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dpm - disintegrations per min
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ga - gauge of hypodermic needle
h - hour
kg - kilogram
L - liter
mL - milliliter
µL - microliter
m - meter
min - minute
mo - month
s - second
v:v - volume ratio
wk - week
wt/vol - weight per volume
y - year

Routes of treatment
id - intradermal
im - intramuscular
iu - intrauterine
iv - intravenous
sc - subcutaneous
po - oral

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CV - coefficient of variation
df - degrees of freedom
F - variance ratio
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