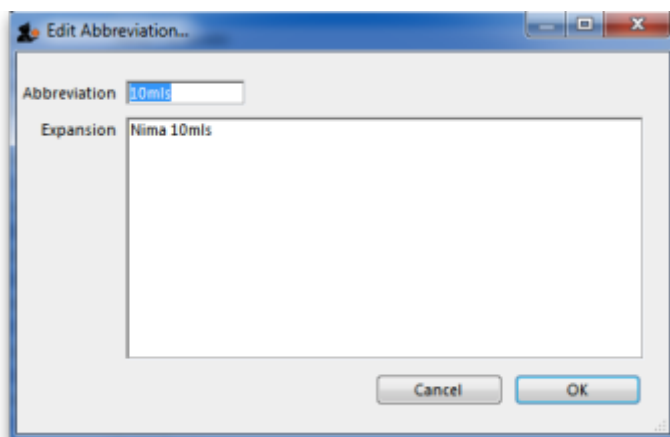


Enter the abbreviation that you will type in the *Abbreviation* field and the text that it will be expanded to in the *Expansion* field. When you're done click on the **OK** button

### Edit an Abbreviation

To edit an abbreviation, double-click it in the list. A similar window to the add abbreviation window will open, pre-populated with the abbreviation's details:



Edit the abbreviation and expansion as required then click on the **OK** button to save it.

### Delete an Abbreviation

Select a single abbreviation in the list by clicking on it then click on the **Delete** button. You will be asked to confirm the deletion - if you do, it is deleted from the list.

### Print a list of Abbreviations

Click the *Report* button to construct a simple report listing all abbreviations. This report can be previewed or printed.

Do not use actual words as your abbreviation, or else attempting to type the word will result in the expanded text appearing on your label!



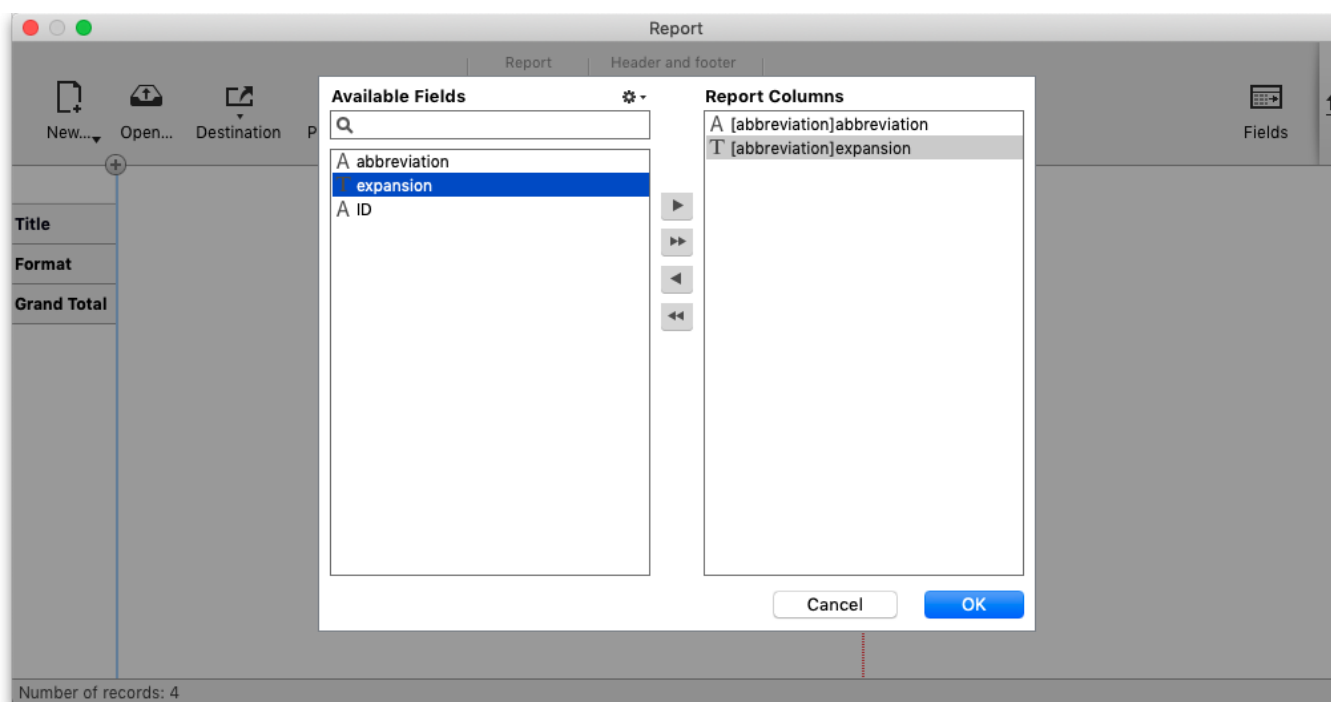
If you change an abbreviation or add a new one, you will see the change immediately (v317 or later), but in a multi-user environment other users will have to log out and log in (use **Switch user** to do this quickly) to see the edited or added abbreviations.

## Importing abbreviations

The procedure for importing a file containing your abbreviations is found [here](#).

## Printing the current abbreviations

From the abbreviations window, click the **Report** button.



1. Double-click on **Abbreviation**
2. Double-click on **Expansion**
3. Right-click on **Detail** and set font size to 8 or 9
4. You can use the lines on the column headers to adjust column width
5. Choose **File > Generate** to print the list

## Item Default Directions

Once you have entered abbreviations, don't forget to enter the default directions for all common

items - the default directions are the abbreviations that are used by default for an item when it is added to a prescription. Instructions are [here](#).

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