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List of Abbreviations

ALP	Alkaline phosphatase
ALT	Alanine aminotransferase
AST	Aspartate aminotransferase
BCA	Biochanin A
CAT	Catalase
CCl₄	Carbon tetrachloride
COX-2	Cyclooxygenase-2
CYP	Cytochrome P450
CYP1A1	Cytochrome P450 1A1
CYP2E1	Cytochrome P450 2E1
DMSO	Dimethylsulfoxide
ECM	Extracellular matrix
GSH	Reduced glutathione
H and E	Hematoxylin and Eosin
HSCs	Hepatic stellate cells
ICG	Indocyanine green
IL	Interleukin
iNOS	Inducible form of nitric oxide synthase
LD₅₀	Median lethal dose
MDA	Malondialdehyde
MMPs	Matrix metalloproteinases

NF-κB	Nuclear factor kappa B
NO	Nitric oxide
NO_x	Total nitrite/nitrate
OD	Optical density
ROS	Reactive oxygen species
RQ	Relative quantitation
RT-PCR	Real time-polymerase chain reaction
SOD	Superoxide dismutase
SULT	Sulfotransferase
TAC	Total antioxidant capacity
TBARS	Thiobarbituric acid reactive substances
TC	Total cholesterol
TG	Triglycerides
TGF-β	Transforming growth factor-beta
TIMP	Tissue inhibitor of metalloproteinase
TNF-α	Tumor necrosis factor-alpha
TP	Total proteins
α-SMA	Alpha smooth muscle actin

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