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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

%	Percent
A	Adenine
T	Thymine
C	Cytosine
G	Guanine
U	Uracil
N	Any nucleotide
R	Purine (A & G)
Y	Pyrimidine (T & C)
K	Keto (G & T)
M	Amino (A & C)
ti	Transition
tv	Transversion
S	Synonymous
NS	Non-synonymous
Sti	Synonymous transition
Stv	Synonymous transversion
Nti	Non-synonymous transition
Ntv	Non-synonymous transversion
CUB	Codon usage bias
PTC	Pre-termination codon
SNVs	Single nucleotide variations
Phe	Phenylalanine
Leu	Leucine
Ile	Isoleucine
Met	Methionine
Val	Valine
Ser	Serine
Pro	Proline
Thr	Threonine
Ala	Alanine
Tyr	Tyrosine
His	Histidine
Gln	Glutamine
Asn	Asparagine
Lys	Lysine
Asp	Aspartic acid
Glu	Glutamic acid
Cys	Cystine

Trp Tryptophan Arg Arginine Gly Glycine **FFD** Four-fold degenerate site **TFD** Two-fold degenerate site **SFD** Six-fold degenerate site **ZFD** Zero-fold degenerate site FB Family box SB Spilt box Fig. Figure CAI Codon Adaptive Index **DNA** Deoxyribonucleic Acid obs Observed Expected exp **IGRs** Intergenic regions E. coli Escherichia coli S. enterica Salmonella enterica **CSM** Codon substitution model JC model Jukes-Cantor model ML method Maximum Likelihood method e Estimated o Observed **RBS** Ribosome binding site SD sequence Shine-Dalgarno sequence **DNAP** DNA polymerase **RNAP** RNA polymerase **HKY** Hasegawa-Kishino-Yano General Time Reversible **GTR**