

Table 1

The abbreviations that registered 20 or more occurrences in the 531 package inserts.

Abbreviations	Full meaning	Number of occurrences	Number of package inserts	Maximum^a	Minimum^b	Average^c	Standard Deviation
1. mg/ml ^d	<i>miligrama por mililitro</i> milligram per milliliter	286	102	49	1	2.8	5.4
2. THS ^e	<i>Terapia de substituição hormonal</i> Hormone replacement therapy	193	7	56	9	27.6	18.1
3. AINE ^e	<i>Anti-inflamatório não esteroide</i> Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug	148	23	31	1	6.4	8.3
4. mg/kg ^d	<i>miligrama por quilograma</i> milligram per kilogram	141	46	11	1	3.1	2.4

5.	<i>Anti-inflamatório não esteroide</i>							
	AINEs ^e	129	43	13	1	3	2.9	
	Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs							
6.	<i>miligrama por dia</i>							
	mg/dia ^d	106	40	16	1	2.7	3.3	
	milligram per day							
7.	<i>Vírus da imunodeficiência humana</i>							
	VIH	82	49	8	1	1.7	1.3	
	Human immunodeficiency virus							
8.	<i>miligrama por grama</i>							
	mg/g ^d	77	40	14	1	1.9	2.1	
	milligram per gram							
9.	<i>mililitro por minuto</i>							
	ml/min ^d	67	37	6	1	1.8	1.3	
	Millilitre per minute							
10.	<i>Espaço económico europeu</i>							
	EEE	65	63	2	1	1	0.2	

European economic area							
11.	mg ^d	<i>miligramo por</i> milligram per	63	23	12	1	2.7 3
12.	mmol ^d	<i>milimoles</i> millimole	59	51	4	1	1.2 0.5
13.	UI ^d	<i>Unidades internacionais</i> International units	59	12	32	1	4.9 8.3
14.	pH	<i>Potencial hidrogeniónico</i> Power of hydrogen	57	41	4	1	1.4 0.7
15.	SNC	<i>Sistema nervoso central</i> Central nervous system	55	28	7	1	2 1.5
16.	ECA ^e	<i>Enzima conversora da</i> <i>angiotensina</i>	47	26	11	1	1.8 2

17.	Angiotensin-converting enzyme						
	<i>Inibidor da enzima de conversão da angiotensina</i>						
IECA ^e	Angiotensin-converting-enzyme inhibitor	46	25	3	1	1.8	0.9
18.	<i>miligrama por cinco mililitro</i>						
mg/5 ml ^d	milligram per five millilitre	42	8	20	1	5.3	6
19.	<i>Auriculoventricular</i>						
AV	Auriculoventricular	41	8	20	1	5.1	5.9
20.	<i>Intramuscular</i>						
IM	Intramuscular	41	6	25	2	6.8	8.4
21.	<i>Inibidor da monoamina oxidase</i>						
IMAO ^e	Monoamine oxidase inhibitor	38	26	3	1	1.5	0.7

22.	micrograma							
	μg^{d}	37	10	10	1	3.8	2.7	
	<i>microgram</i>							
23.	<i>Intravenoso</i>							
	IV	35	18	7	1	1.9	1.7	
	Intravenous							
24.	<i>Doença coronária</i>							
	DC	35	1	35	35	35	0	
	Coronary heart disease							
25.	<i>Electrocardiograma</i>							
	ECG	33	18	7	1	1.8	1.5	
	Electrocardiography							
26.	<i>Specimens</i>							
	Spp.	32	5	2	11	6.4	3.7	
	Specimens							
27.	<i>Policloreto de vinila</i>							
	PVC ^f	28	23	4	1	1.2	0.7	
	Polyvinyl chloride							
28.	<i>Doença pulmonar obstrutiva crónica</i>							
	DPOC	28	15	5	1	1.9	1	

29.	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease						
	<i>Antagonista do receptor da angiotensina II</i>						
AAII ^e	Angiotensin II receptor antagonist	27	7	3	1	1.3	0.7
30.	<i>Unidades internacionais por mililitro</i>						
UI/ml ^d	International Units per millilitre	26	6	19	1	4.3	6.6
31.	Inibidor da enzima de conversão da angiotensina						
IECAs ^e	Angiotensin-converting- enzyme inhibitor	24	20	4	1	1.2	0.7
32.	<i>Policloreto de vinila/alumínio</i>						
PVC/Alu ^f	Polyvinyl chloride	23	21	2	1	1.1	0.3

		/aluminium						
33.	U.I. ^d	<i>Unidades internacionais</i> International units	23	4	17	2	5.8	6.5
34.	mg/2 ml ^d	<i>miligramo por dois mililitro</i> milligram per two millilitre	22	10	6	1	2.2	1.5
35.	mg/m ^{2d}	<i>miligramo por metro quadrado</i> milligram per square meter	22	6	5	1	3.7	1.6
36.	g/dia ^d	<i>grama por dia</i> gram per day	21	15	4	1	1.4	0.9
37.	MAO	<i>Monoamina oxidase</i> Monoamine oxidase	21	14	3	1	1.5	0.7
38.	HDPE ^f	<i>Polietileno de alta densidade</i> High-density polyethylene	20	11	6	1	1.8	1.5

^a Maximum occurrences of abbreviations per package insert

^b Minimum occurrences of abbreviations per package insert

^c Average number of abbreviations per package insert

^d Abbreviations of units of measure

^e Abbreviations related to therapeutic groups

^f Abbreviations of chemical products