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LIST OF SYMBOLS

%	Percent
μm	Micrometer
ε	Overall porosity
$^{\circ}C$	degree Celcius
A	Temperature of water bath
B	Exposure time
C	Air humidity
C_{fi}	Initial concentration in feed phase
C_{fo}	Final concentration in feed phase
C_s	Concentrations in strip phase
ρ	Density of oil
E	Liquid membrane phase
F	Feed phase
R	Receiving phase
s	Seconds
W_1	Weight of wet membrane
W_2	Weight of dry membrane
wt	Weight
x	Variables
y	Response

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ANOVA	Analysis of variance
BLM	Bulk liquid membrane
CA	Contact angle
CCD	Central composite design
DMAc	Dimethylacetamide
EFB	Empty fruit bunches
ELM	Emulsion liquid membrane
EU	European Union
FSSLM	Flat sheet supported liquid membrane
HFSLM	Hollow fiber supported liquid membrane
HLB	Hydrophilic-lipophilic balance
HMF	Hydroxymethyl furfural
HPLC	High performance liquid chromatography
LM	Liquid membrane
MF	Microfiltration
NF	Nanofiltration
NIPS	Non solvent induced phase separation
PEG	Polyethylene glycol
PEO	Polyethylene oxide
PES	Polyethersulfones
PS	Polysulfones
PVDF	Polyvinylidene difluoride
PVP	Polyvinylpyrrolidene
RH	Relative humidity

RO	Reverse osmosis
RSM	Response surface methodology
SLM	Supported liquid membrane
TIPS	Thermally induced phase separations
UF	Ultrafiltration
UK	United Kingdom
UPLC	Ultra performance liquid chromatography
VIPS	Vapour induced phase separations