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List of Abbreviations

ATP Adenosine triphosphate

A, T, C, G, U Adenine, Thymine, Cytosine, Guanine, Uracil

AMG Amelogenin encoding gene

bp Base-pair

DNA Deoxyribonucleic acid

dNTP Deoxynucleotide triphosphate

ELISA Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay

FISH Flourescence in situ hybridization

H-bond Hydrogen bond

HLA Human Leucocyte Antigen

Kbp Kilo base-pair

LSPs Locus Specific Probes

MHC Major Histocompatibility Complex

MLPs Multilocus probes

mRNA Messenger Ribonucleic Acid
mtDNA Mitochondrial ribonucleic acid

MW Molecular weight

PCR Polymerase Chain Reaction

P chromosome The short arm of the chromosome q chromosome The long arm of the chromosome

R.E Restriction endonuclease

RFLPs Restriction Fragment Length Polymorphisms

RNA Ribonucleic Acid

SLPs Single Locus Probes

List of Abbreviations

SRY Sex-determinating region

SSOPs Sequence Specific Oligonucleotide probes

STRPs Short tandens repeat polymorphisms

Taq Thermophilus aquaticus

Tm Melting temperature

tRNA Transfer ribonucleic acid

VNTR Variable Number Tandem Repeat

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