

International Nonproprietary Names for Pharmaceutical Substances

In accordance with article 3 of the Procedure for the Selection of Recommended International Nonproprietary Names for Pharmaceutical Substances,¹ notice is hereby given that the following names are under consideration by the World Health Organiza-

tion as Proposed International Nonproprietary Names.

Comments on, or formal objections to, the proposed names may be forwarded by any person to the Pharmaceuticals unit of the World Health Organization within four months of the date

of their publication in the *WHO Chronicle*.

The inclusion of a name in the lists of proposed international nonproprietary names does not imply any recommendation for the use of the substance in medicine or pharmacy.

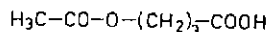
Proposed International Nonproprietary Names (Prop. I.N.N.): List 29²

Proposed International
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Chemical Name or Description, Molecular and Graphic Formulae

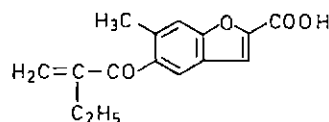
acidum aceburicum
aceburic acid

4-hydroxybutyric acid acetate
 $C_6H_{10}O_4$



acidum furacrinicum
furacrinic acid

6-methyl-5-(2-methylenebutyryl)-2-benzofurancarboxylic acid
 $C_{15}H_{14}O_4$



¹ See Annex, p. 21.

² Other lists of proposed international nonproprietary names can be found in *Chron. Wld Hlth Org.*, 1953, 7, 299; 1954, 8, 216, 313; 1956, 10, 28; 1957, 11, 231; 1958, 12, 102; *WHO Chronicle*, 1959, 13, 105, 152; 1960, 14, 168, 244; 1961, 15, 314; 1962, 16, 385; 1963, 17, 389; 1964, 18, 433; 1965, 19, 446; 1966, 20, 216; 1967, 21, 70, 478; 1968, 22, 112, 407; 1969, 23,

183, 418; 1970, 24, 119, 413; 1971, 25, 123, 415; 1972, 26, 121, 414.

Lists of recommended international nonproprietary names were published in *Chron. Wld Hlth Org.*, 1953, 9, 185; *WHO Chronicle*, 1959, 13, 106, 463; 1962, 16, 101; 1965, 19, 165, 206, 249; 1966, 20, 421; 1967, 21, 538; 1968, 22, 463; 1969, 23, 490; 1970, 24, 526; 1971, 25, 476; 1972, 26, 476.

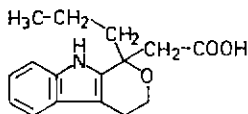
All names from lists 1-25 of proposed international nonproprietary names, together with a molecular formula index, will be found in: World Health Organization (1971) *International nonproprietary names for pharmaceutical substances: Cumulative list No. 3, 1971*. Geneva, 189 pages (price: £2.40, \$6.00, or Sw. fr. 24.—).

Proposed International
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acidum prodolicum
prodolic acid

1,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1-propylpyrano[3,4-*b*]indole-1-acetic acid
 $C_{16}H_{19}NO_3$



avoparcinum
avoparcin

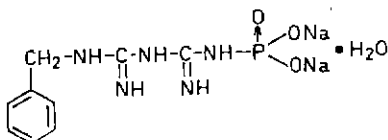
a glycopeptide antibiotic obtained from cultures of *Streptomyces candidus*,
or the same substance produced by any other means

batroxobinum
batroxobin

a thrombinlike enzyme obtained from the venom of the serpent
Bothrops atrox

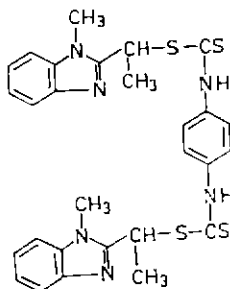
bentosforminum
bentosformin

disodium [(benzylamidino)amidino]phosphoramidate monohydrate
 $C_9H_{12}N_5Na_2O_3P \cdot H_2O$



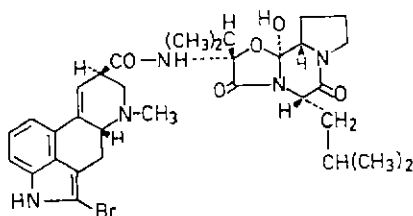
bisbendazolum
bisbendazole

bis[1-(1-methyl-2-benzimidazolyl)ethyl] tetrathio-*p*-benzenedicarbamate
 $C_{28}H_{28}N_6S_4$



bromocriptinum
bromocriptine

2-bromoergocryptine
 $C_{32}H_{40}BrN_5O_5$

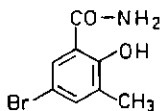


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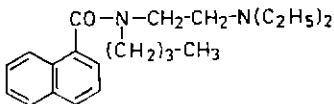
brosotamidum
brosotamide

5-bromo-2,3-cresotamide
 $C_8H_8BrNO_2$



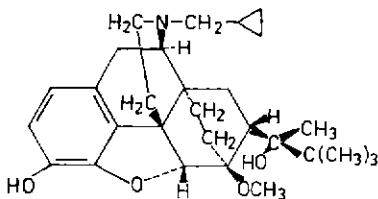
bunaftinum
bunaftine

N-butyl-*N*-[2-(diethylamino)ethyl]-1-naphthamide
 $C_{21}H_{30}N_2O$



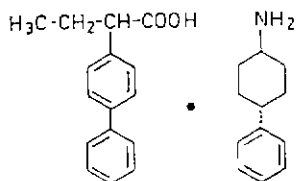
buprenorphinum
buprenorphine

21-cyclopropyl-7 α -[(*S*)-1-hydroxy-1,2,2-trimethylpropyl]-
6,14-*endo*-ethano-6,7,8,14-tetrahydrooripavine
 $C_{29}H_{41}NO_4$



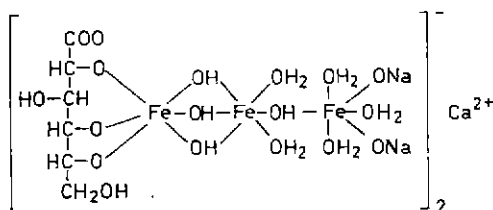
butixiratum
butixirate

α -ethyl-4-biphenylacetic acid compound with *trans*-4-phenylcyclo-
hexylamine (1 : 1)
 $C_{16}H_{16}O_2 \cdot C_{12}H_{17}N$ or $C_{28}H_{33}NO_2$



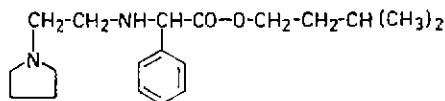
calcii natrii ferriclas
calcium sodium ferriclate

monocalcium tetrasodium bis[pentaaqua-[D-gluconato(4-)]-
tetra- μ -hydroxy-dioxotriferrate(3-)]
 $C_{12}H_{44}CaFe_6Na_4O_{36}$



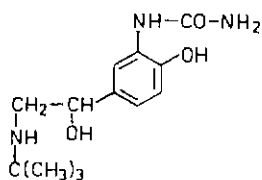
camiverinum
camiverine

2-phenyl-N-[2-(1-pyrrolidinyl)ethyl]glycine isopentyl ester
 $C_{19}H_{30}N_2O_2$



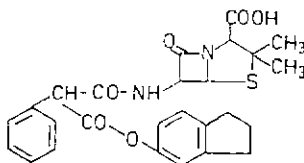
carbuterolum
carbuterol

[5-[2-(*tert*-butylamino)-1-hydroxyethyl]-2-hydroxyphenyl]urea
 $C_{13}H_{21}N_3O_3$



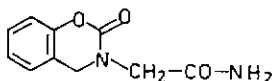
carindacillinum
carindacillin

N-(2-carboxy-3,3-dimethyl-7-oxo-4-thia-1-azabicyclo[3.2.0]-
hept-6-yl)-2-phenylmalonamic acid 1-(5-indanyl) ester
 $C_{26}H_{26}N_2O_6S$



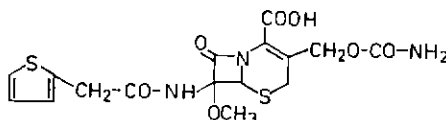
caroxazonum
caroxazone

2-oxo-2H-1,3-benzoxazine-3(4H)-acetamide
C₁₀H₁₀N₂O₃



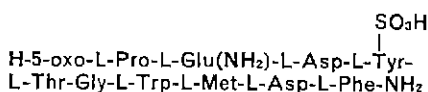
cefoxitinum
cefoxitin

3-(hydroxymethyl)-7-methoxy-8-oxo-7-[2-(2-thienyl)acetamido]-
5-thia-1-azabicyclo[4.2.0]oct-2-ene-2-carboxylic acid carbamate (ester)
C₁₆H₁₇N₃O₇S₂



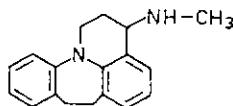
ceruletikum
ceruletide

5-oxo-L-prolyl-L-glutamyl-L-aspartyl-L-tyrosyl-L-threonylglycyl-
L-tryptophyl-L-methionyl-L-aspartylphenyl-L-alaninamide 4-(hydrogen sulfate)
(ester)
C₅₈H₇₃N₁₃O₂₁S₂



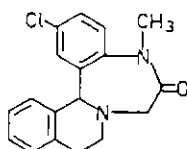
ciclopraminum
ciclopramine

2,3,7,8-tetrahydro-3-(methylamino)-1H-quinol[1,8-ab][1]benzazepine
C₁₈H₂₀N₂



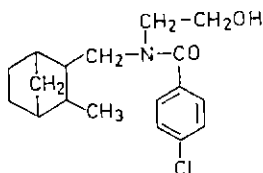
clazolamum
clazolam

(+)-2-chloro-5,9,10,14b-tetrahydro-5-methylisoquino[2,1-d']1,4]-
benzodiazepin-6(7H)-one
C₁₈H₁₇ClN₂O



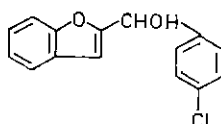
clocanfamidum
clocanfamide

p-chloro-*N*-(2-hydroxyethyl)-*N*-[(3-methyl-2-norbornyl)methyl]-
benzamide
 $C_{19}H_{24}ClNO_2$



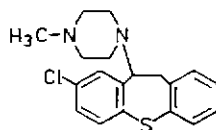
cloridarolum
cloridarol

α -(*p*-chlorophenyl)-2-benzofuranmethanol
 $C_{15}H_{11}ClO_2$



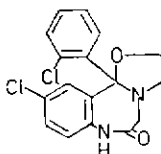
clorotepinum
clorotepine

1-(8-chloro-10,11-dihydrodibenzo[*b,f*]thiepin-10-yl)-4-methylpiperazine
 $C_{19}H_{21}ClN_2S$



cloxazolamum
cloxazolam

10-chloro-11b-(*o*-chlorophenyl)-2,3,7,11b-tetrahydro-oxazolo[3,2-*d'*]
[1,4]benzodiazepin-6(5*H*)-one
 $C_{17}H_{14}Cl_2N_2O_2$

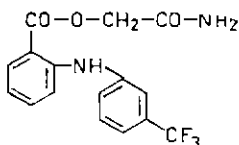


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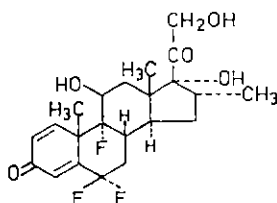
colfenamatum
colfenamate

N-(α,α,α -trifluoro-*m*-tolyl)anthranilic acid, ester with glycolamide
 $C_{16}H_{13}F_3N_2O_3$



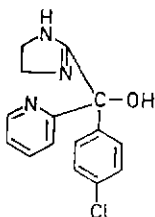
cormetasonum
cormetasone

6,6,9-trifluoro-11 β ,17,21-trihydroxy-16 α -methylpregna-1,4-diene-3,20-dione
 $C_{22}H_{27}F_3O_5$



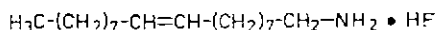
dazadrolum
dazadrol

α -(*p*-chlorophenyl)- α -2-imidazolin-2-yl-2-pyridinemethanol
 $C_{15}H_{14}ClN_3O$



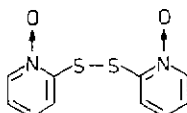
dectaflurum
dectaflur

9-octadecenylamine hydrofluoride
 $C_{18}H_{37}N \cdot HF$ or $C_{18}H_{35}FN$



dipyrithionum
dipyrithione

2,2'-dithiodipyridine 1,1'-dioxide
 $C_{10}H_8N_2O_2S_2$

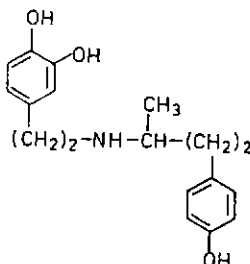


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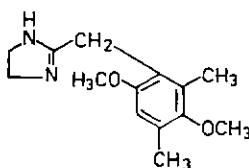
dobutaminum
dobutamine

(±)-4-[2-[[3-(*p*-hydroxyphenyl)-1-methylpropyl]amino]ethyl]pyrocatechol
C₁₈H₂₃NO₃



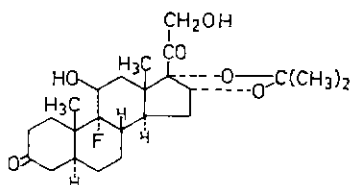
doxazolinum
doxazoline

2-(3,6-dimethoxy-2,4-dimethylbenzyl)-2-imidazoline
C₁₄H₂₀N₂O₂



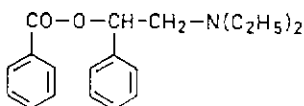
drocinonidum
drocinonide

9-fluoro-11 β ,16 α ,17,21-tetrahydroxy-5 α -pregnane-3,20-dione
cyclic 16,17-acetal with acetone
C₂₄H₃₅FO₆



elucainum
elucaine

α -[(diethylamino)methyl]benzyl alcohol benzoate (ester)
C₁₉H₂₃NO₂

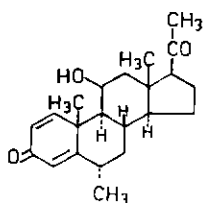


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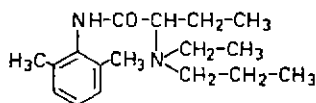
endrisonum
endrisone

11 β -hydroxy-6 α -methylpregna-1,4-diene-3,20-dione
C₂₂H₃₀O₃



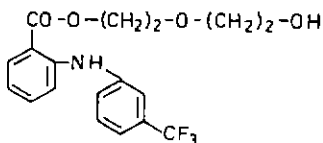
etidocainum
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(±)-2-(*N*-ethylpropylamino)-2',6'-butyroxylidide
C₁₇H₂₈N₂O



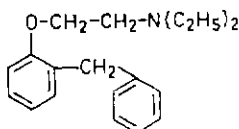
etofenamatum
etofenamate

2-(2-hydroxyethoxy)ethyl-*N*-(α,α,α -trifluoro-*m*-tolyl)anthranilate
C₁₈H₁₅F₃NO₄



etoloxaminum
etoloxamine

2-[(α -phenyl-*o*-tolyl)oxy]triethylamine
C₁₉H₂₅NO

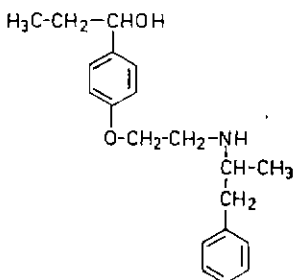


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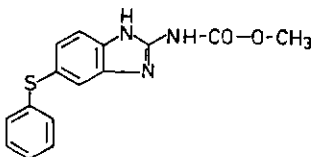
fenalcominum
fenalcomine

α -ethyl-*p*-[2-[(α -methylphenethyl)amino]ethoxy]benzyl alcohol
 $C_{20}H_{27}NO_2$



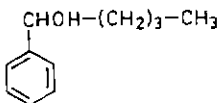
fenbendazolum
fenbendazole

methyl 5-(phenylthio)-2-benzimidazolecarbamate
 $C_{15}H_{13}N_3O_2S$



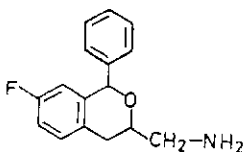
fenipentolum
fenipentol

α -butylbenzyl alcohol
 $C_{11}H_{16}O$



fenisorexum
fenisorex

cis-7-fluoro-1-phenyl-3-isochromanmethylamine
 $C_{16}H_{16}FNO$

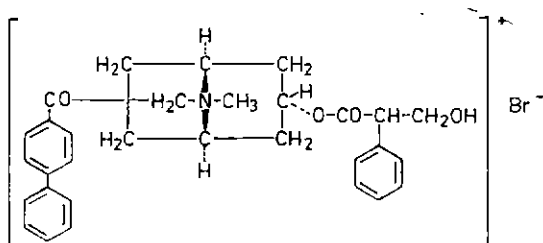


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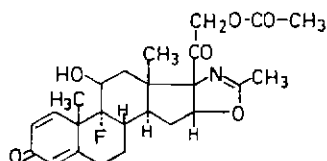
fentonii bromidum
fentionium bromide

3 α -hydroxy-8-(*p*-phenylphenacyl)-1 α H,5 α H-tropanium bromide (–)-tropate
C₃₁H₃₄BrNO₄



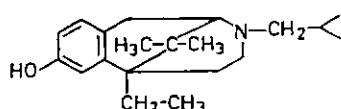
fluazacortum
fluzacort

9-fluoro-11 β ,21-dihydroxy-2'-methyl-5' β H-pregna-
1,4-dieno[17,16-*d'*]oxazole-3,20-dione 21-acetate
C₂₅H₃₀FNO₆



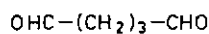
gemazocinum
gemazocine

3-(cyclopropylmethyl)-6-ethyl-1,2,3,4,5,6-hexahydro-11,11-dimethyl-
2,6-methano-3-benzazocin-8-ol
C₂₀H₂₉NO



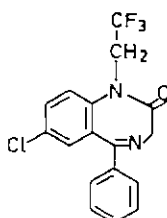
glutaralum
glutaral

pentanedial *or* glutaraldehyde
C₅H₈O₂



halazepamum
halazepam

7-chloro-1,3-dihydro-5-phenyl-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-
2*H*-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one
C₁₇H₁₂ClF₃N₂O

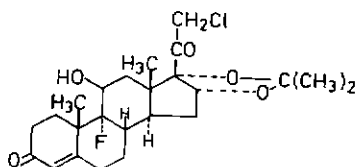


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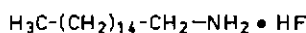
halcinonidum
halcinonide

21-chloro-9-fluoro-11 β ,16 α ,17-trihydroxypregn-4-ene-3,20-dione
cyclic 16,17-acetal with acetone
 $C_{24}H_{32}ClFO_5$



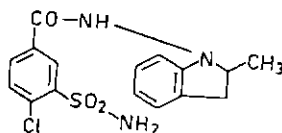
hetaflurum
hetaflur

hexadecylamine hydrofluoride
 $C_{16}H_{35}N \cdot HF$ or $C_{16}H_{36}FN$



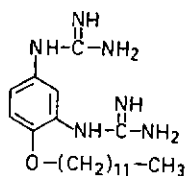
indapamidum
indapamide

4-chloro-N-(2-methyl-1-indoliny)-3-sulfamoylbenzamide
 $C_{16}H_{16}ClN_3O_3S$



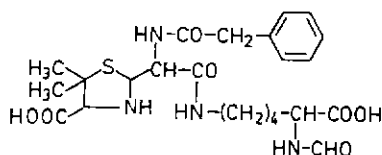
lauroguadinum
lauroguadine

1,1'-[4-(dodecyloxy)-*m*-phenylene]diguanidine
 $C_{20}H_{36}N_6O$



lisocillidum
lisocillide

2-[[[(5-carboxy-5-formamidopentyl)carbamoyl](2-phenylacetamido)-methyl]-5,5-dimethyl-4-thiazolidinecarboxylic acid
 $C_{23}H_{32}N_4O_7S$

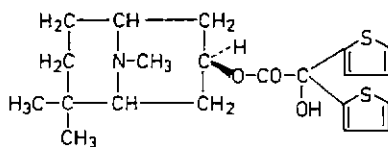


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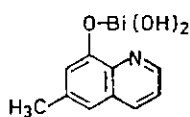
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mazaticol

6,6,9-trimethyl-9-azabicyclo[3.3.1]non-3 β -yl di-2-thienylglycolate
 $C_{21}H_{27}NO_3S_2$



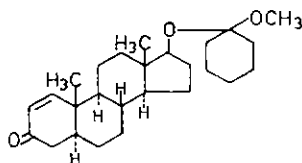
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biquine

dihydroxy(6-methyl-8-quinolinolato)bismuth
 $C_{10}H_{10}BiNO_3$



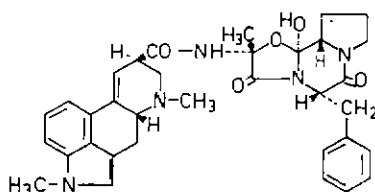
mesabolonum
mesabolone

17 β -[(1-methoxycyclohexyl)oxy]-5 α -androst-1-en-3-one
 $C_{26}H_{40}O_3$



metergotaminum
metergotamine

1-methylergotamine
 $C_{34}H_{37}N_5O_5$

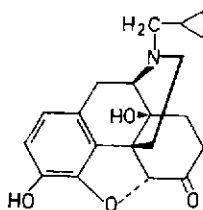


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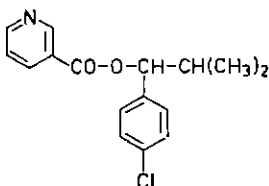
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naltrexone

(-)-17-(cyclopropylmethyl)-4,5 α -epoxy-3,14-dihydroxymorphinan-6-one
C₂₀H₂₃NO₄



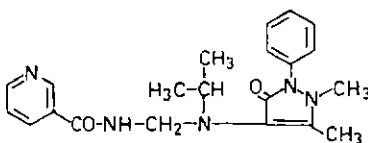
nicoclonatum
nicoclonate

p-chloro- α -isopropylbenzyl nicotinate
C₁₆H₁₆ClNO₂



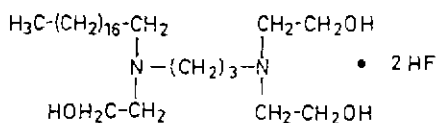
niprofazonum
niprofazone

N-[(antipyrinylisopropylamino)methyl]nicotinamide
C₂₁H₂₅N₅O₂



olaflurum
olaflur

2,2'-[3-[(2-hydroxyethyl)octadecylamino]propyl]imino]diethanol
dihydrofluoride
C₂₇H₅₈N₂O₃ · 2HF or C₂₇H₆₀F₂N₂O₃

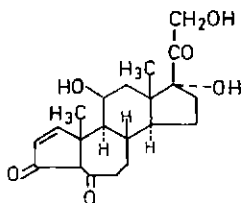


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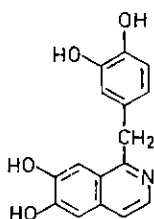
oxisopredum
oxisopred

11 β ,17,21-trihydroxy-*B*-homo-*A*-norpregn-1-ene-3,6,20-trione
C₂₁H₂₈O₆



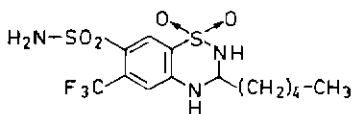
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papaveroline

1-(3,4-dihydroxybenzyl)-6,7-isoquinolinediol
C₁₆H₁₃NO₄



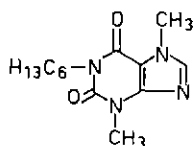
penflutizidum
penflutizide

3,4-dihydro-3-pentyl-6-(trifluoromethyl)-2*H*-1,2,4-benzothiadiazine-7-sulfonamide 1,1-dioxide
C₁₃H₁₈F₃N₃O₄S₂



pentifyllinum
pentifylline

1-hexyltheobromine
C₁₃H₂₀N₄O₂

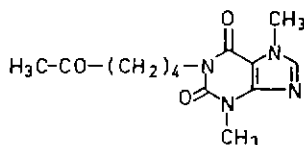


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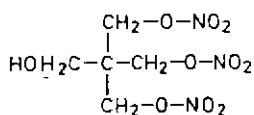
pentoxifyllinum
pentoxifylline

1-(5-oxohexyl)theobromine
 $C_{13}H_{18}N_4O_3$



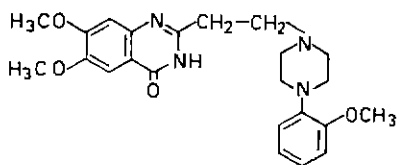
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pentritnitrol

pentaerythritol trinitrate
 $C_5H_9N_3O_{10}$



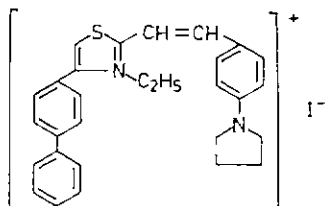
peraquinsinum
peraquinsin

6,7-dimethoxy-2-[2-[4-(*o*-methoxyphenyl)-1-piperazinyl]ethyl]-
4(3*H*)-quinazolinone
 $C_{23}H_{28}N_4O_4$



pretamazii iodidum
pretamazium iodide

4-(4-biphenyl)-3-ethyl-2-(*p*-1-pyrrolidinylstyryl)thiazolium iodide
 $C_{29}H_{29}IN_2S$

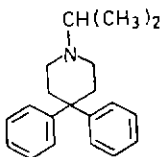


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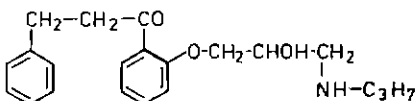
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prodipine

1-isopropyl-4,4-diphenylpiperidine
 $C_{20}H_{25}N$



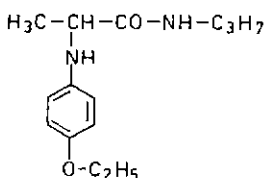
propafenonum
propafenone

2'-[2-hydroxy-3-(propylamino)propoxy]-3-phenylpropiophenone
 $C_{21}H_{27}NO_3$



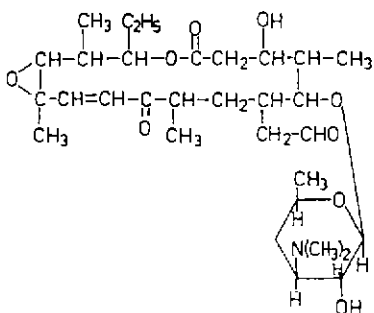
propetamidum
propetamide

2-*p*-phenetidino-*N*-propylpropionamide
 $C_{14}H_{22}N_2O_2$



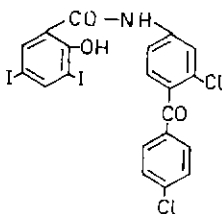
rosamicinum
rosamicin

3-ethyl-7-hydroxy-2,8,12,16-tetramethyl-5,13-dioxo-9-
[[3,4,6-trideoxy-3-(dimethylamino)-β-D-xylo-hexopyranosyl]oxy]-
4,17-dioxabicyclo[14.1.0]heptadec-14-ene-10-acetaldehyde
 $C_{31}H_{51}NO_9$



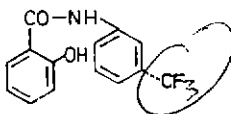
salantelum
salantel

3'-chloro-4'-(*p*-chlorobenzoyl)-3,5-diiodosalicylanilide
 $C_{20}H_{11}Cl_2I_2NO_3$



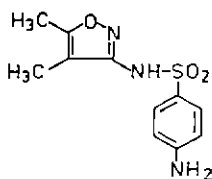
salfluverinum
salfluverine

α, α, α -trifluoro-*m*-salicylotoluidide
 $C_{14}H_{10}F_3NO_2$



sulfatroxazolum
sulfatroxazole

*N*1-(4,5-dimethyl-3-isoxazolyl)sulfanilamide
 $C_{11}H_{13}N_3O_3S$

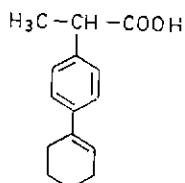


sulglycotidum
sulglycotide

the sulfuric polyester of a glycopeptide isolated from pig duodenum

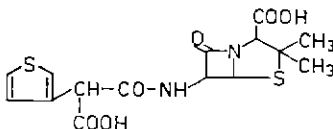
tetripofenum
tetripofen

p-1-cyclohexen-1-ylhydratropic acid
 $C_{15}H_{15}O_2$



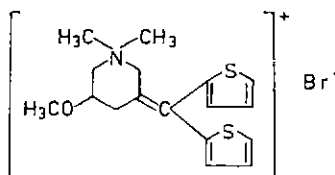
ticarcillinum
ticarcillin

N-(2-carboxy-3,3-dimethyl-7-oxo-4-thia-1-azabicyclo[3.2.0]-
hept-6-yl)-3-thiophenemalonamic acid
 $C_{15}H_{16}N_2O_6S_2$



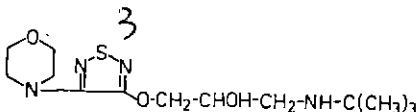
timepidii bromidum
timepidium bromide

3-(di-2-thienylmethylene)-5-methoxy-1,1-dimethyl-piperidinium bromide
 $C_{17}H_{22}BrNOS_2$



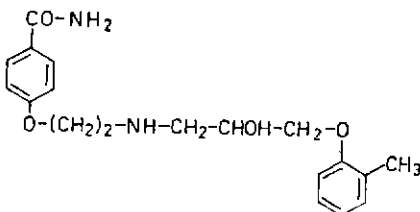
timololum
timolol

(-)-1-(*tert*-butylamino)-3-[(4-morpholino-1,2,5-thiadiazol-3-yl)oxy]-
2-propanol
 $C_{13}H_{24}N_4O_3S$



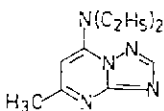
tolamololum
tolamolol

p-[2-[[2-hydroxy-3-(*o*-tolyl)oxy]propyl]amino]ethoxy]benzamide
 $C_{19}H_{24}N_2O_4$



trapidilum
trapidil

7-(diethylamino)-5-methyl-*s*-triazolo[1,5-*a*]pyrimidine
 $C_{10}H_{15}N_5$



Names for Radicals and Groups

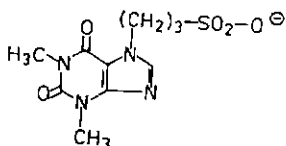
Some substances for which a proposed international nonproprietary name has been established may be used in the form of salts or esters. The radicals or

groups involved may be of complex composition and it is then inconvenient to refer to them in systematic chemical nomenclature. Consequently, shorter non-

proprietary names for some radicals and groups have been devised or selected, and they are suggested for use with the proposed international nonproprietary names.

1,2,3,6-tetrahydro-1,3-dimethyl-2,6-dioxapurine-7-propanesulfonate

teprosilate



AMENDMENTS TO PREVIOUS LISTS

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difamizolum
difamizole

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difenamizolum
difenamizole

p.429 *delete*

renactidum
renactide

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giractidum
giractide

Annex

PROCEDURE FOR THE SELECTION OF RECOMMENDED INTERNATIONAL NONPROPRIETARY NAMES FOR PHARMACEUTICAL SUBSTANCES *

The following procedure shall be followed by the World Health Organization in the selection of recommended international nonproprietary names for pharmaceutical substances, in accordance with the World Health Assembly resolution WHA3.11:

1. Proposals for recommended international nonproprietary names shall be submitted to the World Health Organization on the form provided therefor.

2. Such proposals shall be submitted by the Director-General of the World Health Organization to the members of the Expert Advisory Panel on the International Pharmacopoeia and Pharmaceutical Preparations designated for this purpose, for consideration in accordance with the "General principles for guidance in devising International Nonproprietary Names", appended to this procedure. The name used by the person discovering or first developing and marketing a pharmaceutical substance shall be accepted, unless there are compelling reasons to the contrary.

3. Subsequent to the examination provided for in article 2, the Director-General of the World Health Organization shall give notice that a proposed international nonproprietary name is being considered.

A. Such notice shall be given by publication in the *Chronicle of the World Health Organization*¹ and by letter to Member States and to national pharmacopoeia commissions or other bodies designated by Member States.

i) Notice may also be sent to specific persons known to be concerned with a name under consideration

B. Such notice shall:

(i) set forth the name under consideration,

(ii) identify the person who submitted a proposal for naming the substance, if so requested by such person;

(iii) identify the substance for which a name is being considered;

(iv) set forth the time within which comments and objections will be received and the person and place to whom they should be directed;

(v) state the authority under which the World Health Organization is acting and refer to these rules of procedure.

C. In forwarding the notice, the Director-General of the World Health Organization shall request that Member States take such steps as are necessary to prevent the acquisition of proprietary rights in the proposed name during the period it is under consideration by the World Health Organization.

4. Comments on the proposed name may be forwarded by any person to the World Health Organization within four months of the date of publication, under article 3, of the name in the *Chronicle of the World Health Organization*.

5. A formal objection to a proposed name may be filed by any interested person within four months of the date of publication, under article 3, of the name in the *Chronicle of the World Health Organization*.

A. Such objection shall:

(i) identify the person objecting;

(ii) state his interest in the name;

(iii) set forth the reasons for his objection to the name proposed.

6. Where there is a formal objection under article 5, the World Health Organization may either reconsider the proposed name or use its good offices to attempt to obtain withdrawal of the objection. Without prejudice to the consideration by the World Health Organization of a substitute name or names, a name shall not be selected by the World Health Organization as a recommended international nonproprietary name while there exists a formal objection thereto filed under article 5 which has not been withdrawn.

7. Where no objection has been filed under article 5, or all objections previously filed have been withdrawn, the Director-General of the World Health Organization shall give notice in accordance with subsection A of article 3 that the name has been selected by the World Health Organization as a recommended international nonproprietary name.

8. In forwarding a recommended international nonproprietary name to Member States under article 7, the Director-General of the World Health Organization shall:

A. request that it be recognized as the nonproprietary name for the substance; and

B. request that Member States take such steps as are necessary to prevent the acquisition of proprietary rights in the name, including prohibiting registration of the name as a trade-mark or trade-name.

* Text adopted by the Executive Board of WHO in resolution EB15.R7 (*Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org.*, 1955, 60, 3) and amended by the Board in resolution EB43.R9 (*Off. Rec. Wld Hlth Org.*, 1969, 173, 10)

¹ The title of this publication was changed to *WHO Chronicle* in January 1959

GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR GUIDANCE IN DEVISING INTERNATIONAL NONPROPRIETARY NAMES FOR PHARMACEUTICAL SUBSTANCES *

1. Names should be distinctive in sound and spelling. They should not be inconveniently long and should not be liable to confusion with names already in common use.

2. The name for a substance belonging to a group of pharmacologically related substances should, where appropriate, show this relationship. Names that are likely to convey to a patient an anatom-

* Text revised by the Expert Committee on Nonproprietary Names for Pharmaceutical Substances (unpublished reports: WHO/Pharm/67.443, WHO/Pharm/68.447, and WHO/Pharm/70.458)

ical, physiological, pathological or therapeutic suggestion should be avoided.

The above primary principles are to be implemented by utilization of the following secondary principles.

3. In devising the name of the first substance in a new pharmacological group (the parent substance), consideration should be given to the possibility of devising suitable names for related substances belonging to the new group.

4. In devising a name from the systematic chemical name of a substance, syllables such as "methylhydro", "methoxy", and "chlor" should preferably be abbreviated, for example, to "medro", "meto", and "clo"; the derived name should not be chemically misleading.

5. In devising names for acids, one-word names are preferred; their salts should be named without modifying the acid name, e.g., "oxacillin" and "oxacillin sodium", "ibufenac" and "ibufenac sodium". The salts of acids

having two-word names such as "nicotinic acid" should be named in the usual style, e.g., "sodium nicotinate".

6. Names for substances which are used as salts should in general apply to the active base (or the active acid). Names for different salts or esters of the same active substance should differ only in respect of the name of the inactive acid (or the inactive base). Exceptions may have to be made for those cases in which pharmacological activity may reside in both parts of the salt or ester.

For quaternary ammonium substances, the cation and anion should be named appropriately as separate components of a quaternary substance and not in the amine-salt style.

7. The use of an isolated letter or number should be avoided; hyphenated construction is also undesirable.

8. To facilitate translation and pronunciation "f" should preferably be used instead of "ph", "t" instead of "th", "e" instead of "ae" or "oe", and "i" instead of "y".

9. Provided that the names suggested are in accordance with these principles, names proposed by the person discovering or first developing and marketing a pharmaceutical preparation, or names already officially in use in any country, should receive preferential consideration.

10. Group relationship in names (see item 2) should preferably be shown by using common syllables in the following list. Where a syllable or a group of syllables is shown without any hyphens it may be used anywhere in the name. The syllable, or group of syllables, should, if possible, be used only for such substances.

Subsidiary group relationships should be shown by devising names which show similarities to and are analogous with a previously named substance, the parent substance.

At the end of the list are general chemical syllables. Should they come into conflict with other suggested syllables, the suffix conveying the best information should be used.

Latin	English	French
-actidum	-actide	-actide
-andr-	-andr-	-andr-
or -stan-	or -stan-	or -stan-
or -ster-	or -ster-	or -ster-
-arolum	-arol	-arol
-bamatum	-bamate	-bamate
barb	barb	barb
bol	bol	bol
-cainum	-caine	-caine
cef-	cef-	céf-
-cillinum	-cillin	-cilline
cort	cort	cort
-crinum	-crine	-crine
-curium	-curium	-curium
-cyclinum	-cycline	-cycline
-estr-	-estr-	-estr-
-forminum	-formin	-formine
gest	gest	gest
gli-	gli-	gli-
io-	io-	io-
-moxinum	-moxin	-moxine
-mycinum	-mycin	-mycine
nifur-	nifur-	nifur-
-onidum	-onide	-onide
-orexum	-orex	-orex
-praminum	-pramine	-pramine
prost	prost	prost
-serpinum	-serpine	-serpine
sulfa-	sulfa-	sulfa-
-terolum	-terol	-térol
-tizidum	-tizide	-tizide
-toinum	-toin	-toine
-verinum	-verine	-vérine
-inum	-ine	-ine
-onum	-one	-one
-ium	-ium	-ium

synthetic polypeptides with a corticotrophin-like action

} steroids, androgenic

anticoagulants of the coumarin type

tranquillizers of the propanediol and pentanediol series

barbituric acids, hypnotic activity

anabolic steroids

local anaesthetics

antibiotics with cefalosporanic acid nucleus

penicillins: derivatives of 6-amino-penicillanic acid

steroids, glucocorticoids and mineralocorticoids, other than prednisolone

derivatives

acidine derivatives

curare-like drugs

antibiotics, tetracycline derivatives

estrogenic drugs

guanidine oral antidiabetics

steroids, progestative

sulfonamide oral antidiabetics

iodine-containing contrast media

monoamine oxidase inhibitors

antimicrobial antibiotics, produced by *Streptomyces* strains

5-nitrofur derivatives

steroids for topical use: acetal derivatives

anorexigenic agents

dibenzazepine, compounds of the imipramine type

prostaglandins

derivatives of *Rauwolfia* alkaloids

sulfonamides, used as antimicrobials

bronchodilators: phenethylamine derivatives

diuretics which are thiazide derivatives

antiepileptics which are hydantoin derivatives

spasmolytics with a papaverine-like action

alkaloids and organic bases

ketones

quaternary ammonium compounds