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Hydroxymethylated Phyllobilins: A Puzzling New Feature of the Dioxobilin Branch of Chlorophyll Breakdown

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Materials and Methods

Chemicals

HPLC-grade methanol (MeOH) and n-hexane were from *VWR* (Leuven, Belgium) and *Acros Organics* (Geel, Belgium). Potassium dihydrogen phosphate puriss. p.a, potassium phosphate dibasic-anhydrous puriss. p.a and ammonium acetate were from *Fluka* (Buchs, Switzerland). Ultrapure water ($18 \text{ M}\Omega\text{cm}^{-1}$) was from a *Millipore* apparatus, 5g and 1g Sep-Pak-C18 Cartridges from *Water Associates* (Milford, USA).

Plant Material

The *mes16-1* mutant of *Arabidopsis thaliana* [1] was grown on soil in a controlled growth chamber at 22°C and 60% relative humidity under short day conditions (8 h light/16 h dark) with fluorescent light of 60-120 $\mu\text{mol photons m}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$. For senescence induction, detached leaves from 8-week-old plants were incubated in darkness on wet filter paper for 4 d.



Figure S1: Pictures of green (left) and yellow senescent (right) *mes16-1* leaves collected after 4 d dark incubation.

Chromatographic Methods

HPLC. *Hewlett Packard (hp)* series 1100 HPLC-system, online degasser, *Agilent* quaternary pump, diode array detector (DAD) and fluorescence detector (FLD). *Analytical HPLC:* Injection loop 200 μL (*Rheodyne* valve); *Phenomenex hyperclone* ODS 5 μm 250 x 4.6 mm i.d. column (at room temperature) connected to *Phenomenex* ODS 4 x 3 mm i.d. pre-column

was used with a flow rate of 0.5 ml min⁻¹. Solvent A: MeOH, solvent B: 10 mM ammonium acetate puffer standard solvent composition A/B: 0 – 5 min: 20/80; 5 – 55 min: 20/80 to 70/30; 55 – 60 min: 70/30 to 100/0; 60 – 70 min: 100/0; 70 – 75 min: 100/0 to 20/80. Preparative HPLC: Injection loop 1.2 ml; *Phenomenex hyperclone* ODS 5 µm 250 x 21.2 mm id. column (at room temperature) protected with a *Phenomenex* ODS 10 x 5 mm pre-column was used with a flow rate of 5 ml min⁻¹. Data were collected and processed with *Agilent ChemStation*. Solvent A: MeOH, solvent B: 10 mM potassium phosphate buffer (pH 7); solvent composition A/B: 0 – 10 min: 20/80; 10 – 210 min: 20/80 to 55/45; 210 – 240 min: 55/45 to 63/37; 240 – 250 min: 63/37 to 100/0; 250 – 260 min: 100/0; 260 – 270 min: 100/0 to 20/80.

Extraction and Isolation of Chlorophyll Catabolites

90 g (wet weight) of frozen, powdered yellow-greenish leaves of the *Arabidopsis thaliana mes16* mutant (kept in darkness for 4 days) were mixed with sea sand and extracted with 30 ml MeOH. The obtained slurry was filtrated through a Buchner funnel and the extraction with 10 ml MeOH was repeated 8 times. The collected green extract was diluted with 60 ml potassium phosphate buffer (50 mM, pH 7) and washed two times with 120 ml n-hexane. The solution was diluted with 600 ml of potassium phosphate buffer (50mM, pH 7) and filtrated. The mixture was loaded on a Sep-Pak Vac 20cc (5g) C18 cartridge, washed with water (50 ml) and eluted with MeOH (15 ml). The solvent was removed under reduced pressure on a rotary evaporator. The crude product was dissolved in 4 ml MeOH/potassium phosphate buffer (50:50 v/v) and portioned into 4 fraction of about 1 ml, which were centrifuged for 5 min at 13 000 rpm. The clear brown solution was injected into the preparative HPLC system. The relevant raw fractions from 6 runs were collected and analyzed by HPLC. Raw catabolite fractions, *At-mes16*-DNCC-38 (**3**), *At-mes16*-9HM-DNCC-44 (**4**), *At-mes16*-7HM-iso-DNCC-46 (**5**), *At-mes16*-DNCC-47 (**6**) and *At-mes16*-7HM-iso-DFCC (**7**) were diluted with water, concentrated on a Sep-Pak classic C18 cartridge and re-purified by means of analytical HPLC. The collected fractions of each catabolite were diluted with 4 volumes of water, applied to a Sep-Pak classic C18 cartridge, washed with 20 ml H₂O and eluted with 5 ml MeOH. The solvents were removed in vacuum and analytically pure samples of *At-mes16*-DNCC-38 (**3**, 2.3 mg), *At-mes16*-9HM-DNCC-44 (**4**, 1.0 mg), *At-mes16*-7HM-iso-DNCC-46 (**5**, 1.0 mg), *At-mes16*-DNCC-47 (**6**, 0.7 mg) and *At-mes16*-7HM-iso-DFCC (**7**, 0.4 mg) were obtained.

Spectroscopic Analysis of Chlorophyll Catabolites

General. Ultraviolet/visible (UV/Vis): *Hitachi U-3000* spectrophotometer, in MeOH; λ_{\max} [nm](ϵ_{rel}). *Circular dichroism (CD)*: *JASCO J715*, in MeOH; $\lambda_{\text{min/max}}$ [nm],($\Delta\epsilon$). *Nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR)*: *Bruker UltraShield 600 MHz Avance II+* or *Varian Unity Inova 500 MHz* spectrometers, $^1\text{H-NMR}$ (in CD_3OD , at 285K, $\delta(\text{C}^1\text{HD}_2\text{COD}) = 3.31$ ppm [2]; s, d, dd, t, m = singlet, doublet, double doublet, triplet, multiplet, assignment from ^1H , $^1\text{H-COSY}$ and ^1H , $^1\text{H-ROESY}$ spectra); $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (in CD_3OD , at 285K, $\delta(^{13}\text{CD}_3\text{OD}) = 49.0$ ppm [2], assignment of signals from ^1H , $^{13}\text{C-HSQC}$ and ^1H , $^{13}\text{C-HMBC}$ spectra) [3,4]. Electrospray ionization mass spectra (ESI-MS) [5]: *Finnigan LCQ classic*, ESI-source, positive ion mode, spray voltage 4.25 kV, solvent MeOH/H₂O (10 mM NH₄OAc) 1:1 (v/v), m/z (% intensity, type of ion), signals of isotopomeric ions are listed only for quasi molecular ions ($[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$). Atom numbering follows the convention of chlorophylls [6].

UV-spectral data of four main nonfluorescent DCC-fractions

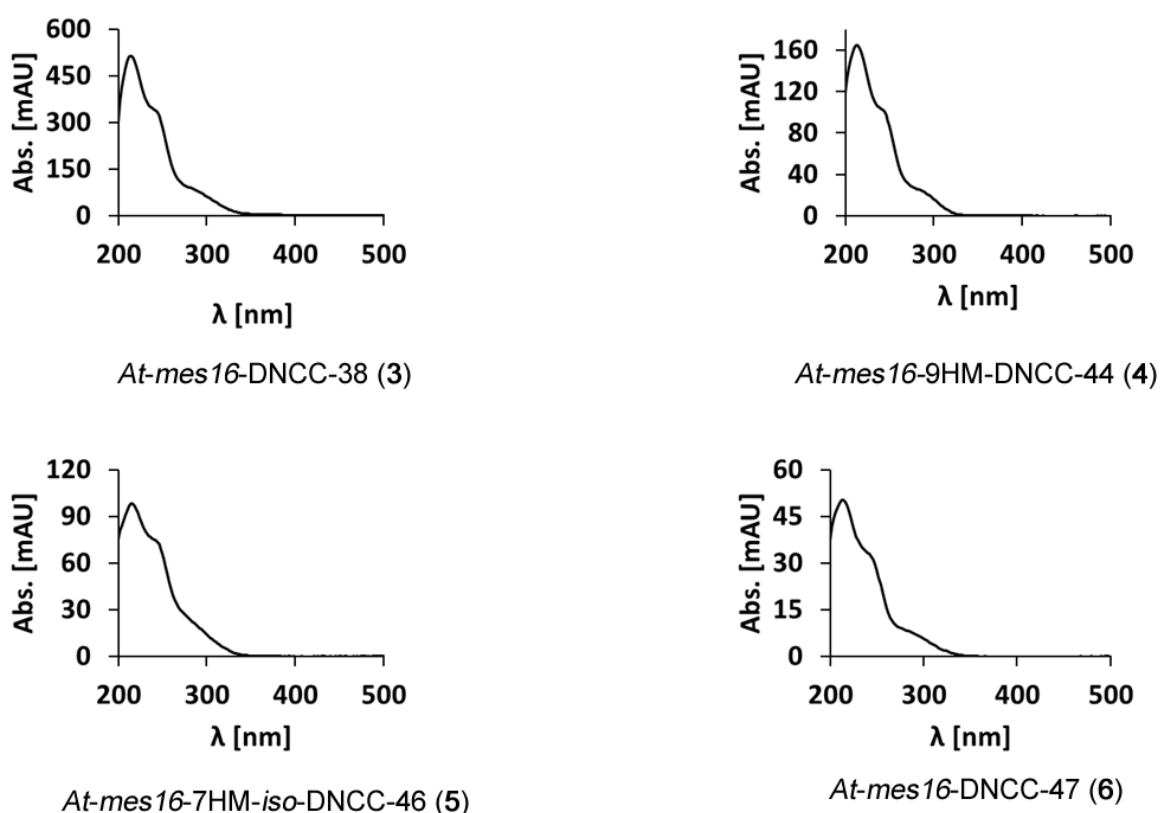


Figure S2. Online UV/Vis spectra of main nonfluorescent DCCs (*At-mes16-DNCC-38* (3), *At-mes16-9HM-DNCC-44* (4), *At-mes16-7HM-iso-DNCC-46* (5) and *At-mes16-DNCC-47*(6))

Spectral data of *At-mes16*-DNCC-38 (3), a $3^1,3^2$ -didehydro-8²-hydroxy-1,4,5,10,15,20,22,24-(9H,21H,23H)-octahydro-13²-methoxycarbonyl-4,5-seco-5-nor-4,6-dioxo-phytytoporphyrinate (see main text, Figure 4). UV/Vis ($c = 3.2 \cdot 10^{-5}$ M): λ_{\max} (ϵ_{rel}) = 286 sh (0.17), 236 sh (1.00), 216 (1.44). CD ($c = 3.2 \cdot 10^{-5}$ M): $\lambda_{\text{min/max}}$ [nm] ($\Delta\epsilon$) = 311 (3.7), 284 sh (-17.8), 252 sh (1.2), 228 (20.0), 205 (-22.9). NMR (see figure S3): 500 MHz ¹H-NMR: δ [ppm] = 1.77 (s, H₃C-7¹), 1.96 (s, H₃C-18¹), 1.99 (s, H₃C-2¹), 2.11 (s, H₃C-12¹), 2.36 (m, H₂C-17²), 2.45 (dd, $J = 14.5/9.1$ Hz, H_AC-20), 2.50 (m, H_AC-8¹), 2.54 (dd, $J = 8.8/14.7$ Hz, H_AC-10), 2.64 (m, H_AC-17¹), 2.72 (m, H_BC-17¹), 2.79 (m, H_BC-8¹), 2.91 (dd, $J = 14.5/4.8$ Hz, H_BC-20), 3.08 (dd, $J = 14.8/4.6$ Hz, H_BC-10), 3.70 (m, H₂C-8²), 3.75 (s, H₃C-13⁵), 4.09 (dd, $J = 9.1/4.8$ Hz, HC-1), 4.35 (dd, $J \sim 8.7/4.7$ Hz, HC-9), 4.93 (s, HC-15), 5.32 (dd, $J = 11.8/2.0$ Hz, H_AC-3²), 6.08 (dd, $J = 17.8/2.0$ Hz, H_B-3²), 6.44 (dd, $J = 17.8/11.8$ Hz, HC-3¹). 125 MHz ¹³C-NMR: δ [ppm] = 8.0 (7¹), 8.9 (18¹), 9.5 (12¹), 12.1 (2¹), 21.2 (17¹), 30.0 (10), 30.2 (20), 31.0 (8¹), 36.7 (15), 38.4 (17²), 52.3 (13⁵), 60.5 (9), 60.8 (8²), 61.3 (1), 67.5 (13²), 112.5 (12), 114.9 (18), 118.7 (3²), 120.3 (17), 123.9 (16), 124.2 (19), 125.6 (13), 126.9 (3¹), 128.3 (3), 130.5 (7), 134.4 (11), 155.6 (8), 156.5 (2), 160.9 (14), 171.4 (13³), 174.2 (4), 176.2 (6), 180.0 (17³). ESI-MS: m/z (%) = 671.2 (17, [M+K]⁺); 655.2 (5, [M+Na]⁺); 635.1 (12), 634.1 (40), 633.1 (100, C₃₄H₄₁N₄O₈⁺, [M+H]⁺); 601.0 (21, [M-CH₄O+H]⁺); 510.0 (18, [M-C₇H₉NO (ring A)+H]⁺); 478.1 (5, [M-C₈H₁₃NO₂ + H]⁺).

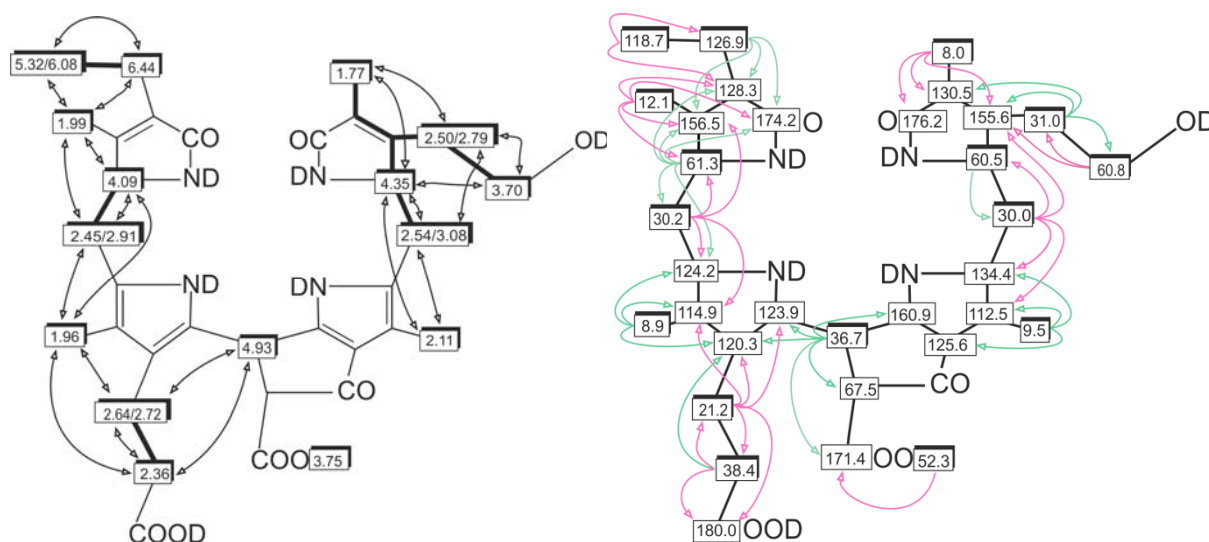


Figure S3. Graphical structural analysis of *At-mes16*-DNCC-38 (3). Left. ¹H-chemical shift assignments from ¹H,¹H-ROESY and COSY correlations (arrows or bold bonds, resp.). Right. ¹³C chemical shift assignments from ¹H,¹³C-HSQC correlations are shown by shaded boxes, and arrows indicate ¹H,¹³C-HMBC long range correlations.

Spectral data of *At-mes16*-9HM-DNCC-44 (4), a 3¹,3²-didehydro-9-hydroxymethyl-1,4,5,10,15,20,22,24-(9H,21H,23H)-octahydro-13²-methoxycarbonyl-4,5-seco-5-nor-4,6-dioxo-phytoporphyrinate (see main text, Figure 4). UV/Vis ($c = 3.8 \cdot 10^{-5}$ M): λ_{\max} (ϵ_{rel}) = 294 sh (0.12), 238 sh (1.00), 216 (1.50). CD ($c = 3.8 \cdot 10^{-5}$ M): $\lambda_{\min/\max}$ [nm] ($\Delta\epsilon$) = 310 (4.7), 284 (-16.3), 252 sh (2.5), 225 (26.8), 207 (-37.4). NMR (see Figure S4) 600 MHz ¹H-NMR: δ [ppm] = 1.15 (t, $J = 7.7$ Hz, H₃C-8²), 1.74 (s, H₃C-7¹), 1.97 (s, H₃C-18¹), 2.02 (s, H₃C-2¹), 2.05 (s, H₃C-12¹), 2.38 (m, H₂C-17²), 2.42 (m, H_AC-8¹), 2.45 (dd, $J = 14.5/9.3$ Hz, H_AC-20), 2.50 (m, H_BC-8¹), 2.65 (m, H_AC-17¹), 2.71 (m, H_BC-17¹), 2.80/3.06 (AB-system, $J = 15.2$ Hz, H₂C-10), 2.99 (dd, $J = 14.5/4.6$ Hz, H_BC-20), 3.66/3.69 (AB-system, $J = 11.3$ Hz, H₂C-9¹), 3.74 (s, H₃C-13⁵), 4.13 (dd, $J = 9.3/4.6$ Hz, HC-1), 4.92 (s, HC-15), 5.33 (dd, $J = 11.7/2.3$ Hz, H_AC-3²), 6.10 (dd, $J = 17.7/2.3$ Hz, H_BC-3²), 6.45 (dd, $J = 17.7/11.7$ Hz, HC-3¹). 150 MHz ¹³C-NMR: δ [ppm] = 8.3 (7¹), 9.2 (18¹), 9.6 (12¹), 12.4 (2¹), 12.6 (8²), 20.0 (8¹), 21.2 (17¹), 30.2 (20), 30.4 (10), 37.1 (15), 38.3 (17²), 52.6 (13⁵), 61.7 (1), 64.6 (9¹), 67.6 (13²), 70.2 (9), 113.6 (12), 115.0 (18), 118.8 (3²), 120.3 (17), 123.8 (16), 124.2 (19), 125.4 (13), 126.8 (3¹), 128.4 (3), 130.1 (7), 132.8 (11), 156.6 (2), 160.6 (8), 160.9 (14), 171.4 (13³), 174.6 (4), 176.0 (6), 179.6 (17³). ESI-MS: m/z (%) = 685.27 (26, [M+K]⁺); 669.27 (66, [M+Na]⁺); 649.1 (13), 648.1 (38), 647.0 (100, C₃₅H₄₃N₄O₈⁺, [M+H]⁺); 615.1 (19, [M-CH₄O+H]⁺); 524.0 (9, [M-C₇H₉NO+H]⁺); 492.2 (5, [M-C₈H₁₃NO₂+H]⁺); 460.13 (3, [M-C₉H₁₇NO₃ + H]⁺); 369.20 (3, [M-C₁₄H₂₀N₂O₃+H]⁺).

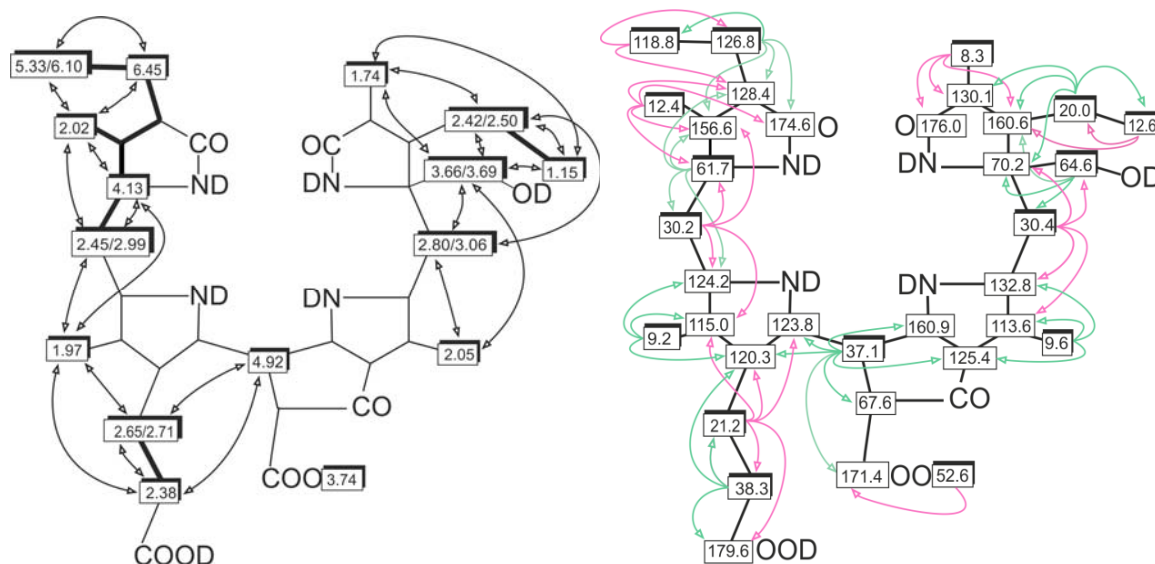


Figure S4. Graphical structural analysis of *At-mes16*-9HM-DNCC-44 (4). Left. ¹H-chemical shift assignments from ¹H,¹H-ROESY and COSY correlations (arrows or bold bonds, resp.). Right. ¹³C chemical shift assignments from ¹H,¹³C-HSQC correlations are shown by shaded boxes, and arrows indicate ¹H,¹³C-HMBC long range correlations.

Spectral data of *At-mes16*-7HM-*iso*-DNCC-46 (5), 3¹,3²-didehydro-7-hydroxymethyl-1,4,5,10,15,20,22,24-(7H,21H,23H)-octahydro-13²-methoxycarbonyl-4,5-*seco*-5-nor-4,6-dioxo-phytoporphyrinate (see main text, Figure 4). UV/Vis ($c = 3.8 \cdot 10^{-5}$ M): λ_{\max} (ϵ_{rel}) = 284 sh (0.32), 238 sh (1.00), 216 (1.30). CD ($c = 3.8 \cdot 10^{-5}$ M): $\lambda_{\text{min/max}}$ [nm] ($\Delta\epsilon$) = 312 (3.1), 284 (-12.9), 252 (5.5), 226 (18.9), 207 (-17.4). NMR (see Figure S5): 600 MHz ¹H-NMR: δ [ppm] = 1.06 (s, H₃C-7¹), 1.07 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, H₃C-8²), 1.94 (s, H₃C-18¹), 1.96 (s, H₃C-2¹), 2.14 (s, H₃C-12¹), 2.20 (m, H_AC-8¹), 2.26 (m, H_BC-8¹), 2.33 (m, H₂C-17²), 2.52 (dd, $J = 14.6/8.6$ Hz, H_AC-20), 2.63 (m, H_AC-17¹), 2.67 (m, H_BC-17¹), 2.85 (dd, $J = 14.6/5.2$ Hz, H_BC-20), 3.57/3.66 (AB-system, $J = 17.2$ Hz, H₂C-10), 3.60/3.63 (AB-system, $J = 11.4$ Hz, H₂C-7¹), 3.74 (s, H₃C-13⁵), 4.10 (dd, $J = 8.6/5.2$ Hz, HC-1), 4.86 (s, HC-15), 5.34 (dd, $J = 11.7/2.2$ Hz, H_AC-3²), 6.11 (dd, $J = 17.6/2.3$ Hz, H_BC-3²), 6.45 (dd, $J = 17.7/11.6$ Hz, HC-3¹). 150 MHz ¹³C-NMR: δ [ppm] = 9.1 (12¹), 9.1 (18¹), 12.3 (2¹), 15.0 (8²), 17.6 (8¹), 17.7 (7¹), 21.4 (17¹), 23.1 (10), 30.0 (20), 37.2 (15), 38.4 (17²), 52.6 (13⁵), 55.5 (7), 61.4 (1), 65.9 (7¹), 67.5 (13²), 111.9 (12), 115.0 (18), 118.8 (3²), 119.9 (17), 122.9 (8), 123.8 (16), 123.9 (19), 125.6 (13), 126.7 (3¹), 128.2 (3), 132.5 (9), 132.7 (11), 156.5 (2), 160.2 (14), 171.3 (13³), 174.3 (4), 179.4 (17³), 184.5 (6). ESI-MS: m/z (%) = 685.1 (21, [M+K]⁺); 669.1 (6, [M+Na]⁺); 649.1 (13), 648.1 (41), 647.0 (100, C₃₅H₄₃N₄O₈⁺, [M+H]⁺); 617.0 (20, [M-CH₂O+H]⁺); 615.1 (12, [M-CH₄O+H]⁺); 585.2 (14, [M-C₂H₆O₂+H]⁺); 524.1 (5, [M-C₇H₉NO+H]⁺); 492.1 (5, [M-C₈H₁₃NO₂+H]⁺).

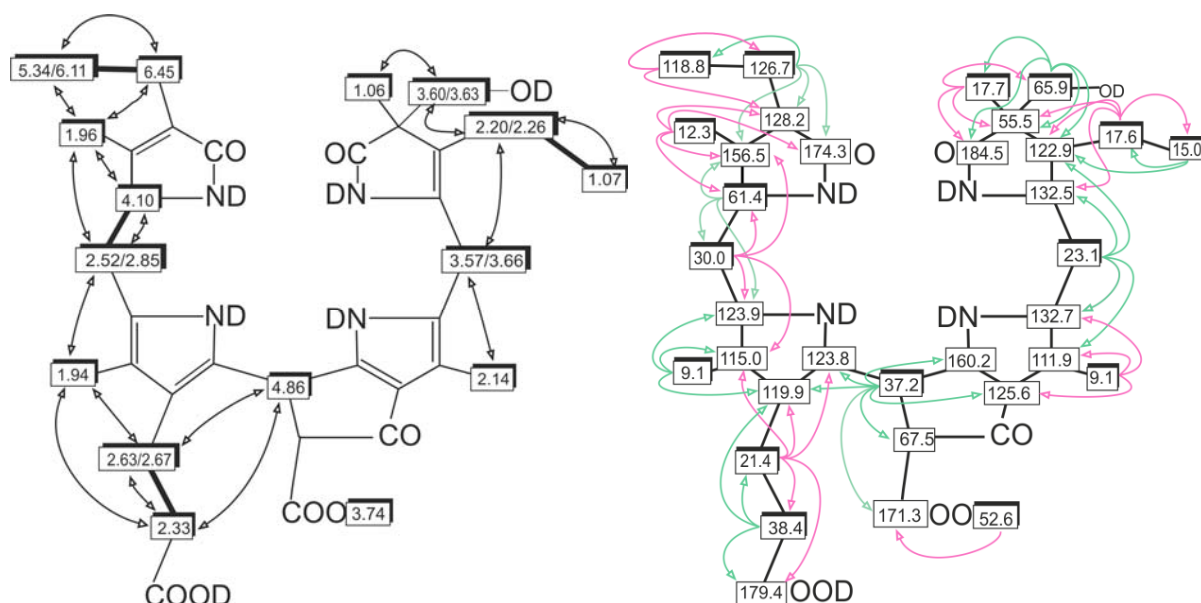


Figure S5. Graphical structural analysis of *At-mes16*-7HM-*iso*-DNCC-46 (5). Left. ¹H-chemical shift assignments from ¹H,¹H-ROESY and COSY correlations (arrows or bold bonds, resp.). Right. ¹³C chemical shift assignments from ¹H,¹³C-HSQC correlations are shown by shaded boxes, and arrows indicate ¹H,¹³C-HMBC long range correlations.

Spectral data of *At-mes16*-DNCC-47 (6), 3¹,3²-didehydro-1,4,5,10,15,20,22,24-(9H, 21H,23H)-octahydro-13²-methoxycarbonyl-4,5-seco-5-nor-4,6-dioxo-phytoporphyrinate (see main text, Figure 4). UV/Vis ($c = 3.2 \cdot 10^{-5}$ M): λ_{\max} (ϵ_{rel}) = 294 sh (0.23), 242 sh (1.00), 219 (1.36). CD ($c = 3.2 \cdot 10^{-5}$ M): $\lambda_{\text{min/max}}$ [nm] ($\Delta\epsilon$) = 310 (1.32), 284 (-5.00), 255 sh (0.85), 228 (5.93), 206 (-7.44). NMR (see figure S6): 600 MHz ¹H-NMR: δ [ppm] = 1.13 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, H₃C-8²), 1.75 (s, H₃C-7¹), 1.96 (s, H₃C-18¹), 1.99 (s, H₃C-2¹), 2.11 (s, H₃C-12¹), 2.35 (m, H_AC-8¹), 2.36 (m, H₂C-17²), 2.47 (dd, $J = 14.5/9.2$ Hz, H_AC-20), 2.51 (dd, $J = 8.9/14.8$ Hz, H_AC-10), 2.59 (m, H_BC-8¹), 2.66 (m, H_AC-17¹), 2.72 (m, H_BC-17¹), 2.90 (dd, $J = 14.5/4.9$ Hz, H_BC-20), 3.08 (dd, $J = 14.8/4.3$ Hz, H_BC-10), 3.75 (s, H₃C-13⁵), 4.10 (dd, $J = 9.1/4.9$ Hz, HC-1), 4.30 (dd, $J = 8.9/4.3$ Hz, HC-9), 4.93 (s, HC-15), 5.33 (dd, $J = 11.7/2.3$ Hz, H_AC-3²), 6.08 (dd, $J = 17.7/2.3$ Hz, H_BC-3²), 6.45 (dd, $J = 17.8/11.6$ Hz, HC-3¹). 150 MHz ¹³C-NMR (only HSQC): δ [ppm] = 8.1 (7¹), 9.2 (18¹), 9.3 (12¹), 12.4 (2¹), 13.1 (8²), 20.5 (8¹), 21.6 (17¹), 29.8 (10), 30.2 (20), 37.2 (15), 38.9 (17²), 52.6 (13⁵), 59.6 (9), 61.5 (1), 118.9 (3²), 126.8 (3¹). ESI-MS: m/z (%) = 655.2(29, [M+K]⁺); 639.2 (11, [M+Na]⁺); 619.1 (11); 618.1 (39), 617.2 (100, C₃₄H₄₁N₄O₇⁺, [M+H]⁺); 585.1 (26, [M-CH₄O+H]⁺); 494.1 (11, [M-C₇H₉NO (ring A)+H]⁺); 462.1 (7, [M-C₈H₁₃NO₂+H]⁺).

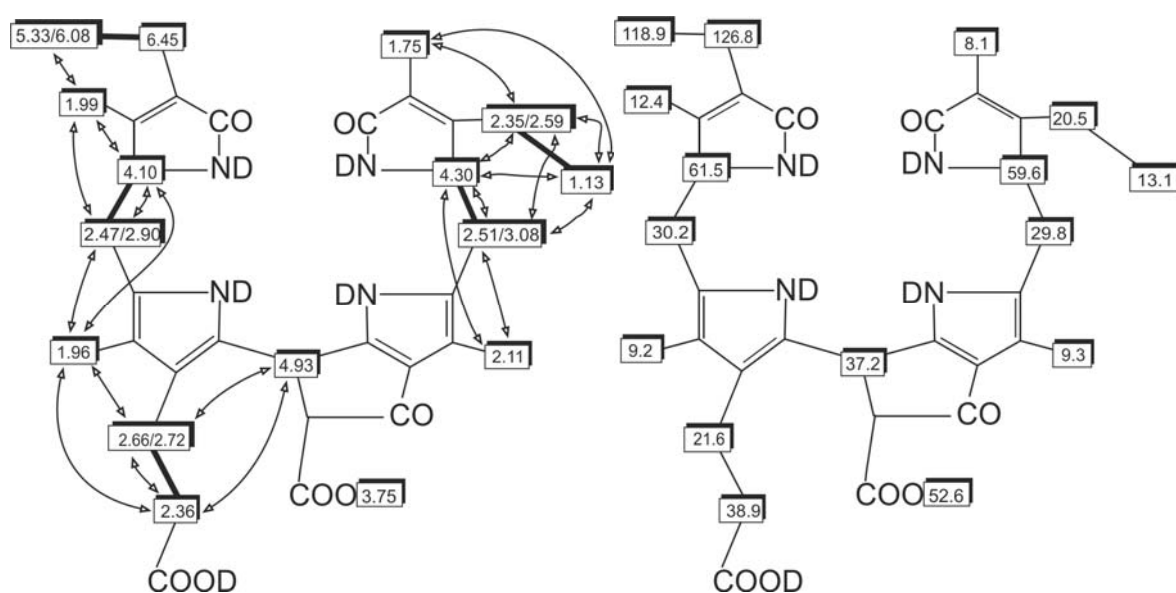


Figure S6. Graphical structural analysis of *At-mes16*-DNCC-47 (6). Left. ¹H-chemical shift assignments from ¹H,¹H-ROESY correlations (shown by arrows) and COSY correlations (indicate by bold bonds). Right. ¹³C chemical shift assignments from ¹H,¹³C-HSQC correlations are shown by shaded boxes.

Spectral data of *At-mes16-7HM-iso-dFCC* (7): $3^1,3^2$ -didehydro-7-hydroxymethyl-1,4,5,10,17,18,20,22-(7H,21H,23H)-octahydro-13²-methoxycarbonyl-4,5-seco-5-nor-4,6-dioxo-phytoporphyrinate (Figure 4). UV/Vis ($c = 1.8 \cdot 10^{-5}$ M): λ_{\max} (ϵ_{rel}) = 358 (1.00), 222 (2.14). CD ($c = 1.8 \cdot 10^{-5}$ M): $\lambda_{\min/\max}$ [nm] ($\Delta\epsilon$) = 356 (7.77), 320 (2.54), 304 (4.68), 280 (2.4), 255 (5.50), 214 (-15.5). NMR (see Figure S7): 600 MHz ^1H -NMR: δ [ppm] = 1.05 (s, $\text{H}_3\text{C}-7^1$), 1.07 (t, $J = 7.6$ Hz, $\text{H}_3\text{C}-8^2$), 1.13 (d, $J = 7.3$ Hz, $\text{H}_3\text{C}-18^1$), 1.63 (m, $\text{H}_\text{A}\text{C}-17^1$), 1.94 (m, $\text{H}_\text{B}\text{C}-17^1$), 2.11 (s, $\text{H}_3\text{C}-2^1$), 2.16 (s, $\text{H}_3\text{C}-12^1$), 2.20 (m, $\text{H}_2\text{C}-17^2$), 2.23 (m, $\text{H}_2\text{C}-8^1$), 2.42 (m, HC-17), 2.65 (dd, $J = 17.8/8.8$ Hz, $\text{H}_\text{A}\text{C}-20$), 2.73 (m, HC-18), 3.05 (dd, $J = 17.8/3.6$ Hz, $\text{H}_\text{B}\text{C}-20$), 3.62/3.64 (AB-system, $J = 12.3$, $\text{H}_2\text{C}-7^1$), 3.68/3.72 (AB-system, $J = 16.8$, $\text{H}_2\text{C}-10$), 3.74 (s, $\text{H}_3\text{C}-13^5$), 4.68 (dd, $J = 8.8/3.6$ Hz, HC-1), 5.37 (dd, $J = 11.7/2.2$ Hz, $\text{H}_\text{A}\text{C}-3^2$), 6.18 (dd, $J = 17.6/2.3$ Hz, $\text{H}_\text{B}\text{C}-3^2$), 6.50 (dd, $J = 17.7/11.6$ Hz, HC-3¹); 150 MHz ^{13}C -NMR: δ [ppm] = 8.9 (12¹), 12.4 (2¹), 15.2 (8²), 17.6 (8¹), 17.7 (7¹), 17.9 (18¹), 23.0 (10), 29.4 (17¹), 33.0 (17²), 34.6 (20), 48.0 (17), 51.5 (18), 52.7 (13⁵), 56.3 (7), 58.5 (1), 65.9 (7¹), 113.3 (12), 119.2 (3²), 123.8 (8), 127.1 (13), 126.9 (3¹), 129.1 (3), 132.8 (9), 135.1 (11), 156.6 (2), 170.5 (13³), 175.3 (4), 179.4 (17³), 185.1 (6), 186.5 (19). ESI-MS: m/z (% intensity, type of ion) = 685.1 (22, $[\text{M}+\text{K}]^+$); 669.2 (14, $[\text{M}+\text{Na}]^+$); 649.1 (18), 648.2 (49), 647.2 (100, $\text{C}_{35}\text{H}_{43}\text{N}_4\text{O}_8^+$, $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$); 617.2 (22, $[\text{M}-\text{CH}_2\text{O}+\text{H}]^+$); 615.0 (17, $[\text{M}-\text{CH}_4\text{O}+\text{H}]^+$); 585.20 (12, $[\text{M}-\text{C}_2\text{H}_6\text{O}_2+\text{H}]^+$); 494.13 (10, $[\text{M}-\text{C}_8\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_2+\text{H}]^+$); 492.13 (10, $[\text{M}-\text{C}_8\text{H}_{13}\text{NO}_2+\text{H}]^+$).

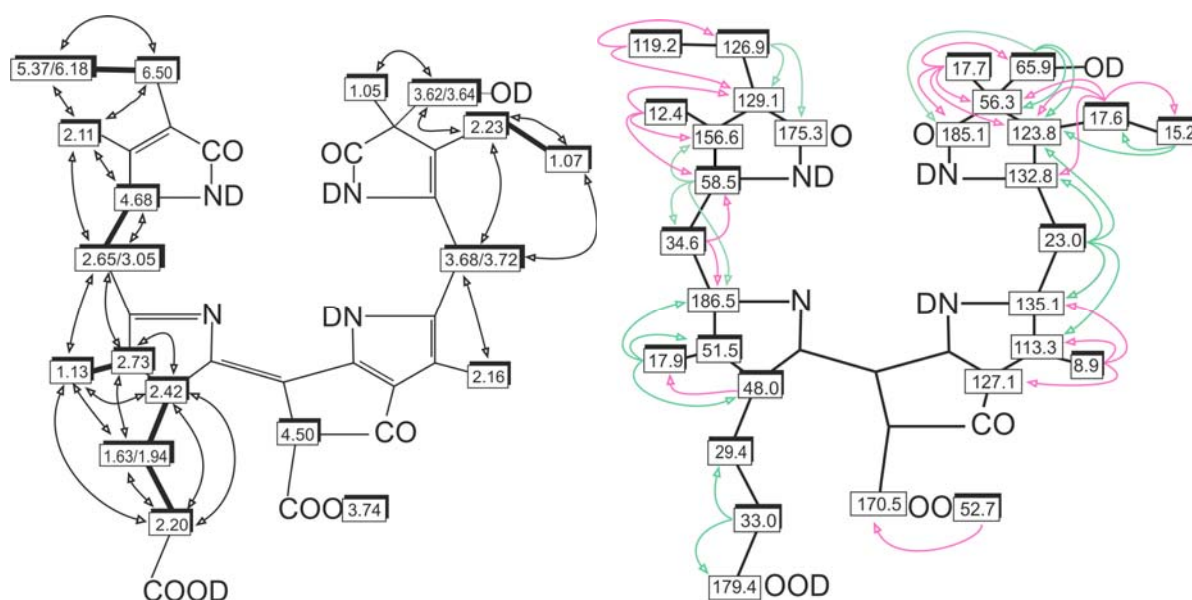


Figure S7. Graphical structural analysis of *At-mes16-7HM-iso-dFCC* (7). Left. ^1H -chemical shift assignments from ^1H , ^1H -ROESY and COSY correlations (arrows or bold bonds, resp.). Right. ^{13}C chemical shift assignments from ^1H , ^{13}C -HSQC correlations are shown by shaded boxes, and arrows indicate ^1H , ^{13}C -HMBC long range correlations.

UV- and mass spectral (on-line data) of three minor DNCC-fractions (see Figure 2, main text)

At-mes16-DNCC-37 (8): UV/Vis: λ_{\max} (ϵ_{rel}) = 290 sh (0.21), 242 sh (1.00), 212 (1.60). ESI-MS: m/z (% intensity, type of ion) = 671.2 (20, [M+K]⁺); 655.2 (6, [M+Na]⁺); 635.2 (12), 634.2 (41), 633.2 (100, C₃₄H₄₁N₄O₈⁺, [M+H]⁺); 601.1 (7, [M-CH₄O+H]⁺); 510.2 (35, [M-C₇H₉NO (ring A)+H]⁺). *At-mes16*-DNCC-40 (9): UV/Vis: λ_{\max} (ϵ_{rel}) = 290 sh (0.21), 242 sh (1.00), 214 (1.59). ESI-MS: m/z (% intensity, type of ion) = 671.2 (28, [M+K]⁺); 655.2 (11, [M+Na]⁺); 635.2 (14), 634.2 (40), 633.2 (100, C₃₄H₄₁N₄O₈⁺, [M+H]⁺); 601.2(28, [M-CH₄O+H]⁺); 510.2 (11, [M-C₇H₉NO (ring A)+H]⁺); 478.1 (6, [M-C₈H₁₃NO₂+H]⁺). *At-mes16*-DNCC-42 (10): UV/Vis: λ_{\max} (ϵ_{rel}) = 290 sh (0.28), 242 sh (1.00), 214 (1.34). ESI-MS: m/z (% intensity, type of ion) = 671.1 (30, [M+K]⁺); 655.2 (14, [M+Na]⁺); 635.1 (11), 634.1 (37), 633.1 (100, C₃₄H₄₁N₄O₈⁺, [M+H]⁺); 601.0 (23, [M-CH₄O+H]⁺); 510.0 (12, [M-C₇H₉NO (ring A)+H]⁺); 478.1 (6, [M-C₈H₁₃NO₂+H]⁺).

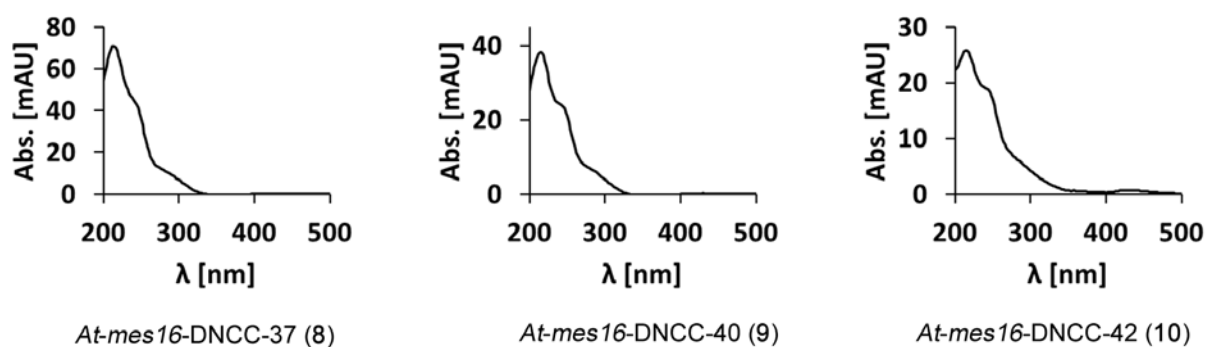


Figure S8. Online UV/Vis spectra of three minor DNCC-fractions, which are all isomers of the major catabolite *At-mes16*-DNCC-38 (3)

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