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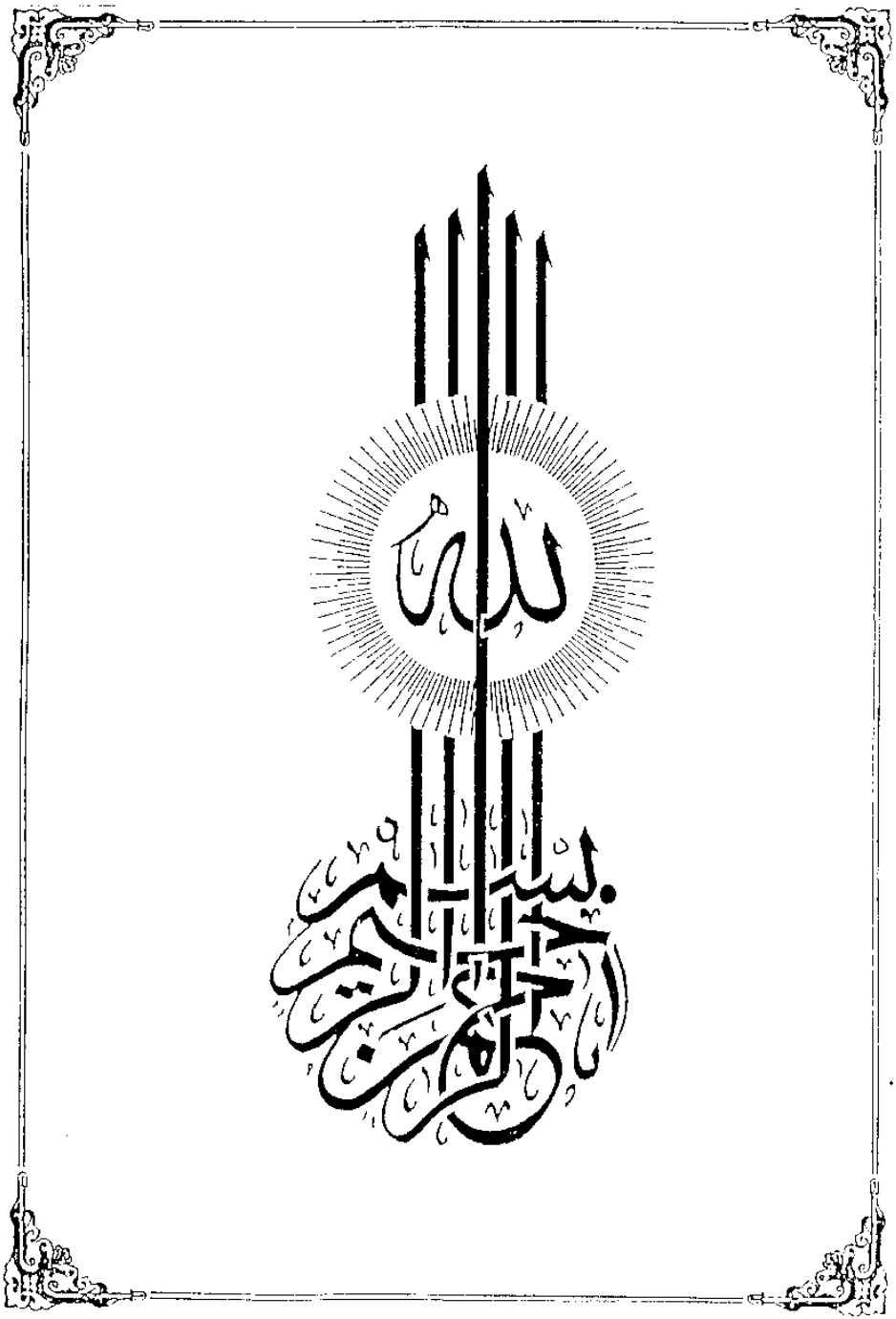

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ACTH	Adrenocorticotropin
Adv	Adventia
AEDs	Antiepileptic drugs
AF	Aspergillus fumigatus
AF-IgE	Aspergillus fumigatus-immunoglobulin E
AHR	Airway hyper-responsiveness
ASL	Airway surface liquid
ASM	Airway smooth muscle
BAL	Bronchoalveolar lavage
bm	Basement membrane
C_3a	The "a" portion of complement number 3
C_5a	The "a" portion of complement number 5
C-AMP	Cyclic adenosine monophosphate
CGRP	Calcitonin gene related peptide
CNS	Central nervous system
COPD	Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
DSCG	Disodium cromoglycate
DNA	Di nucleic acid
ECF-A	Eosinophil chemotactic factor-A
ECP	Eosinophil cationic protein
EEG	Electroencephalogram
EIA	Exercise induced asthma
Ep-DIF	Epithelium derived inhibitory factor
FEV_1	Forced expiratory volume in 1st second
FEV_2	Forced expiratory volume in 2nd second
GABA	Gamma amino butyric acid
GAD	Glutamic acid decarboxylase
GM-CSF	Granulocyte and macrophage colony stimulating factor
3HK	3 hydroxy kynurenine
5HT	5 hydroxy tryptamine
H_1	Type I histamine receptor
H_2	Type II histamine receptor
H_3	Type III histamine receptor
ICU	Intensive care unit
IgE	Immunoglobulin E

IL	Interleukin
M_1	Type I muscarinic receptor
M_2	Type II muscarinic receptor
M_3	Type III muscarinic receptor
MBP	Major basic protein
mRNA	Messenger ribonucleic acid
MPn	Mycoplasma pneumonia
NANC	Non-adrenergic non-cholinergic
NEP	Neutral endopeptidase
NKA	Neurokinin A
NO	Nitric oxide
4PA	4-pyridoxic acid
PAF	Platelet activating factor
PGE_1	Prostaglandin E_1
PGE_2	Prostaglandin E_2
PL	Pyridoxal
PLP	Pyridoxal-5`-phosphate
PM	Pyridoxamine
PMP	Pyridoxamine phosphate
PN	Pyridoxine
REM	Rapid eye movement
RIA	Radioimmunoassay
RSV	Respiratory syncytial virus
RSV-IgE	Respiratory syncytial virus-immunoglobulin E
SP	Substance P
TGF-β	Transforming factor-β
TH-2	T-helper-lymphocyte-type-2
THR	Thyrotropin-releasing hormone
TLC	T-lymphocyte clone
TNF-α	Tumour necrosis factor-α
V_{max} FRC	Maximal expiratory flow at functional residual capacity
VIP	Vasoactive intestinal peptide
XA	Xanthurenic acid

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CHAPTER I

Introduction and Aim of The Work