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LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ATCC	=	American Type Culture Collection
CFU	=	Colony Forming Unit
AU	=	Arbitrary Unit
bp	=	base pair
°C	=	Celsius
Da	=	Dalton
DNA	=	Deoxyribose Nucleic Acid
ESI MS	=	Electrospray-ionization (ESI) Mass Spectrometer (MS)
GRAS	=	Generally Recognized As Safe
HPLC	=	High Performance Liquid Chromatography
JCM ^T	=	Japan Collection of Microorganisms (^T = type strain)
Kb	=	Kilobase
kDa	=	kilodalton
LAB	=	Lactic Acid Bacteria
LB	=	Luria-Bertani
M	=	Molar
MRS	=	De Man, Rogosa and Sharpe media
MW	=	Molecular Weight
NaCl	=	Sodium Chloride
NCBI	=	National Center for Biotechnology Information
OD	=	Optical Density
PCR	=	Polymerase Chain Reaction
rDNA	=	Ribosomal deoxyribonucleic acid
rRNA	=	Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
Subsp.	=	Subspecies
TFA	=	Trifluoro Acetic Acid
v/v	=	volume /volume

