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ACTH	adrenocorticotrophic hormone
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AMP, AMPase, cAMP	adenosine 5'-monophosphate, adenosinemonophosphatase, adenosine 3',5'-cyclic monophosphate
ATP, ATPase	adenosine 5'-triphosphate, adenosinetriphosphatase
BMI	body mass index
CI	confidence interval
CoA	coenzyme A
DMSO	dimethyl sulfoxide
DNA, cDNA	deoxyribonucleic acid, complementary DNA
DNase	deoxyribonuclease
DEAE	diethylaminoethyl
EDTA	ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid
EGTA	ethylene glycol-bis(β -aminoethyl ether)- <i>N,N,N',N'</i> -tetraacetic acid
GAD	glutamic acid decarboxylase
GHb	glycosylated hemoglobin (glycated hemoglobin, glycohemoglobin)
GLUT	glucose transporter
Hb	hemoglobin
HDL	high-density lipoprotein
HEPES	<i>N</i> -2-hydroxyethylpiperazine- <i>N'</i> -2-ethanesulfonic acid
HLA	human leukocyte antigen
IDDM	insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus
IGF	insulin-like growth factor
LDL	low-density lipoprotein
MOPS	3-(<i>N</i> -morpholino)propanesulfonic acid
NAD, NADH, NADP, NADPH	nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide, reduced NAD, NAD phosphate
NIDDM	non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus
NPH insulin	neutral protamine Hagedorn insulin
P_{CO_2} , P_{aCO_2} , P_{vCO_2}	partial pressure of CO_2 , arterial, venous
P_{O_2} , P_{aO_2} , P_{vO_2}	partial pressure of O_2 , arterial, venous
PAGE	polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis
PEPCK	phosphoenolpyruvate carboxykinase
pH	hydrogen ion concentration; negative logarithm of hydrogen ion activity
PIPES	piperazine- <i>N,N'</i> -bis(2-ethanesulfonic acid)
RNA, mRNA, rRNA, tRNA	ribonucleic acid, messenger RNA, ribosomal RNA, transfer RNA
RNase	ribonuclease
SDS	sodium dodecyl sulfate
Tris	tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane
V_{max} , $\dot{V}O_2$, $V_{O_{2max}}$	maximum volume, volume of O_2 , maximum volume of O_2
V_{max} , $\dot{V}O_2$, $V_{O_{2max}}$	maximum consumption, O_2 consumption per unit time, maximum O_2 consumption
VLDL	very-low-density lipoprotein

Amino acids

Cell lines

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