direct current

This term and its symbol, $i_{\rm dc}$ or $I_{\rm dc}$, should be used (in preference to 'current' alone) only to denote the steady (time-dependent) component of a current that also has a periodic component.

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PAC, 1985, 57, 1491 (Recommended terms, symbols, and definitions for electroanalytical chemistry (Recommendations 1985)) on page 1495