

## quencher

A molecular entity that deactivates (quenches) an excited state of another molecular entity, either by energy transfer, electron transfer, or by a chemical mechanism.

*See:* quenching, Stern–Volmer kinetic relationships

### *Source:*

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