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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) | log ₁₀ | 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 | | | | |

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

| Correct | Not correct |
|--|--|
| (<i>M</i> = 3.85, <i>SD</i> = 0.21) | (<i>M</i> = 3.85, <i>SD</i> = 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: <i>a+b=c</i> 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 | |
| <i>p</i> < 0.05 In statistics, the values that by definition cannot be greater than one, for example the probability, <i>p</i> < 0.05 shall be written with preceding zeros. Report exact probabilities to two or three decimal places. | <i>p</i> < .01 <i>p</i> < 0.01 <i>p</i> < 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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