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- Phenylketonuria is an inherited disorder in which phenylacetic acid,  $C_6H_5CH_2COOH$ , (simplified here to HPAC) accumulates in the blood. A study of the acid shows that the pH of a 0.12 M HPAC solution is 2.60. What is the  $pK_a$  of phenylacetic acid?

Answer: