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Symbols and Abbreviations Used in Chemical Notation

Symbol	Meaning
→	Reaction
\rightleftharpoons or \rightleftharpoons	Equilibrium
← →	Resonance structures
\smile	Movement of an electron pair
or or	Movement of an unpaired electron
↑ or ↓	An electron (in molecular orbital diagrams)
: or	Electron pair
•	Unpaired electron
\bigcirc	Circle inside a polygon denotes aromaticity
··	Dotted line indicates delocalized π system. It may or may not be aromatic.
Me	CH ₃ -, methyl group
Et	CH ₃ CH ₂ -, ethyl group

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i-Pr t-Bu	$(CH_3)_2CH$ –, isopropyl group $(CH_3)_3C$ –, t -butyl group
Ph or ϕ	, phenyl group
Ar	Aryl, any aromatic residue, e.g., OCH ₃
H	Dotted wedge indicates that the bond is directed below the plane of the page. The structure shown has a <i>cis</i> ring junction.
ОН	Solid wedge indicates that the bond is directed toward the viewer (above the plane of the page). The hydrogen and hydroxy groups are <i>trans</i> to one another.
	Solid circle indicates a hydrogen atom above the plane of the page. The ring junction is <i>trans</i> .
H VOH	Wavy bond indicates that the stereochemistry is unspecified.
Br 🕏 Br *	Wavy line across bond indicates homolytic cleavage. Excited state