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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

NMRI	Nuclear magnetic resonance imaging
MRI	Magnetic resonance imaging
PON	Polyoxoniobate
CFI	Complement factor I
Hb	Hemoglobin
KNN	K _{0.5} Na _{0.5} NbO ₃
MCF	Mesocellular foam
SBA	Santa Barbara Amorphous
MCM-41	Mobil Composition of Matter No. 41
MOF	Metal organic framework
Ср	Cyclopentadiene
thd	2-[3-[(4-Amino-2-methyl-5-pyrimidinyl)methyl]-
	2-(1,2-dihydroxyethyl)-4-methyl-1,3-thiazol-3-
	ium-5-yl]ethyl trihydrogen diphosphate
acac	Acetylacetonato
silox	Siloxide
dmpe	1,2-Bis(dimethylphosphino)ethane
PPP	Phosphinophenylphosphine
pV	Peroxidovanadium
pNb	Peroxidoniobium
TpNb	$[Nb(O_2)_4]^{3-1}$
gu	Guanidinium
DTPA	Diethylenetriaminepentaacetic acid
EDTA	Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid
hq	Hydroxyquinolinate
quin-2-c	Quinoline-2-carboxylate ion
OX	Oxalate
tart	Tartaric acid
glyc	Glycollate
Hmal	Malic acid
Asc	Ascorbate anion

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Httha	Triethylenetetraminehexaacetic acid
pdta	Propanediaminetetraacetate Picolinic acid
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dipic	Pyridine-2,6-dicarboxylic acid
bpy	2,2'-Bipyridine
phen	Phenanthroline
pzdc	Pyrazine-2,3-dicarboxylate
FFA	Free fatty acid
IL	Ionic liquid
CE	Crown ether
TBA/LA	Tetrabutylammonium/lactate
NPs	Nanoparticles
TPPTS	$P(m-C_6H_4SO_3Na)_3$
MR	Merrifield resin
PS-DVB	Polystyrene divinylbenzene copolymer
CSDVB	Cross-linked poly(styrene-divinylbenzene)
PPESK	Poly(phthalazinone ether sulfone ketone)
PA	Poly(sodium acrylate)
PMMA	Poly(methylmethacrylate)
PS-BBP	Polystyrene functionalized with 2,6-
	bis(benzimidazolyl)pyridine
POP	Porous organic polymer
TPA	Triphenyl amine
PAN	Polyacrylonitrile
PEI	Polyethyleneimine
PAAc	Polyacrylic acid
P4VP	Poly(4-vinyl pyridine)
PEG	Polyethyleneglycol
P-HPHZ	Polymer anchored N,N'-bis (o-hydroxy
	acetophenone) hydrazine
PS-naph	Amino polystyrene anchored azo ligand
PNB	Polynorbornene
c-PMA _n	Cross-linked poly(methyl acrylate)

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	TLC	Thin layer chromatography
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Technology		Technology
MMM Mixed matrix membrane	MMM	Mixed matrix membrane

CNTs	Carbon nano tubes
DMC	Dimethyl carbonate
NbPMA	[Nb(O ₂) ₃ (carboxylate)] ²⁻ –PMA [PMA =
	poly(sodium methacrylate
HMF	5-Hydroxymethyl-2-furfural
HMFCA	5-Hydroxymethyl-2-furancarboxylic acid
wt.	Weight
ChpNb	[Nb(O ₂) ₃ (NH ₂)(OH)] ⁻ -chitosan
РН	Phenol
RB	Round-bottomed flask
ТрТа	$[Nb(O_2)_4]^{3-1}$
BJH	Barrett-Joyner-Halenda
eq.	Equivalent
LD ₅₀	Lethal dose, 50%
malt	Maltol
def	Deferiprone
EC ₅₀	Half maximal effective concentration
ACP	Acid phosphatase
ALP	Alkaline phosphatase
<i>p</i> -NPP	<i>p</i> -nitrophenyl phosphate
IC ₅₀	Half maximal inhibitory concentration
GST-PTP1B	Glutathione S-transferase-tagged protein
	tyrosine phosphatase 1B
PTPase	Protein tyrosine phosphatase