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°	degree	GMP	guanosine monophosphate
AM	before noon	GTP	guanosine triphosphate
ANOVA	analysis of variance	h	hour; hecto-
ADP	adenosine diphosphate	Hb	hemoglobin
AMP	adenosine monophosphate	IC₅₀	inhibitory concentration, 50%
ATP	adenosine triphosphate	i.m.	intramuscular
°C	Celsius	i.p.	intraperitoneal
c	centi-	i.u. / IU	international unit
cal	calorie	i.v.	intravenous
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cDNA	complementary DNA	kcal	kilocalorie
cGMP	cyclic GMP	kDa	kilodalton
cm, cm², cm³	centimeters	kg	kilogram
cpm	counts per minute	km	kilometer
cRNA	complementary RNA	l	liter
CT	computed tomography	log	logarithm
d	deci-	mol/l	moles/liter (molar)
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid	m	meter; milli-
DNase	deoxyribonuclease	mEq	milliequivalent
EC₅₀	50% effective concentration	mg	milligram
ECG	electrocardiogram	min	minute
ED₅₀	50% effective dose	ml	milliliter
ELISA	enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay	ml/min	milliliters per minute
Eq	equivalent	mm, mm², mm³	millimeters
g	gram	mmHg	millimeters of mercury
g	gravitational constant	mol	mole

mRNA	messenger RNA	r	correlation coefficient
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging	RBC	red blood cell
n.s.	not significant	RNA	ribonucleic acid
μ	micro-	RNase	ribonuclease
μl	microliter	rpm	revolutions per minute
μmol	micromole	RT-PCR	reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction
n	nano-	s	second
n	number in study or group	s.c.	subcutaneous
nm	nanometer	SD	standard deviation
osmol	osmole	SE	standard error
p	pico-	SEM	standard error of the mean
P	probability	U	unit
PCR	polymerase chain reaction	V	volt
%	percent	WBC	white blood cell
pH	negative log of hydrogen ion concentration	vs.	versus
PM	after noon		

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