
List of Abbreviations

AYUSH	The Indian ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa, and Homoeopathy
BHU	Banaras Hindu University
BMTK	Bod rang skyong ljongs sman rtsis khang (Mentsikhang of the Tibet Autonomous Region)
BSRMS	Bachelor of Sowa Rigpa Medicine and Surgery, previously BTMS (Bachelor of Tibetan Medicine and Surgery)
CCTM	Central Council of Tibetan Medicine
CIBS	Central Institute of Buddhist Studies
CIHTS	Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, previously CUTS (Central University of Tibetan Studies)
CTA	Central Tibetan Administration
CTMI	Chagpori Tibetan Medical Institute
DFG	German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft)
EDX	energy-dispersive x-ray analysis (detects the elements in a substance)
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EU	European Union
FWF	Austrian Science Fund, Wissenschaftsfonds (Fonds zur Förderung der wissenschaftlichen Forschung)
GMP	Good Manufacturing Practice
Hg	elemental (metallic) mercury
HgS	mercury sulfide
HMPs	herbal medicinal products
IISD	International Institute for Sustainable Development
LTWA	Library of Tibetan Works and Archives
MTK	“Medicine-Astrology-House,” spelled Men-Tsee-Khang when referring to the Tibetan medical institute in Dharamsala and Mentsikhang for Lhasa
NGO	non-governmental organization
OTC	over-the-counter
PRC	People’s Republic of China
SARS	severe acute respiratory syndrome, a viral disease of the respiratory tract
STEDT	The Sino-Tibetan Etymological Dictionary and Thesaurus
TAR	Tibet Autonomous Region
TCM	Traditional Chinese Medicine
THL	The Tibetan & Himalayan Library
TMAI	Tibetan Medical and Astrological Institute (now Men-Tsee-Khang)
TM/CAM	traditional, complementary, and alternative medicine

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

TMPs	traditional medicine products
TNN	Times News Network
TTM	traditional Tibetan medicine
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
US	United States
WHO	World Health Organization