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Fat-soluble vitamins:

Present name	Name adopted
Vitamin A ₁ or axerophthol	Retinol
Retinene	Retinal
Vitamin A acid	Retinoic acid
Vitamin A ₂	3-Dehydroretinol or
-	dehydroretinol
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When 2-methyl-1, 4-naphthaquinone (MK-o is designated by a trivial name it may be called menaphthone.

Water-soluble vitamins:

Present name	Name adopted
Vitamin B ₁ , aneurin or thiamine	Thiamine
Vitamin B ₂ or riboflavin	Riboflavine
Vitamin PP, niacinamide or nicotinamide	Nicotinamide*
Vitamins B ₁₂ (collectively)	Cobalamin†
Vitamin B ₁₂ (pure substance)	Cyanocobalamin
Vitamin B ₁₂₀	Hydroxocobalamin

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[†] The full definitive rules of nomenclature of vitamin B_{12} and the other corrinoids will be found in Vitamin B_{12} und Intrinsic Faktor. 2. Europäisches Symposion Hamburg 1961 (H. C. Heinrich, editor, 1962, p. 764; Stuttgart: Ferdinand Enke Verlag) and J. Am. chem. Soc. 1960, 82, 5581.

Vitamin B _{12c}	Nitritocobalamir
Vitamin C or ascorbic acid	Ascorbic acid
Inositol	Meso-inositol

Vitamin B_6 . The term pyridoxine may be used as a group name to designate the naturally occurring pyridine derivatives with vitamin B_6 activity.

3-Hydroxy-4,5-dihydroxymethyl-2-methylpyridine (hitherto called pyridoxine) shall now be called pyridoxol. The 4-CHO and 4-CHNH₂ derivatives shall be named pyridoxal and pyridoxamine respectively.

Folic acids. The term folic acid may be used as a group name to designate the naturally occurring pteroylglutamic acids.

The pure substance hitherto known as folic acid, folacine or vitamin B_c shall be named pteroylmonoglutamic acid.

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