

DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

4.1 PURPOSE

To maintain a comprehensive list of definitions and abbreviations used in Forensic Biology Procedures and on quality record worksheets during case examinations.

4.2 RESPONSIBILITY

Personnel qualified to perform Forensic Biology Duties.

4.3 DEFINITIONS/ABBREVIATIONS

α -NP*	α -Naphthyl Phosphate
ABA	Abacard
addt'l	additional
adp	adhesive paper
AH(s)	animal hair(s)
ALS	alternate light source
amt	amount
Amy	Amylase
AP	acid phosphatase
apl. or appl.	applicable
AR or A/R	Administrative Reviewer
ATT	at this time
att'd	attached
B	Blue (related to ALS)
bc	barcode
B/G	Blue/Green (related to ALS)
bio	biological
blk	black
BLS(s)	blood-like stain(s)
bpb	brown paper bag
bpf	brown paper fold
brn	brown
brnsh	brownish

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c̄	containing
'c'/cons	consumption
cal	caliber
cc	cartridge casing
CII	case number, item number, initials
cj	case jacket
CNV	contents not verified
cont	control/containing/continued
cos	cosigner
creat.*	Creatinine
CS	Controlled Substances
CSS	Crime-scene search (related to ALS)
CT	Christmas Tree stain
ctd	continued
dH ₂ O	De-ionized water
diam.	diameter
dil.	dilute
DNC	did not collect
DNR	Do Not Report
dk	dark
DSS	Dried secretion swabs
DTD	Direct-to-DNA
DTT	dithiothreitol
EB	extraction buffer
EDTA	ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid
env	envelope
ETR	evidence transfer receipt
evid	evidence

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exam	examination
ext	exterior
f(s) or frag(s)	fragment(s)
FA	Firearm(s) or further analysis
FAUR	further analysis upon request
FB	Forensic Biology
FBB*	Fast Blue B
FCC	fired cartridge casing
FFA	Forwarded to Firearms Unit
FLM	fiber-like material
fl/fluor/fluores	fluorescence
fns	Fingernail sample
fs/c*	Fingernail scrapings/clippings
FTA	Fast Technology for analysis of nucleic acids
ga	gauge
gen	Genital or general
gms	glass microscope slide
GP	gunpowder/gunpowder particles
GSR	gunshot residue
H(s)	hair(s)
HBH(s)*	human body hair(s)
HCBH(s)*	human caucasian-type body hair(s)
HCH(s)*	human caucasian-type hair(s)
HCHH(s)*	human caucasian-type head hair(s)
HCPH(s)*	human caucasian-type pubic hair(s)
hd(s)	head(s)
HF(s)	hair fragment(s)
HH(s) / HuH(s)	human hair(s)

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HHH(s)*	human head hair(s)
HLF(s)	hair-like fiber(s)
HNBH(s)*	human negroid-type body hair(s)
HNH(s)*	human negroid-type hair(s)
HNHH(s)*	human negroid-type head hair(s)
HNPH(s)*	human-negroid-type pubic hair(s)
HPH(s)*	human pubic hair(s)
hsf/hsfp	human seminal fluid protein
HT	HemaTrace®
ICFI	Insufficient characteristics for further identification
IFT	Insufficient for testing / Insufficient for Further Testing
IFU	instructions for use
ind	indirect
info/inform	information
init	initials
int	interior
IPF	inner paper fold
irreg	irregular or irregularly
k/kn/knn	known
Kbs	Known blood sample
KHH*	Known Head Hair
KPH*	Known Pubic Hair
KM	Kastle-Meyer
KS	kernechtrot solution
(L) or L	left
L/m	Left message
LIMS	Laboratory Information Management System
LP	Latent Prints

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lt	light
macro	macroscopical
mag	magazine
mat'l/mat	material
max	maximum
MCR	main case report
ME	Medical Examiner
micro	microscopical/microscopic
min	minimum/minutes
min. mat.	mineral matter/material
Mito*	mitochondrial
MM	mineral matter
MR	medical report
MS*	Male Screen
ms	microscope slide
mtDNA*	mitochondrial DNA
N	no
NC	not collected
nDNA	nuclear DNA
NEATT	Not examined at this time
NFE	No further examination
Neg or (-)	negative
NFT/NFST	No further testing/No further serological testing
NS or N/S	No suspect
NSFC*	Not suitable for comparison
NT/NST	Not tested/No serological testing
Ø	no or none

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OCME	Office of Chief Medical Examiner
O-N	overnight
OT or o-Tol	ortho-Tolidine
OTM	other trace material
OTMs*	other trace materials
Ouch*	Ouchterlony
p30	human seminal fluid protein
PBS	Phosphate Buffered Saline
PH(s)*	pubic hair(s)
PHC	Pubic Hair Combing
pig. dist.	pigment distribution
pkg(d)	package(d)
P + R or P&R	packaged and returned
PICS/pics	picroindigocarmine solution/pictures
POC	product(s) of conception
Pos or (+)	positive
ppr	paper
pf	paper fold
PMR	premade reagent (Brentamine)
PTT	purple top tube
pw/pwk	paper work
Q	questioned
QD	Questioned Documents
QNS	quality not sufficient
QRW(s)	Quality Record Worksheet(s)
Qty	quantity
® or R	right
R/b or rb or R-B or RB	reddish-brown

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RB	Reagent blank or reddish-brown
RAL	Retained at Lab
RBC(s)	Red Blood Cell(s)
rec/rec'd/rcvd	received
ref	reference/referring to/referencing
rep	representative
ret/ret'd	retained
RFA	Request for Analysis
RIA	Rapid Immunoassay
RK*	Rape Kit
RKbpb*	Rape Kit brown paper bag
RKwpb*	Rape Kit white paper bag
RLD	ridge-like detail
ROA	round(s) of ammunition
RS	remaining shaft
RSA	returned to submitting agency
RSID	rapid stain identification
RSP	returned to submission packaging
RTP	returned to Package/Packaging
RTS	root-type structure
RTT	red top tube
RuB	running buffer
(S) or Susp	suspect
SAEC/SAECK	Sexual Assault Evidence Collection/Kit
SA/SAK	Sexual Assault/Sexual Assault Kit
SAF*	Sample(s) accounted for
SEM*	Scanning Electron Microscope
SH	Sperm Hy-Liter

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s/↑	strong/numerous
sl	slight/slightly
sld	sealed
sm	small
sp or spp*	species
Std	standard
stn(s)	stain(s)
stnd	stained
stng	staining
sub(s)	submission(s)
Suppl	Supplemental
TAK*	Takayama reagent
TLM	tissue-like material
TM	trace material
TR or T/R	Technical Reviewer
TRSO	technical right side out
TWSO	technical wrong side out
UB	Universal buffer
UFS*	used for smear
unstnd	unstained
uro or urobil.*	Urobilinogen
UV	Ultraviolet
V*	Violet (related to ALS)
(V) or vic	victim
vag	vaginal
vcf	various colored fibers
veg or veg mat	vegetative matter/material
vis.	visible
vm	voice mail

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vw	very weak
w/↓	weak/few
WB or W/B	waistband
WBC(s)*	White Blood Cell(s)
WES	white examination sheet
wpb	white paper bag
wpf	white paper fold
ws	worksheet
xref	cross reference
Y	yes

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