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°	degree	GTP	guanosine triphosphate
AM	before noon	h	hour; hecto-
ANOVA	analysis of variance	Hb	hemoglobin
ADP	adenosine diphosphate	IC₅₀	inhibitory concentration, 50%
AMP	adenosine monophosphate	i.m.	intramuscular
ATP	adenosine triphosphate	i.p.	intraperitoneal
°C	Celsius	i.u. / IU	international unit
c	centi-	i.v.	intravenous
cal	calorie	k	kilo-
cAMP	cyclic AMP	kcal	kilocalorie
cDNA	complementary DNA	kDa	kilodalton
cGMP	cyclic GMP	kg	kilogram
cm, cm², cm³	centimeters	km	kilometer
cpm	counts per minute	l	liter
cRNA	complementary RNA	log	logarithm
CT	computed tomography	mol/l	moles/liter (molar)
d	deci-	m	meter; milli-
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid	mEq	milliequivalent
DNase	deoxyribonuclease	mg	milligram
EC₅₀	50% effective concentration	min	minute
ECG	electrocardiogram	ml	milliliter
ED₅₀	50% effective dose	ml/min	milliliters per minute
ELISA	enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay	mm, mm², mm³	millimeters
Eq	equivalent	mmHg	millimeters of mercury
g	gram	mol	mole
g	gravitational constant	mRNA	messenger RNA
GMP	guanosine monophosphate	MRI	magnetic resonance imaging

n.s.	not significant	RBC	red blood cell
μ	micro-	RNA	ribonucleic acid
μl	microliter	RNase	ribonuclease
μmol	micromole	rpm	revolutions per minute
n	nano-	RT-PCR	reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction
n	number in study or group	s	second
nm	nanometer	s.c.	subcutaneous
osmol	osmole	SD	standard deviation
p	pico-	SE	standard error
P	probability	SEM	standard error of the mean
PCR	polymerase chain reaction	U	unit
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pH	negative log of hydrogen ion concentration	WBC	white blood cell
PM	after noon	vs.	versus
r	correlation coefficient		

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