

Joint INFOODS/EuroFIR workshop

Component Identification

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Previous meeting

Previous decisions:

1. INFOODS will continue to use a dash – for unknown or unspecified or mixed method of determination while EuroFIR will use the three notations U, UN or UNK.
 2. In INFOODS, conversion factors are regarded as components and always start with X.
 3. EuroFIR uses A Method Indicator (e.g. “Niacin equivalents calculated from niacin and tryptophan” [MI0421]) indicating how to calculate the niacin equivalent. INFOODS treats them as component identifiers with metric units and where all vitamin equivalents are the sums of the contributing components which are adjusted for their relative vitamin activity by specific conversion factors (e.g. NIAEQ = NIA + TRP/60).
 4. agreement to add mineral with valence states, e.g. AS3+
 5. INFOODS agreed to add version numbers to their future releases of component identifiers and to add a field with the corresponding EuroFIR component names.
 6. Agreement to add only those components which are used in food composition and/or are determined separately for food composition purposes. No firm agreement was reached on additives (e.g. cyclamate)
 7. It was suggested to add ‘_LABEL’ for all conversion factors and components in the database for labelling purposes. However, this requires further discussions.
 8. Different component names were discussed and harmonization reached in most cases
- INFOODS has worked on a set of new tagnames but has not released them yet (to be done until the end of 2011)

Background

Data levels

Based on Greenfield & Southgate, Eurofoods recommendations and EuroFIR modifications relating to databases

Level 1

- Data sources
 - documents reporting food composition data

Level 2

- Reported data
 - compositional data extracted from data sources

Level 3

- Compiled data
 - representative data, scrutinised and possibly aggregated

Level 4

- Derived data
 - calculated (e.g. from recipe) or otherwise adapted data

General issues

Scope – component types

- Analysed nutrients
 - Well-defined structures ↔ Rational methods
 - Ill-defined structures and mixtures ↔ Empirical methods
- Bioactives ↔ Analysed
- Ingredients, such as: ↔ Recipe calculation
 - Additives and fortification
 - Nutrient substitutes e.g. salatrims
 - Mixtures defined by specification e.g. maltodextrins
- Properties
 - Food properties
 - Nutritional measures
- Extra types for INFOODS tagnames
 - Method variants
 - Calculation factors

General issues

Requirements – 1

- Food component identification
 - in data interchange
 - in database management systems
 - ? to data users
 - in defining calculation formulae
- Canonical
 - Unambiguous ↔ refers to only one possible substance
 - Unique ↔ substance has only one possible identifier
- Compatible with interchange specification
 - INFOODS tagnames ↔ SGML data element tagnames
 - EuroFIR identifiers ↔ XML data element content
- Straightforward interpretation
 - when defined
 - when assigned
 - when viewed

General issues

Requirements – 2

- Alphabetical listing
 - by code (i.e. tagname or identifier)
 - by component descriptor
- Other listings
 - by component group
 - importance/priority
 - ?
- Documentation (to be discussed later)
- Other requirements?

General issues

Coverage policies

- As follow from [Scope and Requirements](#)
- Additives and ingredients
- Intrinsic and synthetic forms
- Bioactives
- Any others?

General issues

Code definition principles

- Character set
 - Uppercase alphabets plus numbers
 - Hyphen (-) and underscore (_)
 - Colon (:) – available in EuroFIR identifiers but not tagnames
 - ? plus sign (+); open and close parentheses ();
- Structured codes
- Inverted format
 - Core structure
 - Modifications to core structure
 - Substitutions and isomers
- Stereoparents
- Consistent forms
 - xxxS for sugars, e.g. SUCS for sucrose

Code definition principles

Inverted format

- ⊕ Carbohydrate components [GRP_CHO]
- ⊕ Food additives [GRP_FADD]
- ⊕ Food properties and measures [GRP_FOOD]
- ⊕ Lipid components [GRP_LIPD]
- ⊕ Minerals and inorganic components [GRP_MIN]
- ⊕ Nitrogen components [GRP_NITR]
- ⊕ Organic acids [GRP_OA]
- ⊕ Phenolic components [GRP_PHNL]
- ⊕ Proximates [GRP_PROX]
- ⊖ Vitamins [GRP_VIT]
 - ⊕ Fat soluble vitamins [GRP_VITFAT]
 - ⊖ Water soluble vitamins [GRP_VITH2O]
 - biotin [BIOT]
 - ⊖ Folate components [GRP_FOL]
 - 10-formyldihydrofolate [FOLH2FM10]
 - 10-formylfolic acid [FOLFM10]
 - **5-formyltetrahydrofolic acid [FOLH4FM5]**
 - 5-methyldihydrofolic acid [FOLH2ME5]
 - 5-methyltetrahydrofolate [FOLH4ME5]
 - dihydrofolic acid [FOLH2]
 - folate, bound [FOLB]
 - folate, food [FOLFD]
 - folate, free [FOLFRE]
 - folate, total [FOL]
 - folic acid, synthetic [FOLAC]
 - tetrahydrofolate [FOLH4]
 - ⊕ Vitamin B components [GRP_VITB]
 - ⊕ Vitamin C components [GRP_VITC]

Code

FOLH4FM5

Active Classification

Descriptor

5-formyltetrahydrofolic acid

Related terms [▶ Add](#)

None assigned

Synonyms [▶ Add](#)

None defined

Scope notes

Use for (6S)-5-formyl-5,6,7,8-tetrahydrofolic acid

Additional information [▶ ChEBI](#)

<ChEBI>15640

Core	Modification	Substituent
FOL	H4	FM5

Code definition principles

Stereoparents

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PURE AND APPLIED CHEMISTRY
and
INTERNATIONAL UNION OF BIOCHEMISTRY AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

IUPAC-IUB Joint Commission on Biochemical Nomenclature (JCBN)


Nomenclature of Retinoids

Recommendations 1981

<http://www.chem.qmul.ac.uk/iupac/misc/ret.html>

World Wide Web version prepared by G. P. Moss

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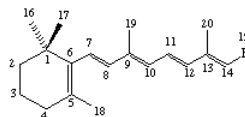
Code definition principles

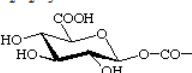
Stereoparent – retinoids

Ret-2. Stereoparents

A stereoparent is a parent compound whose name implies stereochemistry, which will not need to be stated explicitly.

It is convenient to omit the explicit representation of C and H atoms in the skeletal formulae of retinoids as follows:



- | | |
|--|---|
| (1) R = CH ₂ OH | (6) R = CH ₂ NH ₂ |
| (2) R = CHO | (7) R = CH=NOH |
| (3) R = CO ₂ H | (8) R = CH=N[CH ₂] ₄ CHNH ₂ CO ₂ H |
| (4) R = CH ₃ | (9) R = CO ₂ C ₂ H ₅ |
| (5) R = CH ₂ OCOCH ₃ | (10) R =  |

Ret-2.1. Retinol

The compound (1) (*2E,4E,6E,8E*)-3,7-dimethyl-9-(2,6,6-trimethylcyclohex-1-en-1-yl)nona-2,4,6,8-tetraen-1-ol (see note 1), also known as vitamin A, vitamin A alcohol, vitamin A₁, vitamin A₁ alcohol, axerophthol or axerol, should be designated retinol (see note 2).

Note 1 The numbering system of the systematic name is different from above. See [Ret-3](#).

Note 2 WHO-approved nonproprietary names.

Ret-2.2. Retinal

The compound (2) also known as vitamin A aldehyde, vitamin A₁ aldehyde, retinene or retinene₁, should be designated retinal (see note 1) or, if liable to be confused with the adjective retinal (pertaining to the retina), retinaldehyde (see note 2).

Note 1 Recommended for chemical usage.

Note 2 Recommended for nutritional usage [\[ref 16\]](#).

Ret-2.3. Retinoic Acid

The compound (3) also known as tretinoin (see note), vitamin A acid or vitamin A₁ acid should be designated retinoic acid.

General issues

Component grouping

- Purposes
 - bring together related components
 - simplify entry into list of components (expand or collapse group headings)
 - group term (broad term) helps identify the specific component

- Types
 - Classification ↔ single hierarchy
 - Polyhierarchical ↔ component term can have more than one parent

Thesaurus Manager

- [-] Lipid components [GRP_LIPD]
 - [+] Carotenoids [GRP_CART]
 - [+] Fats [GRP_FAT]
 - [+] Fatty acids [GRP_FA]
 - glycerol [GLYRL]
 - [+] Phospho- and glycolipids [GRP_PGLIP]
 - [+] Retinoids [GRP_RET]
 - [+] Sterols [GRP_STERL]
- [+] Minerals and inorganic components [GRP_MIN]
- [+] Nitrogen components [GRP_NITR]
- [+] Organic acids [GRP_OA]
- [+] Phenolic components [GRP_PHNL]
- [+] Proximates [GRP_PROX]
- [-] Vitamins [GRP_VIT]
 - [-] Fat soluble vitamins [GRP_VITFAT]
 - [-] Vitamin A and related components [GRP_VITA]
 - all-trans retinol equivalents [RETOLTEQ]
 - beta-carotene equivalents (provitamin A carotenoids) [CARTBEQ]
 - carotene, total (vitamin A precursors) [CAROT]
 - [-] Carotenoids [GRP_CART]
 - alpha-carotene [CARTA]
 - alpha-cryptoxanthin [CRYPXA]
 - astaxanthin [ASTAX]
 - beta-carotene [CARTB]
 - beta-carotene, cis [CARTBCIS]
 - beta-carotene, total [CARTBTOT]
 - beta-cryptoxanthin [CRYPXB]
 - canthaxanthin [CTX]
 - capsanthin [CAPSAN]
 - carotenoids, total [CAROTENS]
 - cryptoxanthins [CRYPX]
 - gamma-carotene [CARTG]
 - lutein [LUTN]**
 - lutein plus zeaxanthin [LUTEZEAX]
 - lycopene [LYCPN]
 - zeaxanthin [ZEA]
 - [+] Retinoids [GRP_RET]

Code

LUTN

Active Classification

Descriptor

lutein

Related terms ▶ Add

None assigned

Synonyms ▶ Add

None defined

Scope notes

Use for (3R,3'R,6'R)- β,ϵ -carotene-3,3'-diol (IUPAC)

Additional information ▶ ChEBI

<ChEBI>28838
<INFOODS>LUTN
<eBASIS>1387
Previous code LUTE
EuroFIR priority: 3

INFOODS component grouping proposal – 1

Annex 1 Draft INFOODS proposition of components

group	Description
01	General description of food
02	Macronutrients including energy
021	Energy
022	Protein
0221	Amino acids: individual and aggregations
0222	Nitrogen and protein expressions, conversion factors
0223	Protein components
0224	Other nitrogen-containing components
0225	Protein quality
023	Fat, fatty acids, fatty acid conversion factor
0231	Fatty acids
0232	Fat components
0233	Phospholipids
0234	Fat quality
024	Carbohydrates, carbohydrate fractions
0241	Sugars
02411	Monosaccharides
02412	Disaccharides
0242	Oligosaccharides
0243	Polysaccharides
02431	Dietary fibre, fibre, dietary fibre fractions
024311	Dietary fibre fractions
025	Water
026	Alcohols
027	Ash and other solids
028	Polyols
029	Organic acids
03	Minerals
033	Heavy metals/ contaminants
034	Other minerals

INFOODS component grouping proposal – 2

04	Vitamins
041	Fat soluble vitamins
0411	Vitamin A, retinol
0412	Carotenoids
0413	Vitamin D
0414	Vitamin E
0415	Vitamin K
042	Water soluble vitamins
0421	Thiamin (vitamin B1)
0422	Riboflavin (vitamin B2)
0423	Folate
0424	Niacin
0425	Pantothenic acid
0426	Vitamin B6
0427	Vitamin B12
0428	Biotin
0429	Vitamin C
05	Sterols
051	Plant sterols
052	Cholesterol
06	Bioactive compounds
061	Flavonoids
0611	Flavanols/flavans
0612	Flavonones
0613	Flavones
0614	Flavonols
0615	Isoflavonoids/isoflavones
062	Tannins
063	Phenolic acids
064	Other bioactive compounds
065	Antioxidant activities
07	Biogenic amines
08	Purines
09	Additives
10	Choline and derivates
11	?? Not knowing where to classify
12	Miscellaneous

General issues

Documentation

Based on EuroFIR component identifiers managed in Thesaurus Manager

- Overview webpage
 - http://www.eurofir.eu/eurofir_aisbl/products/eurofir_thesauri/component_thesaurus
 - links to information on viewing Component Thesaurus
 - links to discussion forum and topics

- Documentation in Thesaurus Manager
 - Code ↔ Descriptor
 - scope notes
 - synonyms
 - INFOODS tagname ↔ EuroFIR identifier mapping
 - links to external information, e.g. ChEBI (www.ebi.ac.uk/chebi/)
 - structure diagram
 - IUPAC and further nomenclature
 - chemical notation
 - registry numbers (Chemical Abstracts Service and others)
 - onward links to other resources
 - citations
 - ontology (hierarchical classification + chemical relationships)

Thesaurus Manager

▶ Select : EuroFIR Component Thesaurus version 1.3 ▶ Collapse tree

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- [-] Carbohydrate components [GRP_CHO]
 - [-] carbohydrate [CHO]
 - [-] carbohydrate, total [CHOT]
 - [-] carbohydrates, unspecified [CHOU]
 - [+] Fibre [GRP_FIB]
 - [+] Oligosaccharides [GRP_OLIGO]
 - [+] Polysaccharides [GRP_PSAC]
 - [+] Sugar alcohols [GRP_SUGOH]
 - [-] Sugars [GRP_SUGAR]
 - [-] Disaccharides [GRP_DISAC]
 - [-] disaccharides, total [DISAC]
 - [-] lactose [LACS]
 - [-] maltose [MALS]
 - sucrose [SUCS]**
 - [-] trehalose [TRES]
 - [+] Monosaccharides [GRP_MNSAC]
 - [-] sugar, added [SUGAD]
 - [-] sugar, natural [SUGAN]
 - [+] Sugars in fibre [GRP_SUGFB]
 - [-] sugars, total [SUGAR]
 - [+] Food additives [GRP_FADD]
 - [+] Food properties and measures [GRP_FOOD]
 - [+] Lipid components [GRP_LIPD]
 - [+] Minerals and inorganic components [GRP_MIN]
 - [+] Nitrogen components [GRP_NITR]
 - [+] Organic acids [GRP_OA]
 - [+] Phenolic components [GRP_PHNL]
 - [+] Proximates [GRP_PROX]
 - [+] Vitamins [GRP_VIT]

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SUCS

Active Classification

Descriptor

sucrose

Related terms ▶ Add

None assigned

Synonyms ▶ Add

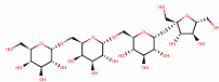
saccharose

Scope notes

Additional information ▶ [ChEBI](#)

<ChEBI>17992
<INFOODS>SUCS (sucrose)
<INFOODS>SUCSM (sucrose; expressed in monosaccharide equivalents)
EuroFIR priority: 2

Chemical Entities of Biological Interest (ChEBI)



ChEBI Name [?](#) **stachyose**

ChEBI ID [?](#) **CHEBI:17164**

Definition [?](#) An O-glycosylglycoside consisting of sucrose having an α -D-galactosyl-(1 \rightarrow 6)- α -D-galactosyl moiety attached at the 6-position of the glucose.

Stars [?](#) ★★★★★ This entity has been manually annotated by the ChEBI Team.

Secondary ChEBI IDs [?](#) CHEBI:26749, CHEBI:9248, CHEBI:15105, CHEBI:1148754

See structure as: Image Applet

[Download Molfile](#)

- [Find compounds which contain this structure](#)
- [Find compounds which resemble this structure](#)

InChI [?](#) [?](#) InChI=1S/C24H42O21/c25-1-6-10(28)14(32)17(35)21(41-6)39-3-8-11(29)15(33)18(36)22(42-8)40-4-9-12(30)16(34)19(37)23(43-9)45-24(5-27)20(38)13(31)7(2-26)44-24/n6-23,25-38H,1-5H2/n6-,7-,8-,9-,10+,11+,12-,13-,14+,15+,16+,17-,18-,19-,20+,21+,22+,23-,24+/m1/s1

InChIKey [?](#) [?](#) InChIKey=UQZIBXSHAGNOE-XNSRJBNSA-N

SMILES [?](#) [?](#) OC[C@H]1O[C@H](OC[C@H]2O[C@H](OC[C@H]3O[C@H](OC[C@H]4(CO)O[C@H](CO)[C@H](O)[C@H]4O)[C@H](O)[C@@H](O)[C@@H]3O)[C@H](O)[C@@H](O)[C@@H]2O)[C@H](O)[C@@H](O)[C@@H]1O

Formula [?](#) C24H42O21 **Source** KEGG COMPOUND

Net Charge [?](#) 0

Average Mass [?](#) 666.57768

ChEBI Ontology [?](#)

[Tree view](#)

Outgoing

- stachyose (CHEBI:17164) **is a** O-glycosylglycoside (CHEBI:35319)
- stachyose (CHEBI:17164) **has functional parent** sucrose (CHEBI:17992)
- stachyose (CHEBI:17164) **is a** tetrasaccharide (CHEBI:50126)

IUPAC Name [?](#) β -D-fructofuranosyl α -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 6)- α -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 6)- α -D-glucopyranoside

Synonyms [?](#)

Synonyms	Sources
α -D-GalP-(1 \rightarrow 6)- α -D-GalP-(1 \rightarrow 6)- α -D-GlcP-(1 \rightarrow 2)- β -D-FruF	JCBN
O- α -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 6)- α -D-galactopyranosyl-(1 \rightarrow 6)- α -D-galactopyranosyl- β -D-fructofuranoside	ChEBI
Stachyose	KEGG COMPOUND

Database Links [?](#)

Database Links	Databases
C01613	KEGG COMPOUND
G00278	KEGG GLYCAN
1148754	ChEMBL

[View more database links](#)

Registry Numbers [?](#)

Registry Numbers	Types	Sources
10094-58-3	CAS Registry Number	KEGG COMPOUND
1445746	Reaxys Registry Number	Reaxys
1696669	Reaxys Registry Number	Reaxys
470-55-3	CAS Registry Number	KEGG COMPOUND
470-55-3	CAS Registry Number	ChemIDplus
74246	Reaxys Registry Number	Reaxys

Citations [?](#)

Wagner JR,Becker R,Gumbmann MR,Olson AC (1976)
Hydrogen production in the rat following ingestion of raffinose, stachyose

Thesaurus Manager

- ⊕ Carbohydrate components [GRP_CHO]
- ⊖ Food additives [GRP_FADD]
 - acesulfam-K [ACESK]
 - aspartam [ASPM]
 - benzoic acid [BENAC]
 - cyclamate [CYCL]
 - isomalt [ISOMALT]
 - sodium-saccharin [SACCNA]
 - sorbic acid [SORAC]
- ⊖ Food properties and measures [GRP_FOOD]
 - chemical score [CHEMSC]
 - density/specific gravity [DEN]
 - dry matter [DRYMAT]
 - edible portion [EDIBLE]
 - **fatty acid conversion factor [FACF]**
 - nitrogen conversion factor [NCF]
 - pH [PH]
 - solids, total [SOLID]
 - usual portion [PORTION]
 - waste [WASTE]
- ⊕ Lipid components [GRP_LIPD]
- ⊕ Minerals and inorganic components [GRP_MIN]
- ⊕ Nitrogen components [GRP_NITR]
- ⊕ Organic acids [GRP_OA]
- ⊕ Phenolic components [GRP_PHNL]
- ⊕ Proximates [GRP_PROX]
- ⊕ Vitamins [GRP_VIT]

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FACF

Active Classification

Descriptor

fatty acid conversion factor

Related terms ► Add

None assigned

Synonyms ► Add

None defined

Scope notes

Deprecated term. For total fatty acids calculated from total fat, use the appropriate Method Indicator (MI0207) and record the factor used as Method Parameter and its source in Method Reference.

Additional information

<INFOODS>XFA

General issues

Decision making process

- Timeliness
 - Data management requires the component identifier
 - EuroFIR Data Repository
 - Provisional codes?
- Level of discussion
 - within well-defined area ↔ little discussion needed
 - difficult area ↔ careful discussion needed
- Discussion of proposals
 - INFOODS and EuroFIR jointly or separately
 - Separate proposals or collected proposals
 - Discussion forum
- Decision on proposals
- Implementation of proposals
 - INFOODS tagname list
 - EuroFIR Component Thesaurus
 - harmonised terms and documentation

Carbohydrates

Oligo- and polysaccharide definitions

- oligosaccharides, available [OLSAC]
 - ? oligosaccharide, total
- as ingredients
 - oligo- and polysaccharide mixtures
 - e.g. maltodextrins

The screenshot displays a software interface for food classification. On the left, a tree view shows the hierarchy of carbohydrate components under the group 'Carbohydrate components [GRP_CHO]'. The 'Oligosaccharides [GRP_OLIGO]' group is expanded, showing sub-items like 'alpha galactosides [GALSD]', 'dextrins [DEXTN]', 'maltotriose [MALTRS]', 'oligosaccharides, available [OLSAC]', 'raffinose [RAFS]', and 'stachyose [STAS]'. The 'oligosaccharides, available [OLSAC]' item is selected.

On the right, the detailed definition for 'OLSAC' is shown. It includes a 'Code' field with the value 'OLSAC', a 'Descriptor' field with the value 'oligosaccharides, available', and a 'Scope notes' field with the text 'Use for total available carbohydrates having 3 to 9 monosaccharide units'. The 'Additional information' field contains the following text: '<INFOODS>OLSAC (oligosaccharides, total available)', '<INFOODS>OLSACM (oligosaccharides, total available; expressed in monosaccharide equivalents)', 'Includes available higher sugars, e.g. maltotriose, lower-DP maltodextrins and most cyclodextrins', and 'EuroFIR priority: 3'. There are also checkboxes for 'Active' (checked) and 'Classification' (unchecked).

Fatty acids

Individual fatty acids – previous A

Tentative agreements reached:

- Both organizations will use only uppercase letters
- For the cis/trans isomers, both organizations will:
 - use C and T (not Z and E);
 - put C for cis or T for trans in front of double bond position counting from the COOH end, if it is known where they occur;
 - put at the end of the component identifier either a single T if at least one double bond is trans or a single C if it is known that all double bonds are cis isomers;
 - identify unknown positions of known cis/trans isomers by putting at the end of component identifier as many C and T as double bonds while putting C first followed by T, e.g. CCT if two cis isomers and one trans exist without knowing their position;
 - for individual fatty acids with unknown cis/trans isomers, both INFOODS and EuroFIR will not add any specific sign, e.g. F16D2 or F16:2, respectively;.
 - for fatty acids with unknown number of double bounds, INFOODS will not add any sign and EuroFIR UN for unidentified, e.g. F16 vs. F16:UN
 - for the sum of polyunsaturated fatty acids (FAPU), it is recommended to create new component identifiers in both systems to indicate cis/trans fatty acids (e.g. FAPUC and FAPUT) and promote their use.
- iso/anteiso: I and AI
- for sums of fatty acids, additional info on which fatty acids are included should be added

Fatty acids

Individual fatty acids – previous B

Agreement still needed:

- radical naming
- natural vs. introduced trans isomers through hydrogenation

Outstanding questions

- why is iso sometimes I and sometimes ISO, e.g. F17:0I and F18:2ISO
- why is trans sometimes TRS and sometimes T, and cis sometimes CIS and sometimes C (new question)

Fatty acids

Individual fatty acids – 1

n-Notation and monounsaturated fatty acids

Initial discussion points:

- Does the use in component codes of the *n*-notation specification (Nx) for *trans* or substituted fatty acids cause any problems in defining the structure represented?
- Are there any exceptions to the rule that the *n*-notation specification (Nx) should always be the last part of the component code?
- Are there any reasons for not changing the code for ricinoleic acid from F18:1N9O to F18:1O12CN9 (or the tagname from F18D1N9O to F18D1O12CN9)?

Fatty acids

Individual fatty acids – 2

Polyunsaturated fatty acids

Initial discussion points:

- The use of *n*-notation (Nx) for trans polyunsaturated fatty acids must be limited to the methylene separated isomers, for example with F18:2TTN3 representing 12-*trans*,15-*trans*-octadecadienoic acid. The code for 9-*trans*,15-*trans*-octadecadienoic acid would be F18:2T9T12. Is this policy logical?
- If all positions cited before the final *n*-notation (Nx) are counted from the carboxylate end, F18:3TCCN3 (for example) would identify 9-*trans*,12-*cis*,15-*cis*-octadecatrienoic acid. Is this an acceptable approach?
- Is the use of short forms (e.g. F18:3CN3) for the all-*cis* isomers, explicit forms (e.g. F18:3TTTN3) for the all-*trans* isomers and forms such as F18:3TN3 for total *trans* isomers the best approach to take?

Vitamins

- Thiamin chloride [THIA]
 - not thiamin(1+)
 - not thiamin chloride hydrochloride

Synonyms ▶ Add

D **E** thiamin chloride

Scope notes

Additional information ▶ ChEBI

<ChEBI>33283

<INFOODS>THIA

Defined as thiamin monochloride, although values are sometimes expressed as the free thiamin cation (ChEBI:18385) or thiamin chloride hydrochloride (ChEBI:49105)

- Folates
 - further aspects to discuss?

Bioactives

Code definition principles – 1

- Codes similar to others, not meaningless identifiers
- Core structure as XX_
 - e.g. Glucosinolates as GS_XXX
- Codes similar to others, not meaningless identifiers
- Interface to existing codes

The screenshot displays a software interface for defining bioactive codes. On the left is a hierarchical tree of categories, and on the right is a detailed view for the selected code 'COUMEST'.

Left Panel (Tree Structure):

- Carbohydrate components [GRP_CHO]
- Food additives [GRP_FADD]
- Food properties and measures [GRP_FOOD]
- Lipid components [GRP_LIPD]
- Minerals and inorganic components [GRP_MIN]
- Nitrogen components [GRP_NITR]
- Organic acids [GRP_OA]
- Phenolic components [GRP_PHNL]
 - Capsaicinoids [GRP_CAPSA]
 - Flavonoids [GRP_FLAV]
 - Anthocyanidins and anthocyanins [GRP_ANTCYN]
 - Flavanols [GRP_FLAVANOL]
 - Flavanones [GRP_FLAVANE]
 - Flavones [GRP_FLAVONE]
 - Flavonols [GRP_FLAVONOL]
 - Phytoestrogens [GRP_PHYTG]
 - coumestrol [COUMEST]**
 - Isoflavonoids [GRP_ISOFLAV]
 - Lignans [GRP_LIGN]
 - tannin [TANNIN]
- Proximates [GRP_PROX]
- Vitamins [GRP_VIT]

Right Panel (Code Definition for COUMEST):

- Code:** COUMEST
- Active Classification
- Descriptor:** coumestrol
- Related terms:** Add *None assigned*
- Synonyms:** Add *None defined*
- Scope notes:** Use for 3,9-dihydroxy-6-benzofurano[3,2-c]chromenone
- Additional information:**
 - <INFOODS>COUMEST
 - <eBASIS>27
 - EuroFIR priority: 6

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Code definition principles – 2

- ⊕ Carbohydrate components [GRP_CHO]
- ⊕ Food additives [GRP_FADD]
- ⊕ Food properties and measures [GRP_FOOD]
- ⊕ Lipid components [GRP_LIPD]
- ⊕ Minerals and inorganic components [GRP_MIN]
- ⊕ Nitrogen components [GRP_NITR]
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 - ⊕ Flavanones [GRP_FLAVANE]
 - ⊕ Flavones [GRP_FLAVONE]
 - ⊖ Flavonols [GRP_FLAVONOL]
 - kaempferol [KAEMF]
 - myricetin [MYRIC]
 - quercetin [QUERCE]**
 - rutin [RUTIN]
 - ⊖ Phytoestrogens [GRP_PHYTG]
 - coumestrol [COUMEST]
 - ⊕ Isoflavonoids [GRP_ISOFLAV]
 - ⊕ Lignans [GRP_LIGN]
 - tannin [TANNIN]
- ⊕ Proximates [GRP_PROX]
- ⊕ Vitamins [GRP_VIT]

Code

QUERCE

Active Classification

Descriptor

quercetin

Related terms [Add](#)

None assigned

Synonyms [Add](#)

None defined

Scope notes

Use for 3,3',4',5,7-pentahydroxy-2-phenylchromen-4-one

Additional information [ChEBI](#)

<ChEBI>16243
<INFOODS>QUERCE
<eBASIS>1509
EuroFIR priority: 4

1509	Quercetin
1883	Quercetin 3,4'-diglucoside
1886	Quercetin 3-rhamnoglucoside
1882	Quercetin 4'-glucoside
1511	Quercetin glycosides
1512	Quercetin-3-araboside
1517	Quercetin-3-galactoside
1518	Quercetin-3-gluco-7-rhamnoside
1519	Quercetin-3-glucoside
1520	Quercetin-3-glucuronide
1524	Quercetin-3-rhamnoglucoside
1525	Quercetin-3-rhamnoside
1526	Quercetin-3-rutinoside
1528	Quercimeritrin

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Code definition principles – 3

- Locants
 - 2, 3, 4 not *o*, *m*, *p*
 - coding of 3,4'-diglucoside
- Coding as condensation products
 - glucosides

Further issues

- Speciation
 - oxidation state
 - ionic species
 - radicals
- Combination coding
 - mixtures
 - condensation products
- ?