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List of Abbreviations

AA : Arachidonic Acid

AR : Acrosome reaction

ART : Assisted reproductive technology

Ba² : Barium cation

C. adamanteus : Calloselasma adamanteus snake

C. durissus : Crotalus durissus collilineatus snake

collilineatus

C. scutulatus : Crotalus scutulatus snake

scutulatus

C. viridis concolor : Crotalus viridis concolor snake

CAPT : Crotoxin acceptor protein from *Torpedo*

cPLA₂ : Cytosolic phospholipases A₂

CRISPs : Cysteine rich secretory proteins

DEAE Sephadex : Diethyl amino ethyl - sephadex

DEAE-Sephadex : Diethyl amino ethyl-sephadex

E.C. NO : Enzyme classification number

 $iPLA_2$: Ca^{2+} independent PLA_2

IVF : In vitro fertilization

lp-PLA₂ : Lipoprotein-associated PLA₂s

m.A : Milliamber

mGX: Mouse sperm, group X

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MiPLA1 : Micropechis ikaheka PLA1

MMP-2 : Matrix metalloproteinase

nm : Nanometer

OHVA-PLA₂: Ophiophagus hannah venom acidic PLA₂

PAF-AH : Platelet activating factor acetylhydrolase

PAGE : Polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis

p-BPB : P-bromophenyl bromide

pI : Isoelecteric point

PLA₂: Phospholipase A₂

PLA₂s : Phospholipases A_2

SDS : Sodium dodecyl sulphate

SDS-PAGE: Sodium dodecyl sulfate

sPLA₂ : Secreted phospholipase A₂

 \mathbf{Sr}^{2+} : Strontium

Sr²⁺ : Strontium cation

TCBP-49 : Taipoxin-associated Ca²⁺ binding protein

β-Btx : β -bungarotoxin

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