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LIST OF ABBREVIATION

UCVA	Uncorrected Visual Acuity
BCVA	Best-Spectacle Corrected Visual Acuity
MR	Manifest Refraction
CH	Corneal Hysteresis
CXL	Collagen Cross-Linkage
RMS	Root Mean Square
SD	Standard Deviation
µm	Micrometer
K reading	Keratometric Reading
KC	Keratoconus
PMD	Pellucid Marginal Degeneration
HOA	High Order Aberrations
ORA	Ocular Response Analyzer
LASIK	Laser In Situ Keratomileusis
I.S	Inferior Versus Superior
PKPS	Penetrating Keratoplastics
PTK	Phototherapeutic Keratotomy
PRK	Photorefractive Keratotomy
DLK	Diffuse Lamellar Keratitis

RSB	Residual Stromal Bed
FFKc	Forme Fruste Keratoconus
BOZD	Back Optic Zone Diameter
ICRs	Intra-Corneal Ring
INTACS	Intrastromal Corneal Ring Segments
ROS	Reactive Oxygen Species
PAS	Periodic Acid-Schiff
ACD	Anterior Chamber Depth
TEM	Transmission Electron Microscopy
ALTK	Automated Lamellar Therapeutic Keratoplasty
LED	Light Emitted Diode
SSCVA	sphere spectacles corrected visual acuity
RGP	Rigid gas permeable
nm	Nanometer

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