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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

7-AAD	7-aminoactinomycin D
ADAM9	A disintegrin and metalloproteinase 9
ADAMs	A disintegrin and metalloproteinases
Akt	Protein kinase B
CCD	Charge-coupled device
CIN	Cervical intraepithelial neoplasia
DAB	3, 3'-diaminobenzidine solution
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
ECM	Extracellular matrix
EGF	Epidermal growth factor
EGFR	Epidermal growth factor receptor
FGF	Fibroblast growth factor
HB-EFG	Heparin-binding epidermal growth factor
HOKs	Human oral keratinocytes
HPV	Human papillomavirus
hTERT	Telomerase reverse transcriptase
IHC	Immunohistochemistry
JAK	Janus kinase
kDa	Kilodalton
IL-1 α	Interleukin-1 alpha
IL-1 β	Interleukin-1 beta
IL8	Interleukin 8
MAPK	Mitogen-activated protein kinase
MDC-9	Metalloproteinase disintegrin cysteine-rich protein 9
MMP	Matrix metalloproteinase
MMP1	Collagenases
MMP3	Stromelysins
MMP10	Stromelysins
MMP11	Stromelysins

MMP13	Collagenases
MT1-MMP	Membrane-type 1 MMPs
mRNA	Messenger RNA
mTOR	Mammalian target of rapamycin
OSCC	Oral squamous cell carcinoma
p-Akt	Phosphorylates Akt
PBS	Phosphate-buffered saline
PE	Phycoerythrin
PI3K	Phosphatidylinositol-3-kinase
PKC	Protein kinase C
Rb	Retinoblastoma
RIPA	Radio-immunoprecipitation assay
SDS-PAGE	Sodium dodecyl sulfate-polyacrylamide gel
STAT	Signal transducer and activator of transcription
TBS	Tris-buffered saline
TGF- α	Transforming growth factor alpha
TGF- β	Transforming growth factor beta
TNF	Tumor necrosis factor
TPA	Tetradecanoyl phorbol acetate
VCAM	Vascular cell adhesion molecule
VEGF	Vascular endothelial growth factor

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