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- Ablett, J. G. & McCance, R. A. (1971). *Lancet* **ii**, 517-519.  
Adams, R. L., Andrews, F. N., Gardiner, E. E., Fontaine, W. E. & Carrick, C. W. (1962a). *Poultry Science* **41**, 588-594.  
Adams, R. L., Andrews, F. N., Rogler, J. C. & Carrick, C. W. (1962b). *Journal of Nutrition* **77**, 121-126.  
Adams, R. L., Andrews, F. N., Rogler, J. C. & Carrick, C. W. (1962c). *Poultry Science* **41**, 1801-1806.  
Agricultural Research Council (1981). *The Nutrient Requirements of Pigs*. Slough: Commonwealth Agriculture Bureaux.  
Hegsted, D. M. (1963). *Federation Proceedings* **22**, 1424-1430.  
Martens, H. & Rayssiguier, Y. (1980). In *Digestive Physiology and Metabolism in Ruminants*, pp. 447-466 [Y. Ruckebusch and P. Thivend, editors]. Lancaster: MTP Press Ltd.

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (1977). *Energy Allowances and Feeding Systems for Ruminants. Technical Bulletin* no. 33. London: H.M. Stationery Office.

Peto, R., Doll, R., Buckley, J. D. & Sporn, M. B. (1981). *Nature* **290**, 201–208.

Rys, R., Kryściak, J. & Antoniewicz, A. (1972). *Zeszyty Problemowe Postępów Nauk Rolniczych* **126**, 79–86.

Sebrell, W. H. Jr & Harris, R. S. (1967). *The Vitamins*, 2nd ed., vol. 1. London: Academic Press.

Technicon Instruments Co. Ltd. (1967). *Technicon Methodology Sheet* N-36. Basingstoke: Technicon Instruments Co. Ltd.

Van Dokkum, W., Wesstra, A. & Schippers, F. (1982). *British Journal of Nutrition* **47**, 451–460.

Wallace, R. J. & West, A. A. (1982). *Journal of Agricultural Science, Cambridge* **98**, 523–528.

Wilson, J. (1965). Leber's disease. PhD Thesis, University of London.

World Health Organization (1965). *Physiology of Lactation. Technical Report Series* no. 305. Geneva: WHO.

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Energy measurements should be expressed in joules.

For substances of known molecular weight, e.g. glucose, urea, Ca, Na, Fe, K, P, values should be expressed as mol/l; for substances of indeterminate molecular weights, e.g. phospholipids, proteins, and for trace elements, e.g. Cu, Zn, g/l should be used.

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In general, it is not necessary to publish the individual results of replicated tests and statistical details, such as analysis of variance tables, should be given only if they are relevant to the discussion. A statement of the number of replicates, their average value and some appropriate measure of variability is usually sufficient. Where means are quoted, the most appropriate measure of variability is usually the standard error (SE) of the mean although when there is specific interest in the distribution of the individual values in the sample the standard deviation (SD) is more useful. In either case, the measure adopted and number of values on which it is based must be clearly stated. The notation '+-' should not be used when presenting SE or SD; forms such as 'mean 3.51 (SE 0.67)  $\mu\text{mol}$ ' are suitable.

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**Descriptions of Solutions, Compositions and Concentrations.** Solutions of common acids, bases and salts should be defined in terms of molarity (M), e.g. 0.1 M- $\text{NaH}_2\text{PO}_4$ . Compositions expressed as mass per unit mass (w/w) should have values expressed as ng,  $\mu\text{g}$ , mg or g per kg; similarly for concentrations expressed as mass per unit volume (w/v), the denominator being the litre.

Concentrations or compositions should not be expressed on a percentage basis. The common measurements used in nutritional studies, e.g. digestibility, biological value and net protein utilization, should be expressed as decimals rather than as percentages, so that amounts of available nutrients can be obtained from analytical results by direct multiplication. See *Metric Units, Conversion Factors and Nomenclature in Nutritional and Food Sciences*. London: The Royal Society, 1972 (para. 8).

**Nomenclature of Vitamins.** Most of the names for vitamins and related compounds that are accepted by the Editors are those recommended by the IUNS Committee on Nomenclature. See *Nutrition Abstracts and Reviews A* (1978), 48, 831–835.

Previous name	Recommended name
Vitamin A <sub>1</sub>	Retinol
Retinene or retinal	Retinaldehyde
Vitamin A acid	Retinoic acid
Vitamin A <sub>2</sub> or 3-dehydroretinol	Dehydroretinol
Retinene <sub>2</sub> or 3-dehydroretinal	Dehydroretinaldehyde
Vitamin D <sub>2</sub> or calciferol	Ergocalciferol
Vitamin D <sub>3</sub>	Cholecalciferol
Vitamins E	See <i>Generic descriptors</i>
Vitamin K <sub>1</sub> or phyloquinone	Phylloquinone
Vitamin K <sub>2</sub> series	• Menaquinones
Vitamin K <sub>3</sub> , menadione or menaphthone	Menadione
Vitamin B <sub>1</sub> , aneurin(e) or thiamine	Thiamin
Vitamin B <sub>2</sub> or riboflavin	Riboflavin
Nicotinic acid or niacin	Nicotinic acid
Niacinamide or nicotinic acid amide	Nicotinamide
Folic acid or folacin(e)	Pteroylmonoglutamic acid
Vitamin B <sub>6</sub> , adermin or pyridoxol	Pyridoxine
Pyridoxal	Pyridoxal
Pyridoxamine	Pyridoxamine
Vitamin B <sub>12</sub> or cobalamin	Cyanocobalamin
Vitamin B <sub>12a</sub> , B <sub>12b</sub> or hydroxocobamide	Hydroxocobalamin
Vitamin B <sub>12c</sub>	Nitritocobalamin
Inositol or meso-inositol	Ψ-Inositol
Pantothenic acid	Pantothenic acid
Biotin	Biotin
Choline	Choline
p-Aminobenzoic acid	p-Aminobenzoic acid
Vitamin C or L-ascorbic acid	Ascorbic acid
L-Dehydroascorbic acid	Dehydroascorbic acid

\*Details of the nomenclature for these and other naturally occurring quinones should follow the Tentative Rules of the IUPAC-IUB Commission on Biochemical Nomenclature (see *Biochemical Journal* (1967), 102, 15–27).

**Generic descriptors.** The terms **vitamin A**, **vitamin C** and **vitamin D** may still be used where appropriate for example in phrases such as 'vitamin A deficiency', 'vitamin D activity'.

**Vitamin E.** The term **vitamin E** should be used as the descriptor for all tocol and tocotrienol derivatives exhibiting

qualitatively the biological activity of α-tocopherol. The term **tocopherols** should be used as the generic descriptor for all methyl tocols. Thus, the term **tocopherol** is not synonymous with the term **vitamin E**.

**Vitamin K.** The term **vitamin K** should be used as the generic descriptor for 2-methyl-1,4-naphthoquinone (mena-phthone) and all derivatives exhibiting qualitatively the biological activity of phyloquinone (phytylmenaquinone).

**Niacin.** The term **niacin** should be used as the generic descriptor for pyridine 3-carboxylic acid and derivatives exhibiting qualitatively the biological activity of nicotinamide.

**Folic acids.** The term **folic acid** may be used to designate the naturally occurring pteroylglutamic acids.

**Vitamin B<sub>6</sub>.** The term **vitamin B<sub>6</sub>** should be used as the generic descriptor for all 2-methylpyridine derivatives exhibiting qualitatively the biological activity of pyridoxine.

**Vitamin B<sub>12</sub>.** The term **vitamin B<sub>12</sub>** should be used as the generic descriptor for all corrinoids exhibiting qualitatively the biological activity of cyanocobalamin. The term **corrinoids** should be used as the generic descriptor for all compounds containing the corrin nucleus and thus chemically related to cyanocobalamin. The term **corrinoid** is not synonymous with the term **vitamin B<sub>12</sub>**.

**Amounts of vitamins and summation.** All amounts of vitamins should be expressed in terms of their mass rather than in terms of i.u. See *Metric Units, Conversion Factors and Nomenclature in Nutritional and Food Sciences*. London: The Royal Society, 1972 (paras. 8 and 14–20).

**Nomenclature of Fatty Acids.** In the description of results obtained for the analysis of fatty acids by conventional gas-liquid chromatography, the shorthand designation proposed by Farquhar, J. W., Insull, W., Rosen, P., Stoffel, W. & Ahrens, E. H. (*Nutrition Reviews* (1959), 17, Suppl.) for individual fatty acids should be used in the text, tables and figures. Thus 18:1 should be used to represent a fatty acid with eighteen carbon atoms and one double bond; if the position and configuration of the double bond is unknown, this fatty acid should not be referred to as oleic acid. The shorthand designation should also be used in the synopsis but sentences should be constructed so that it is clear to the non-specialist reader that 18:1 refers to a fatty acid; for example, '... resulted in an increase in the concentration of the fatty acid 18:1 in the liver triglycerides ...'. If the positions and configurations of the double bonds are known, and these are important to the discussion, then a fatty acid such as linoleic acid may be referred to as 18:2 Δ 9-cis, 12-cis (positions of double bonds related to carbon atom 1). However, when essential and related fatty acids derived from animal tissues are being considered, it is preferable to refer to fatty acids such as linoleic acid as 18:2ω6 and arachidonic acid as 20:4ω6 (position of double bonds related to the ω-carbon atom); it is assumed that the double bonds are methylene-interrupted and are of the cis-configuration (see Holman, R. T. in *Progress in the Chemistry of Fats and Other Lipids*, vol. 9, part I, p. 3. Oxford: Pergamon Press, 1966). Groups of fatty acids that have a common chain length but vary in their double bond content or double bond position should be referred to, for example, as C<sub>20</sub> fatty acids or C<sub>20</sub> polyunsaturated fatty acids. Impure samples of fatty acids such as those used in the preparation of diets should be referred to, for example, as 'linoleic acid'.

**Nomenclature of Enzymes.** The nomenclature should be that of the Recommendations of the Nomenclature Committee of the International Union of Biochemistry, 1984

(*Enzyme Nomenclature*. London: Academic Press, 1984). Relevant EC numbers should be given.

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The following books may be found useful:

*Bergey's Manual of Determinative Bacteriology*, 8th edn. (1974), edited by R. E. Buchanan and N. E. Gibbons. Baltimore: The Williams and Wilkins Co.  
*The Yeasts, a Taxonomic Study*, 2nd edn. (1970), edited by J. Lodder. Amsterdam: North Holland Publishing Co.  
*Ainsworth and Bisby's Dictionary of the Fungi*, 6th edn. (1971). Kew: Commonwealth Mycological Institute.

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cc,  $\mu\text{m}$  (micrometre) instead of  $\mu$  (micron) and  $\mu\text{g}$  (microgram) instead of  $\gamma$ .

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