

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Note: Abbreviations for standard units (SI) of measurement and chemical formulae are not included in the list below.

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| µg | Microgram |
| µl | Microliter |
| µM | Micromolar |
| ARDRA | Amplified rDNA Restriction Analysis |
| BLAST | Basic Local Alignment Search Tool |
| bp | Base Pair |
| CTAB | Cetyl-tri-ethyl ammonium bromide |
| DNA | Deoxyribonucleic acid |
| dNTPs | 2'-deoxynucleotide-5' triphosphates |
| EDTA | Ethylene-diamine tetra acetic acid |
| g | Gram |
| h | hour |
| HPLC | High performance liquid chromatography |
| kb | Kilo base pair |
| kDa | Kilo Dalton |
| LB | Luria Bertani Broth |
| M | Molar |
| mg | Milligram |
| min | Minute(s) |
| ml | Milliliter |
| mM | Millimolar |
| nM | Nanomolar |
| PBS | Phosphate Buffer Saline |
| PCR | Polymerase Chain Reaction |
| rpm | Rotations per minute |
| rRNA | ribosomal Ribonucleic acid |

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| TBE | Tris-Borate EDTA |
| TE | Tris-EDTA |
| Tris | Tri (hydroxymethyl) amino methane hydrochloride |
| UPGMA | Unweighed Pair Group Method with Arithmetic Mean |
| UV | Ultraviolet |
| °C | degree Celsius (centigrade) |
| GC-ECD | gas chromatograph with electron capture detection |
| GC-MS | gas chromatograph with mass spectrometer |
| EXTOXNET | extension toxicology network |
| TLC | Thin layer Chromatography |
| DTT | Dithiothreitol |
| HEPES | (4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazineethanesulfonic acid) |
| OD | Optical Density |
| cfu | Colony forming unit |
| PMSF | Phenyl methane sulfonyl fluoride |
| FAO | Food and Agriculture Organization |
| UN FAO | Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations |
| K _{ow} | Octanol/water partition coefficients |
| WHO | World Health Organization |
| ATSDR | Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry |
| FRTR | Federal Remediation Technologies Roundtable |