

**macrocycle**

A cyclic *macromolecule* or a macromolecular cyclic portion of a macromolecule.

Notes:

1. See *chain (2)*.
2. In the literature, the term ‘macrocycle’ is sometimes used for molecules of low molecular mass that would not be considered ‘macromolecules’ as specified in the definition given in this book.

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