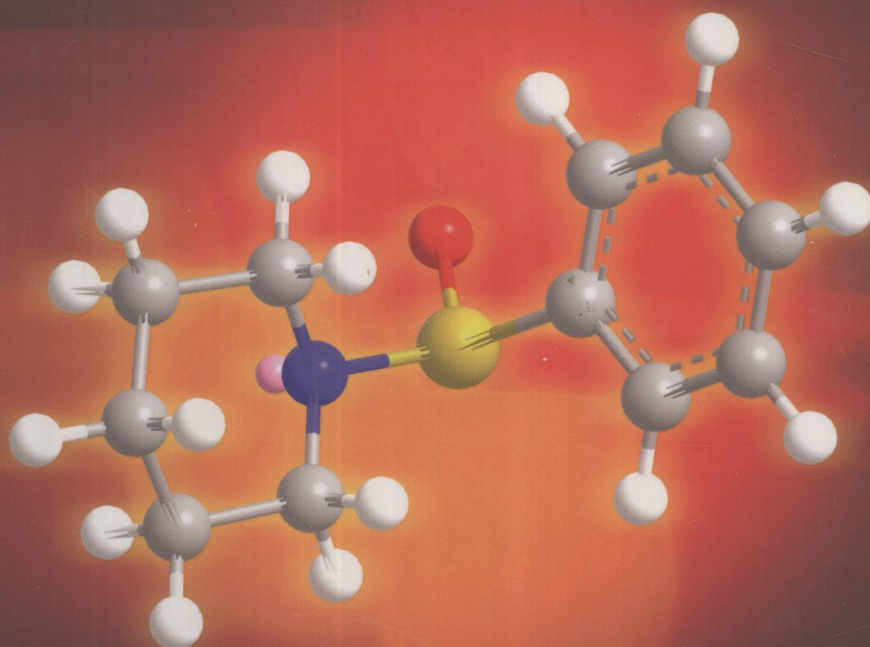


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Ac	acetyl	DIEA	=DIPEA
acac	acetylacetonate	DIOP	2,3- <i>O</i> -isopropylidene-2,3-dihydroxy-1,4-bis-(diphenylphosphino)butane
AIBN	2,2'-azobisisobutyronitrile	DIPEA	diisopropylethylamine
Ar	aryl	diphos	=dppe
BBN	borabicyclo[3.3.1]nonane	DIPT	diisopropyl tartrate
BCME	dis(chloromethyl)ether	DMA	dimethylacetamide
BHT	butylated hydroxytoluene (2,6-di- <i>t</i> -butyl- <i>p</i> -cresol)	DMAD	dimethyl acetylenedicarboxylate
BINAL-H	2,2'-dihydroxy-1,1'-binaphthyl-lithium aluminum hydride	DMAP	4-(dimethylamino)pyridine
BINAP	2,2'-bis(diphenylphosphino)-1,1'-binaphthyl	DME	1,2-dimethoxyethane
BINOL	1,1'-bi-2,2'-naphthol	DMF	dimethylformamide
bipy	2,2'-bipyridyl	dmg	dimethylglyoximate
BMS	borane-dimethyl sulfide	DMPU	<i>N,N'</i> -dimethylpropyleneurea
Bn	benzyl	DMS	dimethyl sulfide
Boc	<i>t</i> -butoxycarbonyl	DMSO	dimethyl sulfoxide
BOM	benzyloxymethyl	DMTSF	dimethyl(methylthio) sulfonium tetrafluoroborate
bp	boiling point	dppb	1,4-bis(diphenylphosphino)butane
Bs	brosyl (4-bromobenzenesulfonyl)	dppe	1,2-bis(diphenylphosphino)ethane
BSA	<i>N,O</i> -bis(trimethylsilyl)acetamide	dppf	1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphino)ferrocene
Bu	<i>n</i> -butyl	dppp	1,3-bis(diphenylphosphino)propane
Bz	benzoyl	DTBP	di- <i>t</i> -butyl peroxide
CAN	cerium(IV) ammonium nitrate	EDA	ethyl diazoacetate
Cbz	benzyloxycarbonyl	EDC	1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)-carbodiimide
CDI	<i>N,N'</i> -carbonyldiimidazole	EDCI	=EDC
CHIRAPHOS	2,3-bis(diphenylphosphino)butane	ee	enantiomeric excess
Chx	=Cy	EE	1-ethoxyethyl
cod	cyclooctadiene	Et	ethyl
cot	cyclooctatetraene	ETSA	ethyl trimethylsilylacetate
Cp	cyclopentadienyl	EWG	electron withdrawing group
CRA	complex reducing agent	Fc	ferrocenyl
CSA	10-camphorsulfonic acid	Fmoc	9-fluorenylmethoxycarbonyl
CSI	chlorosulfonyl isocyanate	fp	flash point
Cy	cyclohexyl	Hex	<i>n</i> -hexyl
<i>d</i>	density	HMDS	hexamethyldisilazane
DABCO	1,4-diazabicyclo[2.2.2]octane	HMPA	hexamethylphosphoric triamide
DAST	<i>N,N'</i> -diethylaminosulfur trifluoride	HOBt	1-hydroxybenzotriazole
dba	dibenzylideneacetone	HOBT	=HOBt
DBAD	di- <i>t</i> -butyl azodicarboxylate	HOSu	<i>N</i> -hydroxysuccinimide
DBN	1,5-diazabicyclo[4.3.0]non-5-ene	Im	imidazole (imidazolyl)
DBU	1,8-diazabicyclo[5.4.0]undec-7-ene	Ipc	isopinocampheyl
DCC	<i>N,N'</i> -dicyclohexylcarbodiimide	IR	infrared
DCME	dichloromethyl methyl ether	KHDMS	potassium hexamethyldisilazide
DDO	dimethyldioxirane	LAH	lithium aluminum hydride
DDQ	2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone	LD ₅₀	dose that is lethal to 50% of test subjects
de	diastereomeric excess		
DEAD	diethyl azodicarboxylate		
DET	diethyl tartrate		
DIBAL	diisobutylaluminum hydride		

LDA	lithium diisopropylamide	PMDTA	<i>N,N,N',N'',N'''</i> -pentamethyldiethylene-triamine
LDMAN	lithium 1-(dimethylamino)naphthalenide	PPA	polyphosphoric acid
LHMDS	=LiHMDS	PPE	polyphosphate ester
LICA	lithium isopropylcyclohexylamide	PPTS	pyridinium <i>p</i> -toluenesulfonate
LiHMDS	lithium hexamethyldisilazide	Pr	<i>n</i> -propyl
LiTMP	lithium 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidide	PTC	phase transfer catalyst/catalysis
LTMP	=LiTMP	PTSA	<i>p</i> -toluenesulfonic acid
LTA	lead tetraacetate	py	pyridine
lut	lutidine		
<i>m</i> -CPBA	<i>m</i> -chloroperbenzoic acid	RAMP	(<i>R</i>)-1-amino-2-(methoxymethyl)pyrrolidine
MA	maleic anhydride	rt	room temperature
MAD	methylaluminum bis(2,6-di- <i>t</i> -butyl-4-methylphenoxide)	salen	bis(salicylidene)ethylenediamine
MAT	methylaluminum bis(2,4,6-tri- <i>t</i> -butylphenoxide)	SAMP	(<i>S</i>)-1-amino-2-(methoxymethyl)pyrrolidine
Me	methyl	SET	single electron transfer
MEK	methyl ethyl ketone	Sia	siamyl (3-methyl-2-butyl)
MEM	(2-methoxyethoxy)methyl	TASF	tris(diethylamino)sulfonium difluorotrimethylsilicate
MIC	methyl isocyanate	TBAB	tetrabutylammonium bromide
MMPP	magnesium monoperoxyphthalate	TBAF	tetrabutylammonium fluoride
MOM	methoxymethyl	TBAD	=DBAD
MoOPH	oxodiperoxomolybdenum(pyridine)-(hexamethylphosphoric triamide)	TBAI	tetrabutylammonium iodide
mp	melting point	TBAP	tetrabutylammonium perruthenate
MPM	=PMB	TBDMS	<i>t</i> -butyldimethylsilyl
Ms	mesyl (methanesulfonyl)	TBDPS	<i>t</i> -butyldiphenylsilyl
MS	mass spectrometry; molecular sieves	TBHP	<i>t</i> -butyl hydroperoxide
MTBE	methyl <i>t</i> -butyl ether	TBS	=TBDMS
MTM	methylthiomethyl	TCNE	tetracyanoethylene
MVK	methyl vinyl ketone	TCNQ	7,7,8,8-tetracyanoquinodimethane
<i>n</i>	refractive index	TEA	triethylamine
NaHMDS	sodium hexamethyldisilazide	TEBA	triethylbenzylammonium chloride
Naph	naphthyl	TEBAC	=TEBA
NBA	<i>N</i> -bromoacetamide	TEMPO	2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidinoxyl
nbd	norbornadiene (bicyclo[2.2.1]hepta-2,5-diene)	TES	triethylsilyl
NBS	<i>N</i> -bromosuccinimide	Tf	triflyl (trifluoromethanesulfonyl)
NCS	<i>N</i> -chlorosuccinimide	TFA	trifluoroacetic acid
NIS	<i>N</i> -iodosuccinimide	TFAA	trifluoroacetic anhydride
NMO	<i>N</i> -methylmorpholine <i>N</i> -oxide	THF	tetrahydrofuran
NMP	<i>N</i> -methyl-2-pyrrolidinone	THP	tetrahydropyran; tetrahydropyranyl
NMR	nuclear magnetic resonance	Thx	thexyl (2,3-dimethyl-2-butyl)
NORPHOS	bis(diphenylphosphino)bicyclo[2.2.1]-hept-5-ene	TIPS	triisopropylsilyl
Np	=Naph	TMANO	trimethylamine <i>N</i> -oxide
PCC	pyridinium chlorochromate	TMEDA	<i>N,N,N',N'</i> -tetramethylethylenediamine
PDC	pyridinium dichromate	TMG	1,1,3,3-tetramethylguanidine
Pent	<i>n</i> -pentyl	TMS	trimethylsilyl
Ph	phenyl	Tol	<i>p</i> -tolyl
phen	1,10-phenanthroline	TPAP	tetrapropylammonium perruthenate
Phth	phthaloyl	TBHP	<i>t</i> -butyl hydroperoxide
Piv	pivaloyl	TPP	tetraphenylporphyrin
PMB	<i>p</i> -methoxybenzyl	Tr	trityl (triphenylmethyl)
		Ts	tosyl (<i>p</i> -toluenesulfonyl)
		TTN	thallium(III) nitrate
		UHP	urea-hydrogen peroxide complex
		Z	=Cbz

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Preface to the First Edition

The extent to which organic synthetic methodology has developed and flourished during the past several decades has placed unusually heavy demands on the broad range of scientists who utilize chemical reagents. There exists the vital need to know which reagent will perform a specific transformation. Since a number of reagents are often amenable to similar objectives, a researcher's ability to access readily a comparative summary of those features that distinguish one reagent from another can result in a considerable economy of time. The purpose of the *Encyclopedia of Reagents for Organic Synthesis* is to incorporate into a single work a genuinely authoritative and systematic description of the utility of all reagents used in organic chemistry. Its comprehensiveness is further served by an unrivaled ease to locate any specific entry or topic. These objectives have been met by inviting practicing chemists from throughout the world to provide specific contributions in their area of expertise. Furthermore, the masthead for each of the 3000 reagents provides valuable information concerning physical data, solubility, form supplied in, purification, and, where relevant, preparative methods. The CAS registry number, handling/storing information, and precautions will further serve potential users. The first literature reference in each entry provides reviews, if available, dealing with the subject reagent. The critical coverage of all relevant literature is extensive. The goal of the *Encyclopedia of Reagents for Organic Synthesis* is to serve as a reference work where the retrievability of useful information concerning any specific reagent is made facile. For this reason there is a detailed subject index and, in addition, a formula index of all the reagents.

In any undertaking of this type, it is important that the term 'reagent' be clearly defined. The guideline that has dominated the thinking of the members of the Editorial Board is that a reagent be an agent or a combination of agents which with some generality effects the transformation of a substrate into a product. In addition, many useful building blocks have been included. As a consequence, we anticipate that a work has been produced that will serve biochemists, material scientists, pharmacologists, and chemical engineers, in addition to chemists from all disciplines, in that manner most conducive to accelerating progress in their respective fields of research.

The entries highlight the various uses characteristic of each reagent, with specific examples illustrative of these chemical reactions. The contributions are organized alphabetically and

the cross-referencing to other reagents is liberal. Thus, a concerted effort has been made to bring together in one place a detailed compilation of the uses of those reagents that will serve both the beginning and experienced investigator. The wealth of facts contained within the *Encyclopedia of Reagents for Organic Synthesis* has been assimilated in a manner that will cause all scientists to want this source of information kept in close proximity to their laboratory.

A work of this magnitude could not have been brought to realization without the input of a great deal of time, effort, and dedication on the part of a large number of highly responsible individuals. I am especially indebted to the editors – Steven Burke, Robert Coates, Rick Danheiser, Scott Denmark, David Hart, Lanny Liebeskind, Dennis Liotta, Anthony Pearson, Hans Reich, James Rigby, and William Roush – for their tremendously valuable enthusiasm, intensive work, and unstinting persistence. A most critical role has been played by Colin Drayton, not only in conceiving the project but also as a consequence of his range of knowledge of the publishing business in steering us continually in the proper direction and in overseeing the massive editing operation. James Edwards and Mark Volmer are also to be thanked for their central role as assistant section editors. The body of this encyclopedia was composed by over 1000 authors from 40 countries around the world. The knowledge and expertise contributed by these experienced investigators in the form of authoritative treatises dealing with reagents with which they are thoroughly familiar constitutes the scientific underpinning of the entire undertaking. The enlightening end product of their contributions will have a major impact on the conduct of research in organic chemistry and I thank each of these individuals for their insightful entries.

The large contingent of organic chemists alluded to above, directly and indirectly, expects the *Encyclopedia of Reagents for Organic Synthesis* to play a vital role in stimulating creative research in organic chemistry in the years immediately ahead. All of us hope that you will share in this excitement by perusing its many pages and creatively adapting the valuable information contained therein.

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Preface to the Second Edition

This multivolume reference work is an extensively expanded counterpart of the *Encyclopedia of Reagents for Organic Synthesis (EROS)*, which was introduced to the international chemical community in 1995. At the time, we were very fortunate to have a highly experienced and expert editorial team of organic chemists to enlist responsible authors to help us reach our high-level objectives. The end result was a most serviceable compilation of 3000 reagents, with each entry detailing valuable handling information and physical properties, in addition to key chemical transformations. In the intervening years, a vast array of additional important reagents have been identified and new editors have facilitated the inclusion of updates where warranted, as well as the introduction of new types of entities such as polymer-supported reagents, reagents for peptide synthesis, new catalyst types, and more.

I would like to express my thanks to the current members of the *EROS II* team, David Crich, Philip L. Fuchs and Gary A. Molander for their invaluable contributions to this second edition. In particular, I wish to extend appreciation to Louise Portsmouth from John Wiley & Sons, for her invaluable efforts to maintain order at every stage of the publication process, and to the production team, Fiona Cowie, Louise Rush, Dan Finch and Geoff Reynolds, for the amount of work they put into the production of this encyclopedia, which totals more than 12 000 pages.

I'd like to draw your attention to the manner in which the updates have been incorporated, whereby the most recent entry follows immediately after the original contribution, with

illustrative equations and relevant reference citations. This arrangement is anticipated to be of maximum help to the inquiring researcher, with the proximity of the data intended to smooth the way to obtaining the desired information.

Effort has also been put into improving other aspects of presentation. Abbreviated references are no longer being utilized in favor of a more conventional format, plus InChIs and InChiKeys have been introduced just below the CAS numbers, in order to facilitate connections to other databases. Those readers unfamiliar with this identifier system are referred to the article by Stephen R. Heller and Alan D. McNaught following the Introduction. A listing of authors (see Volume 1) is another new feature that will hopefully prove informative to the user of this work and also make the contributors more visible.

Finally, our efforts to assemble as complete a reference work as possible also extend to the electronic sequel, *e-EROS*. While the online version continues to expand and update at regular intervals, the content of the print edition reflects the state of *e-EROS* as of March, 2009. We hope that the frequent use of either resource will stimulate a continuing flow of new research discoveries and help the users to make best use of the wide range of reagents, catalysts and building blocks in their daily work in the laboratory.

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Introduction

The first edition of the *Encyclopedia of Reagents for Organic Synthesis (EROS)* listed approximately 3000 reagents, catalysts, and building blocks. More than 20% of these have been updated for the new edition, *EROS II*, and in order to keep up with the development of organic synthesis, over 1000 new compounds have been added. These new reagents, catalysts, and building blocks reflect the progress made in areas such as organometallic catalysis, cross-coupling reactions, polymer-supported reagents, and click chemistry.

EROS II comprehensively covers in excess of 4000 reagents, catalysts, and building blocks, sorted in alphabetical order. Systematic nomenclature has been used as the standard, but in a few cases, simplified names are used, e.g. Fluorous DEAD or (*R,S*)-CAMPHOS. All articles are self-contained and the use of ***bold italics*** within each article indicates other reagents that have their own entries in the encyclopedia. Further, lists of related reagents are given at the end of most articles.

EROS II, the print edition, is based on the online version of the encyclopedia, *e-EROS*. The content of the print edition mirrors the content of the online edition as of mid-March 2009. *e-EROS* will continue to expand beyond this date with regular content updates, and continues to be the major reference source to research reagents or catalysts. In addition to reaction, structure and substructure searching, *e-EROS* offers a

wide range of online tools, such as reference links and cross-referencing.

Most articles are devoted to a single reagent, although in some cases, closely related reagents or reagent families are covered under one heading, e.g. Methyl Trimethylsilylacetate is discussed in the article on Ethyl Trimethylsilylacetate, and Lithium Trimethoxyaluminum Hydride in the article on Lithium Tri-*tert*-butoxyaluminum Hydride.

Wherever possible InChI and InChIKeys have been added below the CAS numbers. Both these identifiers have been developed by IUPAC and can be used in printed and electronic data sources, enabling easier linking to other data compilations. More information on these identifiers can be found on page *xvii*, where the trademark for these identifiers is acknowledged; it is not repeated throughout the work. There are some cases where the CAS numbers and/or InChI and InChIKeys do not exist, e.g. polymer-supported reagents or catalysts.

A particular reagent can be found either directly, by going to the appropriate place in the encyclopedia, or from the Subject Index in Volume 14, which includes numerous other topics, such as types of reactions, named reactions, named reagents, general substrates or products, and specific substrates or products. Volume 14 also contains a Reagent Formula Index, listing all reagents and catalysts covered in the encyclopedia.

The IUPAC International Chemical Identifier (InChI™)

The properties and behavior of chemical substances are generally interpreted and discussed in terms of their molecular structures. Chemists use diagrammatic representations to convey structural information, supplemented by verbal descriptions of structure, and conventional chemical nomenclature was developed as a means of specifying a chemical structure in words. Systematic nomenclature provides an unambiguous description of a structure, a diagram of which can be reconstructed from its systematic name. However, there are other means of specifying molecular structures, and those based on 'connection tables' (coded specifications of atomic connectivities) are more suitable than conventional nomenclature for processing by computer, as they are matrix representations of molecular graphs readily governed and handled by graph theory. In parallel with its continued development of verbal nomenclature, IUPAC has developed a structural identifier that can be readily interpreted by computers, or more precisely, by computer algorithms.

The IUPAC International Chemical Identifier (InChI™) is a freely available, non-proprietary identifier for chemical substances that can be used in both printed and electronic data sources. It is generated from a computerized representation of a molecular structure diagram, which can be produced by chemical structure-drawing software. Its use enables linking of diverse data compilations and unambiguous identification of chemical substances. A full description of the Identifier and software for its generation are available from the IUPAC website,¹ and a helpful compilation of answers to frequently asked questions has been put together at the Unilever Centre for Molecular Science Informatics.² A full account of the InChI™ project is in preparation.³ Commercial structure-drawing software that will generate the Identifier is available from several organizations, listed on the IUPAC website.¹

The conversion of structural information to the Identifier is based on a set of IUPAC structure conventions, and rules for normalization and canonicalization (conversion to a single, predictable sequence) of an input structure representation. The resulting InChI is simply a series of characters that serve to uniquely identify the structure from which it was derived. This conversion of a graphical representation of a chemical substance into the unique InChI character string can be carried out automatically by any organization, and the facility can be built into any program dealing with chemical structures.

The InChI uses a layered format to represent all available structural information relevant to compound identity. InChI layers are listed below. Each layer in an InChI representation contains a specific type of structural information. These

layers, automatically extracted from the input structure, are designed so that each successive layer adds additional detail to the Identifier. The specific layers generated depend on the level of structural detail available and whether or not allowance is made for tautomerism. Of course, any ambiguities or uncertainties in the original structure will remain in the InChI.

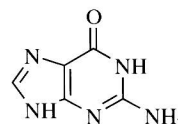
This layered structure design offers a number of advantages. If two structures for the same substance are drawn at different levels of detail, the one with the lower level of detail will, in effect, be contained within the other. Specifically, if one substance is drawn with stereo-bonds and the other without, the layers in the latter will be a subset of the former. The same will hold for compounds treated by one author as tautomers and by another as exact structures with all H-atoms fixed. This can work at a finer level. For example, if one author includes double bond and tetrahedral stereochemistry, but another omits stereochemistry, the latter InChI will be contained in the former.

The InChI layers are:

1. Formula
2. Connectivity (no formal bond orders)
 - a. disconnected metals
 - b. connected metals
3. Isotopes
4. Stereochemistry
 - a. double bond (*Z/E*)
 - b. tetrahedral (*sp*³)
5. Tautomers (on or off)

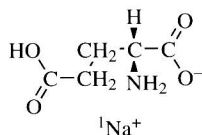
Charges are not part of the basic InChI, but rather are added at the end of the InChI string.

Two examples of InChI representations are given below. It is important to recognize, however, that InChI strings are intended for use by computers and end users need not understand any of their details. In fact, the open nature of InChI and its flexibility of representation, after implementation into software systems, may allow chemists to be even less concerned with the details of structure representation by computers.



guanine

InChI = 1/C5H5N5O/c6-5-9-3-2(4(11)10-5)7-1-8-3/h1H,
(H4,6,7,8,9,10,11)/f/h8,10H,6H2



monosodium glutamate

InChI = 1/C5H9NO4.Na/c6-3(5(9)10)1-2-4(7)8;/h3H,1-2,6H2,(H,7,8)(H,9,10);/q;+1/p-1/t3-;/m1./s1/fC5H8NO4.Na/h7H;/q-1;m

The layers in the InChI string are separated by the '/' character followed by a lowercase letter (except for the first layer, the chemical formula), with the layers arranged in predefined order. In the examples the following segments are included:

InChI version number
 / chemical formula
 /c connectivity-1.1 (excluding terminal H)
 /h connectivity-1.2 (locations of terminal H, including mobile H attachment points)
 /q charge
 /p proton balance
 /t sp³ (tetrahedral) parity
 /m parity inverted to obtain relative stereo (1 = inverted, 0 = not inverted)
 /s stereo type (1 = absolute, 2 = relative, 3 = racemic)
 /f chemical formula of the fixed-H structure if it is different
 /h connectivity-2 (locations of fixed mobile H)
 /q charge
 /t sp³ (tetrahedral) parity
 /m parity inverted to obtain relative stereo (1 = inverted, 0 = not inverted, . = inversion does not affect the parity)
 /s stereo type (1 = absolute, 2 = relative, 3 = racemic)

One of the most important applications of the InChI is the facility to locate mention of a chemical substance using internet-based search engines. This is made easier by using a shorter (compressed) form of InChI, known as the InChIKey.

The InChIKey is a 25-character representation that, because it is compressed, cannot be reconverted into the original structure, but it is not subject to the undesirable and unpredictable breaking of longer character strings by some search engines. An example is shown in Figure 1 below.

The use of the InChIKey also allows searches based solely on atomic connectivity (first 14 characters). Software for generating InChIKey is available from the IUPAC website.¹

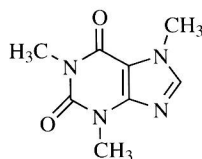
The enormous databases compiled by organizations such as PubChem,⁴ the US National Cancer Institute, and ChemSpider⁵ contain millions of InChIs and InChIKeys, which allow sophisticated searching of these collections. PubChem provides InChI-based structure-search facilities (for both identical and similar structures),⁶ and ChemSpider offers both search facilities and web services enabling a variety of InChI and InChIKey conversions.⁷ The NCI Chemical Structure Lookup Service⁸ provides InChI-based search access to over 39 million chemical structures from over 80 different public and commercial data sources.

In the age of the computer, the IUPAC International Chemical Identifier is an essential component of the chemist's armory of information tools, enabling location and manipulation of chemical data with unprecedented ease and precision.

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InChI=1/C8H10N4O2/c1-10-4-9-6-5(10)7(13)12(3)8(14)11(6)2/h4H,1-3H3 (caffeine)

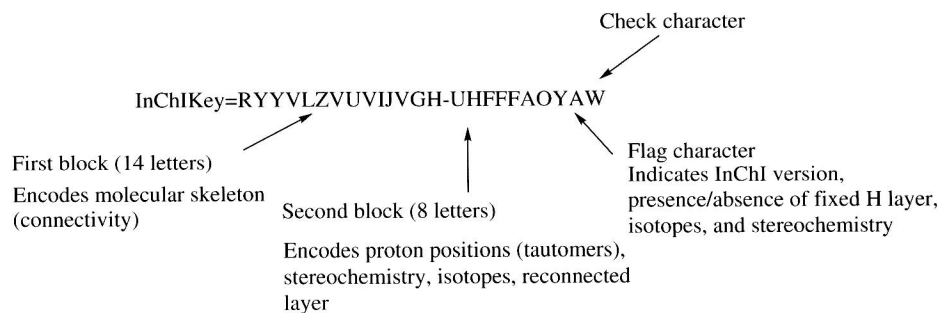


Figure 1 Description of an InChIKey.

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