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angstrom	Å
becquerel	Bq
coulomb	C
counts per minute	cpm
counts per second	cps
Curie	Ci
day	day (d in tables)
degree Celsius	°C
disintegration's per minute	dpm
disintegration's per second	dps
electron volt	eV
equation	Eq.
full width at half maximum	FWHM
gauss	G
gram	g
gravities	XG

gray	Gy
half-life	T _{1/2}
hertz (cycles per second)	Hz
hour	hr
inch	in.
international unit	IU
Kelvin	K
kilogram	kg
meter	m
micron	μ
millicurie	mCi
millicurie-hour	mCi-hr
minute	min
molar	M
mole	mole
month	mo
normal (concentration)	N
ohm	Ω
osmole	Osmol
positron emission tomography	PET
rad	rad
revolutions per minute	rpm
roentgen	R

roentgen equivalents in man	rem
second	sec
sievert	Sv
single-photon emission	
computed tomography	SPECT
square centimeter	cm ²
thin-layer chromatograph	TLC
volt	V
watt	W
week	wk
year	yr

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correlation coefficient	r
degrees of freedom	df
mean	x
not significant	ns
number of observations	n
probability	p
standard deviation	s.d.
standard error of the mean	s.e.m.
Student's t-test	t-test
variance ratio	F