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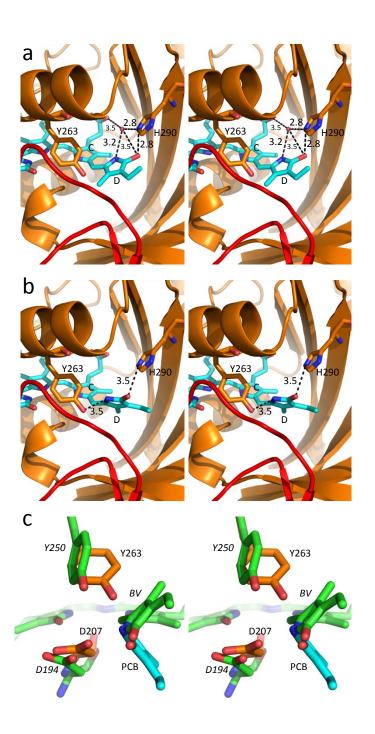


Figure S1. Stereo pairs of the chromophore D ring environment.

(a) 2VEA structure of Cph1 Pr (Essen *et al.* 2008) showing the interactions of the pyrrole N24 and C19 carboxyl oxygen; (b) hypothetical structure of prelumi-R at C15=C16 isomerization angle of 117°; (c) hypothetical  $\beta_f$  PCB D-ring in Cph1 (cyan) with the  $\alpha_f$  biliverdin D-ring in PaBphP (green) as Pfr. Y263 and D203 in Cph1 Pr (2VEA; (7)) and their homologs *Y250* and *D194* in PaBphP Pfr (3C2W; (8)) are shown in gold and green, respectively. PyMol molecular images.