

symbol

in quantities and units

Conventional sign designating a quantity or a unit of measurement.

Notes:

1. Symbols for quantities are denoted by letters of the Latin or Greek alphabet printed in italic (sloping) type; pH is an exception.
2. Symbols for units are denoted by letters of the Latin or Greek alphabet printed in roman (upright) type.

Source:

PAC, 1996, 68, 957 (*Glossary of terms in quantities and units in Clinical Chemistry (IUPAC-IFCC Recommendations 1996)*) on page 995