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### ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

AU absorbance unit

C<sub>18</sub> octadecyl silanised

°C degree celsius

cells.mL<sup>-1</sup> cells per millilitre

cps count per second

e.g. for example

ELISA enzyme linked immunosorbent

assay

Fig. figure

g gram

HPLC high performance liquid chromatography

h hour

i.p. intraperitoneal

IC50 the median inhibition concentration

L litre

LD50 the median lethal dose

LCT50 the median lethal concentration time

LC-MS-MS liquid chromatography-tandem mass

spectrometry-mass spectrometry

MS mass spectrometry

min minute

mg milligram

mm millimeter

mM millimolar m/z mass to charge ratio  $\mu g.mL^{-1}$ microgram per millilitre  $\mu g.L^{-1}$ microgram per litre μg.kg<sup>-1</sup> microgram per kilogram μm micrometer MTT 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5diphenyltetrazolium bromide ng.mL<sup>-1</sup> nanogram per millilitre  $ng.L^{-1}$ nanogram per litre nm nanometer nM nanomolar pg.cell<sup>-1</sup> picogram per cell rpm revolution per minute Tr retention time **TFA** trifluoroacetic acid UV ultraviolet WHO world health organization % percentage

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