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* This addendum is a cumulative list of all new stems selected by the INN Expert Group since the publication of *"The use of stems in the selection of International Nonproprietary Names (INN) for pharmaceutical substances"* 2018.

-adenant	adenosine receptors antagonists ciforadenant (118), etrumadenant (124), inupadenant (123), preladenant (99), sipagladenant (127), taminadenant (120), tozadenant (106), vipadenant (103)
-bep	engineered or synthetic scaffold proteins, non-immunoglobulin variable domain derived dazodalibep (123), elarekibep (126), ensovibep (124), izokibep (122), lerodalcibep (123), palsucibep pegol (126), taldefgrobep alfa (121), tezatabep matraxetan (122), tifalibep (122) Under (c) category: abicipar pegol (108)
-bactam -borbactam	β-lactamase inhibitors β-lactamase inhibitors, boronic acid derivatives ledaborbactam (125), ledaborbactam etzadroxil (125), taniborbactam (119), vaborbactam (113), xeruborbactam (125)
-bresib	inhibitors of the bromodomain and extra-terminal motif (BET) family of bromodomain (BRD) proteins, antineoplastics alobresib (117), amredobresib (126), birabresib (115), mivebresib (115), molibresib (116), pelabresib (123), trotabresib (125)
-caftor	cystic fibrosis transmembrane regulator (CFTR) protein modulators, correctors, and amplifiers bamocaftor (121), deutivacaftor (118), dirocaftor (123), elexacaftor (121), galicaftor (119), icenticaftor (122), ivacaftor (104), lumacaftor (105), navocaftor (121), nesolicaftor (122), olacaftor (119), posenacaftor (122), tezacaftor (114), vanzacaftor (126), zatonacaftor (128)
-calcet/-calcet-	calcium-sensing receptors (CaSR) agonists cinacalcet (88), etelcalcetide (112), evocalcet (113), tecalcet (87), upacalcet (118)
-cerfont	corticotropin-releasing factor (CRF) receptor antagonists crinecerfont (120), emicerfont (102), pexacerfont (97), tildacerfont (119), verucerfont (102)
-cianine	indocyanine fluorescence dye group nerindocianine (121), nizaracianine (125), omocianine (93), pafolacianine (124), pegsitacianine (125), pegulicianine (123) under (c) category: pudexacianinium chloride (122)

-(clo)sporin	ciclosporin derivatives ciclosporin (46), geclosporin (70), oxeclosporin (70), ruclosporin (114), voclosporin (97)
-copan	complement receptor antagonists/ complement inhibitors avacopan (114), danicopan (119), iptacopan (122), nomacopan (119), pelecopan (127), vemircopan (124) to be listed under (c) category: pegcetacoplan (120), zilucoplan (118)
-corat	glucocorticoid receptor agonists dagrocorat (111), fosdagrocorat (111), mapracorat (102), mizacorat (127), tomicorat (108), velsecorat (121)
-corilant	glucocorticoid receptor antagonists (non-steroidal) dazucorilant (125), exicorilant (119), miricorilant (119), nenocorilant (127), relacorilant (116), zavacorilant (125)
-delpar	PPAR delta agonists boxidelpar (126), delparantag (108), fonadelpar (114), mavodelpar (127), seladelpar (115)
-dil	<i>vasodilators</i>
-sudil	Rho protein kinase inhibitors belumosudil (123), cotosudil (123), fasudil (64), netarsudil (113), ripasudil (109), verosudil (112), zelasudil (128)
-espib	heat shock protein (HSP) 90 inhibitors (other than –mycin) cemdomespib (126), ganetespib (105), icapamespib (123), luminespib (108), onalespib (112), pimitespib (121), zelavespib (123)
-estrant	estrogen antagonists, including estrogen receptor down-regulators amcenestrant (122), bexirestrant (126), brilanestrant (115), camizestrant (125), elacestrant (115), fulvestrant (79), giredestrant (122), imlunestrant (126), palazestrant (128), rintodestrant (123), taragarestrant (127), vepdegestrant (127)
-fenicol	antibacterial antibiotics, chloramphenicol analogues azidamfenicol (14), cetofenicol (14), cloramfenicol pantotenate complex (14), florfenicol (54), racefenicol (20), sirpefenicol (126)
-fexor	farnesoid X receptor agonists cilofexor (119), nidufexor (118), omesdafexor (127), tropifexor (116), turofexorate isopropyl (103), vonafexor (122)

-fusp	fusion proteins¹ bintrafusp alfa (121), bizaxofusp (127), brenetafusp (128), cemavafusp (128), cinreba [®] fusp alfa (121), clervonafusp alfa (120), dalutra [®] fusp alfa (125), eciskafusp alfa (127), efdamro [®] fusp alfa (125), ensomafusp alfa (125), gulgafafusp alfa (128), latikafusp (126), lepunafusp alfa (125), lorukafusp alfa (120), lunaxafusp (127), modakafusp alfa (122), nanrilkefusp alfa (126), nomlabofusp (126), onfekafusp alfa (118), oplunofusp (123), pabinafusp alfa (120), roziba [®] fusp alfa (120), simlukafusp alfa (121), sotibura [®] fusp alfa (128), tagraxofusp (118), tebenta [®] fusp (118), tividenofusp alfa (128), valanafusp alfa (118), vensoba [®] fusp alfa (128), vimekofusp (129)
-ganan	antimicrobials, permeability increasing peptides iseganan (85), lefleuganan (127), omiganan (89), peceleganan (126), pexiganan (78), upleganan (128), voxvoganan (126), zaloganan (129)
-golix	gonadotropin releasing hormone (GnRH) antagonists elagolix (99), linzagolix (118), merigolix (128), opigolix (118), relugolix (107), sufugolix (89)
-inurad	urate transporter inhibitors dotinurad (116), epaminurad (118), lesinurad (105), lingdolinurad (129), pozdeutinurad (129), puliginurad (127), ruzinurad (125), verinurad (111), xininurad (127)
-irine	cytotoxic pyrrolobenzodiazepine dimers and analogues camidanlumab tesirine (117), loncastuximab tesirine (117), mipasetamab uzo [®] ptirine (123), pivekimab sunirine (125), rolinsatamab talirine (119), rovalpituzumab tesirine (114), serclutamab talirine (120), tamrintamab pamozirine (120), vadastuximab talirine (113)
-ixafor-	chemokine CXCR4 antagonists balixafor [®] tide (112), burixafor (104), gallium (⁶⁸ Ga) boclatixafor [®] tide (126), mavorixafor (118), motixafor [®] tide (120), plerixafor (93), yttrium (⁹⁰ Y) anditixafor [®] tide (126)
-ixibat	ileal bile acid transporter (IBAT) inhibitors, bile acid reabsorption inhibitors barixibat (88), elobixibat (104), linerixibat (118), maralixibat chloride (113), odevixibat (119), ritivixibat (128), volixibat (113)
-leuton	5-lipo-oxygenase inhibitors, anti-inflammatory atreleuton (78), diroleuton (118), epeleuton (118), fenleuton (72), setileuton (101), zileuton (63)

¹ A fusion protein is defined as a multifunctional protein derived from a single nucleotide sequence which may contain two or more genes or portions of genes with or without amino acid linker sequences. The genes should originally code for separate proteins, with at least two of them endowed with pharmacological action (e.g. action and targeting). "Notes from the fusion protein Working Group", INN Working Document number 17.414 rev.

-madlin	E3 ubiquitin-protein ligase Mdm2 (Hdm2) inhibitors alrizomadlin (125), brigimadlin (128), navtemadlin (124), rebemadlin (125), siremadlin (119), sulanemadlin (123) to be listed under category (c): idasanutlin (111), milademetan (117), serdemetan (101)
-meran	messenger RNA (mRNA) abdavomeran (124)*, acavameran (124), autogene cevumeran (122), enomimeran (123), fazulemeran (125), ganulameran (124)*, gindameran (123), nadorameran (113), ontasameran (123), pidacmeran (124)*, pomulmeran (123), vecilmeran (129)*, vibosameran (123), zapomeran (127)*, zeldesmeran (127)*, ziclumeran (127), zorecimeran (124)* -tozinameran (124)*: riltozinameran (126)*, famtozinameran (128)*, raxtozinameran (129)*, pitozinameran (129)* -ufrenmeran (127)*, tegrenmeran (129)* -elasomeran (125)*: imelasomeran (127)*, secelasomeran (128)*, davesomeran (128)*, andusomeran (129)*, vintesomeran (129)* <i>*additional prop.INN Lists COVID-19 (special editions)</i>
-pixant	purinoreceptor (P2X) antagonists camlipixant (127), eliapixant (122), filapixant (122), gefapixant (118), sivopixant (123)
-prodil	N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) receptor antagonists eliprodil (66), ifenprodil (27), onfasprodil (126), radiprodil (98), traxoprodil (86) <i>under (c) category: -nemdaz</i> nelonemdaz (121), rislenemdaz (116)
-(o)pterin	pteridine derivatives aminopterin sodium (04), fosdenopterin (121), ronopterin (113), sapropterin (63), sepiapterin (126)
-rasib	Ras protein inhibitors adagrasib (124), divarasib (127), fulzerasib (128), garsorasib (126), opnurasib (128), salirasib (97), sotorasib (123)
-rsen	<i>antisense oligonucleotides</i>
-nersen	targeting neurological functions lexanersen (125), movronersen (125), nusinersen (112), rovanersen (125), rugonersen (125), tominersen (121), tadnersen (124), ulefnersen (127), zilganersen (126), zorevunersen (125) <i>under (b) category: cenersen (97)</i> <i>under (c) category: baliforsen (116), casimersen (115), dematirsen (116), drisapersen (106), eteplirsen (103), golodirsen (115), inotersen (115), plenotersen (123), renadirsen (120), rimigorsen (116), sepofarsen (121), suvodirsen (121), varodarsen (116)</i>

-sidenib	isocitrate dehydrogenase inhibitors enasidenib (113), ivosidenib (114), olutasidenib (120), safusidenib (126), vorasidenib (117)
<i>stat</i>	enzyme inhibitors
-demstat	lysine-specific histone demethylase inhibitors bomedemstat (122), iadademstat (119), pulrodemstat (124), seclidemstat (118), vafidemstat (119), zavondemstat (128)
-becestat	beta secretase inhibitors atabecestat (117), elenbecestat (117), umibecestat (119), lanabecestat (116), verubecestat (112)
-folastat	inhibitors of folate hydrolase 1 (prostate-specific membrane antigen, PSMA) abefolastat tesaroxetan (129), flotufolastat (¹⁸ F) (123), iofolastat (¹²³ I) (105), piflufolastat (¹⁸ F) (126), technetium (^{99m} Tc) trofolastat chloride (109), vidoflufolastat (¹⁸ F) (127)
-glustat	ceramide glucosyltransferase inhibitors duvoglustat (102), eliglustat (103), miglustat (85), nizubaglustat (128), sinbaglustat (121), venglustat (114)
-metostat	histone N-methyltransferase inhibitors igermetostat (129), lirametostat (123), onametostat (123), pemrametostat (123), pinometostat (112), tazemetostat (112), tulumimetostat (126), valemestostat (118)
-stinel	N-methyl-D-aspartate (NMDA) receptor co-agonists apimostinel (115), gavestinel (77), licostinel (77), nevadistinel (129), rapastinel (111), risevistinel (129), zelquistinel (121)
<i>-tide</i>	<i>peptides</i>
-dutide	oxyntomodulin analogues and other dual agonists of glucagon-like peptide receptor 1 (GLP-1R) and glucagon receptor (GCGR) bamadutide (119), cotadutide (119), efinopegdutide (119), mazdutide (126), pegapamodutide (116), pemvidutide (126)
-enatide	glucagon-like peptide-1 receptor (GLP1R) agonists, exenatide (exendin-4) and analogues albenatide (114), efpeglenatide (111), exenatide (89), langlenatide (111), lixisenatide (99), pegsebrenatide (127), pegloxenatide (125), visepegenatide (129), vurolenatide (126)
-netide	neurological alirinetide (117), cibinetide (114), davunetide (100), nerinetide (119), obinepitide (96), orenetide (125), trofinetide (112) under (b) category: diamfenetide (28) under (c) category: doreptide (59), nemifitide (87), pareptide (38), vanutide cridificar (100)

-paratide	parathyroid hormone analogues abaloparatide (109), eneboparatide (127), palopegteriparatide (126), semparatide (80), teriparatide (50)
-pultide	peptides and proteins, used in pulmonary surfactants elopultide (121), lusupultide (80), redipultide (119), sinapultide (78), zelpultide alfa (126)
-tinib	tyrosine kinase inhibitors
-ertinib	epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) inhibitors abivertinib (119), befotertinib (123), canertinib (87), epertinib (115), firmonertinib (129), lazertinib (117), mavelertinib (118), mifanertinib (128), mobocertinib (121), olafertinib (121), osimertinib (113), rezivertinib (122), sacibertinib (127), sunvozertinib (125), tuxobertinib (125), xiliertinib (121), zipalertinib (126), zongertinib (128), zorifertinib (121) Under (b) category: ulixertinib (113), ravoxertinib (115) (Erk inhibitors) Under (c) category: afatinib (104), olmutinib (114), erlotinib (85), gefitinib (85), mubritinib (90), nazartinib (114), mubritinib (90), nazartinib (114)
-trectinib	tropomyosin receptor kinase (TRK) inhibitors anizatrectinib (127), boditrectinib (128), emzeltrectinib (128), entrectinib (113), larotrectinib (115), paltimatrectinib (126), repotrectinib (120), selitrectinib (120), taletrectinib (123), utatrectinib (126)
-tirom(-)	antihyperlidaemics, thyromimetic derivatives acetiromate (30), axitirome (82), bentiromide (41), eprotirome (99), omzotirome (125), resmetirom (119), sobetirome (126)
-toclax	B-cell lymphoma 2 (Bcl-2) inhibitors imlatoclax (115), lacutoclax (129), lisaftoclax (125), mirzotamab clezutoclax (121), murizatoclax (122), navitoclax (103), obatoclax (94), pelcitoclax (122), sonrotoclax (128), tapotoclax (121), venetoclax (111)
-trep	transient receptor potential antagonists asivatrep (117), elismetrep (118), evifacotrep (125), libvatrep (124), mavatrep (111), motugivatrep (126)
-trombopag	thrombopoietin agonists avatrombopag (107), eltrombopag (94), lusutrombopag (104), rafutrombopag (127), totrombopag (97)
-turev	under the advanced therapy scheme for: oncolytic viruses canerpaturev (117), gebasaxturev (126), lerapolturev (125), suratadenoturev (123), tasadenoturev (117), teserpaturev (119) under (c) category: enadenotucirev (111)

-vir	<i>antivirals</i>
-capavir	viral capsid and nucleocapsid inhibitors bersacapavir (122), canocapavir (127), claficapavir (126), pocapavir (107), lenacapavir (121) under (c) category: pirodavir (63), vapendavir (106)
-vivint	Wnt signaling inhibitors cirtuvivint (123), foscenvivint (124), ipivivint (123), lorecivivint (119), tegavivint (118), teplinovivint (123)

Amendments were also made in the following stems' definitions:

-eridine

from *analgesics, pethidine derivatives*

to *analgesics, pethidine derivatives and other synthetic small molecule μ -opioid receptor agonists*

kef

from *enkephalin agonists*

to *enkephalin, endorphin and dynorphin opioid δ , μ and κ receptor agonists*

-ilide

from *class III antiarrhythmics, sematilide derivatives*

to *class III antiarrhythmics, ~~sematilide derivatives~~*

-imus

from *immunosuppressants, other than antineoplastics*

to *immunosuppressants, ~~other than antineoplastics~~*

-isant

from *histamine H_3 receptor antagonists*

to *histamine H_3 receptor antagonists, inverse agonists*

-kinra

from *interleukin receptor antagonists*

to *interleukin receptor antagonists and interleukin antagonists*

-(o)nidine

from *antihypertensives, clonidine derivatives*

to *α_2 adrenoreceptor agonists*

-pressin

from *vasoconstrictors, vasopressin derivatives*

to ~~vasoconstrictors~~, vasopressin analogues

-pride

from *sulpiride derivatives*

to *sulpiride derivatives and analogues*

-prim

from *antimicrobials, dihydrofolate reductase (DHFR) inhibitors, trimethoprim derivatives*
to *antimicrobials, dihydrofolate reductase (DHFR) inhibitors, trimethoprim analogues*

-racetam (NEW)

from *amide type nootrope agents, piracetam derivatives*
to *amide ~~type~~ nootrope agents, piracetam type*

-renone

from *aldosterone receptor antagonists, spironolactone derivatives*
to *mineralocorticoid receptor (MR, MCR, aldosterone receptor) antagonists*

-siran

from *small interfering RNA*
to *small interfering RNA including siRNA, miRNA and piRNA*

under -tant

-netant

from *neurokinin NK3 receptor antagonists*
to *neurokinin NK3 and dual NK3-NK1 receptor antagonists*

under -tide

-glutide

from *glucagon-like peptide (GLP) analogues*
to *glucagon-like peptide (GLP) analogues and agonists*

-toclax (NEW) see above

from *B-cell lymphoma 2 (Bcl-2) inhibitors, antineoplastics*
to *B-cell lymphoma 2 (Bcl-2) inhibitors, ~~antineoplastics~~*

Amendments were also made in the stem's infix:

-gromab (under -mab)

from *-grosmab*
for the designation of INN for monoclonal antibodies targeting skeletal muscle mass related growth factors and receptors

-ki- (under -mab)

for the designation of INN for monoclonal antibodies targeting interleukins,
to cytokine and cytokine receptors

Please note that a new naming scheme for monoclonal antibodies has been adopted at the 73rd INN Consultation. The document can be retrieved here after and from our webpages at:
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New INN monoclonal antibody (mAb) nomenclature scheme

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Suffixes/stems

As the previous INN nomenclature scheme for monoclonal antibodies (mAb), this new INN mAb nomenclature scheme is used for all substances that contain an immunoglobulin variable domain that binds to a defined target, and that is composed of only immunoglobulin-derived pharmacologically active components. The suffix is preceded by an infix that indicates the target class.

However, in contrast to the previous INN mAb nomenclature scheme, the new INN mAb nomenclature scheme divides the substances that contain an immunoglobulin variable domain into four groups, there being three groups for monospecific immunoglobulins and one for bi- and multi-specific immunoglobulins, independent of their type, shape and form.

Group 1 -tug for <u>unmodified immunoglobulins</u> Monospecific full length and Fc unmodified^[1] immunoglobulins of any class. Molecules which might occur as such in the immune system. Including: - IgG, IgA, IgM, IgD, IgE - only allelic variants - Glycoengineering without mutation - C-terminal lysine deletion without any other mutation in the Fc region
Group 2 -bart for <u>antibody artificial</u> Monospecific full length immunoglobulins with engineered constant domains (CH1/2/3). Monospecific full length immunoglobulins that contain any point mutation introduced by engineering for any reason anywhere (hinge, new glycan attachment site, mixed allelic variants which would not occur in nature, altered complement binding, altered FcRn binding, altered Fc-gamma receptor binding, etc.) <i>e.g.</i> IGHG4 with S>P mutation, stabilized IgA
Group 3 -mig for <u>multi-immunoglobulin</u> Bi- and multi-specific immunoglobulins regardless of the format, type or shape (full length, full length plus, fragments)
Group 4 -ment for <u>fragment</u> All monospecific domains, fragments of any kind, derived from an immunoglobulin variable domain (all monospecific constructs that do not contain an Fc domain)

[1] Do not contain any amino acid differences with the native sequence (constant region amino acid changes by comparison with the closest genomic C gene and allele).

Note1: Immunoglobulin fusions are only included in the monoclonal antibody nomenclature scheme if both domains have immunoglobulin derived variable domains (*eg.* mAb fused with a cytokine is under the *-fusp* nomenclature scheme).

Note2: Antibody-drug conjugates (ADC) also follow this new mAb nomenclature scheme and no special suffix is added, as the second word indicates that the substance is a conjugate.

Infixes

The mechanisms of monoclonal antibodies are complex, may be different for different indications may and might not be completely understood during development. Therefore, the infix is assigned according to the proposed known mode of action at the time of the INN request.

The changes for the new scheme are in green.

Infix	Definition
-ami-	serum amyloid protein (SAP)/amyloidosis (<i>pre-substem</i>)
-ba-	bacterial
-ci-	cardiovascular
-de-	metabolic or endocrine pathways
-eni-	enzyme inhibition
-fung-	fungal
-gro-	skeletal muscle mass related growth factors and receptors (<i>pre-substem</i>) ¹
-ki-	cytokine and cytokine receptor ²
-ler-	allergen
-sto-	immunostimulatory
-pru-	immunosuppressive
-ne-	neural
-os-	bone
-ta-	tumour
-toxa-	toxin
-vet-	veterinary use (<i>sub-stem</i>)
-vi-	viral

[1] At the 69th INN Consultation, the infix changed from -gros- to -gro- to avoid a conflict with the infix -os-.

[2] At the 70th INN Consultation, it was decided that the antibodies targeting an interleukin receptor would also have the -ki- infix. The names discussed at this Consultation are included in INN Proposed List 124.