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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, 1 notice is hereby given that the following names are under consideration by the World Health Organizaon as Proposed International Inonproprietary 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 WHO Drug Information, e.g., for List 57 Prop. INN not later than 31 October 1987.

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 572

Proposed International Nonproprietary Name (Latin, English)

Chemical Name or Description, Molecular and Graphic Formulae Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) registry number

adibendanum adibendan 5,7-dihydro-7,7-dimethyl-2-(4-pyridyl)pyrrolo[2,3-f]benzimidazol-6(3H)-one C<sub>16</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O 100510-33-6

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 in Annex 2 of the present List. All names from Lists 1–47 of Proposed International Nonproprietary Names, together with a molecular formula index, will be found in: International Nonproprietary Names (INNN) for Pharmaceutical Substances. Cumulative List No. 6, 1982, World Health Organization, Geneva (ISBN 92.4 056013.0) (price: Sw. fr. 55.—) This publication consists, in the main, of a computer printout which groups together all the proposed and recommended international nonproprietary names (INNN)—in Latin, English, French, Russian, and Spanish—published up to April 1982. The printout also indicates in which of the 47 individual lists of proposed names and 21 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 in Namid 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, direct or through booksellers, from the sales agents listed on the back cover of WHO Drug Information. Orders from countries where sales agents have not yet been appointed may be addressed to: World Health Organization, Distribution and Sales Service, 1211 Geneva 27, Switzerland.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Annex 1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Other lists of proposed and recommended international nonproprietary names can be found in Cumulative List No. 6, 1982.

aloxistatinum aloxistatin

ethyl (+)-(2S,3S)-2,3-epoxy-N-[(S)-1-(isopentylcarbamoyl)-3-methylbutyl]succinamate  $C_{17}H_{30}N_2O_5$  88321-09-9

anarıtıdum anarıtide H-Arg-Ser-Ser-Cys-Phe-Gly-Gly-Arg-Met-Asp-Arg-He-Gly-Ala-Gln-Ser-

argatrobanum argatroban (2R,4R)-4-methyl-1-[(S)- $N^2$ -[[(RS)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-3-methyl-8-quinolyl]-sulfonyl]arginyl]pipecolic acid C<sub>22</sub>H<sub>36</sub>N<sub>6</sub>O<sub>5</sub>S 74863-84-6

bemarinonum bemarinone 5,6-dimethoxy-4-methyl-2(1H)-quinazolinone  $C_{11}H_{12}N_2O_3$  92210-43-0

benexatum benexate benzył salicylate, trans-4-(guanidinomethyl)cyclohexanecarboxylate  $C_{23}H_{27}N_3O_4$  78718-52-2

beperidii iodidum beperidium iodide

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cis-1-ethyl-4-hydroxy-1-methylpiperidinium iodide ( $\pm$ )-a-(hexahydro-1H-azepin-1-yl)-,1,2-benzisoxazole-3-acetate, mixture with trans-1-ethyl-4-hydroxy-1-methylpiperidinium iodide ( $\pm$ )-a-(hexahydro-1H-azepin-1-yl)-1,2-benzisoxaxole-3-acetate (1:1)  $C_{23}H_{24}IN_3O_3$  86434-57-3

bermoprofenum bermoprofen (±)-10,11-dihydro-a,8-dimethyl-11-oxodibenz[b,f]oxepin-2-acetic acid C18H18O4 72619-34-2

eprofenum pileprofen

 $(\pm)$ -2'-chloro- $\alpha$ -methyl-4-biphenylacetic acid, ester with 1-glycoloyl-4-methylpiperazine  $C_{22}H_{23}CIN_2O_3$  108210-73-7

bisfentidinum bisfentidine N-isopropyl-N'-[ $\rho$ -(2-methylimidazol-4-yl)phenyl]formamidine  $C_{14}H_{18}N_4$  \_ 96153-56-9

cefepimum cefepime

 $\begin{array}{lll} 1-[[(6R,7R)-7-[2-(2-amino-4-thiazolyl)]glyoxylamido]-2-carboxy-8-oxo-5-thia-1-azabicyclo[4\ 2.0]oct-2-en-3-yl]methyl-1-methylpyrrolidinium hydroxide, inner Salt, <math display="inline">7^2-(Z)-(O-methyloxime)\\ C_{19}H_{24}N_4O_3S_2 & 88040-23-7 \end{array}$ 

cefmepidii chloridum cefmepidium chloride  $\begin{array}{lll} 4\text{-}[[[(6R,7R)\text{-}7\text{-}[2\text{-}(2\text{-}amino\text{-}4\text{-}thiazolyl)glyoxylamido}]\text{-}2\text{-}carboxy\text{-}8\text{-}oxo\text{-}5\text{-}thia-}1\text{-}azabicyclo[4\text{-}2\text{-}0]oct\text{-}2\text{-}en\text{-}3\text{-}yl]methyl]thio]\text{-}1\text{-}methylpyridinium chloride} \\ 7^2\text{-}(Z)\text{-}[O\text{-}(1\text{-}carboxy\text{-}1\text{-}methylethyl)oxime}] \\ S\text{-}oxide \\ C_{23}H_{23}\text{CIN}_4\text{O}_8\text{S}_3 & 107452\text{-}79\text{-}9 \end{array}$ 

cefpodoximum cefpodoxime

 $(\pm)\text{-1-hydroxyethyl}\ (+)\text{-(6R,7R)-7-[2-(2-amino-4-thiazolyl)glyoxylamido]-3-} (methoxymethyl)-8-oxo-5-thia-1-azabicyclo[4.2.0]oct-2-ene-2-carboxylate, 7²-(Z)-(O-methyloxime), isopropyl carbonate (ester) <math display="inline">C_2, H_{27}N_3O_9S_2$  87239-81-4

clopidogrelum clopidogrel methyl ( $\pm$ )-a-(o-chlorophenyl)-6,7-dihydrothieno[3,2-c]pyridine-5(4H)-acetate C<sub>1s</sub>H<sub>1s</sub>ClNO<sub>2</sub>S 94188-84-8

daltrobanum daltroban

[p-[2-(p-chlorobenzenesulfonamido)ethyl]phenyl]acetic acid  $C_{16}H_{16}CINO_6S$  79094-20-5

datelliptii chloridum datelliptium chloride 2-[2-(diethylamino)ethyl]-9-hydroxy-5,11-dimethyl-6*H*-pyrido[4,3-*b*]-carbazolium chloride

C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>26</sub>CiN<sub>3</sub>O 105118-14-7

dexamethasoni acefuras dexamethasone acefurate CH<sub>3</sub> - O - C - CH<sub>3</sub>

CH<sub>3</sub> - O - C - CH<sub>3</sub>

CH<sub>3</sub> + H + H - - - CH<sub>3</sub>

dobupridum dobupride 4-amino-2-butoxy-5-chloro-N-[1-(1,3-dioxolan-2-ylmethyl)-4-piperidyl]benzamide  $C_{zo}H_{zo}CIN_{z}O_{4}$  106707-51-1

dramedilolum dramedilol

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acetone ( $\pm$ )-[6-[3-[(3,4-dimethoxyphenethyl)amino]-2-hydroxypropoxy]-3-pyridazinyl]hydrazone  $C_{20}H_{29}N_3O_4$  76953-65-6

H<sub>3</sub>C C=N-N N N N O-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH-CH<sub>2</sub>-NH-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub> OCH<sub>3</sub>

droxidopa droxidopa (-)-threo-3-(3,4-dihydroxyphenyl)-L-serine  $C_8H_{11}NO_5$  23651-95-8

ebrotidinum ebrotidine

p-bromo-N-[[[2-[[[2-[(diaminomethylene)amino]-4-thiazolyl]methyl]-thio]ethyl]amino]methylene]benzenesulfonamide C.H.,BrN.O.S. 100981-43-9

$$H - C$$

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eltoprazinum eltoprazine

1-(1,4-benzodioxan-5-yl)piperazine C<sub>12</sub>H<sub>16</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 98224-03-4

elziverinum elziverine

6,7-dimethoxy-4-[[4-(o-methoxyphenyl)-1-piperazinyl]methyl]-1-veratryliso-

C32H37N3O5 95520-81-3

eprovafenum eprovaten

5-(3-phenylpropyl)-2-thiophenevaleric acid C, H22O2S 101335-99-3

epsiprantelum epsiprantel

 $(\pm)$ -2-(cyclohexylcarbonyl)-2,3,6,7,8,12b-hexahydropyrazino[2,1-a][2]benz-

C20 H26 N2 O2 98123-83-2

etanidazolum etanidazole N-(2-hydroxyethyl)-2-nitroimidazole-1-acetamide  $C_7H_{10}N_4O_4$  22668-01-5

etofenproxum etofenprox

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α-[(p-ethoxy-β,β-dimethylphenethyl)oxy]-m-phenoxytoluene C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>28</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 80844-07-1

exametazimum exametazime ( $\pm$ )-(3RS, 3'RS)-3,3'-[(2,2-dimethyltrimethylene)diimino]di-2-butanone dioxime C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 105613-48-7

fotemustinum fotemustine ( $\pm$ )-diethyl [1-{3-(2-chloroethyl)-3-nitrosoureido]ethyl]phosphonate C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>19</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>5</sub>P 92118-27-9

guaisteinum guaisteine thioacetic acid, S-ester with  $(\pm)$ -3-(mercaptoacetyl)-2-[(o-methoxyphenoxy)methyl]thiazolidine  $C_{13}H_{19}NO_4S_2$  103181-72-2

ibacitabınum ibacitabıne 2'-deoxy-5-iodocytidine C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>12</sub>IN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> 611-53-0

indolidanum indolidan 3,3-dimethyl-5-(1,4,5,6-tetrahydro-6-oxo-3-pyridazinyl)-2-indolinone  $C_{14}H_{19}N_3O_2$  100643-96-7

iobenguanum (131) iobenguane (131)  $(m\text{-iodo-}^{121}P\text{-benzyl})$ guanidine  $C_0H_{10}^{123}IN_3$  77679-27-7

lacidipinum lacidipine 4-[o-[(E)-2-carboxyvinyl]phenyl]-1,4-dihydro-2,6-dimethyl-3,5-pyridine-dicarboxylic acid, 4-tert-butyl diethyl ester C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>32</sub>NO<sub>6</sub> 103980-78-4

levocarnitinum levocarnitine (L-3-carboxy-2-hydroxypropyl)trimethylammonium hydroxide, inner salt  $C_7H_{19}NO_3$  541-15-1

levofenfluraminum levofenfluramine (-)-(R)-N-ethyl- $\alpha$ -methyl-m-(trifluoromethyl)phenethylamine  $C_{12}H_{16}F_{21}N$  37577-24-5

"xazinonum , jazinone N-cyclohexyl-N-methyl-4-[(1,2,3,5-tetrahydro-2-oxoimidazo[2,1-b]quinazolin-7-yl)oxy]butyramide  $C_{21}H_{28}N_4O_3 \qquad 94192-59-3$ 

lodaxaprinum lodaxaprine 1-[6-(o-chlorophenyl)-3-pyridazinyl]-4-piperidinol  $C_{13}H_{16}CIN_3O$  93181-81-8

loperamidum oxidum loperamide oxide trans-4-(p-chlorophenyl)-4-hydroxy-N,N-dimethyl- $\alpha$ , $\alpha$ -diphenyl-1-piperidinebutyramide 1-oxide C<sub>28</sub>H<sub>33</sub>CIN<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 106900-12-3

lorcinadolum lorcinadol

(E)-3-chloro-6-(4-cinnamyl-1-piperazinyl)pyridazine  $C_{17}H_{19}CIN_4$  104719-71-3

lovastatinum lovastatin

(S)-2-methylbutyric acid, 8-ester with (4R,6R)-6-[2-[(1S,2S,6R,8S,8aR)-1,2,6,7,8,8a-hexahydro-8-hydroxy-2,6-dimethyl-1-naphthyl]ethyl]tetrahydro-4-hydroxy-2H-pyran-2-one  $C_{24}H_{36}O_3$  75330-75-5

loxiglumidum loxiglumide

(±)-4-(3,4-dichlorobenzamido)-N-(3-methoxypropyl)-N-pentylglutaramic acid C2,H30Cl2N2O5 107097-80-3

mafoprazinum mafoprazine

4'-[3-[4-(o-fluorophenyl)-1-piperazinyl]propoxy]-m-acetanisidide  $C_{22}H_{28}FN_3O_3$  80428-29-1

midaglizolum midaglizole

( $\pm$ )-2-[a-(2-imidazolin-2-ylmethyl)benzyl]pyridine C<sub>1s</sub>H<sub>17</sub>N<sub>3</sub> 66529-17-7

molfarnatum molfarnate 3,7,11-trimethyl-2,6,10-dodecatrienyl 4,8,12-trimethyl-3,7,11-tridecatrienoate  $C_{31}H_{30}O_z$  83689-23-0

niguldipinum niguldipine

( $\pm$ )-3-(4,4-diphenylpiperidino)propyl methyl 1,4-dihydro-2, 6-dimethyl-4-(m-nitrophenyl)-3,5-pyridinedicarboxylate  $C_{34}H_{29}N_3O_4$  102993-22-6

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nuclomedonum nuclomedone ( $\pm$ )-6-(p-chlorobenzyl)-2,3-dihydro-5H-thiazolo[3,2-a]pyrimidine-5,7(6H)-dione  $C_{13}H_{11}CIN_2O_2S$  75963-52-9

orbutoprilum orbutopril

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(25,3aS,7aS)-1-[(S)-N-[(S)-1-carboxypentyl]alanyl]hexahydro-2-indoline-carboxylic acid, 1-ethyl ester  $C_{20}H_{34}N_2O_3$  108391-88-4

parodilolum parodilol  $(\pm)$ -1-[(2-indol-3-yl-1,1-dimethylethyl)amino]-3-(indol-4-yloxy)-2-propanol  $C_{23}H_{27}N_3O_2$  103238-56-8

pelanserinum pelanserin 3-[3-(4-phenyl-1-piperazinyl)propyl]-2,4(1H,3H)-quinazolinedione  $C_{21}H_{24}N_4O_2$  2208-51-7

pimonidazolum pimonidazole ( $\pm$ )-a-[(2-nitroimidazol-1-yl)methyl]-1-piperidineethanol C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>3</sub> 70132-50-2

pirtenidinum pirtenidine

1,4-dihydro-1-octyl-4-(octylimino)pyridine  $C_{21}H_{34}N_2$  103923-27-9

$$H_3C - ICH_2)_6 - CH_2 - N$$
 $N - CH_2 - (CH_2)_6 - CH_3$ 

pravastatinum pravastatin

(+)-( $\beta R$ , $\delta R$ ,1S,2S,6S,8S,8aR)-1,2,6,7,8,8a-hexahydro- $\beta$ , $\delta$ ,6,8-tetrahydroxy-2-methyl-1-naphthaleneheptanoic acid, 8-[(2S)-2-methylbutyrate] C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>34</sub>O<sub>7</sub> 81093-37-0

ramoplaninum ramoplanin factor  $A_2$  of the antibiotic complex A/16686 produced by Actinoplanes sp. ATCC 33076 empirical molecular formula  $C_{119}H_{184}CIN_{21}O_{40}$ 

ranolazinum ranolazine

( $\pm$ )-4-[2-hydroxy-3-(o-methoxyphenoxy)propyl]-1-piperazineaceto-2',6'-xylidide  $C_{24}H_{33}N_3O_4$  95635-55-5

retelliptinum retelliptine 1-[[3-(diethylamino)propyl]amino]-9-methoxy-5,11-dimethyl-6*H*-pyrido[4,3-*b*]-carbazole

C25H32N4O

72238-02-9

ri(menidinum ₃)nenidine 2-[(dicyclopropylmethyl)amino]-2-oxazoline C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>1e</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O 54187-04-1

risperidonum risperidone 3-[2-[4-(6-fluoro-1,2-benzisoxazol-3-yl)piperidino]ethyl]-6,7,8,9-tetrahydro-2-methyl-4H-pyrido[1,2-a]pyrimidin-4-one  $C_{23}H_{27}FN_4O_2$  106266-06-2

rocastinum rocastine

( $\pm$ )-2-[2-(dimethylamino)ethyl]-3,4-dihydro-4-methylpyrido[3,2-l]-1,4-oxazepine-5(2l)-thione C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS 91833-77-1

ronactololum ronactolol

 $(\pm)$ -4'-{2-hydroxy-3-(isopropylamıno)propoxy}-p-anisanilide  $C_{2p}H_{2e}N_2O_4$  90895-85-5

rotraxatum rotraxate

p-[[trans-4-(aminomethyl)cyclohexyl]carbonyl]hydrocinnamic acid  $C_{17}H_{23}NO_3$  92071-51-7

rufloxacinum rufloxacin 9-fluoro-2,3-dihydro-10-(4-methyl-1-piperazinyl)-7-oxo-7*H*-pyrido[1,2,3-de]-1,4-benzothiazine-6-carboxylic acid  $C_{17}H_{16}FN_3O_3S$  101363-10-4

seglitidum seglitide

cyclo(N-methyl-L-alanyl-L-tyrosyl-o-tryptophyl-L-lysyl-L-valyl-L-phenylalanyl)  $C_{44}H_{54}N_{6}O_{7} \qquad \qquad 81377-02-8$ 

sibutraminum sibutramine ( $\pm$ )-1-(p-chlorophenyl)-a-isobutyl-N,N-dimethylcyclobutanemethylamine C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>26</sub>CIN 106650-56-0

sizofiranum sizofiran Schizophyllan or Poly[ $3 \rightarrow (O-\beta-0-glucopyranosyl-(1\rightarrow 3)-O-[\beta-0-glucopyranosyl-(1\rightarrow 3)-O-\beta-0-glucopyranosyl-(1\rightarrow 3)-O-\beta-0-glucopyranosyl) \rightarrow 1] (C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>40</sub>O<sub>20</sub>)<sub>n</sub> 9050-67-3$ 

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somatorelinum somatorelin growth hormone-releasing factor (human)  $C_{215}H_{356}N_{72}O_{66}S$  83930-13-6

tameridonum tameridone

7-[2-(4-indol-3-ylpiperidino)ethyl]theophylline  $C_{22}N_{26}N_{8}O_{2}$  102144-78-5

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7-[p-(methylthio)benzoyl]-5-benzofuranacetic acid  $C_{18}H_{14}O_4S$  97483-17-5

tigemonamum tigemonam [[[(Z)-{2-amino-4-thiazolyl}][(3S)-1-hydroxy-2,2-dimethyl-4-oxo-3-azetidinyl]carbamoyl]methylene]amino]oxy]acetic acid hydrogen sulfate (ester)  $C_{12}H_{15}N_5O_9S_2 \qquad 102507-71-1$ 

tilisololum tilisolol  $(\pm)$ -4-[3-(tert-butylamino)-2-hydroxypropoxy]-2-methylisocarbostyril  $C_{17}H_{24}N_2O_3$  85136-71-6

tilmicosinum tilmicosin

4A-O-de(2,6-dideoxy-3-C-methyl-a-t-ribo-hexopyranosyl)-20-deoxo-20-(cis-3,5-dimethylpiperidino)tylosin  $C_{4a}H_{ao}N_2O_{13}$  108050-54-0

tiospironum tiospirone  $N-[4-[4-(1,2-benzisothiazol-3-yl]-1-piperazinyl]butyl]-1,1-cyclopentanediacetimide <math display="block">C_{24}H_{32}N_4O_2S \qquad 87691-91-6$ 

tiprotimodum tiprotimod

2-[(3-carboxypropyl)thio]-4-methyl-5-thiazoleacetic acid  $C_{10}H_{13}NO_4S_2$  105523-37-3

topiramatum topiramate

2,3:4,5-di-O-isopropylidene- $\beta$ -p-fructopyranose sulfamate  $C_{12}H_{21}NO_{4}S$  97240-79-4

urofollitropinum urofollitropin a preparation of menopausal gonadotrophin extracted from human urine, but possessing negligible luteinising hormone (LH) activity

vadocainum vadocaine ( $\pm$ )-6'-methoxy-2-methyl-1-piperidinepropiono-2',4'-xylidide C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 72005-58-4

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vesnarinonum vesnarinone 1-(1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-2-oxo-6-quinolyl)-4-veratroylpiperazine  $C_{22}H_{25}N_3O_4$  81840-15-5

vinorelbinum vinorelbine 3',4'-didehydro-4'-deoxy-8'-norvincaleukoblastine  $C_{45}H_{54}N_4O_8$  71486-22-1

## AMENDMENTS TO PREVIOUS LISTS

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#### Proposed International Nonproprietary Names (Prop. INN): List 44

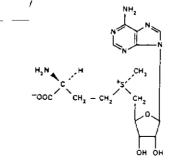
replace graphic formula by:

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#### Proposed International Nonproprietary Names (Prop. INN): List 51

p. 2 ademetioninum ademetionine replace chemical name, graphic formula and CAS reg. no. by the following: (+)-5'- $[(R^*)$ - $[(R^*)$ -3-amino-3-carboxypropyl]methylsulfonio]-5'-deoxy-adenosine hydroxide, inner salt 17176-17-9

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## p. 2 ardacinum ardacin

add the following graphic formula:

COOH
OH
OH
$$C = (CH_2)_n = CH_3$$
(side chain)

p. 17 tetronasinum tetronasin

replace molecular formula by: C35H54O8

p. 20 omoconazolum omoconazole delete 4991 rev. and insert the following CAS reg. no.: 105102-19-0

# 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' 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 substitut 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 resolv bon EB43.R9 (*Off. Rec. Wid Hith Org.*, 1969, 173, 10)
- 10)
  'The title of this publication was changed to WHO Chronicle in January 1959. From 1987 onwards lists of INNs are published in WHO Drug Information.

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

- 1. InternationalNonproprietaryNames (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, 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".
- 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 or number should be avoided; hyphenated construction is also undesirable.
- 7. 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 "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 common stem. The following list contains examples of stems for groups of substances, particularly for new groups. There are many other stems in active use.' Where a stem is shown without any hyphens it may be used anywhere in the name.

Latin -acum -actidum -adolum 聞ol-	English -ac -actide -adol -adol-	anti-inflammatory agents of the ibufenac group synthetic polypeptides with a corticotrophin-like action analgesics
,		anti-asthmatic, anti-allergic substances not acting primarily as antihistaminics antihistaminics substances of the diazepam group β-lactamase inhibitors steroids, anabolic anti-inflammatory analgesics of the phenylbutazone group antifibrillant substances with local anaesthetic activity local anaesthetics antibiotics, derivatives of cefalosporanic acid antibiotics, derivatives of 6-aminopenicillanic acid systematic antifungal agents of the miconazole group corticosteroids, except those of the prednisolone group calcium antagonists of the nifedipine group substances of the clofibrate group steroids, progestogens sulfonamide hypoglycemics iodine-containing contrast media quaternary ammonium compounds anti-inflammatory substances of the indometacin group antibiotics, produced by <i>Streptomyces</i> strains antiprotozoal substances of the metronidazole group β-adrenergic blocking agents antibacterial agents of the nalidix acid group sulpiride derivatives angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors anti-inflammatory substances of the ibuprofen group prostaglandins hypophyseal hormone release-stimulating peptides bronchodilators, phenethylamine derivates
-tidinum -trexatum -verinum	-tidine -trexate -verine	H₂-receptor antagonists folic acid antagonists spasmolytics with a papaverine-like action
vin- -vin-	vin- -vin-	vinca type alkaloids

A more extensive listing of stems is contained in the working document Pharm S/Nom 15 which is regularly updated and can be requested from Pharmaceuticals, WHO, Geneva

# Annex 2 NONPROPRIETARY NAMES FOR PHARMACEUTICAL SUBSTANCES: TWENTIETH REPORT OF THE WHO EXPERT COMMITTEE

In its twentieth report1 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 non-proprietary 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.

<sup>1</sup> WHO Technical Report Series, No. 581, 191 (Nonproprietary Names for Pharmaceutical Substances, Twentieth Report of the WHO Expert Committee), ISBN 92-4-120581-4, Price: Sw. fr. 6—