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## Publisher's Foreword

This 7th edition of the former *Geigy Scientific Tables* pursues the aim of earlier editions, namely to provide doctors and biologists with basic data in a concise form and thus spare them much searching in the literature.

In the 6th edition the main changes from the previous edition consisted of an extension of the mathematical, physical and chemical data and a new chapter devoted to biochemistry; in this edition the principal difference is the greatly expanded medical part of the book. The increasing extent to which physical, physicochemical and biochemical methods are finding application in medicine has resulted in the last few years in an immense accumulation of new data whose proper evaluation can be undertaken only by specialists. For this reason we have been compelled in this edi-

tion to enlist the cooperation of outside experts to a much greater degree than in the past. Here we would like to thank all those who have contributed in this way – whether in the form of original articles or expert advice – for their invaluable help. Their names are listed overleaf.

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## Editors' Foreword

All the fields covered by the 6th edition of the *Scientific Tables* are again represented in this new edition with the exception of 'Infectious Diseases', the chapter on which appears as a separate publication. The thoroughgoing revision of the remaining chapters has resulted in a number of major changes, of which the following are worthy of special mention.

The data on units of measurement and the physical constants take account of decisions and recommendations adopted by the various international commissions up to March 1969, in particular those concerned with the introduction of the International System of Units. The adoption of the unified scale of atomic weights based on the isotope carbon-12 has involved the recalculation of molecular weights throughout the book. In the physicochemical part of the book a chapter on pH standards has been added, and the data on buffer solutions have been recalculated to the pH scale of the National Bureau of Standards.

'Biochemistry' has been greatly enlarged, particularly by the inclusion of more data on nucleic acids and protein and fatty-acid synthesis as well as by the addition of a new chapter on 'Inborn Errors of Metabolism'. Throughout this section – as in the other sections – the recommendations on nomenclature made by the International Union of Pure and

Applied Chemistry and the International Union of Biochemistry have been largely adhered to.

In the section on nutrition due regard has been paid to the considerable advances made in recent years in knowledge of the nutritional significance of the vitamins; and important new sources have been utilized in revising the data on the composition of foods.

Of the chapters comprising the section on 'Composition and Functions of the Body', those on the composition of the body, renal function and respiration in particular have been greatly extended. Under the heading of body fluids the subject of blood enzymes has been given much more thorough treatment, and chapters on the synovial fluid and sweat have been added.

Under body measurements the normal data of pregnancy have been completely revised, and the chapter now includes tables of weights of the organs.

The final section of the book is now that on hormones, an arrangement that has permitted the inclusion of more recent endocrinological data from this rapidly advancing field than would otherwise have been possible.

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1	...	1/	6	1	...	1		2	30102 99956 63981 19521
2	...	1/	30	2	...	5		3	47712 12547 19662 43730
3	...	1/	42	3	...	61		5	69897 00043 36018 80479
4	...	1/	30	4	...	1385		7	84509 80400 14256 83071
5	...	5/	66	5	...	50521		11	04139 26851 58225 04075
6	...	691/2730		6	...	2702765		13	11394 33523 06836 76921
7	...	7/	6	7	...	1993 60981		17	23044 89213 78273 92854
8	...	3617/	510	8	...	193915 12145		19	27875 36009 52828 96154
9	...	43867/	798	9	...	240 48796 75441		23	36172 78360 17592 87887
10	...	174611/	330	10	...	37037 11882 37525		29	46239 79978 98956 08733
11	...	8 54513/	138	11	...	69 34887 43931 37901		31	49136 16938 34272 67967
12	...	2363 64091/	2730	12	...	15514 53416 35570 86905		37	56820 17240 66994 99681
13	...	85 53103/	6	13	...	40 87072 50929 31238 92361		41	61278 38567 19735 49451
<i>Constants</i>									
Constant		Value			$\log_{10}$				
$\pi$		3.14159 26535 89793 23846			0.49714 98726 94133 85435				
$\pi^2$		9.86960 44010 89358 61883			0.99429 97453 88267 70870				
$(2\pi)^{-1/2}$		0.39894 22804 01432 67794			0.60091 00658 20942 47522-1				
c		2.71828 18284 59045 23536			= M				
M = $\log_{10} e = \lg e$		0.43429 44819 03251 82765							
1/M = $\log_e 10 = \ln 10$		2.30258 50929 94045 68402							
$\gamma$ (EULER's constant)		0.57721 56649 01532 86061			0.76133 81087 83167 61054-1				

## Greek alphabet

Greek character		Greek name	Roman equivalent
A α	A α	alpha	A a
B β	B β	beta	B b
Γ γ	Γ γ	gamma	G g
Δ δ	Δ δ	delta	D d
Ε ε, ε	Ε ε, ε	epsilon	Ε ε
Z ζ	Z ζ	zeta	Z z
H η	H η	eta	Ε ε̄
Θ θ, θ	Θ θ, θ	theta	Th th
I ι	I ι	iota	I i
K κ, κ	K κ, κ	kappa	K k
Λ λ	Λ λ	lambda	L l
M μ	M μ	mu	M m
N ν	N ν	nu	N n
Ξ ξ	Ξ ξ	xi	X x
O ο	O ο	omicron	Ö ö
Π π, ω	Π π, ω	pi	P p
P ρ	P ρ	rho	R r
Σ σ, ι	Σ σ, ι	sigma	S s
T τ	T τ	tau	T t
Υ υ	Υ υ	upsilon	Y y
Φ φ, ϕ	Φ φ, ϕ	phi	Ph ph
Χ χ	Χ χ	chi	Ch ch
Ψ ψ	Ψ ψ	psi	Ps ps
Ω ω	Ω ω	omega	Ö ö

## Prefixes and symbols for decimal multiples and submultiples of units<sup>1</sup>

Power of ten	Prefix	Symbol
$10^{12}$	tera	T
$10^9$	giga	G
$10^6$	mega	M
$10^3$	kilo	k
$10^2$	hecto	h
$10^1$	deca*	da
$10^{-1}$	deci	d
$10^{-2}$	centi	c
$10^{-3}$	milli	m
$10^{-6}$	micro	μ
$10^{-9}$	nano	n
$10^{-12}$	pico	p
$10^{-15}$	femto	f
$10^{-18}$	atto	a

\* Also "deka".  
<sup>1</sup> Conférence générale des Poids et Mesures, Comptes rendus des séances de la 11<sup>e</sup> Conférence générale des Poids et Mesures, Paris 1960, Gauthier-Villars, Paris, 1961, page 87; Comptes rendus des séances de la 12<sup>e</sup> Conférence générale des Poids et Mesures, Paris 1964, Gauthier-Villars, Paris, 1964, page 94.





