After reading the article by Darryl Francis on numerical tautonyms in the February 1970 Word Ways, I became interested in the possibility of building one or more word squares consisting of two-part six-letter tautonyms. Since this could not be done with the 45 words listed in his article, I began a systematic search for more, and the list given below is the result.

If letters are assigned values according to their numerical positions in the alphabet, a two-part six-letter tautonym is a word in which the sum of the values of the first three letters equals the sum of the values of the last three letters. Let us call this sum the tautonymic value. Each combination of three letters from the alphabet yields a tautonymic value. (A combination is a selection of letters without regard to order; for example, ABC and CAB are counted as the same combination.) The lowest possible tautonymic value is, of course, 3 for AAA, and the highest possible is 78 for ZZZ. The number of possible combinations increases in a regular pattern from only one combination for each of the tautonymic values 3 and 4, to 90 different combinations with a tautonymic value of 38. There are then 91 combinations for each of the tautonymic values 39, 40, 41 and 42, after which the frequency decreases in reverse order from 90 for the tautonymic value 43 to but one each for the values 77 and 78.

One might easily assume that the larger the number of different letter combinations yielding a given tautonymic value, the greater the chance of finding numerical tautonyms with that value, but this is not always true. The 73 combinations adding to 51 produced only one tautonym, and the 40 combinations adding to 59 produced none at all. The 91 combinations adding to 39 gave 35 numerical tautonyms, the largest number for any tautonymic value, but the 91 adding to 41 produced only 10.

The following tabulation of six-letter numerical tautonyms has been arranged by groups of words all having the same tautonymic value; within each group, words are listed alphabetically. The 45 words listed on page 11 of the February 1970 Word Ways are included in the list.

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<th>Tautonymic Value</th>
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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>fame, gas, keck, pack, pal, sad</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>bul, can, sac, pack, pal, sad</td>
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<td>38</td>
<td>fam, eng, eng, gab, gal, bal</td>
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<td>39</td>
<td>bon, bar, car, car, kar, kar</td>
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<td>40</td>
<td>bar, bar, car, car, kar, kar</td>
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<td>41</td>
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The list continues with words for each tautonymic value from 42 to 78.
in their respective positions to make a grand total of 519. But even with this fairly respectable total, I have not yet been able to construct a 6 x 6 word square using only words chosen from this list. Can some reader do it?

10 facade
12 gadbee
14 kabala
15 balaam
16 alcana, calcid, cheefe, hagged
17 bandal, bandid
18 canale, canela, madiah
19 belgic, bobble, flabel, pabble
20 aranea, chicle, galena, galibi, gidjee, lagado, lagena, pacane, pachak, packed
21 barasa, bardel, barhal, bodelle, cembra, cochal, gomben, keeled, maggie, paddle, rabmag
22 archie, crance, foamed, obelia, racial
23 boffle, darned, daroga, fleeme, hifend, libnah, maiden, sacrad, scalf, tabard
24 alkene, boggle, gobian, higgle, jamnia, kalian, kalihe, kalina, paggle, pagina, saddik
25 bubber, caunch, causae, coghe, helped, hobber, kamboh, michel, niber, phases, rebase
26 cavate, caveat, cereate, choate, cholam, cinicin, create, crenic, engaude, garuda, geneat, genipa, gracer, negate, ocheil, peenge, planic, reckan, teare, vacate, vaccin
27 alnico, budder, eschar, haraya, harder, harico, hender, hodder, indebt, jobbet, lanches, lander, nider, offerd, redbud
28 faucet, fogman, glides, iodine, keloid, manjoc, mannie, pegman, picine, pickel, pickle, picoid, raioid, raised, reebok, reesed, shades, shaik, shamen, sharia, wadman
29 blobby, buffer, buffin, cayuga, chroma, finnan, freath, gaufer, gaufre, hatted, hillel, hilted, issias, moated, omagua, palais, pheege, plated, thaisa, thanan, thanna
30 anorak, anotia, antler, biskra, bugger, coling, czaric, duette, ginete, ginger, himmel, hogger, hoggin, iatric, karalt, kenelm, kentia, kenepe, kraken, melano, melita, onager, raking, schelm, schete, teeing
31 cyclar, fetcht, fether, fudges, hinges, inhould, kasher, larigo, ogived, panics, panisc, pannel, ridges, seggio, skaffs
32 chumar, citole, disarm, dishes, distic, dollar, domini, enmesh, gadget, itches, killas, mensal, ramier, saliva, salvia, sheeeve, sheuch, ticails, viatic
33 donsie, flocks, florin, hipple, jerome, jingko, peleth, plenar, rando, sampe, seimas, smacks, talmas, talond, taluka, thebes,
thecks, thenar, thenne, tidies, zaffir

34 bygone, civite, copula, duker, gazite, kerite, kinone, kohemp, laughs, milker, pochay, pochok, dangir, snaker, tamkin, tamora

35 borrel, buller, dopant, holiya, holler, holpin, holpen, lavant, limosa, mimosa, natant, parfit, pariya, parpen, parrel, partan, pneuma, podler, rapeye, rappen, relift, reluck, tangis

36 bosket, bummer, cromer, croope, hitchy, homish, hommer, ketchy, merles, merope, minish, moholi, nimmer, nimshi, ollish, orchis, passel, rocket, sapota, selloi, shiels, sleaps, sleekt, sleugh, spales, umbels, umbles, wheels, wheugh, widish

37 bottle, bungey, cizars, droner, enrapt, honorl, liplet, mespil, nincum, patlet, pattel, pillet, rennin, rodlet, taplet, telesl, thines, unbelt, vanner, wiener

38 cotonin, cotyla, illylpawn, kir sen, lyleteor, octavo, rasens, rasion, sarion, sarwan, unclay, unclue, uncoin, uncore, wanion

39 assart, assent, assume, couper, couril, fluent, fornax, forril, froggy, fulyie, hopper, kislev, netful, nipper, perfik, perten, pinnet, prefix, quacky, quaggy, quarta, ratten, repart, repass, repent, repose, sastra, tarten, tenent, tenpin, traiks, travel, travld, undose, wigful

40 doughy, fossil, groats, gropes, oxalis, pseudo, satify, sativa, scats, slings, slips, sofats, speats, stangs, stapes, taskit, uglify, upcast, whilom, whings

41 burrer, duplex, horkey, momism, onlook, pethor, puddy, rinkey, usarin, ventil

42 busser, curers, curser, dowers, dowser, gunung, loosor, miters, overaw, payers, resins, respue, savers, savior, sermon, shoes, shores, subr, taugog, timely, timers, warely

43 butter, cusses, druess, duress, hotter, hunter, mooter, niter, polvil, prills, prises, prisse, pshaws, queint, quells, ripsaw, sawfly, sculls, scurf, swarfs, tholls, thorax, tinter, vatter, waster, xarque, xenium

44 estray, orkney, pomary, spiney, spinks, spites, sudary, tawney, twanks, unites

45 revues, rollix

46 morris, solute

47 lothor, lotuko, oxhorn, sweirt, swelps, teviss, trivet

48 numery, reyson, skryer, snorks, stions, stirs, tewits, ummist, unmoor

49 buzzer, hutton, mousey, mouton, mouzer, osophy, phyton, plump, prompt, prono, proton, pulton, seytou, thump

50 toomly, uitoto

51 swiftly

52 opulus, rumors, slushy

53 thymus, torso, tropy

54 stows, tumour, utmost

55 sourly
With a few exceptions (such as DOPANT), all words have been taken from Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, Second Edition.

For the sake of completeness, we also list six-letter palindromes and regular tautonyms, both of which are numerical tautonyms.

hallah, hannah, kassak, redder, renner, retter, sirris, succus, terret, tirrit

ack-ack, akeake, atlatl, barbar, beebee, benben, berber, bonbon, bribri, bulbul, bye-bye, cancan, chocho, cuscus, dik-dik, dugdug, dumdum, enaena, fufur, gabgab, galgal, gangan, gee-gee, grigri, grugru, gulgul, hawhaw, humhum, iwaiwa, kakkak, kiekie, lablab, marmar, miamia, motmot, mulmul, murmur, nagnag, palpal, pawpaw, pitpit, samsam, sarsar, seese, seems, simsim, sooso, sousou, tartar, teetee, testes, tictic, toatoa, toetoe, toitoi, tom-tom, tortor, tumtum, turtur, tzetze, valval, wagwag, waiwai, weiwei, wou-wou, wow-wow, zemzem, zoozoo, cha-cha, kuskus, maomao, tsetse, dig-dig