

Abbreviations and Explanations

DNA	- deoxyribonucleic acid
RNA	- ribonucleic acid
ATP	- adenosine-5'-triphosphate
dATP, dGTP, dCTP and dTTP	- 2'-deoxyadenosine-, 2'-deoxyguanosine-, 2'-deoxycytidine-, 2'-deoxythymidine- 5'-triphosphate
TMP	- 2'-deoxythymidine-5'-monophosphate
CM	- chloramphenicol
MMS	- methyl methanesulphonate
TCA	- trichloroacetic acid
DTT	- dithiothreitol
Tris	- tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane
EDTA	- ethylene diaminetetraacetic acid
PPO	- 2,5-diphenyl oxazole
POPOP	- 2,4-bis-2-(5 phenyloxazolyl)benzene
Ci	- curie, 1 Ci corresponds to $3.7 \times 10^{10}$ disintegrations per second
mCi	- millicurie
$\mu$ Ci	- microcurie
cpm	- counts per minute
rpm	- revolutions per minute
$M_N$	- number average molecular weight
$M_W$	- weight average molecular weight
krad	- kilorad. 1 rad corresponds to an absorption of energy 100 ergs/g
Mrad	- megarad
UV	- ultraviolet
J	- Joule. 1 Joule is equal to $10^7$ erg/m <sup>2</sup>
KHZ	- Kilo Hertz