## Bioinorganic Chemistry

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## Metalloporphyrins

- □ Complex between metal ion & porphyrin ligands
- ☐ Porphyrin: It is substituted porphines at pyrrole position
- □ Porphine or Porphin: It is an <u>organic chemical compound</u> with formula C20H14N4. The molecule consists of four <u>pyrrole</u>-like rings joined by four <u>methine</u> (=CH−) groups to form a larger <u>macrocycle</u> ring.

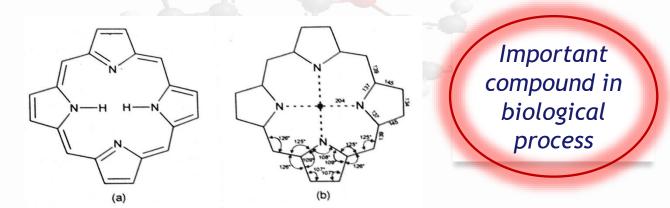


Fig. 5.1 (a) and (b) The porphyrin molecule

- Uses-1) In Chlorophyll: Captures solar energy & uses for life processes
  - 2) Haemoglobin: Transport of oxygen from lungs to cells.
  - 3) Myoglobin: Storage of Oxygen



## Flexibility or Adaptability of Porphyrin Ring

Hole Size of Porphyrin ring is most ideal for accommodating first Transition Series

But, if M-ion has smaller size then ring itself rearranges so as to have closer approach of N to metal

If M is large that can't fit into hole then it may form bridge out of the plane.

Porphyrin can accept two H ions at N or donate two protons & form anion having -2 charge.

Porphyrin shows different propereties & functions differently by changing central metal ion & its oxidation state.

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