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#### **ABBREVIATIONS**

g = gram

h = hour

i.p. = ntraperitoneal

IU/L = international unit per liter

mg/kg = milligram per kilogram body weight

min = minute

ml = milliliter

ml/kg = milliliter per kilogram body weight

mm = millimeter

mM = millimolar

nm = nanometer

N = normality

p.o. = per oral

rpm = round per minute

s.c. = subcutaneous

°C = degree Celsisus

μg/kg = microgram per kilogram body weight