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List of Abbreviations

ADCC:	Antibody dependent cell mediated cytotoxicity
AFP:	Alpha-fetoprotein
AML:	Acute myeloblastic leukemia
C3:	Complement 3
CAH:	Chronic active hepatitis
CD:	Cluster differentiation
CDK:	Cyclin dependent kinase
CDKIs:	Cyclin dependent kinase inhibitors
CLH:	<i>Chronic lobular hepatitis</i>
CPH:	Chronic persistent hepatitis
CTL:	Cytotoxic T lymphocytes
DNA:	Deoxyribonucleic acid
E-coli:	Escherichia coli
ECM:	Extracellular matrix
EGF:	Epidermal growth factor
ELISA:	Enzyme linked immunosorbant assay
FGF:	Fibroblast growth factor
Hb sAg:	Hepatitis B surface antigen
HBV:	Hepatitis B virus
HCC:	Hepatocellular carcinoma
HCV Ab:	Hepatitis C virus antibody
HCV:	Hepatitis C virus
HGF:	Hepatocyte growth factor
HIV:	Human immunodeficiency virus
HRP:	Horse radish peroxidase
Ig:	Immunoglobulin
IL:	Interleukin
INF γ :	Interferon gamma
Kd:	Kilo dalton

LAK:	Lymphocyte activated killer
LKM-1:	Liver kidney microsomal-1 antibody
MDC:	Minimal detectable concentration
MHC:	Major histocompatibility complex
mRNA:	Messenger Ribonucleic acid
MS:	Multiple sclerosis
NK:	Natural killer
NMR:	Nuclear magnetic resonance
NS3:	Non-structural protein (3)
OD:	Optical density
P.T.:	Prothrombin time
PBMC:	Peripheral blood mononuclear cells
PDGF:	Platelet derived growth factor
S. bil.:	Serum bilirubin
S.alb.:	Serum albumin
SF:	Scatter factor
SGOT:	Serum glutamic oxaloacetate transaminase
SGPT:	Serum glutamate pyruvic transaminase
TGF- α :	Transforming growth factor alpha
TGF- β :	Transforming growth factor beta
Th1:	T helper type 1
Th2:	T helper-2
TIMPs:	Tissue inhibitors of metallo proteinases
TMB:	Tetramethyle benzidine
TNF:	Tumor necrosis factor

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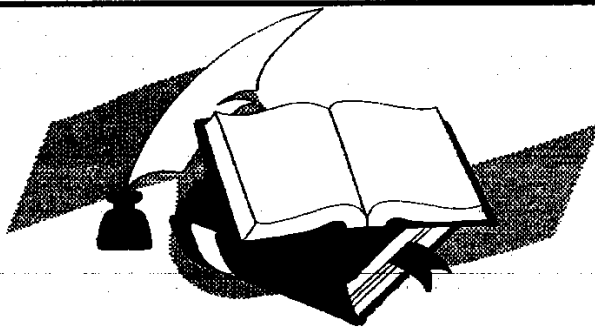
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Introduction and Aim of the Work

