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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

aa amino acid

AFP alpha-fetoprotein

BSA bovine serum albumin

CI confidence interval

CLD chronic liver disease

CS chondroitin sulfate

DGCP desgamma carboxy-prothrombin

Δdi-0S unsaturated non-sulfated disaccharide

Δdi-4S unsaturated 4-sulfated disaccharide

Δdi-6S unsaturated 6-salfated disaccharide

ECM extracellular matrix

ELISA enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay

FRZ Frizzled receptors

GAG glycosaminoglycan

GalNAc N-Acetylgalactosamine

GlcA glucuronic acid

xvi

GlcNAc N-acetylglucosamine

GPC3 glypican-3

GPI glycosylphosphatidylinositol

HBV hepatitis B virus

HB-EGF heparin-binding epidermal growth factor

HBsAg hepatitis B surface antigen

HCC hepatocellular carcinoma

HCV hepatitis C virus

HDV hepatitis D virus

HS heparan sulfate

HSPGs heparan sulfate proteoglycans

IdoA iduronic acid

IgM Immunoglobulin M

kDa kilodaltons

KDN deaminoneuraminic acid

Mab monoclonal antibody

mRNA messenger RNA

min minute

ml milliliter

mg milligram

μg microgram

μl microliter

Neu5Ac *N*-acetylneuraminic acid

Neu5Gc *N*-glycolylneuraminic acid

ng nanogram

nm nanometer

OPD o-phenylenediamine

PBS phosphate buffer saline

PIVKA-II protein induced by vitamin K absence or

antagonist-II

percentage

/v weight by volume

°C degree celcius

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