

## Diatom biomarkers in Cenozoic siliceous sedimentary rocks and their paleoceanographic environments.

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Cenozoic siliceous sedimentary rocks are studied to search for diatom-derived steroid compounds. Three steroid compounds are found to be diatom-derived biomarkers. Their high abundance shows the latent physiology of diatom correspondent to the marked environmental change of the ocean.