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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

ACh	=	acetylcholine
ADR	=	adrenergic receptors
ATP	=	adenosine triphosphate
Atrop	=	atropine
AV node	=	atrioventricular node
BH <sub>4</sub>	=	tetrahydrobiopterin
bpm	=	beat per minute
°C	=	degree Celsius
CaCl <sub>2</sub>	=	calcium chloride dihydrate
Cal	=	calmodulin
cAMP	=	cyclic adenosine monophosphate
CDCl <sub>3</sub>	=	chloroform- <i>d</i> <sub>6</sub>
cGMP	=	cyclic guanosine monophosphate
CHCl <sub>3</sub>	=	chloroform
COMT	=	catechol- <i>O</i> -methyl transferase
COSY	=	correlated spectroscopy
<sup>13</sup> C NMR	=	carbon-13 Nuclear Magnetic Resonance
DAG	=	diacylglycerol
2D NMR	=	Two dimensional nuclear Magnetic Resonance
DMSO	=	dimethyl- <i>d</i> <sub>6</sub> sulfoxide
DOPA	=	dihydroxyphenylalanine
DP	=	diastolic pressure
E	=	epinephrine
EDRF	=	endothelium-derived relaxing factor
EMT	=	extraneuronal monoamine transporter
endo	=	endothelium
eNOS	=	endothelial nitric oxide synthase
g	=	gram

GC	=	gas chromatography
GTP	=	guanosine triphosphate
HMBC	=	Heteronuclear Multiple Bond Coherent

**LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS (CONTINUED)**

HMQC	=	Heteronuclear Multiple Quantum Coherent
$^1\text{H}$ NMR	=	proton Nuclear Magnetic Resonance
HPLC	=	High Performance Liquid Chromatography
HR	=	heart rate
Hz	=	hertz
IC	=	internal circumference
$I_{\text{K,ACh}}$	=	inwardly rectifying potassium channel
$\text{IP}_3$	=	inositol triphosphate
i.p.	=	intraperitoneal
ISO	=	isoproterenol
i.v.	=	intravenous
$\text{K}_{\text{Ca}}$ channel	=	calcium-activated potassium channel
KCl	=	potassium chloride
$\text{KH}_2\text{PO}_4$	=	potassium dihydrogen orthophosphate
kg	=	kilogram
L	=	liter
LNA	=	$\text{N}^{\text{G}}$ -nitro-L-arginine
L-NMMA	=	N-monomethyl-L-arginine
M	=	Molar
MAO	=	monoamine oxidase
MAP	=	mean arterial blood pressure
MeOH	=	methanol
mg	=	milligram
$\text{MgSO}_4$	=	magnesium sulphate
min	=	minute

ml	=	milliliter
MLCK	=	myosin light chain kinase
mm	=	millimeter
mM	=	milli Molar
MPLC	=	Moderate Pressure Liquid Chromatography
M receptor	=	muscarinic receptor

#### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS (CONTINUED)

MS	=	Mass Spectrometry
msec	=	millisecond
Myofil	=	myofilament
NaCl	=	sodium chloride
Na <sub>2</sub> EDTA	=	disodium ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid
NaHCO <sub>3</sub>	=	sodium hydrogen carbonate
NANC	=	non-adrenergic, non-cholinergic
NCX	=	sodium/calcium exchange
NE	=	norepinephrine
NET	=	norepinephrine transporter
NOESY=		Nuclear Overhauser Enhanced Spectroscopy
nm	=	nanometer
NMR	=	Nuclear Magnetic Resonance
nNOS	=	neuronal nitric oxide synthase
NO	=	nitric oxide
PE	=	phenylephrine
Phento	=	phentolamine
PIP <sub>2</sub>	=	phosphatidyl inositol bisphosphate
PKG	=	protein kinase G
PLB	=	phospholamban
PLC	=	phospholipase C
PNMT	=	phenylethanolamine <i>N</i> -methyltransferase

ppm	=	part per million
PSS	=	physiological salt solution
Prop	=	propranolol
RP	=	reversed phase
RyR	=	ryanodine receptor
SA node	=	sinoatrial node
S.E.M.	=	standard error of mean value
SP	=	systolic pressure
SR	=	sarcoplasmic reticulum

**LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS (CONTINUED)**

TFA	=	trifluoroacetic acid
TLC	=	Thin Layer Chromatography
TnC	=	troponin C
□m	=	micrometer
UV	=	ultraviolet
V	=	volt
VMT	=	vesicle monoamine transporter
VSCC	=	voltage-sensitive calcium channel
δ	=	chemical shift