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List of Abbreviations

| Abb. | Complete name |
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| ABA | Abscicic acid |
| A. O. A. C | Official Methods of Analysis of the association of Official Agricultural Chemists |
| AS | Arsenic |
| ASA | Ascorbic acid |
| APX | Ascorbate peroxidase |
| Ca | Calcium |
| CAT | Catalase |
| Cd | Cadmium |
| Chl a | Chlorophyll a |
| Chl b | Chlorophyllb |
| Со | Cobalt |
| Cr | Chromium |
| Cu | Copper |
| EDTA | Ethylene diamine tetra acetic acid |
| Fe | Iron |
| FW | Fresh weight |
| GPX | Guaiacol peroxidase |
| GSH | Reduced glutathione |
| HCl | Hydrochloric acid |
| HgCl ₂ | Mercuric chloride |

| HMs | Heavy metals |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| H ₂ O ₂ | Hydrogen peroxide |
| H ₂ SO ₄ | Sulphoric acid |
| K ⁺ | Potassium |
| MDA | Malondialdehyde |
| Mg | Magnesium |
| Mn | Manganese |
| Na | Sodium |
| Ni | Nickel |
| P | Phosphorus |
| Pb | Lead |
| PPO | Polyphenol oxidase |
| POX | Peroxidase |
| RGR | Relative growth rate |
| ROS | Reactive oxygen species |
| SOD | Superoxide dismutase |
| TBA | Thiobabituric acid |
| TCA | Trichloroacetic acid |
| Zn | Zinc |

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