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## **LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

acesulfame-K	acesulfame potassium
ADI	acceptable daily intake
AhR	aryl hydrocarbon receptor
AIF	apoptosis-inducing factor
ANOVA	analysis of variance
APF	aminophenyl fluorescein
ASB	artificially sweetened beverage
ATP	adenosine triphosphate
AUC	area-under-the-curve
BBN	N-butyl-N-(4-hydroxybutyl)nitrosamine
BMI	body mass index
BUN	blood urea nitrogen
bw	body weight
CAM	chorioallantoic membrane
cAMP	cyclic adenosine monophosphate
CAS	Chemical Abstracts Services
CAT	catalase
CDK	cyclin-dependent kinase
CI	confidence interval
CLL	chronic lymphocytic leukaemia
C <sub>max</sub>	maximum concentration
CPS	Cancer Prevention Study
CPS-II	Cancer Prevention Study II
CRP	C-reactive protein
СҮР	cytochrome P450
CYP1A1	cytochrome P450, family 1, subfamily A, polypeptide 1
DAG	directed acyclic graph
DCFDA	2',7'-dichlorodifluorescein diacetate
DKP	diketopiperazine
dw	dry weight
EFSA	European Food Safety Authority
ELISA	enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay

EMT	epithelial-mesenchymal transition
EPIC	European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition
ERE	estrogen receptor binding element
ERK	extracellular signal-regulated kinase
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
FFQ	food frequency questionnaire
FSH	follicle-stimulating hormone
GABA	gamma-aminobutyric acid
GCG	proglucagon
GLI1	GLI family zinc finger 1
GLP	Good Laboratory Practice
GLP-1	glucagon-like peptide-1
GLP-2	glucagon-like peptide-2
GLP-2R	glucagon-like peptide-2 receptor
GMVEC	glomerular microvascular endothelial cells
GPx	glutathione peroxidase
GR	glucocorticoid receptor
GRADE	Grading of Recommendations, Assessment, Development and Evaluation
GSH	glutathione
GSR	glutathione reductase
GSSG	glutathione disulfide
GST	glutathione S-transferase
GTT	glucose tolerance test
HBV	hepatitis B virus
HCV	hepatitis C virus
HDL	high-density lipoprotein
HFS	high-fat/sucrose
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
HOMA-B	homeostatic model assessment for insulin secretion
HOMA-IR	homeostatic assessment insulin resistance
HPFS	Health Professionals Follow-up Study
HPLC-UV	high-performance liquid chromatography-ultraviolet radiation
HR	hazard ratio
hsCRP	high-sensitivity C-reactive protein
HUVEC	human umbilical vein endothelial cells
IARC	International Agency for Research on Cancer
IC <sub>50</sub>	half-maximal inhibitory concentration
ICAM-1	intracellular adhesion molecule 1
IFNγ	interferon gamma
Ig	immunoglobulin
IGF-1	insulin-like growth factor 1
IGF-1R	insulin-like growth factor 1 receptor
IL	interleukin
ITT	insulin tolerance test
JECFA	Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives
LC	liquid chromatography
LC-ELSD	liquid chromatography-evaporative light-scattering detection
LDH	lactate dehydrogenase
LDL	low-density lipoprotein
LH	luteinizing hormone

LOQlimit of quantificationLOOHlipid hydroperoxidesLp-PLA2lipoprotein-associated phospholipase A2LTC4leukotriene C4MAPKmitogen-activated protein kinase
Lp-PLA2lipoprotein-associated phospholipase A2LTC4leukotriene C4
LTC4 leukotriene C <sub>4</sub>
MAPK mitogen-activated protein kinase
MCCS Melbourne Collaborative Cohort Study
MCC-Spain Spanish Multicase–Control Study
MDA malonaldehyde
MDCK Madin-Darby canine kidney
MS mass spectrometry
MSG monosodium glutamate
MTT 3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide
NAC <i>N</i> -acetyl cysteine
ND not detected
NF-κB nuclear factor kappa-light-chain-enhancer of activated B-cells
NHANES National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey
NHL non-Hodgkin lymphoma
NHS Nurses' Health Study
NHS-II Nurses' Health Study II
NIH-AARP National Institutes of Health-American Association of Retired Persons Diet and Health Study
NIOSH National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
NICD notch intracellular domain
NLRP3 NLR family pyrin domain containing 3
NMDA N-methyl-D-aspartate
NMDAR N-methyl-D-aspartate receptor
NMR nuclear magnetic resonance
NO nitric oxide
NPSH non-protein thiol
NR not reported
NTP National Toxicology Program
OCT octameric transcription factor
OGTT oral glucose tolerance test
OR odds ratio
oxLDL oxidized low-density lipoprotein
PCR polymerase chain reaction
Phe/LNAA phenylalanine/large neutral amino acids
PKU phenylketonuria
PLCO Prostate, Lung, Colorectal and Ovarian
PPARγ peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor gamma
PRISMA Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses
qRT-PCR quantitative reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction
ROS reactive oxygen species
RR relative risk
RT-PCR reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction
SCE sister-chromatid exchange
SGOT serum glutamic-oxaloacetic transaminase (aspartate aminotransaminase)
SGPT serum glutamic pyruvic transaminase (alanine aminotransaminase)
sHR subdistribution hazard ratio
sIL-6r soluble interleukin-6 receptor

siRNA	small interfering RNA
SMART	somatic mutation and recombination by wing spot test
SOD	superoxide dismutase
SREBP	sterol regulatory element-binding protein
SV40	simian virus 40
Т3	triiodothyronine
T4	thyroxine
TAC	total antioxidant capacity
TBARS	thiobarbituric acid reactive substances
T1R	sweet taste receptor 1
TNFa	tumour necrosis factor alpha
TOS	total antioxidant status
TRAP	thrombin receptor-activating protein
TUNEL	terminal deoxynucleotidyl transferase dUTP nick end labelling
UDS	unscheduled DNA synthesis
UK	United Kingdom
UPLC	ultra-performance liquid chromatography
UPLC-MS/MS	ultraperformance liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry
US	United States
USA	United States of America
US FDA	United States Food and Drug Administration
UV	ultraviolet
VEGF	vascular endothelial growth factor
WHO	World Health Organization
WWTP	wastewater treatment plant
XO	xanthine oxidase