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LIST OF ABBREVIATION

Ag: Antigen

BPD: Broncho-pulmonary dysplasia

CNS: Central nervous system

GM-CSF: Granulocyte macrophage-colony stimulating

factor

HIV: Human immune deficiency virus

HPLC: High performance liquid chromatography

ICAM: Intercellular adhesion molecule

IgE: Immunoglobulin E

IL: Interleukin INF: Interferon

MBP: Major basic protein

NANC: Non-adrenergic non-cholinergic system

PDGF: Platelet derived growth factor

PGs: Prostaglandins

PAF: Platelet activating factor

RAST: Radio-immune sorbant assay

RBP: Retinol-binding protein

RDA: Recommended daily allawance

RSV: Respiratory syncytial virus

SHR: Spontaneous histamine release

TNF: Tumour necrosis factor

TX: Thromboxane

USPC: United States Pharmacopial Convention

VLBW: Very low birth weight WHO: World Health Organization

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