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#### List of Abbreviations

ACS Acute Coronary Syndrome
ADMA Asymmetric dimethyl arginine

**ANG-II** Angiotensin II

**ASM** American Society of Microbiology

**AT-1 AA** Angiotensin II Type 1 Receptor Agonistic Autoantibodies

**ATP** Adenosine triphosphate

**AZACS** AZithromycin in Acute Coronary Syndromes

**BAL** Broncho-aveolar lavage

**bFGF** basic fibroblast growth factor

**BGMK** Buffalo Green Monkey Kidney cells

BMI Body Mass Index
BP Blood pressure

**C.pneumoniae** Chlamydia pneumoniae

**CABG** Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting

CAD Coronary artery disease
CDC Centre for Disease Control

**CF** Complement fixation

**Cgmp** Cyclic guanosine monophosphate **Chsp** Chlamydial heat shock protein

CMI Cell mediated immunity
CNS Central Nervous System

**COPD** Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease **Cpn IgG** Chlamydia pneumonia Immunoglobulin G

**CRP** C-reactive protein

**DIC** Disseminated intravascular coagulation

**DNA** Deoxyribonucleic acid **EB** Elementary body

**ECE** Endothelin converting enzyme

**EDHF** Endothelial derived hyperpolarizing factor

**EGF** Epidermal Growth Factor **EIA** Enzyme immune-assay

**ELISA** Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay

EM Electron microscopy
FITC Fluorescence thiocyanate
FMD Flow-mediated dilation

#### List of Abbreviations (Cont.)

GIT GastroIntestinal Tract
HDL High Density Lipoprotein

Hela cells Human Cervical Carcinoma Cells

**HELLP** Hemolysis, Elevated Liver enzymes and Low Platelets

**HIV** Human immunodeficiency virus

HLA Human leukocvte antigenNICU Neonatal intensive care unit

NK Natural killer cells
NKB Neurokinin-B
NO Nitric oxide

**NOS** Nitric oxide synthetase

**nPCR** nested Polymerase chain reaction

NRBCs Nucleated Red Blood Cells
PAF Platelet Activating Factor

PAI Plasminogen Activator Inhibitor
PBMCs Peripheral blood mononuclear cells

**PCR** Polymerase Chain Reaction

**PECAM-1** Platelet Endothelial Cell Adhesion Molecule-1

**PET** Preeclamptic toxemia

**PG I2** Prostacyclin

**PISO** Pregnancy-Induced Sympathetic Overactivity

**PIGF** Placental growth factor

**POMP** Polymorphic outer membrane proteins **QID** Latin: quater in die (=four times a day)

**RAS** Renin-angiotensin system

**RBC** Red Blood Cell RBs Reticulate bodies

**RDS** Respiratory distress syndrome

**ReA** Reactive arthritis RNA Ribonucleic acid

ROS Reactive oxygen species
SAP Stable Angina Pectoris

**sFlt-1** soluble Fms-like tyrosine kinase

**TAFI** Thrombin Activatable Fibrinolysis Inhibitor

**TAT** Thrombin-Anti Thrombin III complex

**TFPI** Tissue Factor Pathway Inhibitor **TGF-B** Transforming Growth Factor-B

**Th** T-helper cell

#### List of Abbreviations (Cont.)

**TIA** Transient Ischaemic Attack

**TM** Thrombomodulin

**TNF** Tumor Necrosis Factor

**tPA** Tissue-type Plasminogen Activator

**TRIA** Time resolved fluoroscopic immunoassay

**TX A2** Thromboxane A2

**VEGF** Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor

**VWF** von Willebrand factor

**WHO** World Health Organization

**WIZARD** Weekly Intervention with Zithromax for Atherosclerosis and its

Related Disorders

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