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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

α_2M	=	Alpha-2-macroglobulin
DTT	=	1,4-Dithio-DL-threitol
EF1 α	=	Elongation factor-1-alpha
EF2	=	Elongation factor 2
GST	=	Glutathione-s-transferase
kb	=	Kilobase (s)
kDa	=	Kilodalton (s)
LB	=	Luria-Bertani (medium)
M	=	Molarity
mA	=	milliampare
mM	=	millimolar
mg	=	milligram
min	=	minute (s)
ml	=	milliliter
μ g	=	microgram
μ l	=	microliter
μ M	=	micromolar
ng	=	nanogram
nm	=	nanometer
nmole	=	nanomole
nt	=	nucleotide (s)
OD	=	Optical density
PAGE	=	Polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis
PBS	=	Phosphate buffer saline
PCR	=	Polymerase chain reaction
pmole	=	picomole
Pm	=	<i>Penaeus monodon</i>
PMSF	=	Phenyl methyl sulfonyl fluoride
ppt	=	part per thousand

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS (Continued)

RNA	=	Ribonucleic acid
RNase	=	Ribonuclease
rpm	=	revolutions per minute
RT-PCR	=	Reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction
SDS	=	Sodium dodecyl sulfate
sec	=	second
STET	=	Sodium chloride-Tris-EDTA-Triton
TAE	=	Tris-acetate-EDTA
TEMED	=	N,N,N',N'-tetramethyl-ethylenediamine
T _m	=	melting temperature
Tris	=	Tris (hydroxymethyl) aminoethane
Tris-HCl	=	Tris (hydroxymethyl) aminoethane hydrochloric acid
U	=	unit (s)
UV	=	ultraviolet
V	=	volt
v/v	=	volume per volume
w/v	=	weight per volume
WSSV	=	White spot syndrome virus