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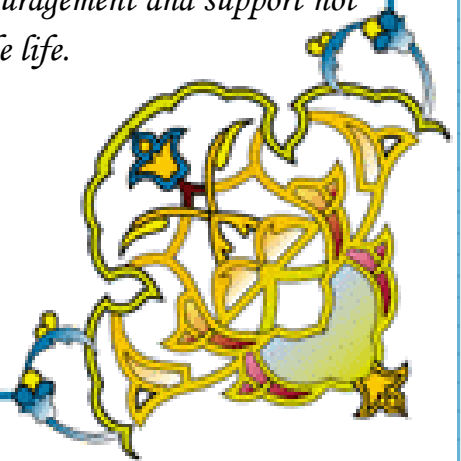
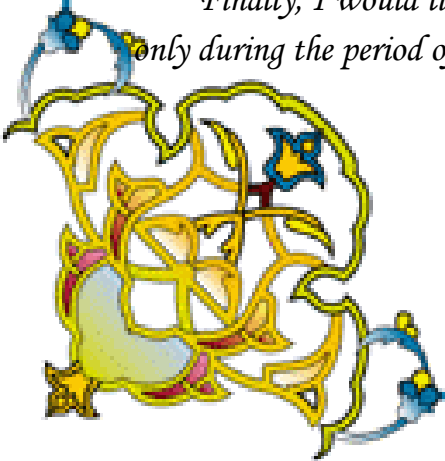
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

<i>Abbrev.</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
Ab	Antibody
ACE	Angiotensin Converting Enzyme
aCL	.anticardiolipin antibodies
ACR	American College of Rheumatology
ACPA	Anti-Citrullinated Protein Antibody
α	Alpha
ANA	Antinuclear Antibody
ANCA	Antineutrophil Cytoplasmic Antibodies
APCs	Antigen Presenting Cells
aPL	antiphospholipid antibodies
APS	Antiphospholipid Syndrome
AS	Ankylosing Spondylitis
β	Beta
β2GPI	Beta 2 Glycoprotein I
Bcl2	B cell lymphoma 2
BD	Behçet's Disease
BMI	Body Mass Index
BUN	Blood Urea Nitrogen
C	Complement
c-ANCA	cytoplasmic Antineutrophil Cytoplasmic Antibodies
CD40L	Cluster of Differentiation 40 ligand
cGCR	cytosolic Glucocorticoid Receptor
CHB	Congenital Heart Block
CK	Creatine Kinase
CQ	Chloroquine
Cr	Creatinine
CsA	Cyclosporine A
CSF	Colony Stimulating Factors
CSS	Churg-Strauss Syndrome
CTD	Connective Tissue Diseases
CTLA	Cytotoxic T-Lymphocyte Antigen
CYC	Cyclophosphamide
COX	Cyclooxygenase
DAS	Disease Activity Score
DC	Dendritic Cells
DHEA	Dehydroepiandrosterone
DHEAS	Dehydroepiandrosterone Sulphate
DIP	Distal Interphalangeal
DM	Dermatomyositis
DMARDs	Disease Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drugs.