 7 Hz, 18-H), 4.37 (1H, dt, *J* = 9, 2 Hz, 17-H), 4.12, 4.10 (each 1H, dt, *J* = 11, 7 Hz, 17<sup>2</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.73 (2H, q, *J* = 8 Hz, 8-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.79, 3.73, 3.33 (each 3H, s, 2-, 7-, 12-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.45-2.40, 2.15-2.08, 1.95-1.88, 1.68-1.61 (each 1H, m, 17-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.01 (3H, s, 17<sup>3</sup>-OCOCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.87 (3H, d, *J* = 7 Hz, 18-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.72 (3H, t, *J* = 8 Hz, 8<sup>1</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>), -0.10, -2.03 (each 1H, s, NH × 2); MS (ESI) found: *m/z* 565. Calcd. for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>37</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: MH<sup>+</sup>, 565.

**17<sup>2</sup>-Decarboxy-17<sup>2</sup>-dodecanoyloxymethyl-pyropheophorbide-*d* (9b).** Similarly to synthesis of **9a**, esterification of **8** (100.0 mg, 191  $\mu$ mol) with dodecanoic acid (lauric acid, 153.1 mg, 764  $\mu$ mol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (70 ml) of EDC·HCl (219.7 mg, 1146  $\mu$ mol) and DMAP (93.3 mg, 764  $\mu$ mol) for 23 h gave **9b** (105.0 mg, 78%) as a black solid after FCC (6% Et<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) and recrystallization (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/methanol): mp 156-158 °C; VIS (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  = 695 (rel, 0.82), 633 (0.09), 555 (0.16), 522 (0.15), 429 (1.00), 387 nm (0.84); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 11.56 (1H, s, 3-CHO), 10.33, 9.63, 8.85 (each 1H, s, 5-, 10-, 20-H), 5.29, 5.19 (each 1H, d,  $J$  = 19 Hz, 13<sup>2</sup>-H<sub>2</sub>), 4.60 (1H, dq,  $J$  = 2, 8 Hz, 18-H), 4.37 (1H, dt,  $J$  = 9, 2 Hz, 17-H), 4.12 (2H, t,  $J$  = 7 Hz, 17<sup>2</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.74 (2H, q,  $J$  = 8 Hz, 8-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.79, 3.73, 3.33 (each 3H, s, 2-, 7-, 12-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.45-2.39, 2.14-2.08, 1.95-1.87, 1.69-1.63 (each 1H, m, 17-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.26, 2.23 (each 1H, dt,  $J$  = 15, 8 Hz, 17<sup>3</sup>-OCOCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.87 (3H, d,  $J$  = 8 Hz, 18-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.73 (3H, t,  $J$  = 8 Hz, 8<sup>1</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.25-1.15 (18H, m, 17<sup>3</sup>-OCOC(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>9</sub>), 0.84 (3H, t,  $J$  = 7 Hz, 17<sup>3</sup>-OCOC<sub>10</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), -0.09, -2.03 (each 1H, s, NH  $\times$  2); MS (ESI) found:  $m/z$  705. Calcd. for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>57</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: MH<sup>+</sup>, 705.

**17<sup>2</sup>-Decarboxy-17<sup>2</sup>-docosanoyloxymethyl-pyropheophorbide-*d* (9c).** Similarly to synthesis of **9a**, esterification of **8** (90.0 mg, 172  $\mu$ mol) with docosanoic acid (behenic acid, 239.0 mg, 702  $\mu$ mol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (70 ml) of EDC·HCl (197.7 mg, 1031  $\mu$ mol) and DMAP (84.0 mg, 688  $\mu$ mol) for 21 h gave **9c** (114.5 mg, 79%) as a black solid after FCC (5% Et<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) and recrystallization (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/methanol): mp 153-155 °C; VIS (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  = 694 (rel, 0.82), 633 (0.10), 554 (0.17), 522 (0.16), 429 (1.00), 387 nm (0.85); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 11.55 (1H, s, 3-CHO), 10.30, 9.60, 8.85 (each 1H, s, 5-, 10-, 20-H), 5.29, 5.18 (each 1H, d,  $J$  = 19 Hz, 13<sup>2</sup>-H<sub>2</sub>), 4.60 (1H, dq,  $J$  = 2, 7 Hz, 18-H), 4.37 (1H, dt,  $J$  = 9, 3 Hz, 17-H), 4.12 (2H, t,  $J$  = 7 Hz, 17<sup>2</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.73 (2H, q,  $J$  = 8 Hz, 8-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.78, 3.72, 3.32 (each 3H, s, 2-, 7-, 12-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.44-2.40, 2.14-2.08, 1.95-1.89, 1.69-1.63 (each 1H, m, 17-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.25 (2H, t,  $J$  = 7 Hz, 17<sup>3</sup>-OCOCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.87 (3H, d,  $J$  = 7 Hz, 18-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.72 (3H, t,  $J$  = 8 Hz, 8<sup>1</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.30-1.15 (38H, m, 17<sup>3</sup>-OCOC(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>19</sub>), 0.87 (3H, t,  $J$  = 7 Hz, 17<sup>3</sup>-OCOC<sub>20</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), -0.12, -2.04 (each 1H, s, NH  $\times$  2); MS (ESI) found:  $m/z$  845. Calcd. for C<sub>54</sub>H<sub>77</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: MH<sup>+</sup>, 845.

**17<sup>2</sup>-Decarboxy-17<sup>2</sup>-pivaloyloxymethyl-pyropheophorbide-*d* (9d).** Similarly to synthesis of **9a**, esterification of **8** (102.0 mg, 195 μmol) with 2,2-dimethylpropanoic acid (pivalic acid, 99.0 mg, 969 μmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (70 ml) of EDC·HCl (332.0 mg, 1732 μmol) and DMAP (156.7 mg, 1282 μmol) for 62 h to give **9d** (37.5 mg, 32%) as a black solid after FCC (5% Et<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) and recrystallization (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane): mp 253-257 °C; VIS (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) λ<sub>max</sub> = 695 (rel, 0.81), 633 (0.10), 554 (0.17), 522 (0.16), 429 (1.00), 387 nm (0.85); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 11.57 (1H, s, 3-CHO), 10.34, 9.64, 8.86 (each 1H, s, 5-, 10-, 20-H), 5.27, 5.29 (each 1H, d, *J* = 19 Hz, 13<sup>2</sup>-H<sub>2</sub>), 4.60 (1H, dq, *J* = 2, 7 Hz, 18-H), 4.38 (1H, dt, *J* = 9, 3 Hz, 17-H), 4.10 (2H, t, *J* = 7 Hz, 17<sup>2</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.75 (2H, q, *J* = 8 Hz, 8-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.79, 3.74, 3.34 (each 3H, s, 2-, 7-, 12-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.45-2.40, 2.15-2.09, 1.95-1.89, 1.69-1.61 (each 1H, m, 17-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.87 (3H, d, *J* = 7 Hz, 18-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.73 (3H, t, *J* = 8 Hz, 8<sup>1</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.15 (9H, s, 17<sup>3</sup>-OCOC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), -0.08, -2.01 (each 1H, s, NH × 2); MS (ESI) found: *m/z* 607. Calcd. for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>43</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: MH<sup>+</sup>, 607.

To a dry THF (2 ml) and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution (20 ml) of **8** (100.0 mg, 191 μmol) with stirring, a dry CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution (20 ml) of pivaloyl chloride (1854 mg, 15.4 mmol) and triethylamine (956.0 mg, 9.45 mmol) at room temperature under N<sub>2</sub>. After heating at 45 °C for 4 h, the reaction mixture was treated with the similar work-up as mentioned above to give **9d** (84.5 mg, 72%).

**17<sup>2</sup>-Benzoyloxymethyl-17<sup>2</sup>-decarboxy-pyropheophorbide-*d* (9e).** Similarly to synthesis of **9a**, esterification of **8** (69.0 mg, 132 μmol) with benzoic acid (71.4 mg, 855 μmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (60 ml) of EDC·HCl (185.5 mg, 968 μmol) and DMAP (68.5 mg, 561 μmol) gave **9e** (45.5 mg, 55%) as a black solid after FCC (4-5% Et<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) and recrystallization (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane): mp 95-99 °C; VIS (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) λ<sub>max</sub> = 694 (rel, 0.80), 633 (0.10), 554 (0.17), 522 (0.16), 429 (1.00), 387 nm (0.85); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 11.55 (1H, s, 3-CHO), 10.31, 9.61, 8.86 (each 1H, s, 5-, 10-, 20-H), 7.96, 7.95 (2H, dd, *J* = 1, 8 Hz, 2-, 6-H of Ph), 7.53 (1H, tt, *J* = 1, 7 Hz, 4-H of Ph), 7.39 (2H, t, *J* = 8 Hz, 3-, 5-H of Ph), 5.30, 5.20 (each 1H, d, *J* = 19 Hz, 13<sup>2</sup>-H<sub>2</sub>), 4.64 (1H, dq, *J* = 2, 7 Hz, 18-H), 4.42 (1H, dt, *J* = 9, 3 Hz, 17-H), 4.36 (2H, t, *J* = 7 Hz, 17<sup>2</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.73 (2H, q, *J* = 8 Hz, 8-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.78,

3.72, 3.32 (each 3H, s, 2-, 7-, 12-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.55-2.49, 2.26-2.19, 2.08-1.99, 1.78-1.74 (each 1H, m, 17-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.88 (3H, d, *J* = 7 Hz, 18-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.72 (3H, t, *J* = 8 Hz, 8<sup>1</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>), -0.11, -2.04 (each 1H, s, NH × 2); MS (ESI) found: *m/z* 627. Calcd. for C<sub>39</sub>H<sub>39</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: MH<sup>+</sup>, 627.

**Ethyl 3-devinyl-3-hydroxymethyl-pyropheophorbide-a (6a).** Borane *t*-butylamine complex (*t*BuNH<sub>2</sub>·BH<sub>3</sub>, 13.3 mg, 153 μmol) was added to a CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution (10 ml) of **5a** (57.8 mg, 102 μmol) at room temperature. After stirring for 2 h, the reaction mixture was washed with aq. 2% HCl, aq. 4% NaHCO<sub>3</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O, dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by FCC (20-24% Et<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) and recrystallization (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane) to give **6a** (51.2 mg, 88%) as a black green solid: mp 227-232 °C; VIS (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) λ<sub>max</sub> = 662 (rel., 0.48), 606 (0.08), 535 (0.09), 504 (0.10), 410 nm (1.00); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 9.47, 9.43, 8.55 (each 1H, s, 5-, 10-, 20-H), 5.90 (2H, s, 3-CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.22, 5.08 (each 1H, d, *J* = 19 Hz, 13<sup>2</sup>-H<sub>2</sub>), 4.47 (1H, dq, *J* = 2, 7 Hz, 18-H), 4.26 (1H, dt, *J* = 9, 2 Hz, 17-H), 4.14-4.04 (2H, m, 17<sup>2</sup>-COOCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.68 (2H, q, *J* = 8 Hz, 8-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.64, 3.42, 3.26 (each 3H, s, 2-, 7-, 12-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.69-2.64, 2.56-2.51, 2.28-2.22 (1H+1H+2H, m, 17-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.79 (3H, d, *J* = 7 Hz, 18-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.69 (3H, t, *J* = 8 Hz, 8<sup>1</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.17 (3H, t, *J* = 7 Hz, 17<sup>2</sup>-COOCCH<sub>3</sub>), 0.25, -1.82 (each 1H, s, NH × 2); MS (ESI) found: *m/z* 567. Calcd. for C<sub>34</sub>H<sub>39</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: MH<sup>+</sup>, 567.

**Dodecyl 3-devinyl-3-hydroxymethyl-pyropheophorbide-a (6b).** Similarly to synthesis of **6a**, reduction of **5b** (51.0 mg, 72 μmol) by *t*BuNH<sub>2</sub>·BH<sub>3</sub> (9.4 mg, 108 μmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 ml) gave **6b** (37.7 mg, 74%) as a black solid after FCC (6-10% Et<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) and recrystallization (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane): mp 118-121 °C; VIS (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) λ<sub>max</sub> = 662 (rel., 0.49), 605 (0.08), 535 (0.09), 504 (0.10), 410 nm (1.00); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 9.48, 9.44, 8.56 (each 1H, s, 5-, 10-, 20-H), 5.91 (2H, s, 3-CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.24, 5.09 (each 1H, d, *J* = 19 Hz, 13<sup>2</sup>-H<sub>2</sub>), 4.48 (1H, dq, *J* = 2, 8 Hz, 18-H), 4.28 (1H, dt, *J* = 9, 2 Hz, 17-H), 4.02-3.92 (2H, m, 17<sup>2</sup>-COOCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.69 (2H, q, *J* = 8 Hz, 8-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.65, 3.42, 3.26 (each 3H, s, 2-, 7-, 12-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.70-2.64, 2.56-2.51, 2.31-2.23 (1H+1H+2H, m, 17-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.80 (3H, d, *J* = 8 Hz, 18-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.69 (3H, t, *J* = 8 Hz, 8<sup>1</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.26-1.18 (20H, m,

$17^2$ -COOCC<sub>10</sub>H<sub>20</sub>), 0.84 (3H, t,  $J = 7$  Hz,  $17^2$ -COOC<sub>11</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.27, -1.81 (each 1H, s, NH  $\times$  2); MS (ESI) found:  $m/z$  707. Calcd. for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>59</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: MH<sup>+</sup>, 707.

**Docosyl 3-devinyl-3-hydroxymethyl-pyropheophorbide-a (6c).** Similarly to synthesis of **6a**, reduction of **5c** (85.3 mg, 101  $\mu$ mol) by *t*BuNH<sub>2</sub>·BH<sub>3</sub> (13.2 mg, 152  $\mu$ mol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 ml) gave **6c** (66.2 mg, 77%) as a dark green solid after FCC (4-6% Et<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) and recrystallization (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/methanol): mp 130-132 °C; VIS (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\lambda_{\max}$  = 662 (rel., 0.49), 605 (0.09), 536 (0.10), 505 (0.10), 410 nm (1.00); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 9.49, 9.44, 8.56 (each 1H, s, 5-, 10-, 20-H), 5.91 (2H, s, 3-CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.24, 5.09 (each 1H, d,  $J = 19$  Hz, 13<sup>2</sup>-H<sub>2</sub>), 4.49 (1H, dq,  $J = 2, 7$  Hz, 18-H), 4.28 (1H, br-d,  $J = 9$  Hz, 17-H), 4.02-3.92 (2H, m, 17<sup>2</sup>-COOCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.69 (2H, q,  $J = 8$  Hz, 8-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.65, 3.42, 3.26 (each 3H, s, 2-, 7-, 12-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.70-2.64, 2.56-2.51, 2.32-2.23 (1H+1H+2H, m, 17-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.80 (3H, d,  $J = 7$  Hz, 18-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.69 (3H, t,  $J = 8$  Hz, 8<sup>1</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.30-1.18 (40H, m, 17<sup>2</sup>-COOCC<sub>20</sub>H<sub>40</sub>), 0.87 (3H, t,  $J = 7$  Hz, 17<sup>2</sup>-COOC<sub>21</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.28, -1.80 (each 1H, s, NH  $\times$  2); MS (ESI) found:  $m/z$  847. Calcd. for C<sub>54</sub>H<sub>79</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: MH<sup>+</sup>, 847.

**Neopentyl 3-devinyl-3-hydroxymethyl-pyropheophorbide-a (6d).** Similarly to synthesis of **6a**, reduction of **5d** (46.3 mg, 76  $\mu$ mol) by *t*BuNH<sub>2</sub>·BH<sub>3</sub> (10.0 mg, 115  $\mu$ mol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (10 ml) gave **6d** (37.4 mg, 81%) as a black solid after FCC (5-7% Et<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) and recrystallization (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane): mp 205-207 °C; VIS (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)  $\lambda_{\max}$  = 662 (rel., 0.49), 605 (0.08), 535 (0.09), 504 (0.10), 410 nm (1.00); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  = 9.50, 9.45, 8.57 (each 1H, s, 5-, 10-, 20-H), 5.91 (2H, s, 3-CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.23, 5.10 (each 1H, d,  $J = 20$  Hz, 13<sup>2</sup>-H<sub>2</sub>), 4.50 (1H, dq,  $J = 2, 7$  Hz, 18-H), 4.30 (1H, br-d,  $J = 8$  Hz, 17-H), 3.77, 3.71 (each 1H, d,  $J = 11$  Hz, 17<sup>2</sup>-COOCH<sub>2</sub>), 3.70 (2H, q,  $J = 8$  Hz, 8-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.66, 3.43, 3.26 (each 3H, s, 2-, 7-, 12-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.72-2.66, 2.59-2.54, 2.36-2.27 (1H+1H+2H, m, 17-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 1.81 (3H, d,  $J = 7$  Hz, 18-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.69 (3H, t,  $J = 8$  Hz, 8<sup>1</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.85 (9H, s, 17<sup>2</sup>-COOCC(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), 0.28, -1.79 (each 1H, s, NH  $\times$  2); MS (ESI) found:  $m/z$  609. Calcd. for C<sub>37</sub>H<sub>45</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: MH<sup>+</sup>, 609.

**Benzyl 3-devinyl-3-hydroxymethyl-pyropheophorbide-a (6e).** Similarly to synthesis of **6a**, reduction of **5e** (72.6 mg, 116  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) by  $t\text{BuNH}_2\cdot\text{BH}_3$  (15.1 mg, 174  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (20 ml) gave **6e** (64.3 mg, 88%) as a black green solid after FCC (4-6%  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) and recrystallization ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{hexane}$ ): mp 206-210  $^\circ\text{C}$ ; VIS ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 662$  (rel., 0.48), 606 (0.08), 535 (0.09), 504 (0.10), 410 nm (1.00);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 9.52, 9.46, 8.55$  (each 1H, s, 5-, 10-, 20-H), 7.26-7.24 (3H, m, 3-, 4-, 5-H of Ph), 7.22-7.21 (2H, m, 2-, 6-H of Ph), 5.92 (2H, s, 3- $\text{CH}_2$ ), 5.23, 5.06 (each 1H, d,  $J = 19$  Hz, 13 $^2$ - $\text{H}_2$ ), 5.05, 5.00 (each 1H, d,  $J = 12$  Hz, 17 $^2$ - $\text{COOCH}_2$ ), 4.46 (1H, dq,  $J = 2, 7$  Hz, 18-H), 4.28 (1H, br-d,  $J = 8$  Hz, 17-H), 3.70 (2H, q,  $J = 8$  Hz, 8- $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.67, 3.42, 3.27 (each 3H, s, 2-, 7-, 12- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.73-2.67, 2.61-2.56, 2.35-2.22 (1H+1H+2H, m, 17- $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.77 (3H, d,  $J = 7$  Hz, 18- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.70 (3H, t,  $J = 8$  Hz, 8 $^1$ - $\text{CH}_3$ ), 0.31, -1.79 (each 1H, s,  $\text{NH} \times 2$ ); MS (ESI) found:  $m/z$  629. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{41}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4$ :  $\text{MH}^+$ , 629.

**17 $^2$ -Acetoxymethyl-17 $^2$ -decarboxy-3-devinyl-3-hydroxymethyl-pyropheophorbide-a (10a).** Similarly to synthesis of **6a**, reduction of **9a** (89.5 mg, 159  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) by  $t\text{BuNH}_2\cdot\text{BH}_3$  (20.2 mg, 232  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (20 ml) gave **10a** (88.3 mg, 98%) as a black solid after FCC (15-23%  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) and recrystallization ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{hexane}$ ): mp 226-231  $^\circ\text{C}$ ; VIS ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 662$  (rel., 0.49), 605 (0.09), 535 (0.11), 504 (0.12), 410 nm (1.00);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta = 9.47, 9.44, 8.57$  (each 1H, s, 5-, 10-, 20-H), 5.91 (2H, s, 3- $\text{CH}_2$ ), 5.20, 5.09 (each 1H, d,  $J = 19$  Hz, 13 $^2$ - $\text{H}_2$ ), 4.50 (1H, dq,  $J = 2, 8$  Hz, 18-H), 4.27 (1H, dt,  $J = 9, 3$  Hz, 17-H), 4.10 (2H, t,  $J = 7$  Hz, 17 $^2$ - $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.69 (2H, q,  $J = 8$  Hz, 8- $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.66, 3.43, 3.26 (each 3H, s, 2-, 7-, 12- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.41-2.35, 2.12-2.04, 1.93-1.84, 1.67-1.60 (each 1H, m, 17- $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 2.01 (3H, s, 17 $^3$ - $\text{OCOCH}_3$ ), 1.82 (3H, d,  $J = 8$  Hz, 18- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.70 (3H, t,  $J = 8$  Hz, 8 $^1$ - $\text{CH}_3$ ), 0.33, -1.76 (each 1H, s,  $\text{NH} \times 2$ ); MS (ESI) found:  $m/z$  567. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{39}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4$ :  $\text{MH}^+$ , 567.

**17 $^2$ -Decarboxy-3-devinyl-17 $^2$ -dodecanoyloxymethyl-3-hydroxymethyl-pyropheophorbide-a (10b).** Similarly to synthesis of **6a**, reduction of **9b** (99.7 mg, 141  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) by  $t\text{BuNH}_2\cdot\text{BH}_3$  (18.4 mg, 212  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (20 ml) gave **10b** (84.5 mg, 85%) as a black solid after FCC (6-15%

Et<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) and recrystallization (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/methanol): mp 118-120 °C; VIS (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) λ<sub>max</sub> = 662 (rel., 0.48), 605 (0.09), 535 (0.10), 504 (0.11), 410 nm (1.00); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 9.54, 9.46, 8.58 (each 1H, s, 5-, 10-, 20-H), 5.93 (2H, s, 3-CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.22, 5.10 (each 1H, d, *J* = 19 Hz, 13<sup>2</sup>-H<sub>2</sub>), 4.51 (1H, dq, *J* = 2, 7 Hz, 18-H), 4.29 (1H, dt, *J* = 9, 3 Hz, 17-H), 4.10 (2H, t, *J* = 7 Hz, 17<sup>2</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.71 (2H, q, *J* = 8 Hz, 8-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.69, 3.43, 3.27 (each 3H, s, 2-, 7-, 12-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.42-2.36, 2.12-2.06, 1.92-1.85, 1.68-1.61 (each 1H, m, 17-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.24 (3H, t, *J* = 8 Hz, 17<sup>3</sup>-OCOCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.83 (3H, d, *J* = 7 Hz, 18-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.70 (3H, t, *J* = 8 Hz, 8<sup>1</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.24-1.17 (18H, m, 17<sup>3</sup>-OCOC(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>9</sub>), 0.84 (3H, t, *J* = 7 Hz, 17<sup>3</sup>-OCOC<sub>10</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.36, -1.74 (each 1H, s, NH × 2); MS (ESI) found: *m/z* 707. Calcd. for C<sub>44</sub>H<sub>59</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: MH<sup>+</sup>, 707.

**17<sup>2</sup>-Decarboxy-3-devinyl-17<sup>2</sup>-docosanoyloxymethyl-3-hydroxymethyl-pyropheophorbide-a (10c).** Similarly to synthesis of **6a**, reduction of **9c** (101.0 mg, 120 μmol) by *t*BuNH<sub>2</sub>·BH<sub>3</sub> (17.0 mg, 196 μmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 ml) gave **10c** (94.3 mg, 93%) as a black solid after FCC (8-15% Et<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) and recrystallization (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/methanol): mp 130-131 °C; VIS (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) λ<sub>max</sub> = 662 (rel., 0.49), 605 (0.09), 535 (0.11), 504 (0.11), 410 nm (1.00); <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ = 9.51, 9.44, 8.57 (each 1H, s, 5-, 10-, 20-H), 5.91 (2H, s, 3-CH<sub>2</sub>), 5.21, 5.09 (each 1H, d, *J* = 19 Hz, 13<sup>2</sup>-H<sub>2</sub>), 4.51 (1H, dq, *J* = 2, 7 Hz, 18-H), 4.27 (1H, dt, *J* = 9, 2 Hz, 17-H), 4.10 (2H, t, *J* = 7 Hz, 17<sup>2</sup>-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.70 (2H, q, *J* = 8 Hz, 8-CH<sub>2</sub>), 3.68, 3.43, 3.26 (each 3H, s, 2-, 7-, 12-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.41-2.35, 2.11-2.04, 1.92-1.85, 1.66-1.61 (each 1H, m, 17-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>), 2.25 (3H, t, *J* = 7 Hz, 17<sup>3</sup>-OCOCH<sub>2</sub>), 1.82 (3H, d, *J* = 7 Hz, 18-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.70 (3H, t, *J* = 8 Hz, 8<sup>1</sup>-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.30-1.17 (38H, m, 17<sup>3</sup>-OCOC(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>19</sub>), 0.87 (3H, t, *J* = 7 Hz, 17<sup>3</sup>-OCOC<sub>20</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 0.07, -1.76 (each 1H, s, NH × 2); MS (ESI) found: *m/z* 847. Calcd. for C<sub>54</sub>H<sub>79</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>: MH<sup>+</sup>, 847.

**17<sup>2</sup>-Decarboxy-3-devinyl-3-hydroxymethyl-17<sup>2</sup>-pivaloyloxymethyl-pyropheophorbide-a (10d).** Similarly to synthesis of **6a**, reduction of **9d** (109.0 mg, 180 μmol) by *t*BuNH<sub>2</sub>·BH<sub>3</sub> (26.7 mg, 307 μmol) in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (20 ml) gave **10d** (97.1 mg, 89%) as a black solid after FCC (6-10% Et<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) and recrystallization (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/hexane): mp 238-241 °C; VIS (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) λ<sub>max</sub> = 662 (rel., 0.49), 606

(0.08), 535 (0.09), 505 (0.10), 410 nm (1.00);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 9.53, 9.45, 8.58 (each 1H, s, 5-, 10-, 20-H), 5.92 (2H, s, 3- $\text{CH}_2$ ), 5.20, 5.09 (each 1H, d,  $J$  = 19 Hz, 13<sup>2</sup>- $\text{H}_2$ ), 4.51 (1H, dq,  $J$  = 2, 7 Hz, 18-H), 4.29 (1H, dt,  $J$  = 9, 2 Hz, 17-H), 4.09 (2H, t,  $J$  = 7 Hz, 17<sup>2</sup>- $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.70 (2H, q,  $J$  = 8 Hz, 8- $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.68, 3.43, 3.27 (each 3H, s, 2-, 7-, 12- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.44-2.36, 2.13-2.06, 1.91-1.85, 1.67-1.61 (each 1H, m, 17- $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.83 (3H, d,  $J$  = 7 Hz, 18- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.70 (3H, t,  $J$  = 8 Hz, 8<sup>1</sup>- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.15 (9H, s, 17<sup>3</sup>- $\text{OCOC}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ ), 0.35, -1.75 (each 1H, s,  $\text{NH} \times 2$ ); MS (ESI) found:  $m/z$  609. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{45}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4$ :  $\text{MH}^+$ , 609.

**17<sup>2</sup>-Benzoyloxymethyl-17<sup>2</sup>-decarboxy-3-devinyl-3-hydroxymethyl-pyropheophorbide-a (10e).**

Similarly to synthesis of **6a**, reduction of **9e** (69.0 mg, 110  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) by  $t\text{BuNH}_2\cdot\text{BH}_3$  (16.0 mg, 184  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (10 ml) gave **10e** (64.7 mg, 94%) as a black green solid after FCC (8-10%  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) and recrystallization ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{hexane}$ ): mp 124-126  $^\circ\text{C}$ ; VIS ( $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  = 662 (rel., 0.49), 606 (0.09), 535 (0.10), 505 (0.11), 410 nm (1.00);  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  = 9.53, 9.46, 8.59 (each 1H, s, 5-, 10-, 20-H), 7.97 (each 1H, dd,  $J$  = 1, 8 Hz, 2-, 6-H of Ph), 7.52 (1H, tt,  $J$  = 1, 7 Hz, 4-H of Ph), 7.40 (2H, t,  $J$  = 8 Hz, 3-, 5-H of Ph), 5.93 (2H, s, 3- $\text{CH}_2$ ), 5.23, 5.11 (each 1H, d,  $J$  = 19 Hz, 13<sup>2</sup>- $\text{H}_2$ ), 4.55 (1H, dq,  $J$  = 2, 8 Hz, 18-H), 4.36, 4.34 (each 1H, dt,  $J$  = 11, 6 Hz, 17<sup>2</sup>- $\text{CH}_2$ ), 4.34 (1H, dt,  $J$  = 9, 3 Hz, 17-H), 3.71 (2H, q,  $J$  = 8 Hz, 8- $\text{CH}_2$ ), 3.68, 3.43, 3.27 (each 3H, s, 2-, 7-, 12- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 2.51-2.46, 2.23-2.17, 2.05-1.97, 1.77-1.73 (each 1H, m, 17- $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2$ ), 1.84 (3H, d,  $J$  = 8 Hz, 18- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.70 (3H, t,  $J$  = 8 Hz, 8<sup>1</sup>- $\text{CH}_3$ ), 0.35, -1.75 (each 1H, s,  $\text{NH} \times 2$ ); MS (ESI) found:  $m/z$  629. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{41}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4$ :  $\text{MH}^+$ , 629.

**Zinc ethyl 3-devinyl-3-hydroxymethyl-pyropheophorbide-a (1a).** A methanol solution (0.3 ml) saturated with  $\text{Zn}(\text{OAc})_2\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  was added to a  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  solution (5 ml) of **6a** (5.3 mg, 9.3  $\mu\text{mol}$ ). After stirring for 2 h, the solution was washed with aq. 4%  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , dried over  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  and evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by RP-HPLC (methanol) to give **1a** [the retention (RT) time was 17.4 min] as a dark green solid: VIS (THF)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  = 647 (rel., 0.74), 600

(0.11), 566 (0.06), 521 (0.04), 424 (1.00) and 404 nm (0.55); MS (APCI) found:  $m/z$  629. Calcd. for  $C_{34}H_{36}N_4O_4$   $^{64}Zn$ :  $MH^+$ , 629.

**Zinc dodecyl 3-devinyl-3-hydroxymethyl-pyropheophorbide-a (1b).** Similarly to synthesis of **1a**, zinc-metallation of **6b** (6.3 mg, 8.9  $\mu$ mol) gave **1b** as a dark green solid after NP-HPLC [methanol-THF-hexane = 2:25:175 (v/v), RT = 18.1 min]: VIS (THF)  $\lambda_{max}$  = 647 (rel., 0.74), 601 (0.10), 563 (0.06), 518 (0.04), 424 (1.00) and 404 nm (0.55); MS (APCI) found:  $m/z$  769. Calcd. for  $C_{44}H_{56}N_4O_4$   $^{64}Zn$ :  $MH^+$ , 769.

**Zinc docosyl 3-devinyl-3-hydroxymethyl-pyropheophorbide-a (1c).** Similarly to synthesis of **1a**, zinc-metallation of **6c** (5.5 mg, 6.5  $\mu$ mol) gave **1c** as a dark green solid after NP-HPLC [methanol-THF-hexane = 2:25:175 (v/v), RT = 16.2 min]: VIS (THF)  $\lambda_{max}$  = 647 (rel., 0.72), 601 (0.11), 566 (0.06), 521 (0.04), 424 (1.00) and 404 nm (0.55); MS (APCI) found:  $m/z$  909. Calcd. for  $C_{54}H_{76}N_4O_4$   $^{64}Zn$ :  $MH^+$ , 909.

**Zinc neopentyl 3-devinyl-3-hydroxymethyl-pyropheophorbide-a (1d).** Similarly to synthesis of **1a**, zinc-metallation of **6d** (4.7 mg, 7.7  $\mu$ mol) gave **1d** as a dark green solid after RP-HPLC (methanol, RT = 19.6 min): VIS (THF)  $\lambda_{max}$  = 647 (rel., 0.74), 600 (0.11), 566 (0.06), 521 (0.04), 424 (1.00) and 404 nm (0.56); MS (APCI) found:  $m/z$  671. Calcd. for  $C_{37}H_{42}N_4O_4$   $^{64}Zn$ :  $MH^+$ , 671.

**Zinc benzyl 3-devinyl-3-hydroxymethyl-pyropheophorbide-a (1e).** Similarly to synthesis of **1a**, zinc-metallation of **6e** (4.5 mg, 7.2  $\mu$ mol) gave **1e** as a dark green solid after RP-HPLC (methanol, RT = 18.5 min): VIS (THF)  $\lambda_{max}$  = 647 (rel., 0.75), 601 (0.11), 566 (0.06), 521 (0.04), 424 (1.00) and 404 nm (0.56); MS (APCI) found:  $m/z$  691. Calcd. for  $C_{39}H_{38}N_4O_4$   $^{64}Zn$ :  $MH^+$ , 691.

**Zinc 17<sup>2</sup>-acetoxymethyl-17<sup>2</sup>-decarboxy-3-devinyl-3-hydroxymethyl-pyropheophorbide-a (2a).** Similarly to synthesis of **1a**, zinc-metallation of **10a** (5.5 mg, 9.7  $\mu$ mol) gave **2a** as a dark green

solid after RP-HPLC (methanol, RT = 18.0 min): VIS (THF)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  = 647 (rel., 0.75), 601 (0.10), 565 (0.06), 520 (0.04), 425 (1.00) and 405 nm (0.56); MS (APCI) found:  $m/z$  629. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{36}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4$   $^{64}\text{Zn}$ :  $\text{MH}^+$ , 629.

**Zinc 17<sup>2</sup>-decarboxy-3-devinyl-17<sup>2</sup>-dodecanoyloxymethyl-3-hydroxymethyl-**

**pyropheophorbide-a (2b).** Similarly to synthesis of **1a**, zinc-metallation of **10b** (6.2 mg, 8.8  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) gave **2b** as a dark green solid after RP-HPLC [pyridine-acetonitrile-ethyl acetate = 1:50:50 (v/v), RT = 15.3 min]: VIS (THF)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  = 647 (rel., 0.75), 601 (0.10), 565 (0.05), 522 (0.03), 425 (1.00) and 405 nm (0.55); MS (APCI) found:  $m/z$  769. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{44}\text{H}_{56}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4$   $^{64}\text{Zn}$ :  $\text{MH}^+$ , 769.

**Zinc 17<sup>2</sup>-decarboxy-3-devinyl-17<sup>2</sup>-docosanoyloxymethyl-3-hydroxymethyl-**

**pyropheophorbide-a (2c).** Similarly to synthesis of **1a**, zinc-metallation of **10c** (5.8 mg, 6.9  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) gave **2c** as a dark green solid after RP-HPLC [pyridine-acetonitrile-ethyl acetate = 1:50:50 (v/v), RT = 23.2 min]: VIS (THF)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  = 647 (rel., 0.73), 601 (0.10), 565 (0.05), 521 (0.03), 425 (1.00) and 404 nm (0.55); MS (APCI) found:  $m/z$  909. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{54}\text{H}_{76}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4$   $^{64}\text{Zn}$ :  $\text{MH}^+$ , 909.

**Zinc 17<sup>2</sup>-decarboxy-3-devinyl-3-hydroxymethyl-17<sup>2</sup>-pivaloyloxymethyl-pyropheophorbide-a**

**(2d).** Similarly to synthesis of **1a**, zinc-metallation of **10d** (6.3 mg, 10.4  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) gave **2d** as a dark green solid after RP-HPLC (methanol, RT = 21.2 min): VIS (THF)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  = 647 (rel., 0.75), 601 (0.10), 565 (0.06), 523 (0.04), 425 (1.00) and 405 nm (0.56); MS (APCI) found:  $m/z$  671. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{42}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4$   $^{64}\text{Zn}$ :  $\text{MH}^+$ , 671.

**Zinc 17<sup>2</sup>-benzoyloxymethyl-17<sup>2</sup>-decarboxy-3-devinyl-3-hydroxymethyl-pyropheophorbide-a**

**(2e).** Similarly to synthesis of **1a**, zinc-metallation of **10e** (5.8 mg, 9.2  $\mu\text{mol}$ ) gave **2e** as a dark green solid after RP-HPLC (methanol, RT = 22.6 min): VIS (THF)  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  = 647 (rel., 0.74), 602 (0.10), 564 (0.06), 521 (0.04), 425 (1.00) and 405 nm (0.58); MS (APCI) found:  $m/z$  691. Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{39}\text{H}_{38}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4$   $^{64}\text{Zn}$ :  $\text{MH}^+$ , 691.