December 2016 elements crossword
A slight change from the usual! Each crossword square can have one or two letters, but they must be the letters of an elemental symbol, or the letters D or T (for Deuterium or Tritium). For example, Dalton could be written D(Al)TON
NOTE: Clue 13 includes an obsolete symbol for radium (Rd)


December 2016 chemistry wordoku

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Solve this wordoku in the same way as a sudoku with letters instead of numbers (each of the nine letters in each row, column and nine-square cell). Once solved, one of the overall diagonals can be rearranged into the name of a UK chemist whose interests include flow technology in organic synthesis

Across
1 Carter is over rocks (8)
4 Sugars surprisingly scarce as I'd initially heard (11)
10 Not thinking clearly as bitter about dancer (14)
11 Rob left pruned surpisingly (7)
12 Eye examination upsets psychopath left with endless $\operatorname{mood}(14)$
14 Document Pole left flopped surprisingly (3)
15 Trot around Spain to see locomotives (9)
17 She's sore about top Amalfi beaches (9)
19 Carer transforms pip into another part of the fruit (8)
21 Backs plot producing disease $(5,4)$
23 Pat leaves utopia, returning with $\operatorname{debt}$ (3)
24 Looking at the birds so hypnotic or confusing (12)
26 Doctors' clinics dispensing with lint dross around bugs (5)
27 The monstrous creation in pole position (12)
29 Greek polymath earnest about ethos (12)
30 Epic poem about headless body-yes, sure initially! (7)
Down
1, 22 down Chemist prepares frothiest cornets (5, 4, 7)
2 Small boy in stitches (5)
3 Restrain dog before barking begins (4)
5 I chase duo around venue for vitriolic music? $(4,5)$
6 Retro girls sick about chippy husband initially $(5,6)$
7 Oh! I confuse poisoners moving charges (12)
8 Initially you set fire to convert into another compound (8) 9 I'd months to last (8)
13 Musician rhapsodic about his odd turn (14)
16 Go-between in trouble with centurion (11)
18 Tiny gutless Tory is doubly upset with first bill (4-5)
20 Islip in around the barbarian (10)
21 Wash hairdo for pastry $(4,3)$
22 See 1 down
25 Cosmos I suspect concealing diffusion (7)
28 Sensed a collection of curlews by the sounds of it (5)

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November 2016 solutions

The name of the chemist was Emanuel HERSHBERG.
The winner of the November 2016
Chemistry World wordoku competition is G McKenna, Montarnaud, France. The winner of the November 2016 Chemistry World crossword competition is J M Anderson Falkirk, UK.

| R | S | E | M | H | T | B | A | G |
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| G | T | B | A | S | E | H | R | M |
| B | A | G | T | M | H | E | S | R |
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| T | R | S | E | A | B | M | G | H |
| H | E | R | B | G | M | S | T | A |
| M | B | A | S | T | R | G | H | E |
| S | G | T | H | E | A | R | M | B |
| H | $O$ | $W$ | $D$ | $A$ | $H$ | $N$ | $I$ | $C$ |

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## On the spot: raiding the cupboards



See the answer on page 69

