

ABBREVIATIONS

Absorbance	A	Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay	ELISA	Lux	lx
Ad libitum	ad lib.	Enzyme-multiplied immunoassay technique	EMIT	Magnetomotive force	m.m.f.
Adsorptive stripping voltammetry	AdSV	Enzyme immunoassay	EIA	Mass spectrometry	MS
Alternating current	a.c.	Erg(s)	erg(s)	Mass-selective detector	MSD
Ampere	A	European Pharmacopeia	Ph. Eur.	Mass spectrometry/	MS/MS
Analysis of variance	ANOVA	Evaporative light scattering	ELS	Mass spectrometry or	
Ängström	Å	Factorial design	FD	Tandem mass spectrometry	
Arbitrary unit(s)	A.U.	Fast-atom bombardment	FAB	Matrix-assisted laser desorption ionisation	MALDI
Artificial neural network	ANN	Flame-ionization detection	FID	Melting point	m.p.
Atmosphere	atm	Flow-injection analysis	FIA	Mercury-drop-electrode	MDE
Atmospheric-pressure chemical ionization	APCI	Fluorescence polarization immunoassay	FPIA	Metre	m
Atomic absorption spectroscopy	AAS	Food and Drug Administration	FDA	Micellar electrokinetic chromatography	MEKC
Atomic emission spectroscopy	AES	Fourier transform	FT	Microemulsion electrokinetic chromatography	MEEKC
Atomic weight	at. wt	Fractional factorial design	FFD	Millilitre	ml
Audio frequency	a.f.	Freezing point	f.p.	Millimolar concentration	mM
Biological oxygen demand	BOD	Full scan	FS	Milliequivalent	mEq
Boiling point	b.p.	Gas chromatography	GC	Minute(s)	min
Bovine serum albumin	BSA	Gas-liquid chromatography	GC or GLC	Molar concentration	M
Calorie	cal	Gauss	G	Mole	mol
Candela	cd	Good laboratory practice	GLP	Molecularly imprinted polymer	MIP
Capillary electrochromatography	CEC	Good manufacturing practice	GMP	Multiple-ion monitoring	MIM
Capillary electrophoresis	CE	Gram	g	Near-infrared	NIR
Capillary-zone electrophoresis	CZE	Graphite furnace	GF	Negative chemical ionization	NCI
Centimetre	cm	Gravitational acceleration	g	Neural network	NN
Central composite design	CCD	Hanging-mercury-drop-electrode	HMDE	Newton	N
Centre of gravity	cg.	Henry	H	Nuclear Overhauser effect	NOE
Chemical ionization	CI	Hertz	Hz	Normal concentration	N
Chemical reference substance	CRS	High-frequency	h.f.	Normal phase	NP
Chiral stationary phase	CSP	High-performance liquid chromatography	LC or HPLC	Nuclear magnetic resonance	NMR
Circa	ca	High-performance thin-layer chromatography	HPTLC	Ohm	Ω
Circular dichroism	CD	Hour(s)	h	One-variable-at-a-time	OVAT
Company	Co.	Human immunodeficiency virus	HIV	Optical rotatory dispersion	ORD
Corporation	Corp.	Human serum albumin	HSA	Organic volatile impurity	OVI
Correlation coefficient	r	Hydrophilic interaction chromatography	HILIC	Osmolar	OsM
Coulomb	C	Hydrophobic interaction chromatography	HIC	Outside diameter	o.d.
Counts per minute	cpm	Inductively coupled plasma	ICP	Overpressured layer chromatography	OPLC
Counts per second	cps	Infrared	IR	Partial least-squares	PLS
Cross-validation (-validated)	cv	Intermediate frequency	i.f.	Particle induced X-ray emission	PIXE
Cubic centimetre	cm ³	Internal diameter	i.d.	Parts per billion	ppb
Cubic metre	m ³	International unit	I.U.	Parts per million	ppm
Curie	Ci	International Conference on Harmonization	ICH	Parts per trillion	ppt
Cycles per second	cs ⁻¹	International Organization for Standardization	ISO	Pascal	Pa
Cyclodextrin	CyD	Ion exchange chromatography	IEC	Phosphate-buffered saline	PBS
Dalton	Da	Ion pair	IP	Picofarad	PF
Day(s)	d	Ion-selective electrode	ISE	Positive chemical ionization	PCI
Debye unit	D	Isoelectric focusing	IEF	Polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis	PAGE
Decibel	dB	Isotachophoresis	ITP	Pound(s)	lb
Degrees Celsius	°C	Japanese Pharmacopoeia	JP	Principal component analysis	PCA
Centigrade	°C	Joule	J	Probability	P
Kelvin	K	Kilogram	kg	Proton magnetic resonance	¹ H-NMR
Degree (temperature difference)	deg.	Kilowatt-hour	kWh	Quality assurance	QA
Degrees of freedom	df	Least squares regression	LS	Quality control	QC
Differential pulse	DP	Limit of detection	LOD	Quantitative structure-activity relationship	QSAR
Differential pulse polarography	DPP	Limit of quantitation	LOQ	Radian	rad
Differential scanning calorimetry	DSC	Litre	l	Radioimmunoassay	RIA
Diode-array detection	DAD	Liquid chromatography	LC	Radio-frequency	r.f.
Direct current	d.c.	Liquid secondary-ion mass spectrometry	LSIMS	Relative humidity	r.h.
Disintegrations per minute	dpm	Logarithm	log	Relative standard deviation	RSD
Disintegrations per second	dps	Logarithm (natural)	ln	Response surface methodology	RSM
Dyne	dyn	Lower limit of quantitation	LLOQ	Reversed-phase	RP
Electromagnetic unit	e.m.u.	Lumen	lm	Revolutions per minute	rpm
Electromagnetic force	e.m.f.	Luminescence immunoassay	LIA	Root mean square	r.m.s.
Electron Impact	EI			Saturated calomel electrode	SCE
Electron paramagnetic resonance	EPR			Second(s)	s
Electron spin resonance	ESR			Scanning-electron microscopy	SEM
Electron volt	eV			Selected ion monitoring, not single-ion monitoring	SIM
Electron capture detector	ECD				
Electron ionisation	EI				
Electrospray ionization	ESI				
Enantiomeric excess	ee				

Selected reaction monitoring	SRM	Supercritical-fluid extraction	SFE	United States Pharmacopeia	USP
Sequential Injection Analysis	SIA	Surface plasmon resonance	SPR	U.S. adopted names	USAN
Siemens	S	Thermodynamic temperature	T	U.S. Code of Federal	CFR
Single-ion monitoring	SIM	Thermogravimetric analysis	TGA	Regulations	
Size-exclusion chromatography	SEC	Thermospray ionization	TSP	Versus	vs
Sodium dodecyl sulphate	SDS	Thin-layer chromatography	TLC	Volt	V
Solid-phase extraction	SPE	Time	t	Volt-ampere	VA
Solid-phase microextraction	SPME	Time-of-flight mass	TOF-MS	Volt-coulomb	VC
Square metre	m ²	spectrometer		Volume	vol
Square-wave	SW	Time-resolved fluorescence	TRF	Volume by volume	v/v
Standard deviation	SD	Total organic carbon	TOC	Watt	W
Standard error of the mean	SEM	Total ion current	TIC	Watt-hour	Wh
Standard temperature and pressure	S.T.P.	Total reflection X-ray fluorescence spectrometry	TXRF	Weber	Wb
Static headspace	SH	Ultra high-performance liquid chromatography	UHPLC	Weight	wt
Stripping voltammetry	SV	Ultraviolet	UV	Weight by volume	w/v
Supercritical-fluid chromatography	SFC	Ultraviolet-visible	UV-VIS	Weight by weight	w/w
				X-ray powder diffraction	XRPD

PREFIXES

Prefixes to the names of units

Multiplier	Prefix	Symbol
10 ⁻¹	deci	d
10 ⁻²	centi	c
10 ⁻³	milli	m
10 ⁻⁶	micro	μ
10 ⁻⁹	nano	n
10 ⁻¹²	pico	p
10 ⁻¹⁵	emto	f
10 ⁻¹⁸	atto	a
10	deca	da
10 ²	hecto	h
10 ³	kilo	k
10 ⁶	mega	M
10 ⁹	giga	G
10 ¹²	tera	T
10 ¹⁵	peta	P
10 ¹⁸	exa	E