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ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

acc. accuracy

AcPase acid phosphatase

AO Arbeitgemeinschaft für Osteosynthesefragen
ASTM American Society for Testing and Materials

CT computer tomography

DSC differential scanning calorimetry EELS electron energy-loss spectrometer

EMG electromyogram

GPC gel permeation chromatography HPMC hydroxypropyl-methylcellulose

ICTA International Confederation of Thermal Analysis

IMOimaginary micro-organismMRImagnetic resonance imagingNMRnuclear magnetic resonance

PDA polydioxanone
PGA polyglycolic acid
PEC poly(ε-caprolactone)

PLA polylactic acid, with specific D/L ratio PLLA poly(L-lactic acid), poly(L-lactide)

PMMA polymethylmethacrylate
PTFE polytetrafluoroethylene
RER rough endoplasmic reticulum
TEM transmission electron microscopy
TLD thermoluminescence dosimetry

 $\epsilon_{\rm b}$ elongation at break (%)

 η intrinsic viscosity

 σ_b tensile strength at break (Pa)

E Young's modulus (Pa)

eV electron Volt

 $\Delta H_{\rm m}$ heat of fussion (Jg⁻¹)

 Jm^{-2} Joule per meter square (Nm⁻¹)

LiF Lithiumfluoride

N Newton

 \overline{M}_n number-average molecular weight (g/mol) \overline{M}_v viscosity-average molecular weight (g/mol) \overline{M}_w weight-average molecular weight (g/mol)

Pa Pascal (Nm^{-2})

T_g glass transition temperature (°C)

 T_m melting temperature (°C)

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