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ABSTRACT

JOSEPH PAUL SMITH: A History of the Choctaw Indian Nation in Mississippi
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ACD	acid/citrate/dextrose
ADA	Adenosine deaminase
AUC	fibroblast line GM0328
BSA	bovine serum albumin
C41	control fibroblast line
C53	control fibroblast line
CAA	carbanyl aspartate
cDNA	complementary DNA
CRM	cross-reacting material
DHO	dihydroorotate
DIT	dithiothreitol
EBV	Epstein-Barr virus
HEPES	4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1 pipeazineethanesulfonic acid
HTC	rat hepatoma cell line
kd	degradation rate constant
Ki	inhibition constant
mAb	monoclonal antibody
MLD	metachromatic leukodystrophy
mRNA	messenger RNA
NaN ₃	sodium azide
OMP	orotidine 5' -monophosphate