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°C	=degree Celsius
µg	=microgram
µl	=microliter
BSA	=bovine serum albumin
cm	=centimeter
CS	=chondroitin sulphate
EA	=electroacupuncture
GAGs	=glycosaminoglycans
HA	=hyaluronic acid
Hz	=hertz
kg	=kilogram
KS	=keratan sulphate
M	=molar
M : F	=male : female
ml	=milliliter
mm	=millimeter
ng	=nanogram
nm	=nanometer
NSAIDs	=non-steroidal antiinflammatory drugs
O-PD substrate	=o-phenylenediamine
OA	=osteoarthritis
PBS	=phosphate buffer saline
SD	=standard deviation
sec	=second
SEM	=standard error of mean
TE buffer	=Tris-incubating buffer
Tris-HCl	=Tris (hydroxymethyl)-aminomethane hydrochloride
Tween	=polyoxyethylene sorbitan monolaurate
VAS	=visual analog score

WOMAC =the Western Ontario and McMaster Universities
yr =year

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