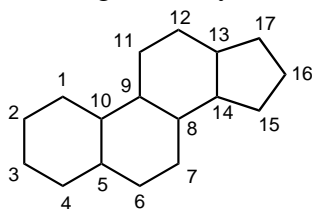


steroids

Naturally occurring compounds and synthetic analogues, based on the cyclopenta[*a*]phenanthrene carbon skeleton, partially or completely hydrogenated; there are usually methyl groups at C-10 and C-13, and often an *alkyl group* at C-17. By extension, one or more bond scissions, ring expansions and/or ring contractions of the skeleton may have occurred. Natural steroids are derived biogenetically from *triterpenoids*.



1995, 67, 1367; see also W.B. 193