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LIST OF SYMBOLS

h hours

min minute

μm micrometres

g gram

mg milligram

μl microliters

ml milliliters

L litres

mM millimolar

M molar

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ABTS 2,2'-azino-bis(3-ethylbenzothiazoline-6-sulphonic acid)

H₂SO₄ Sulphuric acid

HPLC High performance liquid chromatography

LTV Laccase from *Trametes versicolor*

OPEFB Oil palm empty fruit bunch