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Unit Correct symbol

kilogramme kg second, millisecond s ms

mole, millimole, micromole, mol mmol μ mol nanomole, picomole nmol pmol

metre, centimetre, millimetre, m cm mm

 $\begin{array}{ll} \text{micrometre} & \mu \text{m} \\ \text{Hertz} & \text{Hz} \end{array}$

(b) Some permitted non-Si units

ångström $Å(=10^{-10}m=0\cdot1 \text{ nm})$ gramme gminute minhour h

molarity (mol/litre) h

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 Ci

litre

1. (where there is danger of confusion between the numeral '1' and the

°C

letter 'l', 'litre' should be written in full, and always at the end of a

millilitre, microlitre $ml \mu l$

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