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2 List of abbreviations

AAS	Atomic absorption spectrometry
Icp-ms	Inductively coupled plasma - mass spectrometry
IQR	Interquartile range
Gc-ms	Chromatography – mass spectrometry
LOD	Loss on drying
PAH	Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon
PCB	Polychlorbiphenyl