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kilogram(s)	kg	millimetre(s)	mm
milligram(s) (10 ⁻³ g)	mg	*millicurie(s)	mCi
microgram(s) (10 ⁻⁶ g)	μg	*milliequivalent	mEq
nanogram(s) (10 ⁻⁹ g)	ng	molar	M
picogram(s) (10 ⁻¹² g)	pg	litre(s)	l
*hour(s)	hr	millilitre(s)	ml
minute(s)	min	gravitational acceleration	g
centimetre(s)	cm	*micron(s)	μ
*second(s)	sec	per cent	%

isotopic mass number places as
fractions, ratios and rates as

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‡, ml/min

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