

Suggested Revision of Nomenclature—Angiotensin

Concurrent discovery has become commonplace, almost as though a mental sputnik regularly circled the earth, distributing with abandon our most exciting thoughts. The vasoactive peptide resulting from the action of renin on an alpha-globulin was thus discovered by two groups of investigators with the result that the peptide received two trivial names, angiotonin and hypertensin. Synthesis of the octapeptide has now brought a degree of certainty about the identity of this peptide and justifies dropping the double nomenclature. We propose the simplified name, *angiotensin*, and its derivatives *angiotensinase* and *angiotensinogen*. *Angiotensin* is a hybrid word but does, we think, have the advantage of being easy to pronounce even with a variety of accents, and it is euphonious and is understandable despite the most recalcitrant microphone.

There will be many who from habit will want no change, but we hope usage will make the heart grow fonder.

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