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ABBREVIATIONS

cm	=	centimeter
dl	=	deciliter
enz.	=	enzyme
g	=	gram
g/kg	=	gram per kilogram body weight
h	=	hour
kg	=	kilogram
l	=	liter
m	=	meter
mEq	=	milliequivalent
mg	=	milligram
mg/kg	=	milligram per kilogram body weight
min	=	minute
ml	=	milliliter
mm	=	millimeter
nm	=	nanometer
N	=	normality
rpm	=	round per minute
U	=	unit
°C	=	degree Celsius
µg/kg	=	microgram per kilogram body weight