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Unit	Correct symbol
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second, millisecond	s ms
mole, millimole, micromole,	mol mmol μ mol
nanomole, picomole	nmol pmol
metre, centimetre, millimetre,	m cm mm
micrometre	μ m
Hertz	Hz

(b) Some permitted non-SI units

ångström	Å (= 10^{-10} m = 0.1 nm)
gramme	g
minute	min
hour	h
molarity (mol/litre)	M
calorie	cal (4.184 J) (Conversion factor to be given as a footnote at first citation or in Methods)
millimetre of mercury	mmHg (1.333 mbar) (Conversion factor to be given as a footnote at first citation or in Methods)
millibar	mbar
poise	P
curie	Ci
litre	l. (where there is danger of confusion between the numeral '1' and the letter 'l', 'litre' should be written in full, and always at the end of a sentence)
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