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LIST OF ABBREVIATION

ATA	: Atmosphere absolute
ATP	: Adenosine triphosphate
CABG	: Coronary artery bypass graft
DFUs	: Diabetic foot ulcers
DHEA	: dehydroepiandrosterone
DHT	: dihydrotestosterone
FDA	: Food and drug administration
HBO	: Hyperbaric oxygen
HPA	: Hypothalamic-pituitary adrenal
MMP	: Matrix metalloproteinase
MRSA	: Methicillin-resistant staphylococcus
PDGF	: Platelets derived growth factor
Psi	: Pounds per square inch
PU	: polyurethane
PVA	: Polyvinyl alcohol
PVD	: Peripheral vascular disease
RCTs	: Randomized clinical trials
SD	: Standard deviation
tcPO₂	: Transcutaneous oxygen pressure
TIMP	: Tissue inhibitor of metalloproteinase
TNP	: Topical negative pressure
VAC	: Vacuum assisted closure
VEGF	: Vascular endothelial growth factor
VRE	: Vancomycin-resistant enterococcus