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9. Regulation (EC) No 852/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the hygiene of foodstuffs. Retrieved from <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2004/852/2021-03-24> this is an example of a legislation reference
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afternoon	p.m.	liter	L	rennet activity unit	RU
atomic mass unit	amu	logarithm (natural)	ln	revolutions per minute	rpm
atmosphere	atm	logarithm (base 10)	log10	second(s)	s
base pair	bp	lux	lx	siemens	S
calorie (gram)	cal	mega (prefix)	M	species	spp.
Celsius degree	°C	meter	m	subcutaneous	s.c.
centimeter	cm	micro (prefix)	μ	subspecies	ssp.
centimeter, square	cm ²	microcurie	μCi	unit	U
circa	ca.	micro-einstein	μE	volt	V
central processing unit	CPU	microequivalent,	μeq	volume	vol
colony-forming unit	cfu	microfarads	μF	volume/volume vol/vol (use parenthetically)	
counts per minute	cpm	microgram	μg	watt	W
counts per second	cps	microliter	μL	week(s)	wk
crossed with, times	x	micrometer,	μm	weight/volume wt/vol (use parenthetically)	
cubic	cu	micromole,	μmol	year(s)	yr
cubic centimeter	cm ³	milli (prefix)	m	Amino Acids	
cubic millimeter	mm ³	milliliter	mL	alanine	Ala
curie	Ci	millimeters of mercury mm	Hg	arginine	Arg
cycles per second (hertz)	Hz	millimolar (concentration)	mM	asparagine	Asn
day(s)	d	millimole (mass)	mmol	aspartic acid	Asp
dalton	Da	minute(s)	min	citrulline	Cit
deci (prefix)	d	milisecond	ms	cysteine	Cys
deciliter	dL	molar (concentration)	M	glutamic acid	Glu
equivalents	Eq	molar (mass)	mol	glutamine	Gln
Fahrenheit degree	°F	mole (number, mass)	mol	glycine	Gly
foot-candle	use lx	month(s)	mo	histidine	His
gram	g	morning	a.m.	isoleucine	Ile
gravity	g	nano (prefix)	n	leucine	Leu
hectare	ha	newton	N	lysine	Lys
hour(s)	h	normal (concentration)	N	methionine	Met
inside diameter	i.d.	nanogram	ng	ornithine	Orn
international unit	IU	osmolality use	mmol/kg	phenylalanine	Phe
intramuscularly	i.m.	outside diameter	o.d.	proline	Pro
intraoperatively	i.p.	parts per billion	μg/kg	serine	Ser
intravenously	i.v.	parts per billion	ppb	threonine	Thr
joule	J	parts per million	mg/kg	tryptophan	Trp
kilo (prefix)	k	parts per million	ppm	tyrosine	Tyr
kilobase	kb	pascal	Pa	valine	Val
kilobyte	KB	percent	%		
kilocalorie	kcal	pico (prefix)	p		
kilogram	kg	picogram	pg		
Klett units	KU	plaque-forming unit	pfu		
kiloelectron volts	keV	probability	P		
kilopascal	kPa				

NUMERICAL VALUES


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Most symbols for statistics are placed in italics (exceptions are very rare). Nonstandard symbols are used for some common statistics (check the *APA Manual*, Table 3.9, for a complete list of accepted symbols):

M = mean (\bar{X}), SD = standard deviation (σ), Mdn = median, SS = sum of squares ($\sum X^2$).

Correct	Not correct
<i>(M = 3.85, SD = 0.21)</i>	(M = 3.85, SD = 0.21)
(Table 5)	(Table 5)
-25 °C	- 25 °C
+25 °C	+ 25 °C
±25 °C	± 25 °C
0.25 km Numerical values less than one are preceded by a zero. Put a leading zero before decimal fractions less than one.	0,25 km 0.25km
0.91 m	0.91m 0,91 m
0.91 m x 0.91 m	0.91 . 0,91m
10 ±2 µL	10±2 µL 10 ± 2 µL
10 – 20 µL.L ⁻¹	10–20 µL.L ⁻¹ 10-20 µL.L ⁻¹
10th 10 th	10 th 10 th
14%	14 %
1600 km	1.600 km, 1,600 km, 1600km
2, 4, 6 and 8	2, 4, 6, 8
22 L	22 l
25 °C	25°C
25 °C (77 °F)	25°C (77°F)
2nd 2 nd	2 nd 2 nd
43rd 43 rd	43 rd 43 rd
5	
5 kg	5 Kg
5 mg.kg ⁻¹	
5 ml	5ml
50 ^{-mg}	50 ^{-mg}
50/mg dose	50 / mg dose
a + b = c (1) Space mathematical copy as you would words: $a+b=c$ is as difficult to read as words without spacing. Place a space before and after all arithmetic operators and signs. The mathematical equation should be numbered.	a+b=c
mg/100mol mg/100 mL ml/min/kg for non-scientists numbers	
$p < 0.05$ In statistics, the values that by definition cannot be greater than one, for example the probability, $p < 0.05$ shall be written with preceding zeros. Report exact probabilities to two or three decimal places.	$p < .01$ $p < 0.01$ $p < 0.01$
Page 75	Page 75.
Table 6 Table name.	Table 6. Table name
2.5×10^4 CFU.mL ⁻¹ (format for microorganisms)	2.5×10^4 2.5×10^4 CFU / mL

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