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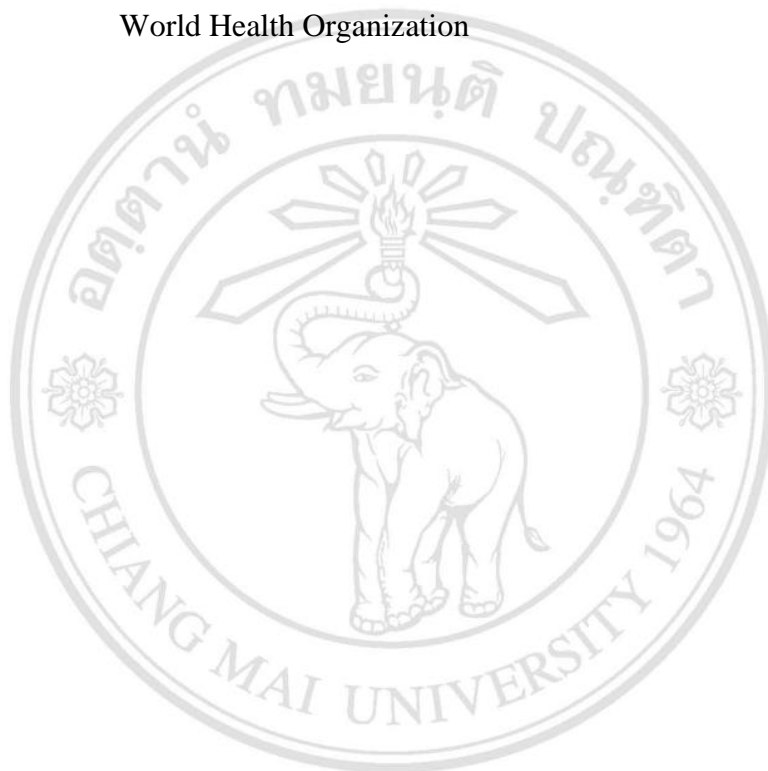
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

APIs	Active pharmaceutical ingredients
AUC	Area under the curve
CAM	Complementary and alternative medicine
CFU	Colony forming unit
CCS	Croscarmellose sodium
CRS	Chemical reference substances
DFA	Danish Food Administration
DI	Deionized
GI	Gastrointestinal
HPC	Hydroxypropyl cellulose
HPMC	Hydroxypropyl methyl cellulose
HPLC	High performance liquid chromatography
HRT	Hormone replacement therapy
LWDH	Liu Wei Di Huang
LWDHK	Liu Wei Di Huang Keli
LWDHW	Liu Wei Di Huang Wan
MCC	Microcrystalline cellulose
NCCAM	National Center of Complementary and Alternative Medicine
PDA	Photodiode array
PEG	Polyethylene glycol
PVP/xPVP	Polyvinyl pyrrolidone/Crospovidone
Rf	Retard factor
RH	Relative humidity
RW	Reflux by water
SERMs	Selective estrogen receptor modulators
SSG	Sodium starch glycolate
TC	Traditional decoction
TCM	Traditional Chinese Medicine

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS (Continued)

Thai FDA	Thai Food and Drug Administration
SD/ RSD	Standard deviation/ Relative standard deviation
TLC	Thin layer chromatography
UV	Ultraviolet
WHO	World Health Organization



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LIST OF SYMBOLS

%	percentage
°C	degree celsius
μg	microgram
μl	microliter
μm	micrometer
cm	centimeter
Co., Ltd	Company Limited
e.g.	exempli gratia (for example)
etc	et cetera (and other things)
g	gram
kg	kilogram
M	Molar
mg	milligram
ml	milliliter
n/a	non-applicable
nm	nanometer
No.	number
ppm	part per million
spp.	species
v/w	volume by weight
w/w	weight by weight