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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Abs	Antibodies
ACL	Anticardiolipin Antibodies
CHD	Coronary heart disease
CRP	C-reactive protein
CVD	Cardiovascular disease
DIPJ	Distal interphalangeal joint

EBV	Ebstein-Barr virus
ESR	Erythrocyte sedimentation rate
Hb	Hemoglobin
HDL	High-density lipoprotein
HLA	Human leucocyte antigen
hsCRP	High-sensitive C-reactive protein
ICAM	Intercellular adhesion molecule
IL	Interleukin
IMT	Intima-media thickness
LDL	Low-density lipoprotein
MCPJ	Metacarpo-phalangeal joint
MHC	Major histocompatibility complex
PG	Prostaglandins
PIPJ	Proximal interphalangeal joint
RA	Rheumatoid arthritis
RAI	Ritchie Articular Index
T.G.	Triglycerides
TMJ	Temporomandibular joint
TNF- α	Tumor necrosis factor - alpha
VAS	Visual Analogue Scale
WBCs	White blood cells

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