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12. ACRONYMS, FORMULAE AND ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviation	Meaning
Alumel	Ni/Al-Si-Mn
BHI	Brain heart infusion
bp	Base pairs
BSA	Bovine serum albumin
C_2H_4O	Ethylene oxide
C_2H_5OH	Ethanol
CH_3COOH	Acetic acid glacial
$CHCl_3$	Chloroform
Chromel	Ni/Cr
CMOS	Complementary metal-oxide semiconductor
CNM-IMB	Centro Nacional de Microelectrónica - Instituto de Microelectrónica de Barcelona
CO_2	Carbon dioxide
Cr	Chrome
Cr_xO_y	Chrome oxide
CVD	Chemical vapor deposition
DAC	Data acquisition card
DIFF	Differential (data acquisition mode)
DMSO	Di-methyl sulfoxide
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
dNTP	Deoxy-nucleotide tri-phosphate
dpi	Dots per inch
dsDNA	Double-stranded DNA
e.g.	Exempli gratia (*Latin*); for [the sake of an] example
et al.	Et alii (*Latin*); and others
EtOH	Absolute ethanol
HCFC	Freon
HF	Hydrofluoric acid
HNO_3	Nitric acid
HPLC	High-performance liquid-chromatography
i.e.	Id est (*Latin*); that is
IPA	Invader probe amplification
ITO	Indium tin oxide
$KC_2H_3O_2$	Potassium acetate
KOH	Potassium hydroxide
LCR	Ligase chain reaction
LIF	Laser-induced fluorescence
LPCVD	Low-pressure chemical vapor deposition
LUT	Look-up table
NaOH	Sodium hydroxide
NBR	Butadiene-acrylonitrile copolymer rubber
NH_4F	Ammonium fluoride
NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
NRSE	Non-referenced single-ended (data acquisition mode)
NTP	Nucleotide tri-phosphate
$Ø_i$	Internal diameter
ONA	Oligo-nucleotide array
$Ø_o$	External diameter
PCB	Printed circuit board
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction
PEG	Polyethylene glycol
Pfu	Pyrococcus furiosus (polymerase)
PID	Proportional-integrative-derivative (control)
PSG	Phospho silicate glass
Pt	Platinum

Pt100	Platinum (100 Ω at 0 ºC)RTD
PVC	Polyvinyl chloride
Pwo	Pyrococcys woesei (polymerase)
RAM	Ramification amplifying method
RAPD	Random amplified polymorphic DNA
RCA	Rolling circle amplification
RIE	Reactive ion etching
RNA	Ribonucleic acid
RTD	Resistive thermal device
s. c.	Scire licet (*Latin*); that is to say
SDA	Strand-displacement amplification
SDS	Sodium-dodecyl-sulfate
Si_3N_4	Silicon nitride
SiO_2	Silicon dioxide
Slm	Standard liter per minute
SNP	Single-nucleotide polymorphism
ssDNA	Single-stranded DNA
T_a	Annealing temperature
Taq	Thermus aquaticus (polymerase)
Tbr	Thermus brockianus (polymerase)
TCR	Thermal Coefficient of Resistivity
TEC	Thermal electric cooler
TF	Terrific broth
Tfl	Thermus flavis (polymerase)
Tfu	Thermococcus fumicolans (polymerase)
Tli	Thermococcus litoralis (polymerase)
T_m	Melting temperature
TMAH	Tetra-methyl ammonium hydroxide
Tth	Thermus thermophilus (polymerase)
UAB	Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
Ult	Thermotoga maritime (polymerase)
vs.	Versus (*Latin*); as opposed to