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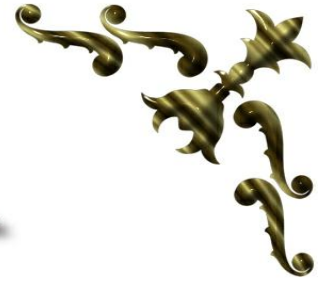
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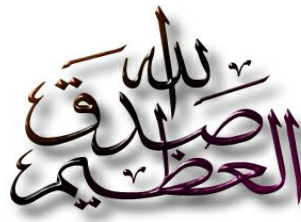
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List of abbreviations

Abbreviation	Acronym
AASLD-IDSA	American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases and the Infectious Diseases Society of America
AFP	Alpha feto protein
AIH	Autoimmune hepatitis
AIHA	Autoimmune haemolytic anaemia
AITP	Autoimmune thrombocytopenia
ALT	Alanine transaminase
ANA	Antinuclear antibody
Anti CCP	Anti citrullinated peptide
AST	Aspartate transaminase
BCLC	Barcelona clinic liver cancer
C3	Complement 3
C4	Complement 4
cANCA	Antineutrophil cytoplasmic antibodies
CBC	Complete blood picture
CGs	Cryoglobulins
CLD	Chronic liver disease
CTD	Connective tissue disease
DAA's	Direct acting antivirals
ds DNA	Double-stranded Deoxyribonucleic acid.
EASL	European Association for the Study of the Liver

EHM	Extrahepatic manifestations
ELISA	Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay
ERa	Early Rheumatoid arthritis
ESR	Erythrocyte sedimentation rate
FM	Fibromyalgia
HCC	Hepatocellular carcinoma
HCV	Hepatitis C virus
HCVrA	Hepatitis C virus related arthropathy
HIV	Human immune deficiency virus
INF	Interferon
LKMA	Liver kidney microsomal antibody
MC	Mixed cryoglobulinemia
MCS	Mixed cryoglobulinemia syndrome
NHL	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma
NOSA	Non organ specific auto- antibodies.
pANCA	Perinuclear Anti-Neutrophil Cytoplasmic Antibodies
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction.
Peg INF	Pegylated Interferon
RF	Rheumatoid factor
SS	Sjögren's syndrome
SSS	Symptom severity scale
SVR	Sustained virological response
TE	Transient elastography