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Normal	N	Para	p
Metre	m	intramuscular	im
Centimeter	cm	intraperitoneal	ip
square centimeter	cm ²	intravenous	iv
Millimeter	mm	subcutaneous	sc
Micrometer	μm	mg/dl	mg/dl
Nanometer	nm	po	po
Picometre	pm	lethal dose-50	LD ₅₀
mg/100 ml	mg/100 ml	Ampere	A
Oral	oral	milli Ampere	mA
Angstrom	°A	Watt	W
Litre	l	anti meridiem (before noon)	am
Milliliter	ml	post meridiem (after noon)	pm
Microlitre	μl	volume	vol
Gram	g	volume ratio	vol/vol
Milligram	mg	(volume per volume)	(volume per volume)
Kilogram	kg	second(s)	sec
hour(s)	h	week(s)	wk
minute(s)	min	year(s)	yr
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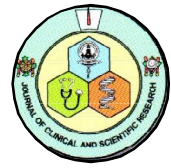
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