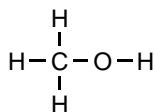


line formula

A two-dimensional representation of *molecular entities* in which atoms are shown joined by lines representing single or multiple bonds, without any indication or implication concerning the spatial direction of bonds. For example, methanol is represented as:



(The term should not be confused with the representation of chemical formulae by the ‘Wiswesser line notation’, a method of string notation. Formulae in this notation are also known as ‘Wiswesser line formulae’.)

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