

List of abbreviations

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| $^{\circ}\text{C}$ | Degree Celsius |
| AFLP | Amplified fragment length polymorphism |
| ANOVA | Analysis of Variance |
| ATP | Adenosine Triose Phosphate |
| BLAST | Basic Local Alignment Search Tool |
| C/N ratio | Carbon/ Nitrogen ratio |
| CCD | Central Composite Design |
| CVD | Cardiovascular Disease |
| DNA | Deoxy Ribose Nucleic Acid |
| dNTP | Deoxyribo Nucleotide Triose phosphate |
| ECLT | Euglobulin Clot Lysis Time |
| EDTA | Ethylene Diammine Tetraacetatetae |
| F/C ratio | Fibrinolytic activity/ Caseinolytic activity ratio |
| FC reagent | Folin-Ciocalteu's Reagent |
| FFD | Fractional Factorial Design |
| g | Gram |
| HCl | Hydrochloric acid |
| ISR | Inter Spacer Region |

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| kDa | Kilo Dalton |
| M | Molar |
| MEGA | Molecular Evolutionary Genetic Algorithm |
| ml | Mili Liter |
| mM | Mili Molar |
| MR | Methyl Red |
| NB | Nutient Broth |
| NCBI | National Center for Biotechnological Information |
| NE, India | North-East, India |
| NK | Natto kinase |
| O.D | Optical Density |
| PCR | Polymerase Chain Reaction |
| PEG | Poly Ethylene Glycol |
| RAPD | Rapid Amplification of Polymorphic DNA |
| RFLP | Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphism |
| RNA | Ribose Nucleic Acid |
| RPM | Rotation Per Minute |
| rRNA | Ribosomal Ribose Nucleic Acid |
| RSM | Response Surface Methodology |
| S.D | Standard Deviation |
| SDS | Sodium Dodecyl Sulphate |

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| SIM | Sulfur Indole Motility |
| SMA | Skimmed Milk Agar |
| SmF | Submerged Fermentation |
| TAE | Tris Acetate EDTA |
| TCA | Trichloroacetic acid |
| t-PA | Tissue plasminogen activator |
| TSI | Triple Sugar Iron |
| U | Unit (Enzyme activity unit) |
| VP | Voges proskauer |
| w/v | Weight/ Volume |
| w/w | Weight/ Weight |
| WHO | World Health Organization |
| µg | Micro gram |
| µl | Micro-liter |

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