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Type	Mark	Symbol	Example	Example (printed)
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Italic ^{b)}	Wavy underline	<u>~~~~~</u>	<i><u>in vitro</u></i>	<i>in vitro</i>
Small capital ^{c)}	Double underline	<u>=====</u>	<u>0.5M</u>	0.5M
Boldface italic ^{d)}	Underline with wavy line	<u>~~~~~</u>	<u>R</u>	<i>R</i>

^{a)} Headings, designated numbers of chemical compounds.

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^{d)} The italicized terms and prefixes in headings.

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b) The authors' full first names, middle initials, and last names should be given, followed by the address(es) of the contributing laboratory or laboratories. The author to whom correspondence and/or inquiries should be directed should be indicated by an asterisk (*). Footnotes may be added to indicate the present mailing address(es) of the author(s). The corresponding author's mailing address, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address should also be included.

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Examples of references to book chapters [6], books [7], patents [8], computer programs [9], and Ph.D. theses [10] are also given.

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In the text, reference to author(s) of cited works should be made without giving initials, e.g., '... as shown by Kamata and Wasada [8]'. If the reference carries the names of three or more authors it should be quoted as 'Barbero *et al.* [1]', if Barbero is the first author, or as 'Piscopo and co-workers [1]', if Piscopo is the senior author.

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All new compounds should be named in accordance with IUPAC rules (*cf. Appendix II*). As an additional guideline, the *Index Guide of Chemical Abstracts* should be consulted. Some special conventions peculiar to HCA are:

For common solvents, reagents, or other compounds, the molecular formulae or accepted abbreviations may be used: *e.g.*, CHCl₃, NaCl, SOCl₂, MeOH, DMF, DMSO, THF, Py. An *ad hoc* abbreviation may be used for a name or formula that occurs repeatedly. This has to be clearly defined, *e.g.*, THC = tetrahydrocannabinol.

Different alkyl or arylalkyl radicals should be designated with superscripted numbers: R¹, R², R³, *etc.* (Subscripts are used only to denote stoichiometry.) Aryl radicals should be designated by Ar¹, Ar², *etc.*, all others by X, Y, *etc.* (*e.g.*, X = O, Y = NH₂, Z = Br).

Individual atoms should be referred to as C(2), N(5) (not C-2 and N-5), *etc.* For 'hydrogen atom attached to carbon atom 4', *etc.*, HCA prefers the notation H-C(4).

Some symbols and abbreviations are listed in *Appendix III*.

5. Units and Their Symbols

SI Units are to be used, especially in contributions dealing with physical chemistry. However, some non-SI units listed in *Appendix IV* are acceptable.

6. Special Instructions Concerning Contributions Containing X-Ray Crystal-Structure Results

All contributions which report the results of a crystal-structure determination, even in a minor way, must adhere to the following instructions.

It is the results of crystal-structure determinations which are of prime interest to readers of *HCA*. A detailed description of the experiment is not usually necessary, and only the pertinent crystallographic data need to be summarized in the experimental section. However, the full crystallographic data must be deposited in one of the crystallographic databases (see *d* below) **before** the manuscript is submitted. In addition, authors must validate their crystallographic data (see *c* below) and include the Validation Report with their manuscript. The manuscript will not be distributed to the referees until the database deposition numbers and Validation Reports for the reported crystal structures have been provided.

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- Crystal size
- Unit-cell dimensions and volume with standard uncertainties
- Crystal system and space group
- Number of molecules or formula units per unit cell
- Diffractometer used
- Radiation and wavelength
- Temperature and pressure of measurement (if different from 298 K and 1 atm)

- Calculated density D_x (and measured density, D_m , if applicable)
- Linear absorption coefficient
- Method of measuring intensities
- Max. value of $(\sin\theta)/\lambda$ or θ reached in intensity measurements
- Type of absorption correction applied (if applicable) and max. and min. values of correction
- Decay correction (if applicable) with maximum decay value
- Method used to solve and refine structure including treatment of H-atoms
- Use of F or F^2 magnitudes in least-squares refinement
- Number of measured, independent, and observed reflections
- Criterion for classifying reflections as observed [$I > n\sigma(I)$]
- Number of parameters refined
- Final values of $R(F)$ for the $I > n\sigma(I)$ reflections, wR (on F or F^2) for all reflections used in the refinement, and S (goodness-of-fit)
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