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Chemical 1	Reaction 1W	Reaction 1X	Reaction 1Y	Reaction 1Z
Chemical 2	Reaction 2W	Reaction 2X	Reaction 2Y	Reaction 2Z
Chemical 3	Reaction 3W[a]	Reaction 3X	Reaction 3Y[b]	Reaction 3Z
Chemical 4	Reaction 4W	Reaction 4X	Reaction 4Y	Reaction 4Z
Chemical 5	Reaction 5W	Reaction 5X	Reaction 5Y	Reaction 5Z

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