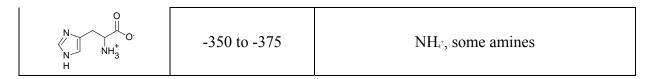
Supplementary material

Table S1. Peak assignments for solid-state ¹⁵N-NMR spectra using George (2008), (Ma *et al.* 2004; Smernik and Baldock 2005; Knicker 2011)

| N group | NMR region (ppm) | Possible peak assignment |
|---|---------------------|--|
| Nitro-N O O HN O O O | 25 to -25 | Nitrate, nitrite, nitro groups, nitro-derivatives |
| Hetero-N | -25 to -90 | Imine, phenazine, pyridine, Schiff-bases |
| N | -90 to -145 | Purine, nitrile groups |
| N H | -145 to -220 | Chlorophyll-N, purine/pyrimidine, imidazole, in particular substituted pyrroles, N in pyrrole and related ring structures (these resonances can overlap with amide region), histidine |
| Amide N | -220 to -285 | Amine/peptide, N-acetyl derivatives of amino sugars, tryptophane, proline, lactams, unsubstituted pyrroles, indoles, carbazoles |
| Guano N NH H ₂ N NH ₂ | -285 to -300 | NH group in guanidine |
| Amine N R1 NH2 H | -300 to -325 | NH_2^- and NR_2^- groups (N_δ -arginine and N_α -citrulline, N_ϵ -arginine, N_ω -citrulline), urea, nucleic acids, aniline derivatives, side chain N of arginine residues, guanidine residues in DNA, aromatic amines |
| Amino N | -325 to -350 | Free amino groups in amino acids and sugars, amino-N of terminal amino acids or sugars, ε-NH ₂ in lysine, glycine |



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