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ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

α	alpha
β	beta
bp	base pairs
BSA	bovine serum albumin
CBC	complete blood count
$^{\circ}\text{C}$	degree celsius
cd	codon
δ	delta
dNTPs	deoxynucleotide triphosphates
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
DW	distilled water
ϵ	epsilon
EDTA	ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid
EP	erythrocyte porphyrin
γ	gamma
Hb	hemoglobin
HbCS	hemoglobin Constant Spring
HbE	hemoglobin E
HbF	hemoglobin F
HH	hereditary hemochromatosis
HPLC	high performance liquid chromatography
IVS	intervening sequence
Kb	kilobase
KCl	potassium chloride
LIC	liver iron concentration

LCR	locus control region
MgCl ₂	magnesium chloride
μl	microlitre
μM	micromolar
ml	millilitre
mM	millimolar
min	minute
ng	nanogram
NSS	normal saline solution
OD	optical density
%	percent
PCR	polymerase chain reaction
ψ	pseudo
θ	theta
SI	serum iron
TIBC	total iron binding capacity
TS	transferrin saturation
UTR	untranslated region
ζ	zeta
ZPP	zinc protoporphyrin