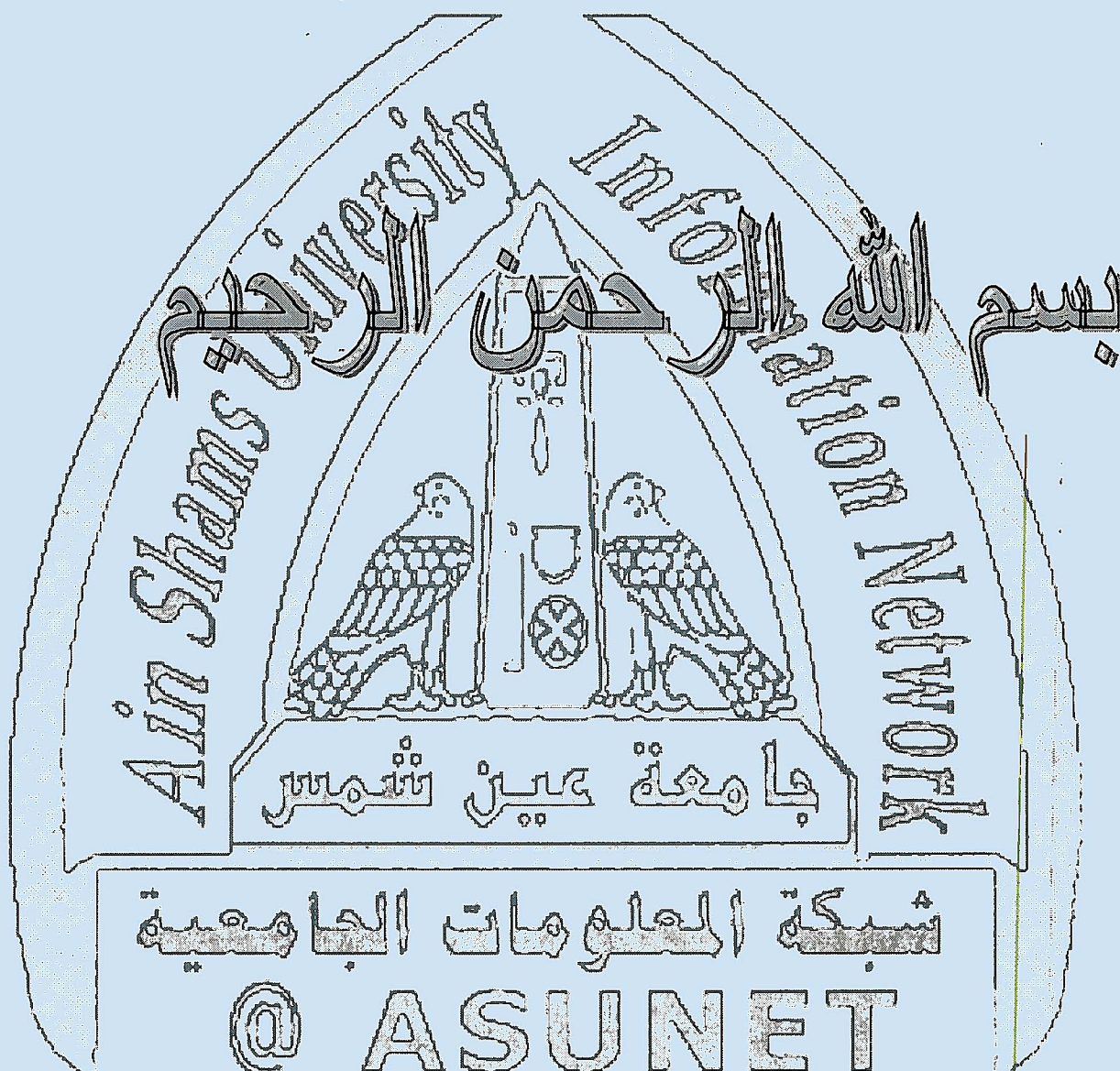




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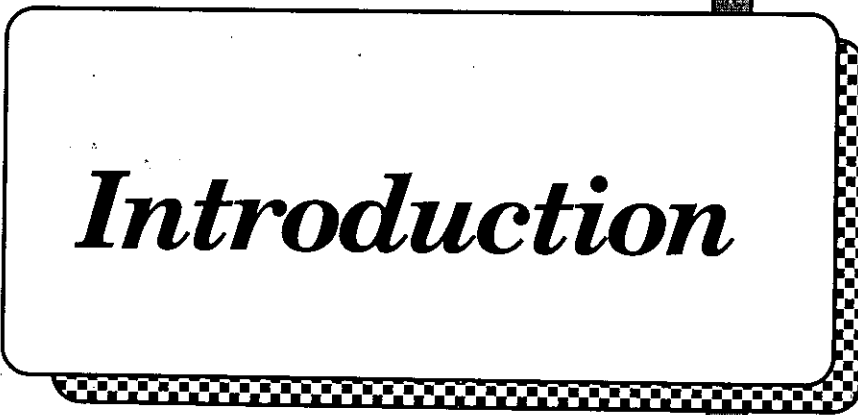
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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ANA :	antinuclear antibodies
ARF:	acute rheumatic fever
ASOT:	antistreptolysin O titre
CBC:	complete blood count
CH ₅₀ :	total serum haemolytic complement
CPK:	creatine phosphokinase
CRP:	C-reactive protein
DM:	diabetes mellitus
DNA :	deoxyribonucleic acid
EACA :	E-amino caproic acid
ECG:	electrocardiography
EDTA:	ethylene diamine tetra-acetic acid
ESR:	erythrocyte sedimentation rate
F:	female
HK:	high molecular weight kininogen
HS:	highly significant
IBD:	inflammatory bowel disease
JRA :	juvenile rheumatoid arthritis
Kb:	kilobase
KD .:	kilo daltons
LDL:	low density lipoprotein
LRP:	low-density lipoprotein receptor related protein
M:	male
Max.:	maximum
MCP:	meta carpophalangeal joint
MI:	mitral incompetence
Min.:	minimum

MS: mitral stenosis
MTP: metatarsophalangeal joint
NS: nonsignificant
NSAIDs : nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs
PA: plasminogen activators
PAI: plasminogen activator inhibitors
PIP : proximal interphalangeal joint
RA : rheumatoid arthritis
RF: rheumatoid factor
S: significant
SLE: systemic lupus erythematosus.
scuPA: single chain urokinase plasminogen activator
suPAR : soluble urokinase plasminogen activator
receptor
tcu-Pa/T: two chain urokinase plasminogen activator
thrombin cleaved.
tPA: tissue type plasminogen activator.
tPAR: tissue-type plasminogen activator receptor
uPA : urokinase plasminogen activator
uPAR: urokinase-type plasminogen activator receptor
WBC : white blood cell count



Introduction

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Rheumatoid arthritis is a chronic inflammatory disease characterized by the transendothelial ingress of leucocytes into synovial tissue that is rich in newly formed blood vessels. A regulatory network of inflammatory cells and mediators, as well as cellular adhesion molecules play an important role in the pathogenesis of arthritis. Angiogenesis is crucial for the perpetuation of leucocyte extravasation into the synovial tissue in rheumatoid arthritis, these elements have also been implicated in osteoarthritis and in degenerative joint disease with inflammatory features. (Slot et al., 1999).

There is substantial data suggesting that the urokinase plasminogen activator (uPA), which is highly involved in the proteolytic joint destruction underlying arthritis, interacts with a number of participants in the regulatory network. uPA, a serine protease, activates a cascade of proteolysis leading to extracellular matrix degradation, and thus it is involved in cell adhesion, migration and proteolysis underlying tumour invasion, inflammation, angiogenesis and tissue remodelling. (Dane et al., 1994).