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List of abbreviation

HTST	High Temperature and Short Times
UV	Ultra-Violate
MW-US	Microwave and Ultrasound
ATCC	American Type Cell Culture
HPLC	High Performance Liquid Chromatography
USA	United State of America
BGJ	Bottle Gourd Juice
rpm	Revolutions Per Minute
FCCD	Face Centred Composite Design
MP	Microwave Power
MT	Microwave induced Temperature
UA	Ultrasound Amplitude
UT	Ultrasound exposure Time
TPC	Total Phenolic Content
DPPH	2,2-diphenylpicrylhydrazyl
FCR	Folin-ciocalteu Reagent
BHA	Butylated Hydroxyanisole
UV-VIS	Ultraviolet-visible
TS	Total Solids
TSS	Total Soluble Solids
TA	Titratable Acidity
RP-HPLC	Reverse Phase High Performance Liquid Chromatography
AOAC	Association of Official Analytical Chemists
UHPLC	Ultra-High-Performance Liquid Chromatography
DAD	Diode Array Detector
NO	Nitric Oxide
SOD	Superoxide Radical Scavenging
RP	Reducing Power
ANOVA	Analysis of variance
Df	Degrees of freedom
S.D.	Standard Deviation

RMSE	Root Mean Square Error
SSE	Sum of Square Error
BDL	Below Detectable Limit
ROS	Responsive Oxygen Species
NS	Not satisfactory
FA	Fair
ME	Medium
GD	Good
EX	Excellent
POM	Proportional Odd Modelling
OSS	Overall Sensory Scores
OMF	Overall Membership Function
SFS	Standard Fuzzy Scale
VG	Very Good
SV	Similarity Values
FL-POM	Fuzzy Logic and Proportional Odd Modelling
HPBMC	Human Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells
RBC	Red Blood Cells
ES	Erythrocyte Suspension
FBS	Foetal Bovine Serum
CPCSEA	Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervision of
	Experiments on Animals
OECD	Organization of Economic Co-Operation and Development
Hb	Haemoglobin
PCV	Packed Cell Volume
MCV	Mean Corpuscular Volume
MCH	Mean Corpuscular Haemoglobin
MCHC	Mean Corpuscular Haemoglobin Concentration
WB	White Blood Cell
PDW	Platelet Distribution Width
ALP	Alkaline Phosphatase
AST	Aspartate Aminotransferase
ALPT	Alanine Aminotransferase

DPP4	Dipeptidyl Peptidase-4
FBG	Fasting Blood Glucose
BW	Body Weight
OGTT	Oral Glucose Tolerance Test
IPITT	Intraperitoneal Insulin Tolerance Test
LPS	Lyophilized Lagenaria siceraria
PCR	Polymerase Chain Reaction
LS	Lagenaria siceraria
MCV	Mean Corpuscular Volume
MCH	Mean Corpuscular Haemoglobin
MCHC	Mean Corpuscular Haemoglobin Concentration
IPITT	Intraperitoneal Insulin Tolerance Test
MRS	De Man, Rogosa and Sharpe
BLAST	Basic Local Alignment Search Tool
CLUSTALW	Clustal O and Clustal Omega
LAB	Lactic Acid Bacteria
MHA	Mueller-Hinton agar
MTCC	Microbial Type Culture Collection
LP	Lactobacillus plantarum
LF	

List of Symbols

mAU	Milli absorbance unit
ml	Millilitre
μl	Microlitre
Nm	Nanometer
Da	Dalton
kDa	Kilodalton
mg	Milligram
μg	Microgram
mm	Millimetre
°C	Degree celcius
μm	Micrometre
g	Gram
W	Weight
h	Hour
V	Volume
%	Percentage
m	Minute
U	Unit
mM	Millimolar
М	Molar
<	Lesser than
>	Greater than
cm	Centimetre
nL	Nanolitre
S	Second
ms	Millisecond
ns	Nanosecond
/	Per
μ	Micron
β	Beta
α	Alpha
κ	Kappa
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