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

(b) Some permitted non-Si units

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gramme	g
minute	min
hour	h
molarity (mol/litre)	M
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millimetre of mercury	mmHg (1.333 mbar) (Conversion factor to be given as a footnote at first citation or in Methods)
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poise	P
curie	Ci
litre	l. (where there is danger of confusion between the numeral 'l' and the letter 'l', 'litre' should be written in full, and always at the end of a sentence)
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