

**allo- (in amino-acid nomenclature)**

Amino acids with two chiral centres were named in the past by allotting a name to the first diastereoisomer to be discovered. The second diastereoisomer, when found or synthesized, was then assigned the same name but with the prefix *allo-*. This method can be used only with trivial names but not with semisystematic or systematic names. It is now recommended that *allo* should be used only for alloisoleucine and allothreonine.

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