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Names for Pharmaceutical Substances

nternational Nonproprietary

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 "le World Health Organization as Proposed International Nonproprietary Names.

Comments on, or formal objections to, the proposed names may be forwarded by any person to Pharmaceuticals unit 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 37 ²

Proposed International Nonproprietary Name (Latin, English) Chemical Name or Description, Molecular and Graphic Formulae Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) registry number

acidum clodronicum clodronic acid

(dichloromethylene)diphosphonic acid CH₄Cl₂O₆P₂ 10596-23-3

Comprehensive information on the INN programme can be found in: WHO Technical Report Series, No. 581. 1975 (Nonproprietary Names for Pharmaceutical Substances. Twentieth Report of the WHO Expert Committee), ISBN 92 4 120581 4 (price: Sw. fr. 6.—); an account of this publication will be found on page 21 of this Supplement (Annex 2). All names from Lists 1.—15 of Proposed International Nonproprietary Names, together with Cumulative list No. 4, 1976, World Health Organization, Geneva, 1976 (ISBN 92 4 056009 2) (price: Sw. fr. 48.-). This publication consists, in the main, of a computer printout which groups together all the proposed and recommended international nonproprietary names (INN)-in Latin, English, French, Russian, and Spanish—published up to March 1976. The printout also indicates in which of the 35 individual lists of proposed names and 15 lists of recommended names, each INN was originally published, and gives references to national nonproprietary names, pharmacopoeia monographs, and other sources. In addition, the list contains molecular formulae and Chemical Abstracts Service registry numbers. For easy reference, national nonproprietary names that differ from INN, molecular formulae, and Chemical Abstracts Service registry numbers are indexed in a series of annexes. A final annex describes the procedure for selecting recommended INN and outlines the general principles to be followed in devising these names. All the textual material published in this volume appears in both English and French. These publications 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.

Wld Hlth Org., 1955, 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; 1973, 27, 453; supplements to WHO Chronicle, 1974, Vol. 28, No. 10; 1975, Vol. 29, No. 10; 1976, Vol. 30, No. 10.

¹ See Annex 1, p. 20

² Other lists of proposed international non-proprietary names can be found in *Chron. Wid 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;} supplements to WHO Chronicle, 1974, Vol. 28, No. 9; 1975, Vol. 29, No. 3, No. 9; 1976, Vol. 30, No. 3, No. 9.

Lists of recommended international nonproprietary names were published in Chron.

acidum iomorinicum iomorinic acid

2-methyl-N-[2,4,6-triiodo-3-[(1-morpholinoethylidene)amino]benzoyl]- β -alanine C₁₇H₂₀I₃N₃O₄ 51934-76-0

acidum iotetricum iotetric acid

3.3'- [ethylenebis (oxyethyleneoxymethylenecarbonylimino)] bis- [2,4,6-triiodobenzoic acid] C24H22l6N2O10 60019-19-4

acidum ioxaglicum ioxaglic acid

acidum persilicum persilic acid 2,5-dihydroxy-p-benzenedisulfonic acid C6H6O8S2 4444-23-9

acidum sultosilicum sultosilic acid 2,5-dihydroxybenzenesulfonic acid 5-p-toluenesulfonate C₁₃H₁₂O₇S₂ 57775-26-5

almitrinum almitrine 2,4-bis(allylamino)-6-[4-[bis(p-fluorophenyl)methyl]-1-piperazinyl]-s-triazine C₂₆H₂₉F₂N₇ 27469-53-0

anthioliminum anthiolimine mercaptosuccinic acid triester with thioantimonic acid (H_3SbS_3), hexalithium salt $C_{12}H_9LisO_{12}S_3Sb$ 305-97-5

arfalasinum arfalasin O Ph H₂NCCH₂CH₂C-L-Arg-L-Val-L-Tyr-L-Val-L-H1s-L-Pro-L-Gly-OH bamnidazolum bamnidazole 2-methyl-5-nitroimidazole-1-ethanol carbamate (ester) C7H10N4O4 31478-45-2

$$CH_2-CH_2-OOC-NH_2$$
 O_2N-N
 CH_3

benpenolisinum benpenolisin N^{6} -[D-2-[(2*R*,4*S*)-4-carboxy-5,5-dimethyl-2-thiazolidinyl]- N-(phenylacetyl)glycyl]-L-lysine monopotassium salt, dodecapeptide H[C₂₂H₂₉KN₄O₅S]₁₂OH or C₂₆4H₃₅₆K₁₂N₄₈O₆₁S₁₂ 61990-92-9

binodalinum binodaline $\begin{array}{lll} \hbox{1-[[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]} \\ \hbox{1-[3-[dimethylamino]-3-phenylindole} \\ \hbox{1-[3-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]} \\ \hbox{1-[3-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]} \\ \hbox{1-[3-(dimethylamino)ethyl]} \\ \hbox{1-[$

brazergolinum brazergoline

2-bromo-6-methylergoline-8 β -methanol hexahydro-1H-azepine-1-carboxylate (ester) C23H3oBrN3O2 60019-20-7

budesonidum budesonide 11 β ,16 α ,17,21-tetrahydroxypregna-1,4-diene-3,20-dione cyclic 16,17-acetal with butyraldehyde C25H34O6 51333-22-3

cinromidum cinromide

(E)-m-bromo-N-ethylcinnamamide C₁₁H₁₂BrNO 58473-74-8

citalopramum citalopram $\begin{array}{lll} \hbox{1-[3-(dimethylamino)propy!]-1-(p-fluorophenyl)-5-phthalancarbonitrile} \\ \hbox{C$_{20}$H$_{21}$FN$_{20}} & 59729-33-8 \end{array}$

clofoctolum clofoctol $\alpha\text{-}(2.4\text{-}dichlorophenyl)\text{-}4\text{-}(1,1,3,3\text{-}tetramethylbutyl})\text{-}\textit{o}\text{-}cresol C21H26Cl2O}$ 37693-01-9

dimetipirii bromidum dimetipirium bromide 1-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1,2,5-trimethylpyrrolidinium bromide benzilate C23H30BrNO3 51047-24-6

doconazolum doconazole cis-1-[[4-[(4-biphenylyloxy)methyl]-2-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-1,3-dioxolan-2-yl]methyl]imidazole $C_{26}H_{22}Cl_2N_2O_3$ 59831-63-9

drobulinum drobuline $\begin{array}{ll} (\pm)\,\text{-1-(isopropylamino)-4,4-diphenyl-2-butanol} \\ C_{19}H_{25}NO & 58473-73-7 \end{array}$

emilii tosilas emilium tosilate ethyl(m-methoxybenzyl)dimethylammonium p-toluenesulfonate $C_{19}H_{27}NO_4S$ 30716-01-9

$$\begin{bmatrix} CH_{3} & CH_{2} & CH_{3} \\ CH_{3} & CH_{3} \end{bmatrix}^{+} CH_{3}$$

exalamidum exalamide o-(hexyloxy)benzamide C₁₃H₁₉NO₂ 53370-90-4

fexinidazolum fexinidazole $\begin{array}{lll} \hbox{1-methyl-2-[[\it p-(methylthio)phenoxy]methyl]-5-nitroimidazole} \\ \hbox{C$_{12}$H$_{13}$N$_{3}$O$_{3}$S} & \hbox{59729-37-2} \end{array}$

flecainidum flecainide N-(2-piperidylmethyl)-2,5-bis(2,2,2-tnfluoroethoxy)benzamide $C_{17}H_{20}F_6N_2O_3$ 54143-55-4

fluotracenum fluotracen (\pm)-cis-9,10-dihydro-N,N,10-trimethyl-2-(trifluoromethyl)-9-anthracenepropylamine C₂₁H₂₄F₃N 35764-73-9

fluquazonum fluquazone 6-chloro-4-phenyl-1-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)-2(1H)quinazolinone C16H10ClF3N2O 37554-40-8

fosfosalum fosfosal salicylic acid dihydrogen phosphate C7H7OsP 6064-83-1

furodazolum furodazole 2-(2-furyl)-7-methyl-1*H*-imidazo[4,5-*f*]quinolin-9-ol C₁₅H₁₁N₃O₂ 56119-96-1

gestodenum gestodene 13-ethyl-17-hydroxy-18,19-dinor-17a-pregna-4,15-dien-20-yn-3-one C₂₁H₂₆O₂ 60282-87-3

gitaloxinum gitaloxin gitoxin 16-formate C₄₂H₆₄O₁₅ 3261-53-8

glusoferronum glusoferron D-gluconic acid polymer with D-glucitol, iron(3+) salt 56959-18-3

iclazepamum iclazepam

7-chloro-1-[2-(cyclopropylmethoxy)ethyl]-1,3-dihydro-5-phenyl-2H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2-one 57916-70-8 C21H21CIN2O2

imexonum imexon

4-imino-1,3-diazabicyclo[3.1.0]hexan-2-one C4H5N3O 59643-91-3

indenololum indenolol

1-[inden-4(or 7)-yloxy]-3-(isopropylamino)-2-propanol 60607-68-3 C15H21NO2

insulinum defalanum insulin defalan

1B-de(L-phenylalanine)insulin The source of the product should be indicated in brackets behind the name, e.g. "Insulin defalan (porcine)" or "Insulin defalan (bovine)". C247H372N64O75S6 C245H368N64O74S6

11091-62-6 (porcine)

51798-72-2 (bovine)

isamfazonum isamfazone

(-)-N-methyl-N-(α -methylphenethyl)-6-oxo-3-phenyl-1(6H)pyridazineacetamide C22H23N3O2 55902-02-8

isoxepacum isoxepac 6,11-dihydro-11-oxodibenz[b,e] oxepin-2-acetic acid C₁₆H₁₂O₄ 55453-87-7

levopropylhexedrinum levopropylhexedrine (-)-N,α-dimethylcyclohexaneethylamine C₁₀H₂₁N 6192-97-8

lomifyllinum Iomifylline 7-(5-oxohexyl)theophylline C₁₃H₁₈N₄O₃ 10226-54-7

megalomicinum megalomicin (3R, 4S, 5S, 6R, 7R, 9R, 11R, 13R, 14R)-4-[(2,6-dideoxy-3-C-methyl- α -L-ribo-hexopyranosyl)oxy]-14-ethyl-7,13-dihydroxy-3,5,7,9,11,13-hexamethyl-12-[[2,3,6-trideoxy-3-(dimethylamino)- β -D-lyxo-hexopyranosyl]oxy]-6-[[3,4,6-trideoxy-3-(dimethylamino)- β -D-xylo-hexopyranosyl]oxy]oxacyclotetradecane-2,10-dione C44H80N2O15 28022-11-9

milenperonum milenperone 5-chloro-1-[3-[4-(p-fluorobenzoyl)piperidino]propyl]-2-benzimidazolinone C₂₂H₂₃CIFN₃O₂ 59831-64-0

zoliminumبنت. zolimine^ا

3-amino-1-(3,4-dichloro-a-methylbenzyl)-2-pyrazolin-5-one C₁₁H₁₁Cl₂N₃O 55294-15-0

natrii picofosfas sodium picofosfate

4,4'-(2-pyridylmethylene) diphenol bis(dihydrogen phosphate) tetrasodium salt C18H13NNa4O8P2 36175-05-0

ក្សា ការបកzidum nifurzide

5-nitro-2-thiophenecarboxylic acid [3-(5-nitro-2-furyl)allylidene]hydrazide C12H8N4O6S 39978-42-2

nilprazolum nilprazole

4-[[1-(2-benzoylethyl)-2-benzimidazolyl]methyl]-N-isopropyl-1-piperazineacetamide C26H33N5O2 60662-19-3

nimustinum nimustine 3-[(4-amino-2-methyl-5-pyrimidinyl)methyl]-1-(2-chloroethyl)-

1-nitrosourea CeHtaClNeO2

42471-28-3

nisterimum nisterime 2α-chloro-17 β -hydroxy-5α-androstan-3-one O-(ρ -nitrophenyl) oxime C₂₅H₃₃ClN₂O₄ 51355-32-6

nivimedonum nivimedone 5,6-dimethyl-2-nitro-1,3-indandione C₁₁H₉NO₄ 49561-92-4

nolinii bromidum nolinium bromide 2-(3,4-dichloroanilino) quinolizinium bromide C₁₅H₁₁BrCl₂N₂ 40759-33-9

octastinum octastine 1-[2-[(p-chloro-a-methyl-a-phenylbenzyl)oxy]ethyl]octahydroazocine C₂₃H₃₀ClNO 59767-12-3

oxametacinum oxametacin 1-(p-chlorobenzoyl)-5-methoxy-2-methylindole-3-acetohydroxamic acid C₁₉H₁₇CIN₂O₄ 27035-30-9

oxidopaminum "Jopamine

5-(2-aminoethyl)-1,2,4-benzenetriol CaH₁₁NO₃ 1199-18-4

penprostenum penprostene

 $\begin{array}{lll} (\pm) - (Z) - 7 - [(1R*,2R*) - 2 - [(E) - 3R* - 5 - e thoxy - 3 - hydroxy - 4,4 - d imethyl - 1 - pentenyl] - 5 - oxo - 3 - cyclopenten - 1 - yl] - 5 - heptenoic acid \\ C_{21}H_{32}O_5 & 61557 - 12 - 8 \end{array}$

pentizidonum pentizidone

(R)-4-[(1-methyl-3-oxo-1-butenyl)amino]-3-isoxazolidinone CsH $_{12}$ N $_{2}$ O $_{3}$ 55694-83-2

piberalinum piberaline

1-benzyl-4-picolinoylpiperazine C₁₇H₁₉N₃O 39640-15-8

pifarninum pifarnine 1-piperonyl-4-(3,7,11-trimethyl-2,6,10-dodecatrienyl) piperazine C27H4oN2O2 56208-01-6

pitenodilum pitenodil 2-[4-[3-(2-thenoyl)propyl]-1-piperazınyl]ethyl dimethylcarbamate C17H27N3O3S 59840-71-0

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ponfibratum ponfibrate ethyl trans-2,10-dichloro-12-methyl-12H-dibenzo [d,g] [1,3]dioxocin-6-carboxylate C₁₈H₁₆Cl₂O₄ 53341-49-4

procaterolum procaterol 8-hydroxy-5- [1-hydroxy-2-(isopropylamino)butyl]carbostyril $C_{16}H_{22}N_2O_3$ 60443-17-6

repromicinum repromicin

16-ethyl-4-hydroxy-5,9,13,15-tetramethyl-2,10-dioxo-6-[[3,4,6-trideoxy-3-(dimethylamino)- β -D-xylo-hexopyranosyl]oxy]oxacyclohexadeca-11,13-diene-7-acetaidehyde C31H51NO8 56689-42-0

salinomycinum salinomycin salinomycin *or* (aR,2R,5S,6R)-a-ethyl-6-[(1S,2S,3S,5R)-5-[(2S,5S,7R,9S,10S,12R,15R)-2-[(2R,5R,6S)-5-ethyltetrahydro-5-hydroxy-6-methyl-2H-pyran-2-yl]-15-hydroxy-2,10,12-trimethyl-1,6,8-trioxadispiro [4.1,5,3]-pentadec-13-en-9-yl]-2-hydroxy-1,3-dimethyl-4-oxoheptyl]-tetrahydro-5-methyl-2H-pyran-2-acetic acid $C_{42}H_{70}O_{11}$ 53003-10-4

penoxum _ ∉rbenox (4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-7-oxobenzo[b]thien-4-yl)urea C₉H₁₀N₂O₂S 58095-31-1

sulprostonum sulprostone {Z}-7-[(1R,2R,3R)-3-hydroxy-2-[(E)-(3R)-3-hydroxy-4-phenoxy-1-butenyl]-5-oxocyclopentyl]-N-(methylsulfonyl)-5-heptenamide C₂₃H₃₁NO₇S 60325-46-4

thiazinamii metilsulfas thiazinamium metilsulfate trimethyl(1-methyl-2-phenothiazin-10-ylethyl)ammonium methyl sulfate C19H26N2O4S2 58-34-4

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$$\begin{bmatrix} CH_{3} \\ CH_{2}-CH-N(CH_{3})_{3} \\ N \end{bmatrix} + H_{3}C-O-S-O-O_{2}$$

tioctilatum tioctilate

S-octyl thiobenzoate C₁₅H₂₂OS 10489-23-3

tioperidonum tioperidone 3-[4-[4-[o-(propylthio)phenyl]-1-piperazinyl]butyl]-2,4(1<math>H,3H)-quinazolinedione $C_{25}H_{32}N_4O_2S$ 52618-67-4

tixanoxum tixanoxum

7-(methylsulfinyl)-9-oxoxanthene-2-carboxylic acid C1sH1oOsS 40691-50-7

trifluridinum trifluridine 2'-deoxy-5-(trifluoromethyl)uridine C10H11F3N2O5 70-00-8

triflusalum triflusal

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a,a,a-trifluoro-2,4-cresotic acid acetate C10H7F3O4 322-79-2

uredofosum uredofos diethyl [thio[o-[3-(p-tolylsulfonyl)ureido]phenyl]carbamoyl]-phosphoramidate C19H25N4OsPS2 52406-01-6

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urefibratum urefibrate glyoxyloylurea aldehydo-[bis(ρ -chlorophenył) acetał] C₁₅H₁₂Cl₂N₂O₄ 38647-79-9

vetrabutinum vetrabutine

N,N-dimethyl- α -(3-phenylpropyl) veratrylamine $C_{20}H_{27}NO_2$ 3735-45-3

vincanolum vincanol vincanol C19H24N2O

19877-89-5

ximoprofenum ximoprofen p-(3-oxocyclohexyl)hydratropic acid oxime C15H19NO3 56187-89-4

zomepiracum zomepirac 5-(p-chlorobenzoyl)-1,4-dimethylpyrrole-2-acetic acid C₁₅H₁₄CINO₃ 33369-31-2

AMENDMENTS TO PREVIOUS LISTS

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	delete	insert	V	
p. 65	glidanilum glidanile	; glicetanilum glicetanile		
p. 114	propylhexedrinum propylhexedrine	Replace chemical name by the following:(+)-N,a-dimethylcyclohexaneethylamine		
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pos	sed International Nonpropi	rietary Names (Prop	. INN): List 28	
p. 417	carbidopum carbidopa	Complete chemical name by preceding it by " (-)-L-"		
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Propos	ed International Nonpropr	ietary Names (Prop	. INN): List 35	
p. 2	alrestatinum alrestatin	Replace chemical name, molecular formula and CAS registry No. by the following: 1,3-dioxo-1 <i>H</i> -benz[de]isoquinoline-2(3 <i>H</i>)-acetic acid C14H9NO4 51411-04-2		
		Graphic formula ;	replace " -COONa " by " -COOH ".	

(Supersedes amendment published with List 36 proposed INN.)

Annex 1

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.
 - 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 viously filed have been withdrawn, we 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. Hith Org., 1955, 60, 3) and amended Roard in resolution EB43.R9 (Off. Rec. and Hith Org., 1969, 173, 10).
- 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

- International Nonproprietary Names (INN) should be distinctive in sound and spelling. They should not be inconveniently long and should not be liable to confusion with names in common use.
- 2. The INN 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 anatomical, physiological, pathological or therapeutic suggestion should be avoided.

These primary principles are to be implemented by using the following secondary principles

- 3. In devising the INN of the first substance in a new pharmacological group, consideration should be given to the possibility of devising suitable INN for related substances, belonging to the new group.
- 4. In devising INN 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 ".
- 5. INN 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.

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.

6. The use of an isolated letter лиmber should be avoided: hyphenated construction is also undesirable.

To facilitate the translation and pronunciation of INN, "f" should be used instead of "ph", "t" instead of "th", "e" instead of ae " or " oe ", and " i " instead of

Latin English French -actidum -actide -actide andr andr andr -arolum -arol -arol -azepamum -azepam -azépam bol bol bol -buzonum -buzone -buzone าเกษต -caine -caine cefcéf--cillinum -cillin -cilline COR CORT cort -cyclinum -cycline -cycline estr estr estr -fibratum -fibrate -fibrate -forminum -formin -formine gest dest gest gligliglıioioiα--ium -itum -ium -metacinum -metacin -métacine -mycinum -mycin -mycine -nidazolum -nidazole -nidazole -ololum lola--olo! -onidum -onide -onide -orexum -orex -orex -praminum -pramine -pramine -profenum -profen -profène prost prost prost -relinum -relin -réline sulfasulfasulfa--terolum -terol -térol -tizidum -tizide -tizide -verinum -verine -vérine

"y"; the use of the letters "h" and "k" should be avoided.

8. 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.

9. Group relationship in INN (see

Guiding Principle 2) should if possible be shown by using a stem from the following list. The stem should only be used for substances of the appropriate group. Where a stem is shown without any hyphens it may be used anywhere in the name. Subsidiary group relationships should be shown by devising INN which show similarities to and are analogous with a previously named

substance.

synthetic polypeptides with a corticotrophin-like action steroids, androgens anticoagulants of the dicoumarol group substances of the diazepam group steroids, anabolic anti-inflammatory analgesics of the phenylbutazone group local anaesthetics antibiotics, derivatives of cefalosporanic acid

antibiotics, derivatives of 6-aminopenicillanic acid corticosteroids, except those of the prednisolone group antibiotics of the tetracycline group

estrogenic substances substances of the clofibrate group hypoglycemics of the phenformin group steroids, progestogens

sulfonamide hypoglycemics iodine-containing contrast media quaternary ammonium compounds anti-inflammatory substances of the indometacin group

antibiotics, produced by Streptomyces strains antiprotozoal substances of the metronidazole group eta-adrenergic blocking agents of the propranolol group steroids for topical use, containing an acetal group

anorexigenic agents, phenethylamine derivatives substances of the imipramine group

anti-inflammatory substances of the ibuprofen group prostaglandins

hypophyseal hormone release-stimulating peptides sulfonamides, anti-infective

bronchodilators, phenethylamine derivatives

diuretics of the chlorothiazide group spasmolytics with a papaverine-like action

Annex 2

NONPROPRIETARY NAMES FOR PHARMACEUTICAL SUBSTANCES: TWENTIETH REPORT OF THE WHO EXPERT COMMITTEE

In its twentieth report 1 the WHO **Expert Committee on Nonproprietary** Names for Pharmaceutical Substances reviewed the general principles for devising, and the procedures for selecting, international nonproprietary names (INN) in the light of developments in pharmaceutical compounds in recent years. The most significant recent change has been the extension to the naming of synthetic chemical substances of the practice previously used for substances originating in or derived from natural products. This practice involves employing a characteristic "stem" indicative of a common property of the members of a group. The reasons for, and the implications of, the change are fully

discussed. Also reported is the intention to change the practice with regard to the nomenclature of individual members of polymeric series.

Other sections of the report concern instructions to be followed by bodies making application for international nonproprietary names, the availability of computer-printed cumulative lists of international nonproprietary names, information supplied by WHO Member States concerning their official use of national or international names for pharmaceutical products, and proposals relative to the withdrawal of international nonproprietary names allocated to substances that are no longer in use.

The official texts relating to the procedures for selecting, and general

guidance for devising, international nonproprietary names are reproduced in two annexes to the report, Other annexes give examples of international nonproprietary names that incorporate selected stems, the most frequently used initial groups of letters in international nonproprietary names, a historical review of the programme of selecting international nonproprietary names, some useful literature references, and a model of the form to be used in all applications for international nonproprietary names.

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