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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ABC	– adenosine triphosphate binding cassette
BCRP	– breast cancer resistance protein
cCR	– clinical complete remission
CMF	– cyclophosphamide, methotrexate, 5-fluorouracil
cPR	– clinical partial remission
cSD	– clinical stable disease
DFS	– disease free survival
ER	– estrogen receptor
FAC	– 5-fluorouracil, adriamycin (=doxorubicin), cyclophosphamide
FEC	– 5-fluorouracil, epirubicin, cyclophosphamide
FITC	– fluorescein isothiocyanate
G-CSF	– granulocyte-colony stimulating factor
HE	– haematoxylin and eosin
IHC	– immunohistochemistry
LABC	– locally advanced breast cancer
MDR	– multidrug resistance
MRP	– multidrug resistance associated protein
OS	– overall survival
PBGD	– porphobilinogen deaminase
PBSC	– peripheral blood stem cell infusion
pCR	– pathological complete remission
P-Gp	– P-glycoprotein
pHRTM	– pathological (histopathological) changes in a macroscopic residual tumor mass
pMRD	– pathological (histological) microscopic residual disease
pNR	– no pathological (histological/morphological) sign of response
PR	– progesterone receptor
RT-PCR	– reverse-transcriptase polymerase chain reaction
UICC	– Union International Contre le Cancer
WHO	– World Health Organization