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in vitro

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The term is properly hyphenated when used attributively (in-vitro inhibition of aldolase) but not when it stands as an adjectival or adverbial phrase (inhibition of aldolase in vitro).

In an artificial environment, referring to a process or reaction occurring therein, as in a test tube or culture medium. Cf. in vivo [L. in glass]

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