

Guidelines for Authors 2000

SUBJECTS OF PUBLICATION

The Editorial Board uses the term *bioorganic chemistry* to cover a wide range of problems related to the investigation of the structure and function of biomolecules using the methods of organic and physical chemistry.

The journal publishes original articles dedicated to investigations of the structure, structure–function relationship, and synthesis of biologically important high-molecular mass compounds (proteins, nucleic acids, polysaccharides, and mixed biopolymers of any type). The journal also publishes investigations of the chemical background for the activity of highly organized cell components (e.g., cell membranes or molecular receptor complexes), intact cells and organs, problems of neuro- and immunochemistry, biotechnology, and fundamental principles for developing diagnostics for the most important infectious diseases.

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Books

1. Tikhonov, A.N. and Arsenin, V.Ya., *Solution of Ill-Posed Problems*, Winston, V.H., Ed., Washington: Harper and Brace, 1977.
2. Eliel, E.L., *Stereochemistry of Carbon Compounds*, New York: McGraw-Hill, 1962. Translated under the title *Sterozhimiya soedinenii ugleroda*, Moscow: Mir, 1965.

Collection of Articles

3. Knorre, D.G. and Lavrik, O.I., *Theory and Practice in Affinity Techniques*, Sundaram, P.V. and Eckstein, F., Eds., London: Academic, 1978, pp. 169–178.

Journal Papers

4. Ulrich, D.R., *J. Non-Cryst. Solids*, 1988, vol. 100, pp. 174–193.

Dissertations

5. Cheishvili, T.Sh., Study of the Surface Phenomena in Manganese-containing Glasses, *Cand. Sci. (Chem.) Dissertation*, Moscow: Research Inst., 1981, p. 45.

Patents and Inventor's Certificates

6. Lyle, F.R., US Patent 5 973 257, *Chem. Abstr.*, 1985, vol. 65, p. 2870.
7. Ivanov, S.A., USSR Inventor's Certificate no. 127, *Byull. Izobret.*, 1983, no. 9, p. 195.

Depositions

8. Ivanov, I.I., *Pharmacology of Indole Derivatives*, Available from VINITI, 1984, Moscow, no. 1831.

All journals that are listed in the *Chemical Abstracts Service Source Index* should be abbreviated as they appear there. The names of Russian editions are presented in the language according to VINITI recommendation.

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11. Enzymes should be named according to the IUB classification, followed by the current Enzyme Commission (EC) number in parentheses (see Appendix 4).

12. The names of chemical compounds should be consistent with the nomenclature recommended by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) and the International Union of Biochemistry (IUB) (see IUPAC's *Nomenclature of Organic Chemistry*, 3rd ed., IUPAC's *Nomenclature of Inorganic Chemistry*, 2nd ed., and Appendix 4).

13. Standard abbreviations and symbols recommended by the IUPAC–IUB Commission on Biochemical Nomenclature should be used to designate the trivial names of chemical compounds and groups (residues, radicals, substituents) (see Appendices 1 and 2, the IUPAC–IUB rules given in Appendix 4 and published in *Eur. J. Biochem.*, 1983, vol. 131, no. 1, and the Web Sites: <http://www.chem.qmw.ac.uk/iupac> and <http://www.chem.qmw.ac.uk/iubmb>).

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Isotope-containing compounds should be designated in the following way: CH₃–CH²H–OH or (1-²H₁)ethanol, H₂³⁵SO₄, (³²P)ATP (for isotope substituted compounds) and CH₃–CH[²H]–OH or [1-²H₁]ethanol, [³²P]ATP (for isotopically labeled compounds). For details, see Appendix 4.

Abbreviations for metric and SI (International System) units of measure should be given in Russian transcription (see also Appendix 5).

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Appendix 1. Standard symbols of selected monomeric units (residues) and substituents (groups, radicals) in biopolymers*

Ado, A**	adenosine	Hyl	hydroxylysine
Ac	acetyl	Hse	homoserine
Aet	aminoethyl	Нур	hydroxyproline
Ala, A**	alanine	Ino, I**	inosine
Ara	arabinose	Ile, I	isoleucine
Arg, R	arginine	Leu, L	leucine
Asn, N	asparagine	Lys, K	lysine
Asp, D	aspartic acid	Man	mannose
Asx, B	asparagine or aspartic acid	Me	methyl
		Met, M	methionine
Boc	<i>tert</i> -butoxycarbonyl	MeOTr и (MeO) ₂ Tr	4-methoxytrityl and 4,4'-dimethoxytrityl, respectively
Bzl	benzyl	Nuc, N**	an unspecified nucleoside
Bz	benzoyl	Neu	neuraminic acid
Bu, Bu ⁱ , Bu ^s , Bu ^t	<i>n</i> -, <i>iso</i> -, <i>sec</i> -, or <i>tert</i> -butyl, respectively	Neu5Ac	<i>N</i> -acetylneuraminic acid
		ONSu или OSu	succinimidooxy
Cyd, C**	cytidine	Orn	ornithine
Cbz, Z	benzyloxycarbonyl	Ph	phenyl
Cbz(Br), Z(Br)	<i>p</i> -bromobenzyloxycarbonyl	Phe, F	phenylalanine
Cm	carboxymethyl	Pht-	phthalyl
Cys, C	cysteine	Pht<	phthaloyl
Dns	dansyl [i.e., 5-(dimethylamino)-1-naphthalenesulfonyl]	Pr	propyl
		Pro, P	proline
dAdo, dA***	2'-deoxyadenosine	Puo, R	an unspecified purine nucleoside
dRib***	2-deoxyribose	Pyd, Y	an unspecified pyrimidine nucleoside
Et	ethyl	Rib	ribose
Fuc	fructose	Ser, S	serine
Fru	fructose	Suc<, -Suc-	succinyl
Gal	galactose	Thd, T**	ribosylthymine (not thymidine, which is designated as dT or dThd)
Glc	glucose	Thr, T	threonine
GlcA****	glucuronic acid	Trp, W	tryptophan
GlcN*****	glucosamine	Tos или Ts	tosyl (i.e., <i>p</i> -toluenesulfonyl)
GlcNAc*****	<i>N</i> -acetylglucosamine	Trt или Tr	trityl (i.e., triphenylmethyl)
Gln, Q	glutamine	Тур, Y	tyrosine
Glu, E	glutamine acid	Urd, U**	uridine
Glx, Z	glutamine or glutamic acid	Ψrd, Ψ**	pseudouridine (5-ribosyluracil)
Gly, G	glycine	Val, V	valine
Gro	glycerol	Xaa	an unspecified amino acid
Guo, G**	guanosine	Xyl	xylose
Hcy	homocysteine		
His	histidine		

*These symbols should be used only in formulas, structures, tables, and figures.

**A one-letter symbol should not be used for base designation.

***Similarly for other deoxynucleosides and deoxysugars.

****Similarly for other uronic acids.

*****Similarly for other 2-amino-2-deoxysaccharides and their *N*-acetyl derivatives.

Appendix 2. Standard abbreviations for selected names

AMP*	adenosine 5'-phosphate
ADP*	adenosine 5'-diphosphate
ATP*	adenosine 5'-triphosphate
CM-cellulose	carboxymethyl cellulose
CoA(CoASH), CoASAc	coenzyme A and acetyl-coenzyme A, respectively
DCC	<i>N,N'</i> -dicyclohexylcarbodiimide
DMF	dimethylformamide
DMSO	dimethyl sulfoxide
DNA, cDNA	deoxyribonucleic acid and complementary DNA, respectively
DEAE-cellulose	(diethylaminoethyl)cellulose
EDTA	ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid
IFN	interferon
IgA, IgG, etc.	immunoglobulin A, G, etc.
P _i	inorganic phosphate
P	phosphate residue incorporated into compound
RNA	ribonucleic acid
SDS	sodium dodecyl sulfate
TEAB	triethylammonium bicarbonate
TFA	trifluoroacetic acid
THF	tetrahydrofuran
Tris	tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane

*Similarly for other nucleoside 5'-mono-, nucleoside 5'-di-, and nucleoside 5'-triphosphates.

Appendix 3. Abbreviations for frequently encountered words and terms

a.r.*	amino acid residue
b*	nucleic base
bp*	base pairs
bp*	boiling point
CD	circular dichroism
EIA and ELISA	enzyme immunoassay and enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay, respectively
GC or GLC	gas or gas-liquid chromatography, respectively
HPLC	high-performance liquid chromatography
<i>J</i>	spin-spin coupling constant
IU	international unit
IR	infrared
kb*	kilobases
<i>m</i> -, <i>o</i> -, and <i>p</i> -	<i>meta</i> -, <i>ortho</i> -, and <i>para</i> -
mp*	melting point
MS	mass-spectrometry
<i>n</i> -	normal (isomer)
N*	normal concentration (of solution)
NMR	nuclear magnetic resonance
nt*	nucleotide
ORD	optical rotatory dispersion
OU or AU**	optical (or absorbance) unit
PAG	polyacrylamide gel
PAGE	polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis
PC	paper chromatography
RS	Raman spectroscopy
TLC	thin-layer chromatography
U*	activity unit
UV	ultraviolet

*With a numeral.

**Dimensionless.

Appendix 4. List of recommendations of the IUPAC–IUB commission on chemical nomenclature

Natural products and related compounds	<i>Eur. J. Biochem.</i> , 1978, vol. 86, pp. 1–8
Stereochemistry	<i>Pure and Appl. Chem.</i> , 1976, vol. 45, pp. 11–30
Mass-spectrometry	<i>Organ. Mass. Spectrom.</i> , 1979, vol. 14, pp. 1–2
Presentation of biochemical equilibrium data	<i>Eur. J. Biochem.</i> , 1977, vol. 72, pp. 1–7
Presentation of thermodynamic data	<i>Ibid.</i> 1985, vol. 153, pp. 429–434
Abbreviations and symbols: compilation	<i>Ibid.</i> 1977, vol. 74, pp. 1–6
Isotopically modified compounds	<i>Ibid.</i> 1978, vol. 86, pp. 9–25
Amino acids, peptides, and their derivatives: nomenclature, abbreviations, and symbols; modification; conformation	<i>Ibid.</i> 1984, vol. 138, pp. 9–37 <i>Ibid.</i> 1970, vol. 17, pp. 193–201
Proteins containing iron–sulfur clusters	<i>Ibid.</i> 1973, vol. 35, pp. 1–2
Electron-transporting proteins	<i>Ibid.</i> 1991, vol. 200, pp. 599–601
Peptide hormones	<i>Ibid.</i> 1975, vol. 55, pp. 485–486
Nucleotides and nucleic acids	<i>Ibid.</i> 1970, vol. 15, pp. 203–208;
– abbreviations and symbols	<i>Ibid.</i> 1972, vol. 25, p. 1
– incompletely specific bases	<i>Ibid.</i> 1985, vol. 150, pp. 1–5
– conformation	<i>Ibid.</i> 1983, vol. 131, pp. 9–15
Lipids	<i>Ibid.</i> 1977, vol. 79, pp. 11–12
Steroids	<i>Ibid.</i> 1989, vol. 186, pp. 427–456
Phosphorus-containing compounds	<i>Ibid.</i> 1977, vol. 79, pp. 1–9
Carbohydrates	<i>Ad. Carb. Chem. Biochem.</i> , 1997, vol. 297, pp. 43–177
– branched-chain monosaccharides	<i>Eur. J. Biochem.</i> , 1981, vol. 119, pp. 5–8; 1982, vol. 125, p. 1
– unsaturated monosaccharides	<i>Ibid.</i> 1981, vol. 119, pp. 1–3
– oligosaccharides	<i>Ibid.</i> 1982, vol. 126, pp. 433–437
– polysaccharides	<i>Ibid.</i> 1982, vol. 126, pp. 439–441
– conformation of monosaccharides	<i>Ibid.</i> 1980, vol. 111, pp. 295–298
– conformation of oligosaccharides	<i>Ibid.</i> 1983, vol. 131, pp. 5–7
Glycoproteins, glycopeptides, and peptidoglycans	<i>Ibid.</i> 1986, vol. 159, pp. 1–6
Quinones with isoprenoid side chain	<i>Ibid.</i> 1975, vol. 53, pp. 15–18
Carotenoids	<i>Ibid.</i> 1972, vol. 25, pp. 397–408; 1975, vol. 57, pp. 1–7
Retinoids	<i>Ibid.</i> 1982, vol. 29, pp. 1–5
Tocopherols and related compounds	<i>Ibid.</i> 1982, vol. 123, pp. 473–475
Tetrapyrroles	<i>Ibid.</i> 1988, vol. 178, pp. 277–328
Corrinoids	<i>Ibid.</i> 1974, vol. 45, pp. 7–12
Prenols	<i>Ibid.</i> 1987, vol. 167, pp. 181–184
Vitamin B ₆ and related compounds	<i>Ibid.</i> 1973, vol. 40, pp. 325–327
Vitamin D	<i>Ibid.</i> 1982, vol. 124, pp. 223–227
Enzyme Nomenclature: Recommendations (1992)	San Diego: Acad. Press, 1992
– Supplement 1	<i>Eur. J. Biochem.</i> , 1994, vol. 223, pp. 1–5
– Supplement 2	<i>Ibid.</i> 1995, vol. 232, pp. 1–6
– Supplement 3	<i>Ibid.</i> 1996, vol. 237, pp. 1–5
– Supplement 4	<i>Ibid.</i> 1997, vol. 250, pp. 1–6 <i>Ibid.</i> 1999, vol. 264, pp. 610–650
Symbols and formulae of enzymic kinetics	<i>Ibid.</i> 1982, vol. 128, pp. 281–291

Appendix 5. Symbols for selected physical and chemical values and units

Symbol	Value	Unit of measure
Physical chemistry		
<i>m</i>	mass	kg, g, mg, μg , etc.
<i>M</i>	molecular mass	Da* (Dalton)
<i>M_r</i>	relative molecular mass	dimensionless
<i>n</i>	amount of substance	mol, mmol, μmol , nmol, pmol, etc.
<i>c_B</i> , [B]	concentration of substance B	M (mol/l), mM, etc.
<i>s</i>	sedimentation coefficient	S (Svedberg, 10^{-13} s)
Thermodynamics		
<i>T</i>	thermodynamic temperature	K** (Kelvin)
<i>T</i>	Celsius temperature	$^{\circ}\text{C}$
<i>E</i>	energy	J or cal (4.1868 J)
<i>P</i>	pressure	Pa (Pascal), bar (10^5 Pa), atm (101 325 Pa), or mmHg (1 torr, equal to 133.2 Pa)
<i>I</i>	ionic strength	M, mM, etc.
Electromagnetic radiation		
<i>I</i>	luminous intensity	cd (Candela)
<i>A</i>	absorbance*** ($-\log I/I_0$)	dimensionless
ϵ	molar absorption coefficient****	$\text{M}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$
<i>Le</i>	radioactivity (irradiation ability)	Bq (Becquerel, s^{-1}) or Ci (Curie, 37 GBq)
Chemical and enzymic reactions		
<i>t</i>	time	s (not sec.), min (not mn), h (not hr)
<i>V</i>	volume	dm^3 (l or L), cm^3 (ml), μl , nl, etc.
<i>K</i>	equilibrium constant	M
<i>K_m</i>	Michaelis constant	M, mM, etc.
<i>K_s</i>	substrate constant	M, mM, etc.
<i>K_i</i>	inhibition constant	M, mM, etc.
<i>k</i>	rate constant	s^{-1} or $\text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$
<i>k_{cat}</i>	catalytic constant	s^{-1}
<i>v</i>	reaction rate	mol/s
<i>V</i> (or <i>V_{max}</i>)	maximum value of reaction rate	M s^{-1}
<i>h</i>	Hill coefficient	dimensionless

*One-twelfth of the mass of the nuclide ^{12}C .

**Not $^{\circ}\text{K}$.

***The term "optical density" should not be used.

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