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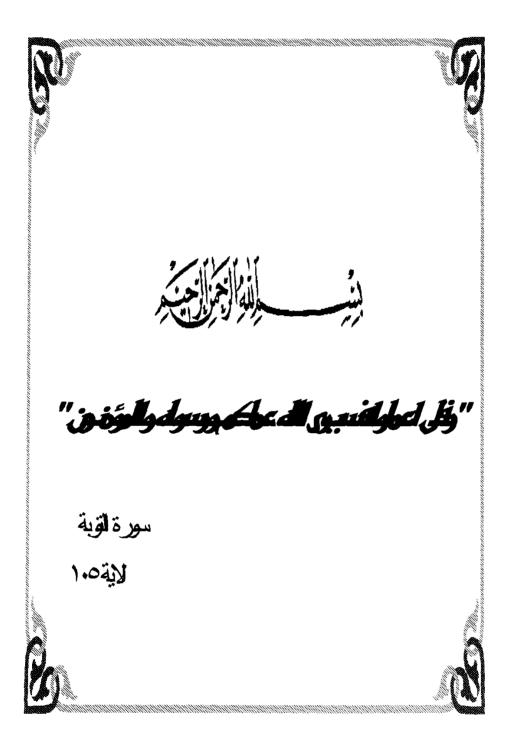
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#### LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

- ABP : Androgen binding protein.

- ACTH: Adrenocorticotrophin hormone.

- BMI : Body mass index.

- cAMP : cyclic AMP.

- CNS : Central nervous system.

- **DHEA** : Dehydroepiandrosterone.

- DHEA-S: Dehydroepiandrosterone sulphate.

- DHT : Dihydrotestosterone.

- FSH : Follicular stimulating hormone.

- **GH** : Growth hormone.

- GnRH : Gonadotrophin releasing hormone.

- HCG : Human chorionic gonadotropin.

- LH : Luteinizing hormone.

- LHRH: Luteinizing hormone releasing hormone.

- SD : Standard deviation.

- SDS : Standard deviation score

- SHBG : Sex hormone binding globulin.

- TeBG : Testosterone binding globulin.

- TW2: Tanner - Whitehouse system no.2.

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