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7. **Abbreviations of Units of Measurement and Physical and Chemical Quantities**—These abbreviations listed in Table I may be used without definition.

TABLE I

(1) Prefixes to the names of units					
tera	10^{12}	T	milli	10^{-3}	m
giga	10^{9}	G	micro	10^{-6}	μ
mega	10^{6}	M	nano	10^{-9}	n
kilo	10^{3}	k	pico	10^{-12}	p
deci	10^{-1}	deci (not d)	femto	10^{-15}	f
centi	10^{-2}	c[1]	atto	10^{-18}	a

(2) Units of Concentration[2]	
molar (moles/liter)	M
millimolar (millimoles/liter)	mM (not 10^{-3} M)
micromolar (micromoles/liter)	μM (or 10^{-6} M)
nanomolar (nanomoles/liter)	nM (or $\times 10^{-9}$ M)
picomolar (picomoles/liter)	pM (or $\times 10^{-12}$ M)
(3) Units of Length	
meter	m
centimeter	cm
millimeter	mm
micrometer (not micron)	μm (not μ)
nanometer	nm (not mμ)
Ångstrom (0.1 nm)	Å
(4) Units of Area and Volume	
square centimeter	cm^2
cubic centimeter	cm^3
liter	l (in tables only)
milliliter	ml
microliter	μl (not λ)
(5) Units of Mass	
gram	g (kg, mg, μg [not γ], ng, pg)
dalton[3]	Da

(6) Units of Time			
hour	h	year	yr
minute	min	month	mo
second	s	week	wk
		day	d

(7) Units of Radioactivity	
becquerel	Bq (=1 dps or 60 dpm)
counts per minute	cpm
curie(s)	Ci ($=3.7\times10^{10}$ Bq)
disintegrations per minute	dpm
(8) Other Units	
mole	mol (mmol, μmol, nmol, pmol)
degree Celsius	°C
degree absolute (kelvin)	K
joule	J
kilojoule	kJ
calorie	cal
kilocalorie	kcal
parts per billion	ppb
parts per million	ppm
cycles per second (hertz)	Hz (not cps)
equivalent	eq
ampere	A (mA)
ohm	Ω
volt	V
gauss	G
pascal	Pa
revolutions per minute	rpm
Svedberg unit of sedimentation coefficient (10^{-13} s)	S
(9) Physical and Chemical Quantities	
absorbance	A
equilibrium constant	K
rate constant	k
maximum velocity	V_{max}
Michaelis constant	K_m
equilibrium dissociation constant	K_d
isoelectric point	pI
molecular weight[3]	M_r
retardation factor	R_f
acceleration of gravity	g
specific rotation	$[\alpha]^t_\lambda$
partial specific volume	$\bar{v}$
diffusion constant	D
sedimentation coefficient	s
density	ρ
sedimentation coefficient in water at 20°C, extraporated to zero concentration	$s^0_{20,w}$
Gibbs energy change	ΔG
entropy change	ΔS
enthalpy change	ΔH
melting temperature	T_m
(10) Other Terms	
logarithm	log
logarithm (natural)	ln
standard deviation of a series	SD
standard error of mean of series	SE

[1] to be avoided where possible (except for cm).
[2] Terms such as milligram percent (mg%) should not be used. Weight concentrations should be given as g/ml, g/100 ml, *etc.*
[3] Molecular weight is dimensionless. Only molecular mass is expressed by daltons.

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TABLE II

(1) General	
Adenosine 3′:5′-cyclic monophosphate	cAMP
Adenosine 5′-mono-, di, and triphosphates[1]	AMP, ADP, and ATP
Adenosine triphosphatase	ATPase
Base pair(s)	bp
Bovine serum albumin	BSA
O-(Carboxymethyl)	CM-
Circular dichroism	CD
Coenzyme A and its acyl derivatives	CoA (or CoASH) and acyl-CoA
Complementary DNA	cDNA
Cyclic AMP	cAMP
Cyclic GMP	cGMP
Cytidine diphosphate choline, *etc.*	CDP-choline, *etc.*
Cytidine 5′-mono-, di-, and triphosphates	CMP, CDP, and CTP
Deoxyribonuclease	DNase
Deoxyribonucleic acid	DNA
O-(Diethylaminoethyl)	DEAE-

Dithiothreitol	DTT
Electron paramagnetic resonance	EPR
Electron spin resonance	ESR
Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid	EDTA
[Ethylenebis(oxyethlenenitrilo)]-tetraacetic acid	EGTA
Flavin-adenine dinucleotide and its fully reduced form	FAD and $FADH_2$
Flavin mononucleotide and its fully reduced form	FMN and $FMNH_2$
Fourier transform	FT
Gas chromatography-mass spectrometry	GC-MS
Gas liquid chromatography	GLC
Glutathione and its oxidized form	GSH and GSSG
Guanosine 3′:5′-cyclic monophosphate	cGMP
Guanosine 5′-mono-, di-, and triphosphates	GMP, GDP, and GTP
Guanosine triphosphatase	GTPase
Hemoglobin	Hb
Heterogenous nuclear RNA	hnRNA
High performance (pressure) liquid chromatography	HPLC
4-(2-Hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazineethanesulfonic acid	HEPES
Immunoglobulin	Ig (IgG, IgM, *etc.*)
Infrared	IR
Inorganic orthophosphate	P_i
Inorganic pyrophosphate	PP_i
Inosine 5′-mono-, di-, and triphosphates	IMP, IDP, and ITP
Kilobases	kb
Kilobase pairs	kbp
Lethal dose, 50%	LD_{50}
Messenger RNA	mRNA
Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide and its reduced form	NAD^+ and NADH[2]
Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate and its reduced form	$NADP^+$ and NADPH[2]
Nuclear magnetic resonance	NMR
Nuclear RNA	nRNA
Optical rotatory dispersion	ORD
Phosphoric acid residue	P- or -P
Pseudouridine and pseudouridine mononucleotide	ψ and ψMP
Polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis	PAGE
Poly(adenylic acid), polyadenylate[3]	Poly(A)[3]
Polymerase chain reaction	PCR
Restriction fragment length polymorphism	RFLP
Ribonuclease	RNase
Ribonucleic acid	RNA
Ribosomal RNA	rRNA
Ribosylthymine 5′-mono-, di-, and triphosphates	TMP, TDP, and TTP
Sodium dodecyl sulfate	SDS
Thin layer chromatography	TLC
Thymidine (2′-deoxyribosylthymine) 5′-mono-, di-, and triphosphates	dTMP, dTDP, and dTTP[4]
Transfer RNA	tRNA
Tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane	Tris
Ultraviolet	UV
Uridine diphosphate glucose, *etc.*	UDP-glucose, *etc.*
Uridine 5′-mono-, di-, and triphosphates	UMP, UDP, and UTP

(2) Amino acids

Alanine	Ala	(A)
Arginine	Arg	(R)
Asparagine	Asn	(N)
Aspartic acid	Asp	(D)
Aspartic acid or asparagine	Asx	(B)
Cysteine	Cys	(C)
Glutamic acid	Glu	(E)
Glutamine	Gln	(Q)
Glutamic acid or glutamine	Glx	(Z)
Glycine	Gly	(G)
Histidine	His	(H)
Isoleucine	Ile	(I)
Leucine	Leu	(L)
Lysine	Lys	(K)
Methionine	Met	(M)
Phenylalanine	Phe	(F)
Proline	Pro	(P)
Serine	Ser	(S)
Threonine	Thr	(T)
Tryptophan	Trp	(W)
Tyrosine	Tyr	(Y)
Valine	Val	(V)

(3) Nucleic acids

Adenosine		A
Bromouridine	BrUrd or	B
Cytidine		C
Dihydrouridine		D or hU
Guanosine		G
Inosine		I
6-Mercaptopurine ribonucleoside (6-thioinosine)		M or sI
'a nucleoside'	Nuc or	N
Pseudouridine		ψ or Q^a
'a purine nucleoside'		R
'a pyrimidine nucleoside'		Y
Thiouridine		S or sU
Thymidine (2′-deoxyribosylthymine)		dT
Uridine		U
Xanthosine		X
Phosphoric residue	-*P* or	p

[1] The various isomers of adenosine monophosphate may be written 2′-AMP, 3′-AMP, or 5′-AMP (in case of possible ambiguity). A similar procedure may be applied to other nucleoside or deoxyribonucleoside monophosphates.
[2] NAD(P)$^+$ and NAD(P)H indicate either NAD^+ or $NADP^+$ and either NADH or NADPH, respectively.
[3] Similarly abbreviate oligo- and polynucleotides composed of repeating sequences or of unknown sequence of given purine or pyrimidine bases, *e.g.* oligothymidylate, oligo(dT); alternating copolymer of A and U, poly(A-U); random copolymer of A and U, poly(A,U).
[4] The d prefix may be used to represent the corresponding deoxyribonucleoside phosphates, *e.g.* dADP.

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