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List of Abbreviations

Stratum Corneum SC

Microemulsion ME

Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectroscopy LC / MS

Attenuated Total Reflectance

Fourier Transform Infrared ATR-FTIR

Confocal Laser Scanning Microscopy CLSM

Total Ion Chromatogram TIC

Single Ion Monitoring SIM

Mono Ion Chromatogram MIC

Mass to Charge ratio m/z

Standard Deviation S.D.

Limit of Detection LOD

Limit of Quantitation LOQ

Coefficient of Variation C.V.

Retention Time R_t

High Performance Liquid Chromatography HPLC

Internal Reflective Element IRE

Transepidermal Water Loss TEWL

Nile Red NR

Dermatopharmacokinetic DPK

Differential Scanning Calorimetry DSC

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance NMR

Diffusion-ordered Spectroscopy DOSY

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