

Common Usage of Quantities and Units

Number	Nonstandard	Standard	Notice
1	4 days	4 d	In figures, tables and numerical narration
2	4 days	four days	In text narration
3	day	d	After Arabic numerals
4	Four d	Four days	At the beginning of a sentence
5	2 hours	2 h	After Arabic numerals
6	2 hs	2 h	After Arabic numerals
7	hr, hrs,	h	After Arabic numerals
8	10 seconds	10 s	After Arabic numerals
9	10 year	10 years	In text narration
10	Ten yr	Ten years	At the beginning of a sentence
11	0,1,2 years	0,1,2 yr	In figures and tables
12	0,1,2 year	0,1,2 yr	In figures and tables
13	4 weeks	4 wk	
14	Four wk	Four weeks	At the beginning of a sentence
15	2 months	2 mo	In figures and tables
16	Two mo	Two months	At the beginning of a sentence
17	10 minutes	10 min	
18	Ten min	Ten minutes	At the beginning of a sentence
19	50% (V/V)	500 mL/L	
20	50% (m/V)	500 g/L	
21	1 M	1mol/L	
22	i	i mol/L	
23	1N HCl	1 mol/L HCl	
24	1N H ₂ SO ₄	0.5 mol/L H ₂ SO ₄	
25	4rd edition	4 th edition	
26	15 year experience	15- year experience	
27	18.5 kDa	18.5ku,18 500u or M _r 18 500	
28	25 g.kg ⁻¹ /d ⁻¹	25 g/(kg d)or 25 g/kg per day	
29	6900	6 900	
30	1000 rpm	1 000 r/min	
31	sec	s	After Arabic numerals
32	1 pg ·L ⁻¹	1 pg/L	
33	10 kilograms	10 kg	
34	13 000rpm	13000 g	High speed; g should be in italic and suitable conversion.
35	1000g	1000 r/min	Low speed. g cannot be used.
36	Gene bank	GenBank	International classified genetic materials collection bank
37	Ten L	Ten liters	At the beginning of a sentence

38	Ten mL	Ten milliliters	At the beginning of a sentence
39	umol	μmol	
40	30sec	30 s	
41	1g/dl	10 g/L	10-fold conversion
42	OD ₂₆₀	260	“OD” has been abandoned.
43	One g/L	One microgram per liter	At the beginning of a sentence
44	260 nm	260 nm	should be in italic.
	^b P<0.05	^a P < 0.05	In Table, no note is needed if there is no significance in statistics: ^a P < 0.05, ^b P < 0.01 (no note if P > 0.05). if there is other set of p value in the same table, ^c P < 0.05 and ^d P < 0.01 are used; 3 rd set: ^e P < 0.05, ^f P < 0.01.
45	*F=9.87, §F=25.9, #F=67.4	¹ F = 9.87, ² F = 25.9, ³ F = 67.4	Notices in or under a table
46	KM	km	kilometer
47	CM	cm	centimeter
48	MM	mm	millimeter
49	Kg, KG	kg	kilogram
50	Gm, gr	g	gram
51	nt	N	newton
52	l	L	liter
53	db	dB	decibel
54	rpm	r/min	Rotation per minute
55	bq	Bq	becquerel, a unit symbol
56	amp	A	ampere
57	coul	C	coulomb
57	HZ	Hz	
59	w	W	watt
60	KPa	KPa	Kilo-pascal
61	p	Pa	Pascal
62	ev	EV	Volt (electronic unit)
63	Jonle	J	joule
64	J/mmol	kJ/mol	Kilojoule per mole
65	10x10x10cm ³	10 cm × 10 cm × 10 cm	
66	N`km	KN`m	moment
67	<i>x</i> ± s	mean ± SD	In figures, tables or text narration
68	Mean ± SEM	mean ± SE	In figures, tables or text narration
69	<i>im</i>	im	Intramuscular injection
70	<i>iv</i>	iv	Intravenous injection
71	Wang et al	Wang <i>et al</i>	
72	EcoRI	<i>EcoRI</i>	<i>Eco</i> in italic, and RI in positive. Restriction endonuclease has its prescript form of writing.



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73	Ecoli	<i>E.coli</i>	Bacteria and other biologic terms have their specific expression.
74	Hp	<i>H pylori</i>	
75	Iga	<i>Iga</i>	Writing form of genes
76	<i>igA</i>	IgA	Writing form of proteins
77	-70 kDa	~70 ku	