

carboxylic acids

Oxoacids having the structure $\text{RC}(=\text{O})\text{OH}$. The term is used as a suffix in systematic name formation to denote the $-\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{OH}$ group including its carbon atom.

Source:

PAC, 1995, 67, 1307 (*Glossary of class names of organic compounds and reactivity intermediates based on structure (IUPAC Recommendations 1995)*) on page 1326