

oxo carboxylic acids

Compounds having a carboxy group as well as an aldehydic or ketonic group in the same molecule, e.g. $\text{HC(=O)CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{C(=O)OH}$ 5-oxopentanoic acid. In an organic context the term is generally shortened to oxo acids. The full name should be used if confusion with *oxoacids* seems possible.

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