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# 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, notice is hereby given that the following names are under consideration the World Health Organization 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. INN): List 322

Proposed International Nonproprietary Name (Latin, English) Chemical Name or Description, Molecular and Graphic Formulae

acemetacinum acemetacin 1-(p-chlorobenzoyl)-5-methoxy-2-methylindole-3-acetic acid ester with glycolic acid  $C_{21}H_{18}CINO_{5}$ 

acidum iotroxicum i roxic acid

<sup>1</sup> See Annex, p 23,

<sup>2</sup> Other lists of proposed international non-proprietary names can be found in *Chron. Wld Hith 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; 1973, 27, 120, 330; 1974, 28, 133

28, 133 Lists of recommended international nonproprietary names were published in *Chronice*, 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; 1973, 27, 453. 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: £3, \$7,20, or Sw. fr 24.—). This publication may be obtained from the sales agents listed on the back cover of the WHO Chronicle or from: World Health Organization, Distribution and Sales Service, 1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland.

acidum pipemidicum pipemidic acid

8-ethyl-5,8-dihydro-5-oxo-2-(1-piperazinyl) pyrido [2,3-d] pyrimidine-6-carboxylic acid C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

actodiginum actodigin 3 $\beta$ - ( $\beta$ -D-glucopyranosyloxy)-14,23-dihydroxy-24-nor-5 $\beta$ ,14 $\beta$ -chol-20(22)-en-21-oic acid  $\gamma$ -lactone C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>44</sub>O<sub>9</sub>

ambroxolum ambroxol trans-4-[(2-amino-3,5-dibromobenzyl)amino]cyclohexanol

azanatorum azanator

5-(1-methyl-4-piperidylidene)-5H-[1]benzopyrano[2,3-b]pyridine C18H18N2O

azoliminum azolimine 2-imino-3-methyl-1-phenyl-4-imidazolidinone  $C_{10}H_{11}N_3O$ 

bacampicillinum bacampicillin (2S,5R,6R)-6-[(R)-(2-amino-2-phenylacetamido)]-3,3-dimethyl-7-oxo-4-thia-1-azabicyclo[3.2.0]heptane-2-carboxylic acid ester with ethyl 1-hydroxyethyl carbonate  $C_{21}H_{27}N_3O_7S$ 

benzotriptum benzotript N-(p-chlorobenzoyl)-L-tryptophan C18H15CIN2O3

.iacrinum botiacrine S-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl] 9,9-dimethyl-10-acridancarbothioate  $C_{20}H_{24}N_{2}OS$ 

brindoximum brindoxime

2-[[(6,8-dibromo-9H-indeno[2,1-d]pyrimidin-9-ylidene)amino]oxy]-N-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]propionamide C18H19Br2N5O2

### butanixinum butanixin

#### 2-(p-butylanilino)nicotinic acid C16H16N2O2

# butibufenum butibufen

## 2-(p-isobutylphenyl)butyric acid C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

# carboquonum carboquone

2,5-bis(1-aziridinyl)-3-(2-hydroxy-1-methoxyethyl)-6-methyl-p-benzoquinone carbamate (ester) C15H19N3O5

# carnidazolum carnidazole

O-methyl [2-(2-methyl-5-nitroimidazol-1-yl)ethyl]thiocarbamate  $C_BH_{12}N_4O_3S$ 

# cicloprofenum cicloprofen

 $\alpha$ -methylfluorene-2-acetic acid C16H14O2

clazoliminum clazolimine 1-(p-chlorophenyl)-2-imino-3-methyl-4-imidazolidinone C1oH1oClN3O

clebopridum clebopride 4-amino-N-(1-benzyl-4-piperidyl)-5-chloro-a-anisamide  $C_{20}H_{24}CIN_{2}O_{2}$ 

cliprofenum cliprofen 3-chloro-4-(2-thenoyl) hydratropic acid C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>ClO<sub>3</sub>S

deprostilum deprostil (1R,2S)-2-(3-hydroxy-3-methyloctyl)-5-oxocyclopentaneheptanoic acid C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>38</sub>O<sub>4</sub>

deximatenum deximaten (+)-2,3,5,6-tetrahydro-5-phenyl-1*H*-imidazo[1,2-*a*]imidazole C11H13N3

dibuprolum dibuprol 1,3-dibutoxy-2-propanol C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>24</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

$$\begin{array}{c} {\rm H_{3}C-(CH_{2})_{3}-0-CH_{2}-CH-CH_{2}-0+(CH_{2})_{3}-CH_{3}} \\ {\rm I} \\ {\rm OH} \end{array}$$

difenoximidum difenoximide N-[[1-(3-cyano-3,3-diphenylpropyl)-4-phenylisonipecotoyl]oxy]succinimide C<sub>32</sub>H<sub>31</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub>

eterobarbum eterobarb 5-ethyl-1,3-bis (methoxymethyl) - 5-phenylbarbituric acid  $C_{16}H_{20}N_2O_5$ 

exaprololum exaprolol

1-(o-cyclohexylphenoxy)-3-(isopropylamino)-2-propanol C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>29</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>

fazadinii bromidum fazadinium bromide 1,1'-azobis[3-methyl-2-phenyl-1 $\emph{H}$ -imidazo[1,2-a]pyridin-4-ium] dibromide C2aH24Br2N6

febuprolum febuprol 1-butoxy-3-phenoxy-2-propanol C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>20</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

' 'iazacum , .iazac 4-(p-chlorophenyl)-2-phenyl-5-thiazoleacetic acid C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>12</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub>S

flumizolum flumizole 4,5-bis(p-methoxyphenyl)-2-(trifluoromethyl)imidazole  $C_{16}H_{15}F_{3}N_{2}O_{2}$ 

$$\begin{array}{c|c} H_3CO - \begin{array}{c} & H \\ & N \\ & N \end{array} \\ CF_3 \end{array}$$

#### flutazolamum flutazolam

10-chloro-11b-(o-fluorophenyl)-2,3,7,11b-tetrahydro-7-(2-hydroxyethyl)-oxazolo[3,2-d][1,4]benzodiazepin-6(5H)-one C19H18CIFN2O3

## ftaxilidum ftaxilide

# 2′,6′-dimethylphthalanilic acid C16H15NO3

## galosemidum galosemide

# N-[[4-(a,a,a-trifluoro-m-toluidino)-2-pyridyl]sulfonyl]propionamide C15H14F3N3O3S

# glucametacinum glucametacin

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### gonadorelinum gonadorelin

luteinizing hormone-releasing factor (pig); 5-oxo-L-prolyl-L-histidyl-L-tryptophyl-L-seryl-L-tyrosylglycyl-L-leucyl-L-arginyl-L-prolylglycinamide C55H75N17O13

H-5-oxo-L-Pro-L-His-L-Trp-L-Ser-L-Tyr-Gly-L-Leu-L-Arg-L-Pro-Gly-NH<sub>2</sub>

## guabenxanum guabenxan

(1,4-benzodioxan-6-ylmethyl)guanidine C1oH13N3O2

# halofuginonum halofuginone

( $\pm$ )-trans-7-bromo-6-chloro-3-[3-(3-hydroxy-2-piperidyl)acetonyl]-4(3H)-quinazolinone C16H17BrClN3O3

# indoprofenum indoprofen

p-(1-oxo-2-isoindolinyl) hydratropic acid C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>15</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>

#### ketocainolum ketocainol

o-[2-(diisopropylamino)ethoxy]-a-propylbenzyl alcohol C18H31NO2

# lergotrilum lergotrile

2-chloro-6-methylergoline-8β-acetonitrile C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>18</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>

levomenolum levomenol (-)-6-methyl-2-(4-methyl-3-cyclohexen-1-yl)-5-hepten-2-ol  $C_{15}H_{26}O$ 

lividomycinum lividomycin lividomycin A; 0-2-amino-2,3-dideoxy- $\alpha$ -D-ribo-hexopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 4)$ -O-[O- $\alpha$ -D-mannopyranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 4)$ -O-2,6-diamino-2,6-dideoxy- $\beta$ -L-ido-pyranosyl  $(1 \rightarrow 3)$ - $\beta$ -D-ribofuranosyl- $(1 \rightarrow 5)$ ]-2-deoxy-D-streptamine C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>55</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>18</sub>

maridomycinum maridomycin 10-(formylmethyl)-7,13-dihydroxy-8-methoxy-3,12-dimethyl-5-oxo-4,17-dioxabicyclo [14.1 0] heptadec-14-en-9-yl 3,6-dideoxy-4-O-(2,6-dideoxy-3-C-methyl-a-L-ribo-hexopyranosyl)-3-(dimethylamino)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside 4′′,7′-dipropionate (ester)  $C_{41}H_{67}NO_{16}$ 

mazipredonum mazipredone 11 $\beta$ ,17-dihydroxy-21-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)pregna-1,4-diene-3,20-dione C26H38N2O4

## mebenosidum mebenoside

# methyl 3,5,6-tri-*O*-benzyl-D-glucofuranoside C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>6</sub>

## mecillinamum mecillinam

(2S,5R,6R)-6-[[(hexahydro-1H-azepin-1-yl)methylene]amino]-3,3-dimethyl-7-oxo-4-thia-1-azabicyclo[3.2.0]heptane-2-carboxylic acid  $C_{15}H_{29}N_3O_3S$ 

# melizamum melizame

m-(1H-tetrazol-5-yloxy)phenol C7H6N4O2

# mequitazinum mequitazine

10-(3-quinuclidinylmethyl)phenothiazine C20H22N2S

monoxerutinum monoxerutin

3,3',4',5-tetrahydroxy-7-(2-hydroxyethoxy)flavone 3-[6-O-(6-deoxy- $\alpha$ -L-mannopyranosyl)- $\beta$ -D-glucopyranoside] C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>3</sub>4O<sub>17</sub>

morocromenum morocromen 4-methyl-7-(4-morpholinecarboxamido)-3-(2-morpholinoethyl)coumarin C21 H27 N3 O5

nilestriolum nilestriol  $3\text{-}(cyclopentyloxy)\text{-}19\text{-}nor\text{-}17\alpha\text{-}pregna\text{-}1,3,5(10)\text{-}trien\text{-}20\text{-}yne\text{-}16\alpha,17\text{-}diol}$   $C_{25}H_{32}O_{3}$ 

nordinonum nordinone 11 α-hydroxy-17,17-dimethyl-18-norandrosta-4,13-dien-3-one C2οH2eO2

norgestometum norgestomet

17-hydroxy-11 $\beta$ -methyl-19-norpregn-4-ene-3,20-dione acetate C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>32</sub>O<sub>4</sub>

octopaminum notopamine α-(aminomethyl)-p-hydroxybenzyl alcohol C<sub>B</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>

parsalmidum parsalmide 5-amino-N-butyl-2-(2-propynyloxy)benzamide  $C_{14}H_{18}N_2O_2$ 

perisoxalum perisoxal a- (5-phenyl-3-isoxazolyl)-1-piperidineethanol C16H20N2O2

pinaverii bromidum pinaverium bromide 4-(6-bromoveratryl)-4-[2-[2-(6,6-dimethyl-2-norpinyl)ethoxy]ethyl]-morpholinium bromide  $C_{26}H_{41}Br_2NO_4$ 

# pinazepamum pinazepam

7-chloro-1,3-dihydro-5-phenyl-1-(2-propynyl)-2H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>13</sub>ClN<sub>2</sub>O

# pinolcainum pinolcaine

D-(+)-1-methyl-1-(1-methyl-2-piperidyl)ethyl diphenylacetate  $C_{23}H_{29}NO_2$ 

# pipoctanonum pipoctanone

4'-octyl-3-piperidinopropiophenone C22H35NO

# pipoxizinum pipoxizine

 $2\text{-}[2\text{-}[4\text{-}(diphenylmethylene)piperidino]ethoxy]exothy]ethanol C <math display="inline">_{24}H_{31}NO_3$ 

#### pirandaminum pirandamine

1,3,4,9-tetrahydro-N,N,1-trimethylindeno[2,1-c]pyran-1-ethylamine C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO

# pirinidazolum pirinidazole

2-[[(1-methyl-5-nitroimidazol-2-yl)methyl]thio]pyridine C1oH1oN4O2S

# piroxicamum piroxicam

4-hydroxy-2-methyl-N-2-pyridyl-2H-1,2- benzothiazine-3-carboxamide 1,1-dioxide C15H13N3O4S

### pirprofenum pirprofen

3-chloro-4-(3-pyrrolin-1-yl)hydratropic acid C13H14ClNO2

# pivmecillinamum pivmecillinam

hydroxymethyl (2S,5R,6R)-6-[[(hexahydro-1H-azepin-1-yl)methylene]-amino]-3,3-dimethyl-7-oxo-4-thia-1-azabicyclo[3.2.0]heptane-2-carboxylate pivalate (ester) C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>33</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S

polidexidum polidexide dextran 2-(diethylamino)ethyl 2-[[2-(diethylamino)ethyl]diethylammonio]-ethyl ether chloride, hydrochloride, epichlorohydrin crosslinked

pranolii chloridum pranolium chloride [2-hydroxy-3-(1-naphthyloxy)propyl]isopropyldimethylammonium chloride  $C_{18}H_{26}CINO_2$ 

pribecainum pribecaine 3-piperidinopropyl *m*-anisate C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>23</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>

# profexalonum profexalone

# 2-oxo-5-phenyl-N-propyl-3-oxazolidinecarboxamide C13H16N2O3

# renoatum kalicum p. Jrenoate potassium

potassium 6,7-dihydro-17-hydroxy-3-oxo-3'H-cyclopropa[6,7]-17a-pregna-4,6-diene-21-carboxylate C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>31</sub>KO<sub>4</sub>

# quinupraminum quinupramine

# 10,11-dihydro-5-(3-quinuclidinyl)-5H-dibenz[b,f]azepine $C_{21}H_{24}N_2$

#### razoxanum razoxane

4,4'-propylenedi-2,6-piperazinedione

sincalidum sincalide L-aspartyl-L-tyrosyl-L-methionylglycyl-L-tryptophyl-L-methionyl-L-aspartylphenyl-L-alaninamide hydrogen sulfate (ester) or 1-de(5-oxo-L-proline)-2-de-L-glutamine-5-L-methioninecaerulein  $C_{49}H_{62}N_{10}O_{16}S_3$ 

\$0<sub>3</sub>H H-L-Asp-L-Tyr-L-Met-Gly-L-Trp-L-Met-L-Asp-L-Phe-NH<sub>2</sub>

sitofibratum sitofibrate stigmast-5-en-3 $\beta$ -ol 2-(p-chlorophenoxy)-2-methylpropionate C39H59ClO3

spiroxepinum spiroxepin N,N-dimethylspiro [dibenz [b,e] oxepin-11 (6H),2'~[1,3] dioxolane]-4'-methylamine  $C_{19}H_{21}NO_{3}$ 

stilonii iodidum stilonium iodide triethyl [2-(p-styrylphenoxy)ethyl ]ammonium iodide  $C_{22}H_{30}INO$ 

$$\left[ -CH = CH - (CH_2)_2 - N(C_2H_5)_3 \right]^{+} l^{-}$$

sulimarinum sulimarin 6,7-dihydroxy-4-methylcoumarin bis(hydrogensulfate)  $C_{10}H_BO_{10}S_2$ 

tandaminum tandamine 1-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-9-ethyl-1,3,4,9-tetrahydro-1-methylthiopyrano-[3,4-b]indole C18H26N2S

teflutixolum teflutixol

4-[3-[6-fluoro-2-(trifluoromethyl)thioxanthen-9-yl]propyl]-1-piperazineethanol C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>F<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS

terbuprolum terbuprol 1-tert-butoxy-3-methoxy-2-propanol C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>18</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

terfenadinum terfenadine

 $\alpha$ -(p-tert-butylphenyl)-4-(hydroxydiphenylmethyl)-1-piperidinebutanol C32H41NO2

terofenamatum terofenamate ethoxymethyl N-(2,6-dichloro-m-tolyl)anthranilate  $C_{17}H_{17}Cl_2NO_3$ 

## tibezonii iodidum tibezonium iodide

diethylmethyl [2-[[4-[ $\rho$ -(phenylthio)phenyl]-3H-1,5-benzodiazepin-2-yl]thio]ethyl]ammonium iodide C2aH32lN3S2

#### tinofedrinum tinofedrine

 $\alpha\text{-}[1\text{-}[(3,3\text{-di-}3\text{-thienylallyl})\text{amino}]\text{ethyl}]\text{benzyl alcohol } C_{20}H_{21}NOS_2$ 

## trociminum trocimine

octahydro-1-(3,4,5-trimethoxybenzoyl)azocine  $C_{17}H_{25}NO_4$ 

# **AMENDMENTS** TO PREVIOUS LISTS

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# Proposed International Nonproprietary Names (Prop. INN): List 25

p.	129	delete
		cloxifenolum
		cloxifenol

insert triclosanum triclosan

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# Proposed International Nonproprietary Names (Names (Prop. INN): List 28

p. 427 delete

oxaprazınum oxaprazine.

10-[3-[4-(2-m-dioxan-2-ylethyl)-1-piperazinyl]propyl]pheno-

thiazine

C25 H33 N3O2S

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# Proposed International Nonproprietary Names (Prop. INN): List 29

p. 131 delete lisocillidum Irsocillide

insert libecıllidum libecillide

p. 138 timololum

timolol

replace molecular formula by the following:

C13H24N4O3S

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# Proposed International Nonproprietary Names (Prop. INN): List 30

p. 380 delete

acidum azolinicum azolinic acid

insert

cınoxacinum cinoxacin

p. 388 dexnorgestrelum

dexnorgestrel

replace chemical name by the following:

D-13-ethyl-17-hydroxy-18,19-dinor-17a-pregn-4-en-20-yn-3-one

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# Proposed International Nonproprietary Names (Prop. INN): List 31

p. 144 idropranololum idropranolol

replace graphic formula by the following:

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#### p. 121 delete the following entries

 sorbimacrogoli lauras 300 sorbimacrogol laurate 300 sorbimacrogoli stearas 300 sorbimacrogol stearate 300

sorbimacrogoli oleas 100 sorbimacrogol oleate 100

sorbimacrogoli trioleas 300 sorbimacrogol trioleate 300

sorbimacrogoli oleas 300 sorbimacrogol oleate 300

sorbimacrogoli tristearas 300 sorbimacrogol tristearate 300

sorbimacrogoli palmitas 300 sorbimacrogol palmitate 300

p. 110 insert after the entry " polynoxylinum "

polysorbatum polysorbate polyoxyethylene derivative of cyclic sorbitol anhydrides partially esterified with a fatty acid.

The numbered polysorbates indicated below refer to the following compounds: e.g.

polysorbate 20: polyethylene 20 sorbitan\* monolaurate

C58H114O26 (nominal)

polysorbate 40: polyethylene 20 sorbitan\* monopalmitate

C62H122O26 (nominal)

polysorbate 60: polyethylene 20 sorbitan\* monostearate

C64H126O26 (nominal)

polysorbate 65: polyethylene 20 sorbitan\* tristearate

C100H124O28 (nominal)

polysorbate 80: polyethylene 20 sorbitan\* mono-oleate

C64H124O26 (nominal)

polysorbate 85: polyethylene 20 sorbitan\* trioleate

C100H18BO2B (nominal)

<sup>\*</sup> polypxyethylene 20 sorbitan corresponds to tris(polyethylene glycol 300) sorbitan ethers.

#### 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 e 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 nacopoela commissions or other budies 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. Wid Hith Org., 1955, 60, 3) and amended by the Board in resolution EB43.R9 (Off. Rec. Wid Hith Org., 1969, 173, 10).
- <sup>1</sup> 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\*

- 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 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.
- In devising names for acids, oneword 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".

- 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 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.

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	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	-chile	-curium	
	-cyclinum	-cycline	-cycline	
	-estr-	-estr-	-cycline -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	-teroi	-térol	
	-tizidum	-tizide	-tizide	
	-toinum	-toin	-toīne	
	-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 acridine 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-nitrofuran derivates 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

quaternary ammonium compounds