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### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

arsR Acid responsive signaling (Response) Regulator (gene)

ArsR Acid responsive signaling (Response) Regulator (protein)

arsS Acid responsive signaling Sensor (gene)

ArsS Acid responsive signaling Sensor (protein)

BeF<sub>3</sub> Beryllium fluoride

B-PER Bacterial protein extraction reagent

DBD DNA-binding domain

DIGE Difference gel electrophoresis

EMSA Electrophoretic mobility shift assay

EPR Electron paramagnetic resonance

HK Histidine kinase

HSQC Heteronuclear single quantum coherence

IPTG Isopropyl-β-thiogalactopyranoside

kDa Kilodaltons

MALT Mucosa-associated lymphoid tissue

MWCO Molecular weight cut-off

NMR Nuclear magnetic resonance

NOESY Nuclear Overhauser Enhancement Spectroscopy

NTD N-terminal domain

ORF Open reading frame

PCA Principal component analysis

PCR Polymerase chain reaction

PDB Protein data bank

PMSF Phenylmethylsulfonylfluoride

R. M. S. D. Root mean square deviation

Reagent (I) (1-oxy-2,2,5,5-tetramethylpyrrolinyl-3-methyl)methanethiosulfonate

RR Response regulator

SDSL Site directed spin labeling

SDS-PAGE Sodium-dodecyl-sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis

SNR Signal to noise ratio

TCEP Tris(2-carboxyethyl)phosphine

TCS Two component system

wHTH Winged helix-turn-helix