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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

A	Adenosine / Alanine
AA	Arachidonic acid
AD	Activation domain
Ade	Adenine
AMP	Adenosine monophosphate
Amp	Ampicillin
αSNAP	α-Soluble NSF attachment protein
ATP	Adenosine triphosphate
BD	Binding domain
BLAST	Basic local alignment search tool
bp	Base pairs
°C	Degrees Celcius
C	Cytosine / Cysteine
cAMP	Cyclic adenosine monophosphate
CCV	Clathrin-coated vesicle
cDNA	Complementary DNA
cfu	Colony forming units
CgB	Chromogranin B
CHX	Cycloheximide
COX	Cyclooxygenase
C-terminal	Carboxy terminal
D	Aspartic acid
Da	Dalton
dA	Deoxy adenosine
DAG	Diacyl glycerol
dC	Deoxy cytosine
DDO	Double dropout
DEPC	Diethyl pyrocarbonate
dG	Deoxy guanosine

DIG	Digoxygenin
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
DNA-BD	DNA-binding domain
DNAse	Deoxyribonuclease
dNTP	Deoxynucleotide triphosphate
DO	Dropout
ds	Double stranded
dT	Deoxy thymidine
DTT	Dithiothreitol
E	Glutamic acid
E. coli	*Escherichia coli*
EDTA	Ethylene diamine tetra acetic acid
EE	Early endosome
EGTA	Ethylene-bis (oxyethylene nitrilo) tetra acetic acid
ELISA	Enzyme linked immunosorbent assay
F	Phenylalanine
G	Guanidine / Glycine
GAL4	Galactose 4 regulatory protein
G_i	Inhibitory G-protein
G_s	Stimulatory G-protein
H	Histidine
I	Inosine / Isoleucine
InsP	Inositol phosphate
IP_3	Inositol 1,4,5-triphosphate
IPTG	Isopropyl-β-D-thiogalactopyranoside
ISG	Immature granule
K	Lysine
kDa	Kilo Dalton

L	Leucine
lacZ	β-Galactosidase gene
LB	Luria-Berthani
LDCV	Large dense core vesicle
LD-PCR	Long distance PCR
M	Methionine
MCS	Multiple cloning site
µM	Micromolar
µmol	Micromole
mg	Milligram
min	Minutes
mM	Millimolar
mRNA	Messenger RNA
MSG	Mature secretory granule
N	Asparagine
NCBI	National Centre for Biotechnology Information
ng	Nanogram
NLS	Nuclear localization signal
nmol	Nanomole
NSF	N-Ethylmaleimide sensitive factor
N-terminal	Amino terminal
ORF	Open reading frame
ori	Origin of replication
P	Proline
PAGE	Polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction
PEG	Poly-ethylene glycol
PG	Prostaglandin
PGE_2	Prostaglandin E_2

PIP_2	Phosphatidyl inositol 4,5-bisphosphate
PKA	Protein kinase A
PKC	Protein kinase C
PLC	Phospho lipase C
pmol	Picomole
pS	picoSiemens
Q	Glutamine
QDO	Quadruple dropout
R	Arginine
RACE	Random amplification of cDNA ends
RNAse	Ribonuclease
RNA	Ribonucleic acid
RRP	Rapidly releasable pool
RSP	Regulated secretory protein
RT-PCR	Reverse transcription PCR
S	Serine
SAP	Shrimp alkaline phosphatase
SD	Standard dropout
SDS	Sodium dodecyl sulfate
SEM	Scanning electron microscopy
SG	Secretory granule
SNAP	Soluble NSF attachment protein
SNARE	SNAP receptor
SRP	Slowly releasable pool
ss	Single stranded
SSV	Small synaptic vesicle
syt	Synaptotagmin
T	Thymidine / Threonine
TAE	Tris-acetate EDTA buffer
Taq	*Thermus aquaticus*

TBS	Tris buffered saline
TDO	Triple dropout
TEM	Transmission electron microscopy
TGN	*trans*-Golgi network
T_m	Melting temperature
Tris	Tris(hydroxymethyl) aminomethane
tRNA	Transfer RNA
U	Units
UAS	Upstream activating sequences
V	Valine
VAMP	Vesicle associated membrane protein
W	Tryptophan
WT	Wild type
X-gal	5-Bromo-4-chloro-3-indolyl-β-D-galactopyranoside
Y	Tyrosine

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