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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

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Acquired immune deficiency syndrome AIDS Adenosine Kinase ΑK Adenosine Deaminase ADA AIDS Related complex ARC Alanine Aminotransferase ALT Alveolar - arterial Oxygen Tension $P(A-a)O_2$ Aspartate Aminotransferase AST AZT Azido Thymidine B₂ - Microglobulin B_2M BAL Broncho Alveolar Lavage CDC Centers for Disease Control Cytomegalo Virus **CMV** 5'NT Ecto-5' Nucleotidase EBV Epstein Barr Virus Glucose Phosphate Isomerase GPI Glucuronidated Zidovudine G-ZDV

Glutamate Pyruvate Transaminase

GPT

Glutamate Oxalacetate Transaminase	GOT
Hepatitis B Virus	HBV
Human T-cell Lymphotropic virus	HTLV
Human Immunodeficiency Virus	HIV
Interferon	IFN
Kaposi's Sarcoma	KS
Lactate Dehydrogenase	LD
Lymphadenopathy Associated Virus	LAV
2'-5' Oligo Adenylate Synthetase	2'-5' A Sythetase
Peroxidase Enzyme	PX
Phosphohexose Isomerase	PHI
Pneumocystis Carinii Pneumonia	PCP
Purine Nucleoside Phosphorylase	PNP
T- Helper	TH
T- Suppressor	TS
Terminal Deoxynucleotidyl Transferase	TDT
Tetra-hydrobiopterin	BH4
Thymidine Kinase	TK
Zidovudine	ZDV

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Acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) is a newly described disease entity primarily affecting sexually active homosexual men, intravenous drug abusers, Haitians and hemophiliacs. The disease is clearly spread by sexual contact and blood borne transmission. The mortality may well approach 100%, making this one of the most extraordinary transmissible diseases in history (Fauci et al., 1984).

Diagnosis of suspected cases of AIDS is problematic, however, since it is based on a less well-defined set of non specific signs and symptoms. To recognize these patients especially asymptomatic, or subclinical AIDS and persons in the high-risk groups who need intensive follow up, a laboratory marker specific for the disease is needed (Zolla - Pazner et al., 1984).

The concentrations of B2-microglobulin, neopterin, and adenosine deaminase activity in serum have been suggested as prognostic

biochemical markers for the development of AIDS (Huang et al., 1988).

Impairment of hepatic function may be a factor in the development of AIDS. Assays of the enzymic markers for hepatic function such as alanine aminotransferase, aspartate aminotransferase and lactate dehydrogenase may be adjunctive biochemical markers for progression of AIDS (Huang et al., 1988).

The aim of this work is to show the changes in enzyme activities occurring during the course of AIDS, thus helping in diagnosis and follow up of the disease.

ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME (AIDS)

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