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- Significance and originality of work are shown. Reproducibility of results is illustrated
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B. Abbreviations and Symbols that can be used without definition and period in Text, Table and Figure

ANOVA	ANalysis Of VAriance	psi	pounds per square inch
Approx.	approximately	PVS	Participatory Variety Selection
Aug	August	r	correlation coefficient
avg	average	rad	radian
b	regression coefficient	RAPD	Random Amplified Polymorphic DNA
BC	Before Christ	RCBD	Randomized Complete Block Design
bp	boiling point	IPM	Integrated Pest Management
ca	circa, carib (about)	IPR	Intellectual Property Right
CBD	Convention on Biological Diversity	IRRI	International Rice Research Institute
cf	confer (compare)	IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (The world conservation union)
CGIAR	Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research	J	Joule
CIMMYT	Centro Internacional de Mejoramiento de maiz y Trigo (International Center for Maize and Wheat Improvement)	Jan	January
cm	centimeter	K	Kelvin (Thermodynamic temperature)
coef	coefficient	kg	kilogram
conc	concentration	km	kilometer
CV	Coefficient of Variation	l	liter
cv	cultivar	LD	Lethal Dose
CVT	Coordinated Varietal Trial	ln	logarithm (natural)
d	day	LoA	Latter of Agreement
Dec	December	log	logarithm (common, base 10)
df	degree of freedom	LSD	Least Significant Difference
DMRT	Duncan's Multiple Range Test	lx	lux
DNA	DeoxyriboNucleic Acid	m	meter
		M	Molar
Dr	Doctor	masl	meter above sea level
eg	exempli gratia (for example)	RFLP	Restricted Fragment Length Polymorphism
ELISA	Enzyme Linked ImmunoSorbent Assay	RH	Relative Humidity
et al	et alii (and other)	RNA	RiboNucleic Acid
etc	et cetera (and so on)	rpm	revolutions per minute
expt	experiment	RRA	Rapid Rural Appraisal
exptl	experimental	Rs	Rupees
max	maximum	s	second
min	minimum	S ²	variance
mm	millimeter	SD	Standard Deviation
mol	mole	SE	Standard Error (of the mean)
mol	molecular	SED	Standard Error of the difference
wt	weight	SEM	Standard Error of the Mean
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding	Sept	September
mp	melting point	sp	species (sing)
mph	miles per hour	sp gr	specific gravity
Mr	Mister	spp	species (pl)
Ms	Miss, Misters	SSR	Simple Sequence Repeat tonne,
MSc	Master of Science	t	metric ton
mt	metric ton	t	Student's t
n	Number, unit	temp	temperature
n	Sample size, unit	TRIPS	Trade Related Intellectual Property Rights
NARC	Nepal Agricultural Research Council	UN	United Nations
NGO	Non Government Organization	UNDP	United Nations Development Program
nm	nanometer	UPGMA	Unweighted Pair Group Method,

			Arithmetic mean
no	number	UV	Ultraviolet
Nov	November	V	Volt
ns	not significant	v/v	volume/volume (conc)
°C	Degree centigrade	var	variety
Oct	October	VDC	Village Development Committee
°F	Degree Fahrenheit	viz	videlicet (namely)
PCA	Principle Component Analysis	vol	volume
PCR	Polymerase Chain Reaction	vs	versus
PGR	Plant Genetic Resource	W	Watt
pH	The negative logarithm of the hydrogen ion concentration	w/v	weight/volume (conc)
PhD	Doctor of Philosophy	wk	week
pm	post merideim (after noon)	wt	weight
PPB	Participatory Plant Breeding	WTO	World Trade Organization
ppm	part per million	yr	year
PRA	Participatory Rural Appraisal	yrs	years

C. Abbreviation for Units of Measurement

The metric system is adopted as standard. If non-standard abbreviations must be used they should be defined in the text

Units of quantity		Units of temperature	
kilo	k	Celsius	°C
mega	M	Kelvin	K
giga	G	Additional physical unit	
tera	T	dalton	Da
milli	m	hertz	Hz
micro	μ	joule	J
nano	n	volt	V
pico	p	watt	W
Units of length		Relative units	
meter	m	parts/million parts	ppm
kilometer	km	parts/billion parts	ppb
centimeter	cm	parts/trillion parts	ppt
millimeter	mm	percentage	%
micrometer	μm	weight	w
nanometer	nm	volume	V
Units of area		Units of electrical conductivity	
square meter	m ²	siemens per meter	S/m
kilometer	km ²	millisiemens per meter	mS/m
hectare (10 000 m ²)	ha	(mS/cm; μS/cm)	
square centimeter	cm ²	ohm	Ω
square millimeter	mm ²	Units of concentration	
Units of volume		mole per kilogram (liter)	mol/kg (mol/L)
cubic meter	m ³	millimole (micromole)	mmol/kg
cubic centimeter	cm ³	per kilogram	μmol/kg
liter	L	gram per kilogram	g/kg
milliliter	mL	milligram per kilogram	mg/kg
microliter	μL	microgram per kilogram	μg/kg
Units of mass		Similar units for volume	
gram	g	g/L, mg/L, mg/mL, μg/L, μg/mL	
kilogram	kg	Units of irradiation	
tonne	t	watt per square meter	W/m ²
milligram	mg	Units of photon flux density	
microgram	μg	mol per square meter per second	mol/m ² /s
Units of density		Units of yield, sampling and rate	
g/cm ³ , kg/m ³ , t/m ³ , g/L, kg/L		kilogram per hectare	kg/ha
Units of pressure		tonnes per hectare	t/ha
pascal	Pa	liter per hectare	L/ha
megapascal	MPa	gram per hectare	g/ha
Units of time		gram per square meter	g/m ²
second	s	gram per kilogram	g/kg

minute	min	milligram per kilogram	mg/kg
hour	h	mmol of chemical equivalent per kilogram of soil or another materials	mmol+/kg
day, week, year	d, wk, yr		

D. Symbols and Abbreviations related to Statistics, Chemistry, Genetics and Plant Breeding

analysis of variance	ANOVA	simple correlation coefficient	r
calcium sulphate	CaSO ₄	standard deviation (sample)	SD
cation exchange capacity	CEC	standard error	SE
coefficient of determination	R ²	standard error of mean	SEM
coefficient of variation	CV	standard error of the differences	SED
degree of freedom	df	t-(or Student) test	t
dry weight (matter)	DW (DM)	variance (sample)	s ²
F-distribution	F	X or /	Crossing
fresh weight	FW (FM)	Mean	\bar{X}
kg per ha	kg/ha		
least significant difference	LSD		
probability	P		
sample size	n		

E. Abbreviated Journal Titles

We prefer full name for journals even though one can use following abbreviated names for journals in the references list. If a journal has single word name, it is not abbreviated.

Terms without abbreviation

Acta	Genes
Cell	Growth
Drug	Maydica
Fauna	Plant
Fish	Planta
Flora	Sea
Food	Soil
Gene	Weed

Abbreviated terms

Abstract, Abstracts	Abstr.	Conservation	Conserv.
Academical, Academy	Acad.	Contribuciones, Contribution	Contrib.
Advances	Adv.	Current	Curr.
African	Afr.	Department	Dep.
Agriculture, Agricultural	Agric.	Development, Developmental	Dev.
Agronomy	Agron.	Diseases	Dis.
America, American	Am.	Diversity	Diver.
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Applied	Appl.	Entomological, Entomology	Entomol.
Aquatic	Aquat.	Environment, Environmental	Environ.
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Association, Associates	Assoc.	Europe, European	Eur.
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Bacteriology, Bacteriologist	Bacteriol.	Federal, Federation	Fed.
Behaviour	Behav.	Fertilizer, Fertility	Fert.
Biochemie, Biochemistry, Biochemical	Biochem.	Fisheries	Fish.
Biodiversity	Biod.	Forestry, Forest	For.

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Biometrical, Biometry	Biometr.	Gazette	Gaz.
Biomolecular	Biomol.	General	Gen.
Biophysics	Biophys.	Genetic, Genetics	Genet.
Botanica, Botanical, Botany	Bot.	Geographical, Geography	Geogr.
British	Br.	Geologica, Geological, Geology	Geol.
Bulletin	Bull.	History	Hist.
Bureau	Bur.	Immune	Immun.
Canada, Canadian	Can.	Immunology	Immunol.
Cardiology	Cardiol.	India	Ind.
Cellular	Cell.	Information	Info.
Chemical, Chemistry	Chem.	Institute	Inst.
Chemotherapy	Chemother.	Interaction	Interact.
Commonwealth	Commw.	Japan, Japanese	Jap.
Communications	Commun.	Journal	J.
Comparative	Comp.	Laboratory London	Lab. Lond.
Computation, Computer, Computers, Computing	Comput.	Magazine	Mag.
Conference	Conf.	Management	Manage.
Congress	Congr.	Manual	Man.
Mechanical	Mech.	Mathematical, Mathematics	Math.
Medical, Medicinal	Med.	Psychological	Psychol.
Microbiological, Microbiology	Microbiol.	Publication	Publ.
Molecular	Mol.	Quarterly	Q.
Monographs	Monogr.	Regulation	Regul.
Morphology	Morphol.	Report	Rep.
Mountain	Mount.	Research	Res.
National	Natl.	Resources	Resour.
Natural, Naturalist, Nature	Nat.	Review	Rev.
Nepal	Nep.	Scandinavian	Scand.
Netherlands	Neth.	Science, Scientific, Scientist	Sci.
Neurology	Neurol.	Society	Soc.
Newsletter	Newslett.	Special	Spec.
Nuclear	Nucl.	Station	Stn.
Nutrition	Nutr.	Structure	Struct.
Obstetrician	Obstet.	Supplement	Suppl.
Official	Off.	Surgery	Surg.
Organic	Org.	Survey	Surv.
Orientalis	Orient.	Symposia, Symposium	Symp.
Pakistan	Pak.	Systematics	Syst.
Pharmacology	Pharmacol.	Technical	Tech.
Philippines	Philip.	Technology	Technol.
Philosophical	Philos.	Therapeutics	Ther.
Physic, Physical, Physics	Phys.	Topics	Top.
Physiology	Physiol.	Transactions	Trans.
Planning	Plan.	Tropical	Trop.
Pollution	Pollut.	University	Univ.
Practical, Practice	Prac.	Veterinary	Vet.
Proceedings	Proc.	Virology	Virol.
		Zoology, Zoologie	Zool.