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List of Abbreviations

g	Gram
mg	Milligram
mL	Milliliter
L	Liter
m	Meter
cm	Centimeter
mm	Millimeter
nm	Nanometer
Å	Armstrong
Κ	Kelvin
mol	Mole
mmol	Millimole
ν	Stretching mode (FT-IR)
8	Second
σ	Sigma
br	Broad
λ	Wavelength
m	Medium
W	Weak
Т	Temperature
viz.	Namely
ca.	About
i.e.	That is
<i>e.g.</i>	For example
m. p.	Melting point
NMR	Nuclear magnetic resonance
FT-IR	Fourier transform - infrared
AAS	Atomic absorption spectroscopy
EDS	Energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy
UV	Ultraviolet
m/z	Mass to charge ratio

Me	methyl
H - bond	hydrogen bond
RT	room temperature
TGA	Thermo gravimetric analysis
XRD	X-ray diffraction
XPS	X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy
BET	Brunauer-Emmett-Teller surface area analysis
SEM	Scanning electron microscopy
TEM	Transmission electron microscopy
ICP	Inductively coupled plasma
EDX	Energy-Dispersive X-ray
TLC	Thin-layer chromatography
р	para
MAS NMR	Magic angle spinning nuclear magnetic resonance
CPMAS	Cross polarization magic angle spinning
MOF	Metal organic framework
THF	Tetrahydrofuran
DCM	Dichloromethane
ZrP	Zirconium phosphonate
NHC	N-heterocyclic carbene

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