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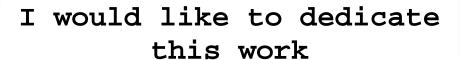
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<u>List of abbreviations</u>

ACR	American College of
	Rheumatology
AFA	Antifilaggrin
AKA	Antikeratin Antibodies
anti-CCP	Antibodies to Cyclic
	Citrullinated Peptides
APF	Antiperinuclear Factor
ASK-1	Apoptosis Signal
	regulating Kinase-1
BM	Buccal mucosa
CBC	Complete Blood Count
CHI3-L	Chitinase 3-Like
CLPs	Chitinase - Like Proteins
CRP	C-Reactive Protein
DAS.28	Modified Disease Activity
	Score
DMARDs	Disease Modifying
	Antirheumatic Drugs
ESR	Erythrocyte Sedimentation
	Rate
Filaggrin	Filament - aggregating
	protein

GM-CSF	Granulocyte Macrophage -
	Colony Stimulating Factor
HA	Hyaluronic Acid
HC gp-39	Human Cartilage
	glycoprotein-39
Hgb	Haemoglobin
HS	Highly Significant
IFN	Interferon
IGF-1	Insulin like Growth
	Factor-1
IL	Interleukin
IL-1RAcP	Interleukin-1 Receptor
	Accessory Protein
IL-1RI	Interleukin-1 Receptor
	type I
MAPK	Mitogen Activated Protein
	Kinase
MCP	Monocyte Chemotactic
	Protein
MHC	Major Histocompatability
	Complex
MMPs	Matrix Metalloproteinases
mRNA	Messanger RNA
NO	Nitric Oxide

NOS	Nitric Oxide Synthase
NS	Non Significant
OA	Osteoarthritis
OD	Optical Density
OPG	Osteoprotegerin
OPG-L	Osteoprotegerin - Ligand
PAD	Peptidylarginine Deiminase
	enzyme
PBMC	Peripheral Blood
	Mononuclear Cells
PDF	Platellet - activating
	Drived Factor
PDGF	Platellet Derived Growth
	Factor
PG	Prostaglandins
PGA	Patient's Global
	Assessment
PI3-K	Phosphoinositide 3-kinase
PLT	Platellets
RA	Rheumatoid Arthritis
RAI	Ritchie Articular Index
RBCs	Red Blood Cells
RF	Rheumatoid Factor
S	Significant

SGOT	Serum Glutamate
	Oxaloacetate Transaminase
SGPT	Serum Glutamate Pyruvate
	Transaminase
sTNFRs	Soluble Tumor Necrosis
	Factor Receptors
TGF-β	Transforming Growth
	Factor-beta
TLC	Total Leucocytic Count
TNF- α	Tumor Necrosis Factor -
	alpha