

**Table 2**  
**SI prefixes**

Factor	Prefix	Symbol
10 <sup>12</sup>	tera	T
10 <sup>9</sup>	giga	G
10 <sup>6</sup>	mega	M
10 <sup>3</sup>	kilo	k
10 <sup>-2</sup>	centi	c
10 <sup>-3</sup>	milli	m
10 <sup>-6</sup>	micro	μ
10 <sup>-9</sup>	nano	n
10 <sup>-12</sup>	pico	p
10 <sup>-15</sup>	femto	f
10 <sup>-18</sup>	atto	a

**Table 3**  
**Common abbreviations for units of measure**  
**Do not pluralize; use only with values**

Volume	
liter	L
microliter	μL
milliliter	mL
volume	vol
Note: do not use deciliter (dL)	
Area	
square centimeter	cm <sup>2</sup>
square millimeter	mm <sup>2</sup>
Concentration	
micromolar (micromoles/liter)	μmol/L
millimolar (millimoles/liter)	mmol/L
molar (moles/liter)	Mol/L
Note: convert N (normality) to mol/L; use -g/L only if there is no MW available	
Length	
centimeter	cm
meter	m
micrometer	μm
millimeter	mm
nanometer	nm
Note: do not use angstrom	
Mass	
dalton	Da
gram	g
kilogram	kg
microgram	μg
Note: do not use mcg	
micromole	μmol
milligram	mg
millimole	mmol
mole	Mol
weight (e.g., 10g body wt)	wt
Time	
day	d
hour	h
minute	min
month	mo
second	s
week	wk
year	y
Other	
degree Celsius	°C
Becquerel (disintegration per second)	Bq
Note: do not use CPM or DPM	
acceleration of gravity	g
joule	J
katal (mole per second)	kat
kilobase	kb
kilobase pair	kbp
kilodalton	kDa