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k values. When reporting values, the method for determining the hold-up time (to) must be described.

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Carrier gas. Type, purity, flow-rate or inlet pressure (bar or MPa).

Temperature. All relevant temperatures (or temperature programmes) should be detailed.

Planar chromatography

Chamber. Internal dimensions, manufacturer and location, saturation, temperature, humidity.

Thin layer or paper. Manufacturer and location, material, dimensions, type (laboratory-prepared or commercially precoated) and thickness of layer, additives (fluorescent indicator, binder), position of starting line, development mode, method of activation.

Solvent. Composition of solvent, monophasic or upper or lower phase of two-phase mixture, total volume.

Sample. Application method, size of spot or streak, solvent and amount of solute and volume of solution applied.

Detection. Spray reagent, wavelength, details of colours, R_F values.

Electrophoresis

Matrix. For example, cellulose acetate, agarose, polyacrylamide; gel concentration; percentage cross-linker; dimensions and material of tube, sheet, etc., surface modification, length between column inlet and detector, temperature.

Buffers. Complete and unambiguous description of buffers used, pH and how the pH was set or adjusted.

Other. Injection method, voltage, current. In electropherograms, anode and cathode should be indicated.

Mass spectrometry

Inlet system. Direct on-line, off-line, postcolumn splitting, postcolumn buffer or matrix addition.

Source. Ionization energy, temperature, trap current, reagent gas. For LC interfaces, complete and unambiguous description of the same and their operating parameters (vaporizer and capillary temperature, buffers, nebulizing, auxiliary or ionizing gases, gas pressures, source and interface voltages, up-front CID voltages.

Mass analyzer. Accelerating voltage, scan mode, collision gas for tendem MS work, collision gas pressure, collision energy, resolution and mass range.

Detection. Electron multiplier voltage and/or electrometer gain, ions monitored in SIM and dwell times.

Appendix 2: Conversion table for the non-SI units most frequently used

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Physical quantity	Type of conversion	Factor
Length	in. \rightarrow cm	2.54
	$ft. \rightarrow cm$	30.4801
Area	$in.^2 \rightarrow cm^2$	6.451626
Mass	lb. \rightarrow kg	0.45359237
Volume	gallon (USA) \rightarrow 1	3.785332
	gallon (UK) \rightarrow 1	4.54609
Pressure	$atm \rightarrow Pa$	101 325
	mmHg or Torr \rightarrow Pa	133.322
	$mmH_2O \rightarrow Pa$	9.80665
	$kp cm^2 \rightarrow Pa$	98066.5
	lbs. in. $^{-2}$ or p.s.i. \rightarrow Pa	6894.76

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Abbreviations

A, C, G, T adenine, cytidine, guanine, thymine

Ac, OAc acetyl, acetate A/D analog-to-digital

ADP, AMP, ATP, and similar adenosine 5'-di-, -mono-, triphosphate, etc.

nucleoside phosphates

a.c. alternating current

amino acids standard 3- and 1-letter codes

AU absorbance units

BET Brunauer—Emmett—Teller

b.p. boiling point
Bu butyl

cpm counts per minute
CE capillary electrophoresis

d, m, p, r, t (in nucleosides/ deoxy, messenger, phosphate, recombinant/ ribosomal, transfer

nucleotides/nucleic acids)

d.c. direct current

DDD, DDT, DDE di-, trichloro-bis(chlorophenyl)ethane, -ethylene

DEAE diethylaminoethyl

DNA, DNase deoxyribonucleic acid, deoxyribonuclease
Dns, dansyl 5-dimethylaminonaphthalene-1-sulfonyl

DOPA 3,4-dihydroxyphenylalanine

dpm desintegrations per minute

EC enzyme commission numbering system EDTA ethylenediaminetetraacetate, -acetic acid

equiv. equivalent
Et ethyl
FS full scale

FSOT fused-silica open tubular FT Fourier transform

GC, GLC, GSC gas chromatography, gas-liquid chromatography, gas-solid chromatography

HP... high-performance... I.D. internal diameter IgG immunoglobulin G i.m. intramuscular intraperitoneal i.p. IR infrared I.S. internal standard I.U. international unit i.v. intravenous

LC liquid chromatography

LD lethal dose

Me methyl
m.p. melting point

MS mass spectrometry

NAD, NADH (NADP, NADPH) nicotinamide—adenine dinucleotide (phosphate)

NMR nuclear magnetic resonance

O.D. outer diameter Ph phenyl Pr propyl

PTFE poly(tetrafluoroethylene)
RNA, RNase ribonucleic acid, ribonuclease

RP.... reversed-phase.... rpm revolutions per minute

RSD relative standard deviation (preferred over coefficient of variation)

SD standard deviation

TLC thin-layer chromatography
Tris tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane

u atomic mass units (reference to mass of ¹²C; preferred over a.m.u./amu:

reference to mass of 16O)

UV ultraviolet

vol., v/vvolume, volume/volumeVisvisibleWCOTwall-coated open tubularwt., w/w, m/mmass, mass/mass

Symbols

F

ε interparticle porosity or molar adsorptivity

mobile phase flow-rate

 ΔG^0 standard Gibbs free energy change

 ΔH^0 standard enthalpy change

H plate height

h reduced plate height J coupling constant

Kequilibrium constant kretention factor

 $K_{\rm c}$ distribution constant (preferred over partition coefficient)

length wavelength

L

λ $M_{\rm r}$ (relative) molecular mass electrophoretic mobility μ N number of plates number of determinations n viscosity η

pressure or probability p P relative pressure

negative logarithm of... (as in pH, pI, p K_a) p... relative retention or correlation coefficient

R molar gas constant R_F retardation factor $\log (1/R_F - 1)$ R_M $R_{\rm s}$ resolution density

 ΔS^0 standard entropy change S/N signal-to-noise ratio Ttemperature time t

retention time of unretained compound t_0

 $t_{\rm R} \ (t'_{\rm R})$ (adjusted) retention time mobile phase velocity

 V_0 retention volume of unretained compound

 $V_{\rm R}~(V_{\rm R}')$ (adjusted) retention volume peak width at base w_{b} peak width at half height

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