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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 by 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, e.g. for List 42 Prop. INN not later than 31 January 1980.

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.

h. Sposed International Nonproprietary Names (Prop. INN): List 422

Proposed International Nonproprietary Name (Latin, English)

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

acedobenum acedoben p-acetamidobenzoic acid C₂H₂NO₃ 556-08-1

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 1-37 of Proposed International Nonproprietary Names, together with a molecular formula index, will be found in: International Nonproprietary Names for Pharmaceutical Substances. Cumulative list No. 5, 1977, World Health Organization, Geneva, 1977 (ISBN 92 4 056011 4) (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)—n Latin, English, French, Russian, and Spanish—published up to March 1977. The printout also indicates in which of the 37 individual lists of proposed names and 16 lists of recommended names, each INN was originally published, and gives references to national nonproprietary names, pharmacopoeia honographs, and other sources. In addition, the list contains 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, direct or through booksellers, from the sales agents listed on the back cover of the WHO Chronicle. 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.

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. 31, No. 3, No. 9; 1977, Vol. 31, No. 3, No. 9; 1978, Vol. 32, No. 3, No. 9; 1979, Vol. 33, No. 3.

Lists or recommended international

nonproprietary names were published in Chron. 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; 1977, Vol. 31, No. 10; 1978, Vol. 31, No. 10; 1978, Vol. 31, No. 10;

¹ See Annex 1, p. 18.

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, 11, 70, 478; 1968, 21,

aciclovirum aciclovir 9-[(2-hydroxyethoxy)methyl]guanine C₄H₁₁N₅O₃ 59277-89-3

acidum oxidronicum oxidronic acid

(hydroxymethylene)disphosphonic acid CH_•O₇P₂ 15468-10-7

amezepinum amezepine 5-methyl-10-[2-(methylamıno)ethyl]-5H-dibenz[b,f]azepine $C_{1a}H_{2o}N_{2}$ 60575-32-8

anagrelidum anagrelide 6,7-dichloro-1,5-dihydroimidazo[2,1-*b*]quinazolin-2(3*H*)-one C₀HrCl₂N₃O 68475-42-3

astemizolum astemizole 1-(p-fluorobenzyl)-2-[[1-(p-methoxyphenethyl)-4-piperidyl]amino]benzimida-zole

CzaH31FN4O 68844-77-9

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atracurii besilas atracurium besilate 2-(2-carboxyethyl)-1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-6,7-dimethoxy-2-methyl-1-veratrylisoquinolinium benzenesulfonate, pentamethylene ester CasHazNzO18S2 64228-81-5

benclonidinum benclonidine 1-benzoyl-2-(2,6-dichloroanilino)-2-imidazoline C₁₆H₁₃Cl₂N₃O 57647-79-7

benzocainum benzocaine

O

ethyl p-aminobenzoate C₈H₁₁NO₂ 94-09-7

bometololum bometolol bopindololum bopindolol

 (\pm) -1-(*tert*-butylamino)-3-[(2-methylindol-4-yl)oxy]-2-propanol benzoate (ester) C₂₃H₂₄N₂O₃ 62658-63-3

bornelonum bornelone

5-(3,3-dimethyl-2-norbornylidene-3-penten-2-one C₁₄H∞O 2266-11-1

broperamolum broperamole

1-[3-[5-(m-bromophenyl)-2H-tetrazol-2-yl]-propionyl]piperidine C₁₅H₁₄BrN₅O 33144-79-5

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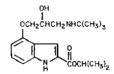
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bumetrizolum bumetrizole

2-tert-butyl-6-(5-chloro-2H-benzotriazol-2-yl)-p-cresol C₁₇H₁₈ClN₃O 3896-11-5

buterizinum buterizine 2-butyl-5-[[4-(diphenylmethyl)-1-piperazinyl]methyl]-1-ethylbenzimidazole C₃₁H₃₈N₄ 68741-18-4

carpindololum carpindolol ısopropyl (\pm)-4-[3-{tert-butylamıno}-2-hydroxypropoxy]indole-2-carboxylate CısHzıNzO4 39731-05-0



cefonicidum cefonicid $\begin{array}{lll} (6R,7R)\text{-}7\text{-}[(R)\text{-mandelamido}]\text{-}8\text{-}oxo\text{-}3\text{-}[[[1\text{-}(sulfomethyl)\text{-}1$H-tetrazol-5-yl]thio]methyl]\text{-}5\text{-}thia-1-azabicyclo} \{4.2.0\}\text{oct-2-ene-2-carboxylic acid} \\ \text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_{10}\text{O}_{18}\text{-}S_{2} & 61270\text{-}58\text{-}4 \end{array}$

cefoperazonum cefoperazone (6R,7R)-7-[(R)-2-(4-ethyl-2,3-dioxo-1-piperazinecarboxamido)-2-(p-hydroxy-phenyl)acetamido]-3-[[(1-methyl-1H-tetrazol-5-yl)thio]methyl]-8-oxo-5-thia-1-azabicyclo[4.2.0]oct-2-ene-2-carboxylic acid $C_{28}H_{27}N_{9}O_{9}S_{2}$ 62893-19-0



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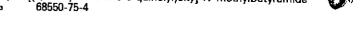
cefroxadinum cefroxadine

(6R,R)-7-[(R)-2-amino-2-{1,4-cyclohexadien-1-yl}acetamido]-3-methoxy-8-oxo-5-thia-1-azabicyclo[4.2.0]oct-2-ene-2-carboxylic acid C₁₆H₁₉N₃O₅S 51762-05-1

ceftizoximum ceftizoxime (6R,7R)-7-[2-(2-amino-4-thiazolyl)glyoxylamido]-8-oxo-5-thia-1-azabicyclo[4.2.0]oct-2-ene-2-carboxylic acid 7^2 -(Z)-(O-methyloxime) C₁₃H₁₃N₅O₅S₂ 68401-81-0

cilostamidum cilostamide

N-cyclohexyl-4-[{1,2-dihydro-2-oxo-6-quinolyl}oxy]-N-methylbutyramide $C_{20}H_{20}N_2O_3$ 68550-75-4



clofilii phosphas clofilium phosphate

 $\begin{array}{ll} \hbox{[4-(p-chlorophenyl]} butyl] \hbox{diethylheptylammonium phosphate (1-1)} \\ \hbox{C_{21}H}_{39}\hbox{ClNO}_4P & 68379-03-3 \end{array}$

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clofuracum clofurac

5-chloro-6-cyclohexyl-2(3*H*)-benzofuranone C₁₄H₁₅ClO₂ 60986-89-2



cloxacepridum cloxacepride 5-chloro-4-[2-(p-chlorophenoxy)acetamido]-N-[2-(diethylamino)ethyl]-o-anisamide C₂₂H₂₇Cl₂N₃O₄ 65569-29-1

declenperonum declenperone

1-[3-[4-{p-fluorobenzoyl})piperidino]propyl]-2-benzimidazolinone C₂₂H₂₄FN₃O₂ 63388-37-4

delanteronum delanterone 1α -methylandrosta-4,16-dien-3-one $C_{20}H_{20}O$ 63014-96-0

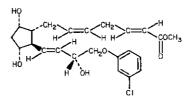


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delergotrilum delergotrile 6-methylergoline-8α-acetonitrile C₁₇H₁₉N₃ 59091-65-5

delprostenatum delprostenate methyl (2*E*,5*Z*)-7-[(1*R*,2*R*,3*R*,5*S*)-2-[(*E*)-(3*R*)-4-(m-chloro-phenoxy)-3-hydroxy-1-butenyl]-3,5-dihydroxycyclopentyl]-2,5-heptadienoate C₂₃H₂₉ClO₆ 62524-99-6





demetacinum demetacin 1-benzoyl-2-methylindole-3-acetic acid C₁₈H₁₅NO₃ 16401-80-2

democonazolum democonazole (E)-1-[2,4-dichloro- β -[2-(p-chlorophenoxy)ethoxy]styryl]imidazole C1+H1sCl3N2O2 70161-09-0

dimepranolum dimepranol

(±)-1-(dimethylamino)-2-propanol C₅H₁₃NO 53657-16-2

drometrizolum drometrizole

2-(2*H*-benzotriazol-2-yl)-*p*-cresol C₁₃H₁₁N₃O 2440-22-4

etocrilenum etocrilene

ethyl 2-cyano-3,3-diphenylacrylate C16H15NO2 5232-99-5

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fenprostalenum fenprostalene

methyl (±)-7-[(1R*,2R*,3R*,5S*)-3,5-dihydroxy-2-[(E)-(3R*)-3-hydroxy-4-phenoxy-1-butenyl]-cyclopentyl]-4,5-heptadienoate C₂₉H₃₀O₆ 69381-94-8

feprosidninum feprosidnine

3-(α-methylphenethyl)sydnone imine C11H13N3O 22293-47-6

fertirelinum fertirelin 5-oxo-L-prolyl-L-histidyl-L-tryptophyl-L-seryl-L-tyrosylglycyl-L-leucyl-L-arginyl-N-ethyl-L-prolinamide
CssHzeN1eO12 38234-21-8



flufosalum flufosal α , α , α -trifluoro-2,4-cresotic acid dihydrogen phosphate C₀H₀F₃O₀P 65708-37-4

hecarnetum natricum foscarnet sodium

phosphonoformic acid trisodium salt CNa₃O₅P 63585-09-1

furaprofenum furaprofen (\pm)- α -methyl-3-phenyl-7-benzofuranacetic acid C₁₇H₁₄O₃ 67700-30-5

gemeprostum gemeprost

methyl (E)-7-[(1R,2R,3R)-3-hydroxy-2-[(E)-(3R)-3-hydroxy-4,4-dimethyl-1-octenyl]-5-oxocyclopentyl]-2-heptenoate C₂₂H₃₈O₅ 64318-79-2

glucuronamidum glucuronamide β-D-glucopyranuronamide C₆H₁₁NO₈ 61914-43-0

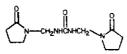


impromidinum impromidine

1-(3-imidazol-4-ylpropyl)-3-[2-[[(5-methylimidazol-4-yl)methyl]thio]ethyl]]guanidine $C_{14}H_{23}N_7S$ 55273-05-7

imuracetamum imuracetam

1,3-bis[(2-oxo-1-pyrrolidinyl)methyl]urea C11H11N4O3 67542-41-0



indanazolinum indanazoline 2-(4-indanylamino)-2-imidazoline C₁₂H₁₅N₃ 40507-78-6

inosinum inosine

inosine or 1,9-dihydro-9- β -p-ribofuranosyl-6H-purin-6-one C10H12N4O5 58-63-9

levobunololum levobunolol

(--)-5-[3-(tert-butylamino)-2-hydroxypropoxy]-3,4-dihydro-1(2H)-naphthalenone C17H25NO3

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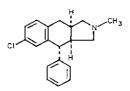
Iombazolum lombazole

(\pm)-1-(α -4-biphenylyl- σ -chlorobenzyl)imidazole $C_{22}H_{17}CIN_2$ 60628-98-0



losindolum losindole

(\pm)-(3a α ,4 α ,9a α)-6-chloro-3a,4,9,9a-tetrahydro-2-methyl-4-phenylbenz[f]iso-indoline 69175-77-5 C19H20CIN

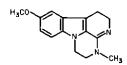


metioprimum metioprim 2,4-diamino-5-[3,5-dimethoxy-4-(methylthio)benzyl]pyrimidine C14H1sN4O2S 68902-57-8

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metralindolum metralindole

2,4,5,6-tetrahydro-9-methoxy-4-methyl-1*H*-3,4,6a-triazafluoranthene C₁₅H₁₇N₃O 54188-38-4



nabitanum nabitan (\pm)-8-(1,2-dimethylheptyl)-1,3,4,5-tetrahydro-5,5-dimethyl-2-(2-propynyl)-2*H*-[1]benzopyrano[4,3-c]pyridin-10-yl 1-piperidinebutyrate C₃₅H₅₂N₂O₃ 66556-74-9

nantradolum nantradol (\pm)-5,6,6a β ,7,8,9 α ,10,10a α -octahydro-6 β -methyl-3-(1-methyl-4-phenylbutoxy)-1,9-phenanthridinedioi 1-acetate C₂₂H₃₅NO₄ 65511-41-3

nicardipinum nicardipine 2-(benzylmethylamino)ethyl methyl 1,4-dihydro-2,6-dimethyl-4-(*m*-nitrophenyl)-3,5-pyridinedicarboxylate C₂₈H₂₉N₃O₈ 55985-32-5

Ooldipinum

isobutyl methyl 1,4-dihydro-2,6-dimethyl-4-(o-nitrophenyl)-3,5-pyridine-dicarboxylate $C_{20}H_{24}N_2O_6$ 63675-72-9

nitrendipinum nitrendipine ethyl methyl 1,4-dihydro-2,6-dimethyl-4-(*m*-nitrophenyl)-3,5-pyridine-dicarboxylate
C18H20N2O8 39562-70-4



octocrilenum octocrilene 2-ethylhexyl 2-cyano-3,3-diphenylacrylate C₂₄H₂₇NO₂ 6197-30-4

octrizolum octrizole 2-(2*H*-benzotriazol-2-yl)-4-(1,1,3,3-tetramethylbutyl)phenol $C_{20}H_{25}N_3O$ 3147-75-9

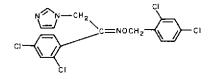
oltiprazum oltipraz $\begin{array}{lll} \text{4-methyl-5-(pyrazinyl)-3}\textit{H-1,2-dithiole-32-thione} \\ \text{C}_0\text{H}_0\text{N}_2\text{S}_3 & \text{64224-21-1} \end{array}$



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oxendolonum oxendolone 16β -ethyl- 17β -hydroxyestr-4-en-3-one $C_{20}H_{20}O_2$ 33765-68-3

oxiconazolum oxiconazole 2',4'-dichloro-2-imidazol-1-ylacetophenone (Z)-[O-(2,4-dichlorobenzyl)oxime] C₁₈H₁₉Cl₄N₃O 64211-45-6



pentomonum pentomone 6,6a α ,12,12a α ,13a α ,14-hexahydro-4,8-dimethoxy-6,6-dimethyl-5a α *H*,13*H*-[1]benzopyrano[3,2-b]-xanthen-13-one C₂₄H₂₆O₅ 67102-87-8

peradoximum peradoxime m-anisaldehyde O-[2-hydroxy-3-[4-(o-methoxyphenyl)-1-piperazinyl]propyl] oxime

C22H29N3O4

67254-81-3

picobenzidum picobenzide 3,5-dimethyl-*N*-(4-pyridylmethyl)benzamide C₁₅H₁₅N₂O 51832-87-2



pipradimadolum pipradimadol 1- $\{a$ -chlorophenethyl $\}$ -N-cyclohexyl-4-hydroxy-N, α , α -trimethyl-4-piperidine-acetamide C₂₄H₃₇ClN₂O₂ 68797-29-5

pipramadolum pipramadol (\pm)-1-(o-chlorophenethyl)- N-cyclohexyl-4-hydroxy- N, α -dimethyl-4-piperidineacetamide $C_{23}H_{35}CIN_2O_2$ 55313-67-2

pirmenolum pirmenol (\pm)-cis-2,5-dimethyl- α -phenyl- α -2-pyridyl-1-piperidinebutanol C₂₂H $_{\infty}$ N₂O 68252-19-7

pivenfrinum pivenfrine (\pm) -m-[1-hydroxy-2-(methylamino)ethyl]phenyl pivalate $C_{14}H_{21}NO_3$ 67577-23-5

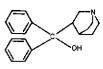
prenisteinum prenisteine

3-[(3-methyl-2-butenyl)thio]-L-alanine CaH₁₅NO₂S 5287-46-7

primidololum primidolol

1-[2-[[2-hydroxy-3-(*o*-tolyloxy)propyl]amino]ethyl]-thymine C17H₂₂N₃O₄ 67227-55-8

quifenadinum quifenadine lpha, lpha-diphenyl-3-quinuclidinemethanol C₂₀H₂₃NO 10447-39-9

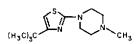


succimerum succimer

meso-2,3-dimercaptosuccinic acid C4H₀O₄S₂ 304-55-2

COOH HCSH COOH sulerginum sulergine N,N-dimethyl-N'-(6-methylergolin- 8α -yl)sulfamide $C_{17}H_{24}N_4O_2S$ 59032-40-5

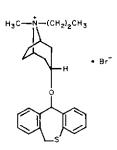
tebatizolum tebatizole 1-(4-*tert*-butyl-2-thiazolyl)-4-methylpiperazine C₁₂H₂₁N₃S 54147-28-3



tiomerginum tiomergine 9,10-didehydro-6-methyl-8 β -[(2-pyridylthio)methyl]ergoline C₂₁H₂₁N₂S 57935-49-6

tipetropii bromidum tipetropium bromide

 3α -[(6,11-dihydrodibenzo[*b,e*]thiepin-11-yl)oxy]-8*r*-propyl-1 α *H*,5 α *H*-tropanium bromide C₂₅H₃₂BrNOS 54376-91-9



trientinum trientine triethylenetetramine C₆H₁₀N₄ 112-24-3

H2N(CH2)2NH(CH2)2NH(CH2)2NH2 . 2 HC1

verocaininum verocainine
$$\begin{array}{c|c} \mathsf{H_3CO} & \mathsf{CH_3} \\ & \mathsf{CH_3} \\ & \mathsf{CH_2} \mathsf{I_3N(CH_2)_2} \\ & \mathsf{OCH_3} \\ & \mathsf{OCH_3} \\ \end{array}$$

AMENDMENTS TO PREVIOUS LISTS

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p. 82 delete

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ethylphenacemidum' ethylphenacemide pheneturidum pheneturide

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Proposed International Nonproprietary Names (Prop. INN): List 40

p. 4 delete

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betoxololum betoxolol betaxololum betaxolol

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brometazepamum brometazepam metuclazepamum metuclazepam

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cefotaximum cefotaxime Replace CAS registry No. by: 63527-52-6

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Proposed International Nonproprietary Names (Prop. INN): List 41

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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:

- 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 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 Organization¹ 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.¹
 - 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 of fices 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 He 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) 101
- 10)
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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.
- 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 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.

Latin Englis	h French	•
-actidum -actide	e -actide	synthetic polypeptides with a corticotrophin-like action
andr andr	andr	steroids, androgens
-arolum -arol	-arol	anticoagulants of the dicoumarol group
-azepamum -azepa	ım -azėpam	substances of the diazepam group
bol bol	bol `	steroids, anabolic
-buzonum -buzor num -caine		anti-inflammatory analgesics of the phenylbutazone group local anaesthetics
cer- cef-	céf-	antibiotics, derivatives of cefalosporanic acid
-cillinum -cillin	-cilline	antibiotics, derivatives of 6-aminopenicillanic acid
cort cort	cort	corticosteroids, except those of the prednisolone group
-cyclinum -cyclin	ie -cycline	antibiotics of the tetracycline group
estr estr	estr	estrogenic substances
-fibratum -fibrat	e -fibrate	substances of the clofibrate group
-forminum -formi	n -formine	hypoglycemics of the phenformin group
gest gest	gest	steroids, progestogens
ğli- gli-	gli-	sulfonamide hypoglycemics
io- io-	io-	iodine-containing contrast media
-ium -ium	-ium	quaternary ammonium compounds
-metacinum -meta-		anti-inflammatory substances of the indometacin group
-mycinum -mycir		antibiotics, produced by Streptomyces strains
-nidazolum -nidaz		antiprotozoal substances of the metronidazole group
-ololum -olol	-olol	β-adrenergic blocking agents of the propranolol group
-onidum -onide	· ••••	steroids for tropical use, containing an acetal group
-orexum -orex	-orex	anorexigenic agents, phenethylamine derivates
-praminum -pram		substances of the imipramine group
-profenum -profe		anti-inflammatory substances of the ibuprofen group prostaglandins
prost prost -relinum -relin	prost -réline	hypophyseal hormone release-stimulating peptides
-relinum -relin sulfa- sulfa-	sulfa-	sulfonamides, anti-infective
-terolum -terol	-térol	bronchodilators, phenethylamine derivates
-tizidum -tizide		diuretics of the chlorothiazide group
-verinum -verine	******	spasmolytics with a papaverine-like action
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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 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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