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Material and Methods

Bacteriology. The routine methods were ...

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ALB albumin

ANOVA analysis of variance

AST aspartate aminotransferase

ALT alanine aminotransferase

APC allophycocyanin

AUC area under the curve

BHI brain-heart infusion	IgA immunoglobulin A	qPCR quantitative real-time PCR
BUN blood urea nitrogen	IgG immunoglobulin G	R reverse (for primers)
CD cluster of differentiation	IgM immunoglobulin M	RBC red blood cell count
CI confidence interval	IL-(1–42) interleukin-(1–42)	RDW red cell distribution width
CK creatine phosphokinase	LB lysogeny/Luria–Bertani broth	RNA ribonucleic acid
CR creatinine	LC liquid chromatography	ROC receiver operating curve
DMEM Dulbecco’s modified Eagle’s medium	LDH lactate dehydrogenase	RPMI Roswell Park Memorial Institute as in RPMI 1640 cell culture medium
DNA deoxyribonucleic acid	LDL low-density lipoproteins	RT-PCR reverse transcriptase/reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction
dNTP deoxyribose nucleotide triphosphate	LH luteinising hormone	SD standard deviation
EDTA ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid	LYM lymphocytes	SDS- PAGE sodium dodecyl sulphate– polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis
ELISA enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay	MALDI-TOF matrix-assisted laser desorption /ionisation–time-of-flight	SEM standard error of the mean
F forward (for primers)	MCH mean corpuscular haemoglobin	SNP single-nucleotide polymorphism
FACS fluorescence-activated cell sorting	MCHC mean corpuscular haemoglobin concentration	SOD superoxide dismutase
FBS foetal bovine serum	MCV mean corpuscular volume	SPE solid-phase extraction
FITC fluorescein isothiocyanate	MDA malondialdehyde	SPF specific-pathogen-free
FSH follicle-stimulating hormone	MEM modified Eagle’s medium	TAE tris-acetate-EDTA
GC-MS gas chromatography–mass spectrometry	mRNA messenger RNA	TBE tris-borate-EDTA
GRA granulocytes	MSA mannitol salt agar	TNF- α tumour necrosis factor alpha
HCT haematocrit	NF- κ B nuclear factor kappa beta	TSB tryptic soy broth
HDL high-density lipoproteins	NGS next-generation sequencing	TSH thyroid-stimulating hormone
HE haematoxylin and eosin	OD optical density	UV ultraviolet
HGB haemoglobin	PBS phosphate-buffered saline	WBC white blood cell count
HPLC high-performance liquid chromatography	PBST phosphate-buffered saline w/Tween 20cell3_3	
HPLC-MS/MS high-performance liquid chromatography tandem mass spectrometry	PCR polymerase chain reaction	
HRP horseradish peroxidase	PDW platelet distribution width	
	PLT platelet	

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