CARBOHYDRATE NAMES AND SYMBOLS

The following table lists the systematic names and symbols for selected carbohydrates and some of their derivatives. The symbols for monosaccharide residues and derivatives are recommended by IUPAC for use in describing the structures of oligosaccharide chains. A more complete list can be found in the reference.

Reference

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Common name	Symbol	Systematic name
Abequose	Abe	3,6-Dideoxy-D-*xylo*-hexose
N-Acetyl-2-deoxyneur-2-enaminic acid	Neu2en5Ac	
N-Acetylgalactosamine	GalNAc	
N-Acetylglucosamine	GlcNAc	
N-Acetylneuraminic acid	Neu5Ac	
Allose	All	*allo*-Hexose
Altrose	Alt	*altro*-Hexose
Apiose	Api	3-*C*-(Hydroxymethyl)-*glycero*-tetrose
Arabinitol	Ara-ol	Arabinitol
Arabinose	Ara	*arabino*-Pentose
Arcanose		2,6-Dideoxy-3-*C*-methyl-3-*O*-methyl-*xylo*-hexose
Ascarylose		3,6-Dideoxy-L-*arabino*-hexose
Boivinose		2,6-Dideoxy-D-gulose
Chalcose		4,6-Dideoxy-3-*O*-methyl-D-*xylo*-hexose
Cladinose		2,6-Dideoxy-3-*C*-methyl-3-*O*-methyl-L-*ribo*-hexose
Colitose		3,6-Dideoxy-L-*xylo*-hexose
Cymarose		6-Deoxy-3-*O*-methyl-*ribo*-hexose
3-Deoxy-D-*manno*-oct-2-ulosonic acid	Kdo	
2-Deoxyribose	dRib	2-Deoxy-*erythro*-pentose
2,3-Diamino-2,3-dideoxy-D-glucose	GlcN3N	
Diginose		2,6-Dideoxy-3-*O*-methyl-*lyxo*-hexose
Digitalose		6-Deoxy-3-*O*-methyl-D-galactose
Digitoxose		2,6-Dideoxy-D-*ribo*-hexose
3,4-Di-*O*-methylrhamnose	$Rha3,4Me_2$	
Ethyl glucopyranuronate	Glc*p*A6Et	
Evalose		6-Deoxy-3-*C*-methyl-D-mannose
Fructose	Fru	*arabino*-Hex-2-ulose
Fucitol	Fuc-ol	6-Deoxy-D-galactitol
Fucose	Fuc	6-Deoxygalactose
β-D-Galactopyranose 4-sulfate	β-D-Gal*p*4*S*	
Galactosamine	GalN	2-Amino-2-deoxygalactose
Galactose	Gal	*galacto*-Hexose
Glucitol	Glc-ol	
Glucosamine	GlcN	2-Amino-2-deoxyglucose
Glucose	Glc	*gluco*-Hexose
Glucuronic acid	GlcA	
N-Glycoloylneuraminic acid	Neu5Gc	
Gulose	Gul	*gulo*-Hexose
Hamamelose		2-*C*-(Hydroxymethyl)-D-ribose
Idose	Ido	*ido*-Hexose
Iduronic acid	IdoA	
Lactose	Lac	β-D-Galactopyranosyl-(1→4)-D-glucose
Lyxose	Lyx	*lyxo*-Pentose
Maltose		α-D-Glucopyranosyl-(1→4)-D-glucose
Mannose	Man	*manno*-Hexose
2-*C*-Methylxylose	Xyl2*C*Me	
Muramic acid	Mur	2-Amino-3-*O*-[(R)-1-carboxyethyl]-2-deoxy-D-glucose
Mycarose		2,6-Dideoxy-3-*C*-methyl-L-*ribo*-hexose
Mycinose		6-Deoxy-2,3-di-*O*-methyl-D-allose

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Neuraminic acid	Neu	5-Amino-3,5-dideoxy-D-*glycero*-D-*galacto*-non-2-ulosonic acid
Panose		α-D-Glucopyranosyl-(1→6)-α-D-glucopyranosyl-(1→ 4)-D-glucose
Paratose		3,6-Dideoxy-D-*ribo*-hexose
Primeverose		β-D-Xylopyranosyl-(1→6)-D-glucose
Psicose	Psi	*ribo*-Hex-2-ulose
Quinovose	Qui	6-Deoxyglucose
Raffinose		β-D-Fructofuranosyl-α-D-galactopyranosyl-(1→6)-α-D-glucopyranoside
Rhamnose	Rha	6-Deoxymannose
Rhodinose		2,3,6-Trideoxy-L-*threo*-hexose
Ribose	Rib	*ribo*-Pentose
Ribose 5-phosphate	Rib5*P*	
Ribulose	Ribulo (Rul)	*erythro*-Pent-2-ulose
Rutinose		α-L-Rhamnopyranosyl-(1→6)-D-glucose
Sarmentose		2,6-Dideoxy-3-*O*-methyl-D-*xylo*-hexose
Sedoheptulose		D-*altro*-Hept-2-ulose
Sorbose	Sor	*xylo*-Hex-2-ulose
Streptose		5-Deoxy-3-*C*-formyl-L-lyxose
Sucrose		β-D-Fructofuranosyl-α-D-glucopyranoside
Tagatose	Tag	*lyxo*-Hex-2-ulose
Talose	Tal	*talo*-Hexose
Turanose		α-D-Glucopyranosyl-(1→3)-D-fructose
Tyvelose	Tyv	3,6-Dideoxy-D-*arabino*-hexose
Xylose	Xyl	*xylo*-Pentose
Xylulose	Xylulo (Xul)	*threo*-Pent-2-ulose