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## List of abbreviations

AFM	atomic force microscopy
APC	allophycocyanin
APD	avalanche photodiode
APTS	aminopropyltrimethoxysilane
AuNP	gold nanoparticle
Az	azurin
Az-AuNPs	azurin-gold nanoparticle constructs
bNiR	blue nitrite reductase
CCD	charge-coupled device
Chl	chlorophyll
CuNiR	copper-containing nitrite reductase
FCV	fluorescence-detected cyclovoltammetry
FLIM	fluorescence lifetime imaging microscopy
FRET	Förster resonance energy transfer
GA	glutaraldehyde
GFP	green fluorescent protein
gNiR	green nitrite reductase
IRF	instrument response function
MPTS	mercaptopropyl trimethoxysilane
NiR	nitrite reductase
NP	Nanoparticle
NPQ	non-photochemical quenching
OCP	orange carotenoid protein
PBS	phycobiliproteins
PBsomes	phycobilisomes
PC	phycocyanins
PE	phycoerythrins
PVA	polyvinyl alcohol
RCs	reaction centers
SAM	self-assembled monolayer
SCM	scanning confocal microscopy
SMD	Single molecule detection
SPR	surface plasmon resonance
T3R	Time-Tagged Time-Resolved
TCSPC	Time-Correlated Single-Photon Counting
TES	triethoxysilane
WFM	wide-field microscopy

