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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

Aa = *Aggregatibactors actinomycetemcomitans*

AAP = American Academy of Periodontology

Ao = *Anacardium occidentale*

 B_0 = Maximum Binding

BHI = Brain Heart Infusion

° C = Degrees Celsius

cAMP = Cyclic adenosine phosphate

CFU = Colony Forming Unit

 CO_2 = Carbon dioxide

COX = Cyclooxygenase

 $Cr = Campylobactor\ rectus$

DMEM = Dulbecco's Modified Eagle Medium

DMSO = Dimetyl sulfoxide

Ec = Eikenella corrodens

ECM = Extracellular matrix

E. coli = Escherichia coli

ELISA = Specific Enzyme-Linked Immunoabsorbant Assay

FBS = Fetal Bovine Serum

FDA = Food and Drug Administration

Fn = Fusobacterium nucleatum

g = Gram

HGF = Human Gingival connective tissue Fibroblasts

IgG = Immunoglobulin G

IL = Interleukin

LPS = Lipopolysaccharide

MBC = Minimal Bactericidal Concentration

MIC = Minimal Inhibitory Concentration

mg = Milligram

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS (CONTINUED)

ml = Millilitre

MMP = Matix Metalloproteinase

MTT = 3-(4, 5-dimetylthiazol-2-yl)-2, 5-diphenyl tetrazolium bromide

 $M\Phi$ = Macrophage

NSB = Non-Specific Binding

OD = Optimal Density

PBS = Phosphate Buffer Saline

 PGE_2 = Prostaglandins E_2

PMN = Polymorphonuclear Leukocyte

Pg = *Porphyromonas gingivalis*

Pi = Prevotella intermedia

Pn = Punica granutum

Rn = Rhinacanthus nasutus

Rpm = Round per minute

Sc = Syzygium cumini

SDD = Subantimicrobial Dose of Doxycycline hyclate

TA = Total Activity

Tb = Terminalia bellerica

Tf = *Tannerella forsythensis*

TNF = Tumor Necrosis Factor

UK = United Kingdom

USA = United States of America

μl = Microlitre

μm = Micrometer