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**DEFINITIVE RULES FOR NOMENCLATURE OF
STERIODS**

THIS work originates from a discussion held at the CIBA Foundation in London in 1950 between representatives of many schools. The proposals were subsequently taken over by IUPAC and amendments and additions made over a number of years. Tentative Rules were formulated by the IUPAC Commission on Nomenclature of Organic Chemistry and the IUPAC-IUB Commission on Biochemical Nomenclature and published in *IUPAC Information Bulletin* No. 33 (1968). These Rules have been studied further by the Commissions and a definitive version produced.

The areas of steroid chemistry covered are: Fundamental Carbocycles, Pentacyclic and Hexacyclic Modifications, Derivatives, Stereochemical Modifications, Shortening of Sidechains and Elimination of Methyl Groups, Ring Contraction or Expansion, Ring Fission, Modification by Bond Migration (abeo System), Heterocyclic Modifications, Steroid Alcohols. An appendix gives *Guidelines for Steroids containing Additional Rings*.

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