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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AIDS	= acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
ALT (SGPT)	= alanine aminotransferase
AR	= analytical reagent
AST (SGOT)	= aspartate aminotransferase
AUC	= area under the concentration-time curve
CD4	= antigenic marker of the helper / inducer T cells
C _{max}	= maximum concentration
%CV	= percentage of coefficient of variation (= standard deviation x 100 / mean)
DHA	= dehydroascorbic acid
GI	= gastrointestinal
h	= hour
H2	= histamine
HCl	= hydrochloric acid
HIV	= human immunodeficiency virus
HPLC	= high performance liquid chromatography
Kg	= kilogram
L	= liter
μl	= microliter
MAO	= maximum acid output
μg, mcg	= microgram
mg	= milligram
min	= minute
ml	= milliliter
mm ³	= cubic millimeter
MW	= molecular weight
NAS	= National Academic Sciences
NG	= nasogastric
PTFE	= polytetrafluoroethylene
Q-T interval	= the segment of the electrocardiogram cycle measured from the beginning of the QRS complex to the end of the T wave

RDA	= recommended dietary allowance
rpm	= round per minute
SD	= standard deviation
SE	= standard error
SGF	= simulated gastric fluid
SGOT	= serum glutamic-oxaloacetic transaminase
SGPT	= serum glutamic-pyruvic transaminase
T _{max}	= time to reach maximum concentration