EVEN MORE LONG WORDS FROM THE OED

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Do you recall asking about long words in the Oxford English Dictionary that used letters, digits, hyphens, Greek letters and a variety of other characters?

Yep. Don't tell me—you've gone and searched them out!

A few of them, yes. I only looked for ones with over 50 characters, and there's not that many.

How many?

According to my research, there's just 11. And you've already seen the two longest ones—of lengths 94 and 100—in an earlier Word Ways.

All chemical terms, I suppose?

They seem to be. Anyway, the lengths run from 56 characters up to a round 100. My list below also shows the main entries in the OED where the chemical names can be found.

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<th>Long words, 50+ characters</th>
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<td>56 propyl-4-diethyl-carbamoylmethoxy-3-methoxyphenylacetate</td>
<td>propanicid</td>
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<td>59 anhydro-3-hydroxymethylene-tetrahydro-γ-pyrone-2-carboxylic</td>
<td>patulin</td>
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<td>64 N-(1-ethylpyrrolidin-2-ylmethyl)-2-methoxy-6-sulphamoylbenzamide</td>
<td>sulpiride</td>
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<td>64 (2)-1-(2-Acety1-4-butramidophenoxy)-3-isopropilaminopropan-2-ol</td>
<td>acebutolol</td>
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<td>67 7-chloro-1,3-dihydro-3-hydroxy-5-phenyl-2H-1,4-benzodiazepine-2-one</td>
<td>oxazepam</td>
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<td>67 7-Chloro-3-hydroxy-1-methyl-5-phenyl-1H-1,4-benzodiazepin-2(3H)-one</td>
<td>temazepam</td>
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<td>67 1,2,3,4-tetrahydro-8-hydroxy-6,7-dimethoxy-1,2-dimethylisoquinoline</td>
<td>pellotine</td>
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<td>72 4-(2-isopropylamino-1-hydroxyethyl)-methanesulphonilnide hydrochloride</td>
<td>sotalol</td>
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<td>77 sodium-ortho-benzidine-mono-sulphoacid-diazob-2-naphthylamine-3,6-sulphoacid</td>
<td>trypan</td>
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<td>94 1,2,3,4,5,6-hexahydro-8-hydroxy-6,11-dimethyl-3-(3-methyl-2-buteny1)-2,6-methano-3-benzazocine</td>
<td>pentazocine</td>
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<td>100 6,8-dideoxy-6-(1-methyl-4-propyl-2-pyrrolidinecarboxamido)-1-thio-d-erythro-d-galacto-octapyranoside</td>
<td>lincomycin</td>
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sands, even millions, of long chemical names.

Quite right! All that distinguishes the ones in my list from the myriad other long names in existence is that these ones actually appear in the Oxford English Dictionary. Beyond that, I'm not claiming anything special for them.