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List of abbreviations

A       ampère
AII      angiotensin II
ACH      acetylcholine
ADP      adenosine diphosphate
ANOVA    analysis of variance
ANP      atrial natriuretic peptide
aPC      activated protein C
APC      allophycocyanin
BK       bradykinin
BSA      bovine serum albumin
CI       confidence interval
COX      cyclooxygenase
EDHF     endothelium-derived hyperpolarizing factor
EDTA     ethylenediamine tetra-acetic acid
EGTA     ethylene glycol-bis(β-aminoethylether)-N,N,N,N-tetraacetic acid
ELISA    enzyme linked immunosorbent assay
ET       endothelin
et al.   et alii, and others
FITC     fluorescein isothiocyanate
F1,2     prothrombin fragment 1+2
g        gravity
GP       glycoprotein
h        hour
HPTLC    high performance thin layer chromatography
Hz        hertz
ICAM-1   intercellular adhesion molecule-1
Ig        immunoglobulin
IL        interleukin
IU        international units
kDa       kilodalton
LCHAD     long-chain 3-hydroxyacyl-coenzyme A dehydrogenase deficiency
L-NAME    No-nitro-L-arginine methyl ester
mmHg      millimeter mercury (1 mmHg = 3.322 Pa)
MMP       matrix metalloproteinase
MW        molecular weight
n         number of subjects
N         newton
NE        norepinephrine
Abbreviations

NO  nitric oxide
NOS  nitric oxide synthase
NS  no significant difference
OD  optical densities
P  probability value
PAF  platelet activating factor
PBS  phosphate-buffered saline (composition (mmol/L): NaCl 154, phosphate
1.4, pH =7.4)
PC  phosphatidylcholine
PEt  phycoerythrin
PEa  phosphatidylethanolamine
PECAM-I  platelet endothelial cell adhesion molecule-1
PGF  placental growth factor
PGI\(_2\)  prostacyclin
PI  phosphatidylinositol
PSS  physiological saline solution (composition (mmol/L): NaCl 119, KCl 4.7,
\(\text{KH}_2\text{PO}_4\) 1.18, MgSO\(_4\) 1.7, NaHCO\(_3\) 25, CaCl\(_2\) 1.6/2.5, EDTA 0.026
D(+)glucose 5.5 Hepes 5, pH 7.4 at 37°C, gassed with 5% CO\(_2\) in O\(_2\))
PS  phosphatidylserine
r  pearson correlation coefficient
RM-ANOVA  analysis of variance for repeated measures
SD  standard deviation
SEM  standard error of the mean
SM  sphingomyelin
STBM  syncytiotrophoblast microvillus membrane particles
TAT  thrombin-antithrombin complex
TF  tissue factor
T\(_H\)  T helper cell
TNF  tumour necrosis factor
T\(_S\)  T suppressor cell
Tx\(_A_2\)  thromboxane
VEGF  vascular endothelial growth factor
vs  versus
wk  weeks
yr  years