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LIST OF FREQUENTLY USED ABBREVIATIONS

ACTH	adrenocorticotropin hormone (corticotropin)
ANS	autonomic nervous system
AVP	arginine vasopressin
BBB	blood-brain barrier
CNS	central nervous system
CRH	corticotropin-releasing hormone
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
DEX	dexamethasone
EAE	experimental autoimmune (allergic) encephalomyelitis
fxp	fixation period
GC	glucocorticoid
GR	glucocorticoid receptor
HLA	human leukocyte antigen
HPA-axis	hypothalamo-pituitary-adrenal axis
ICC	immunocytochemistry
IFN	interferon
IL	interleukin
MBP	myelin basic protein
MS	multiple sclerosis
ppMS	primary progressive multiple sclerosis
spMS	secondary progressive multiple sclerosis
rrMS	relapsing remitting multiple sclerosis
NBM	nucleus basalis of Meynert
NP	neurophysin
NPY	neuropeptide Y
OXT	oxytocin
PC	prohormone convertase
pmd	postmortem delay
POMC	pro-opio melanocortin
proAVP	AVP prohormone (AVP procursor)
PVN	paraventricular nucleus of the hypothalamus
SCN	suprachiasmatic nucleus of the hypothalamus
SON	supraoptic nucleus of the hypothalamus
Th-1/2	T-helper cell type 1/2
TNF	tumor necrosis factor
TRH	thyrotropin-releasing hormone