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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

 α -D-Man = α -D-mannose

 α -D-Glu = α -D-Glucose

 α -Gal = α -galactose

 α -GalNAc = α -N-acetylgalactosamine

β-Gal = β-galactose CC = Ciliated cell

et al. = Et Alii (Latin), and others

h = hour

LF = Lower fold

LMG = Lower mucosal gland

MG = Mucosal gland

GlcNAc = N-acetylglucosamine

NCC = Non-ciliated cell

PC = Pars convoluta

PR = Pars recta
PU = Pars uterus
UF = Upper fold

UMG = Upper mucosal gland