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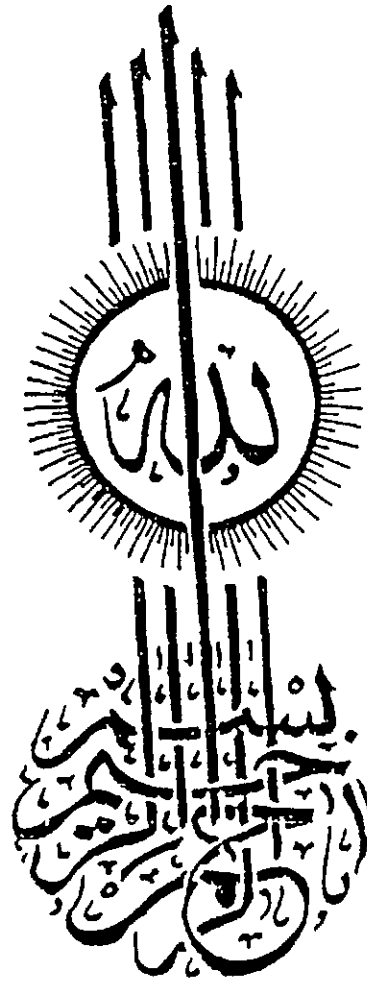
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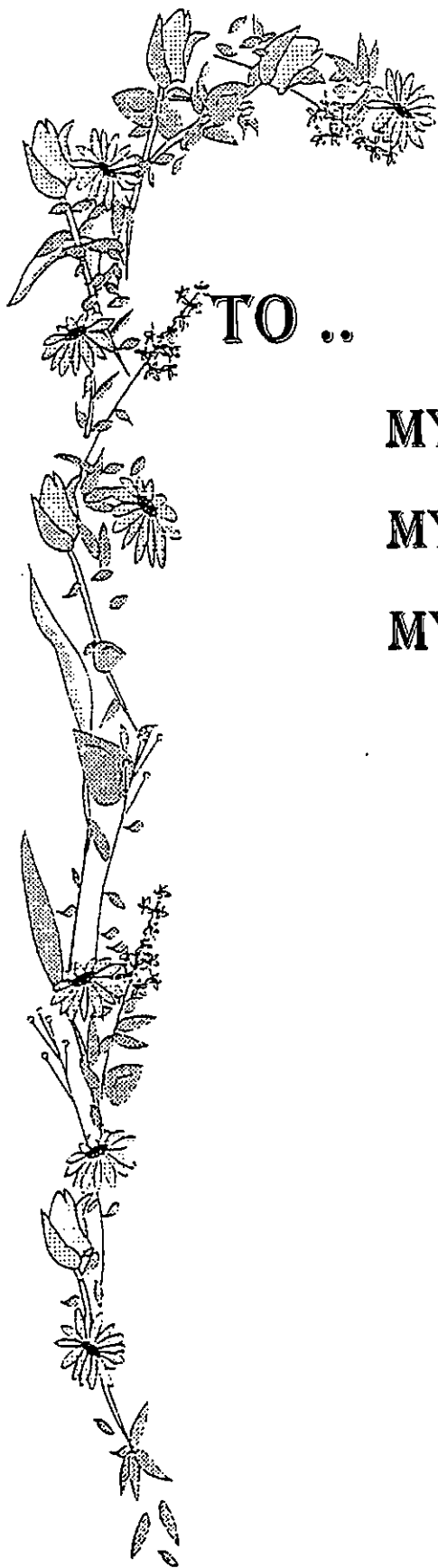
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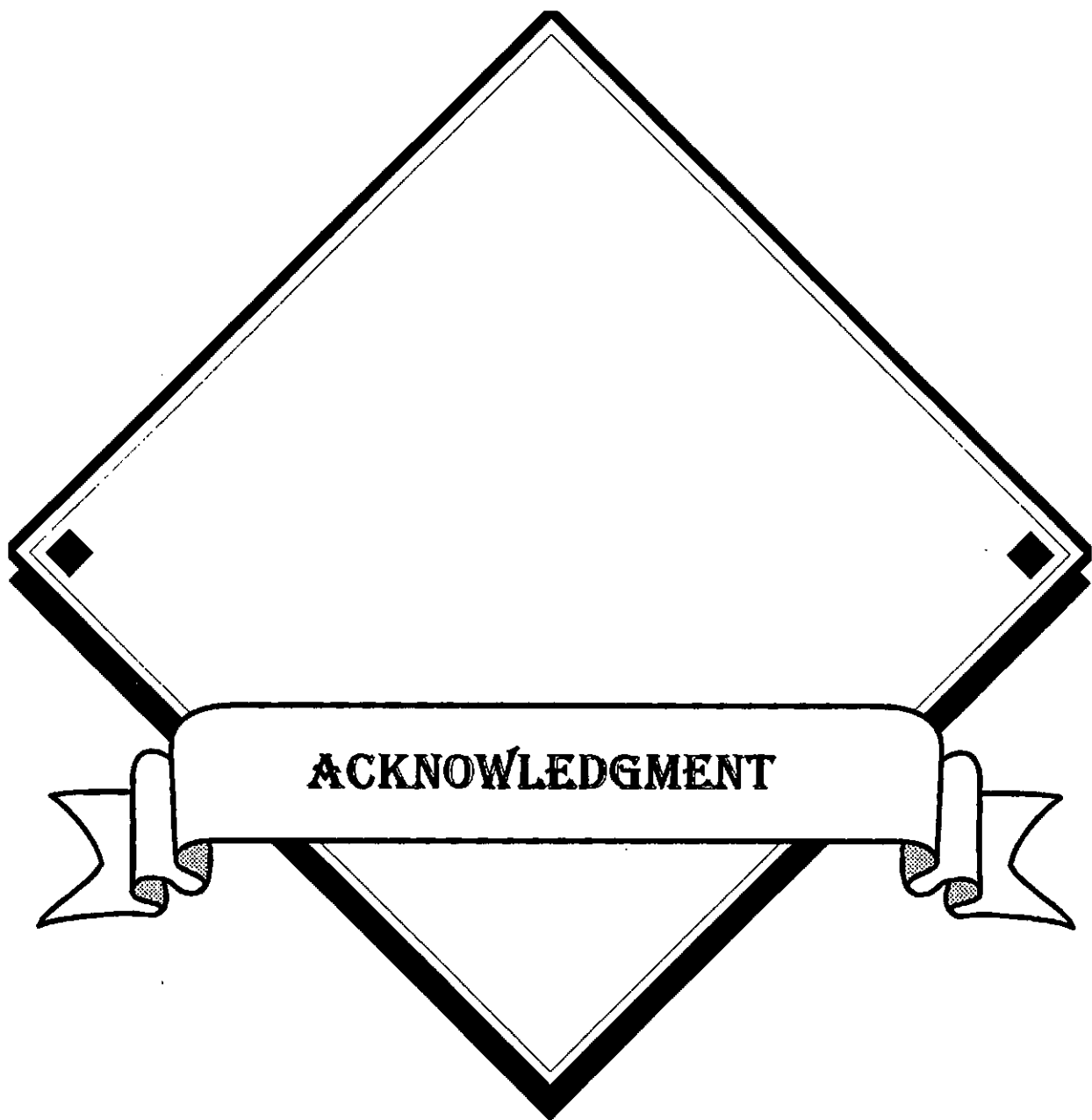
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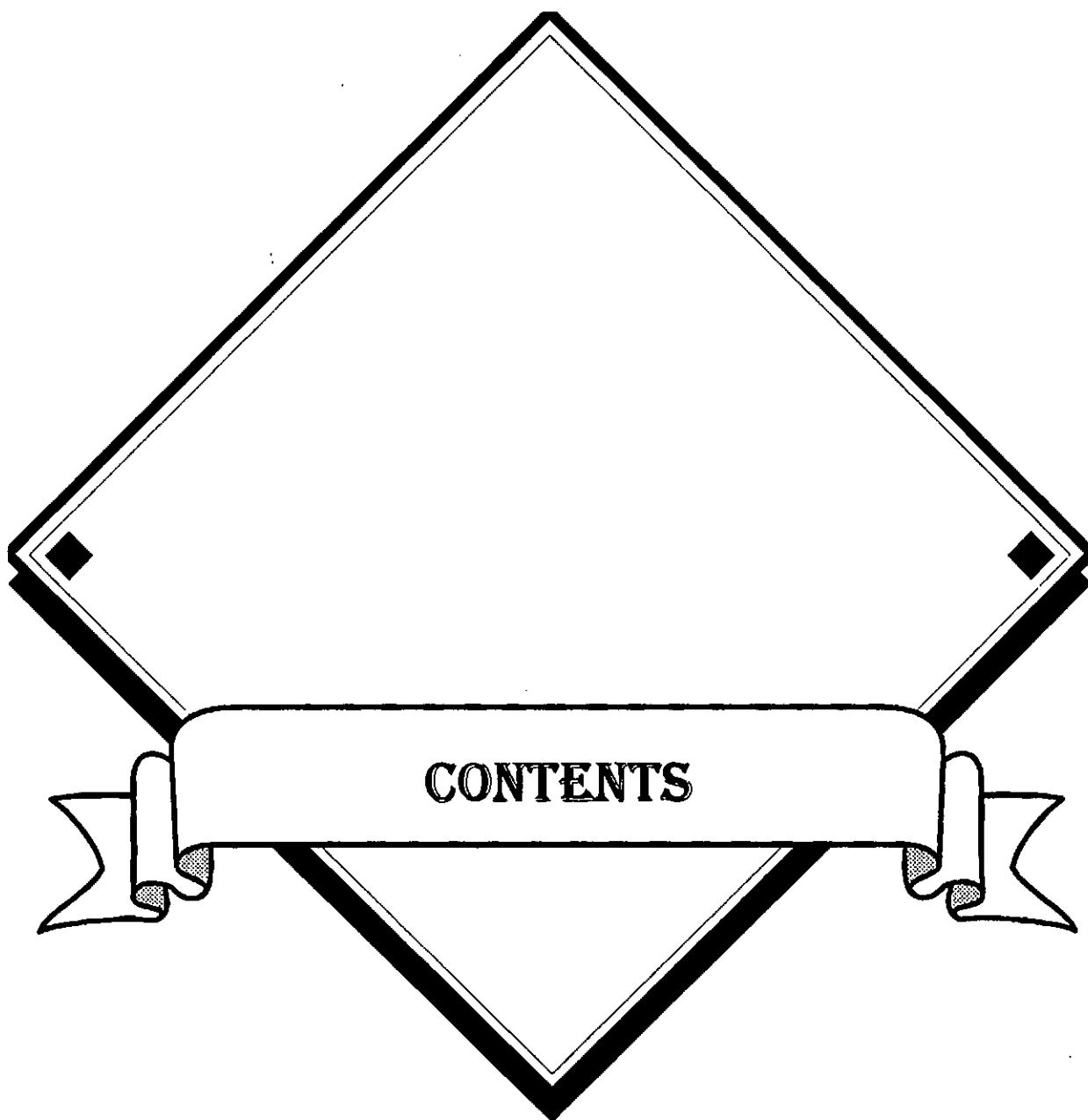
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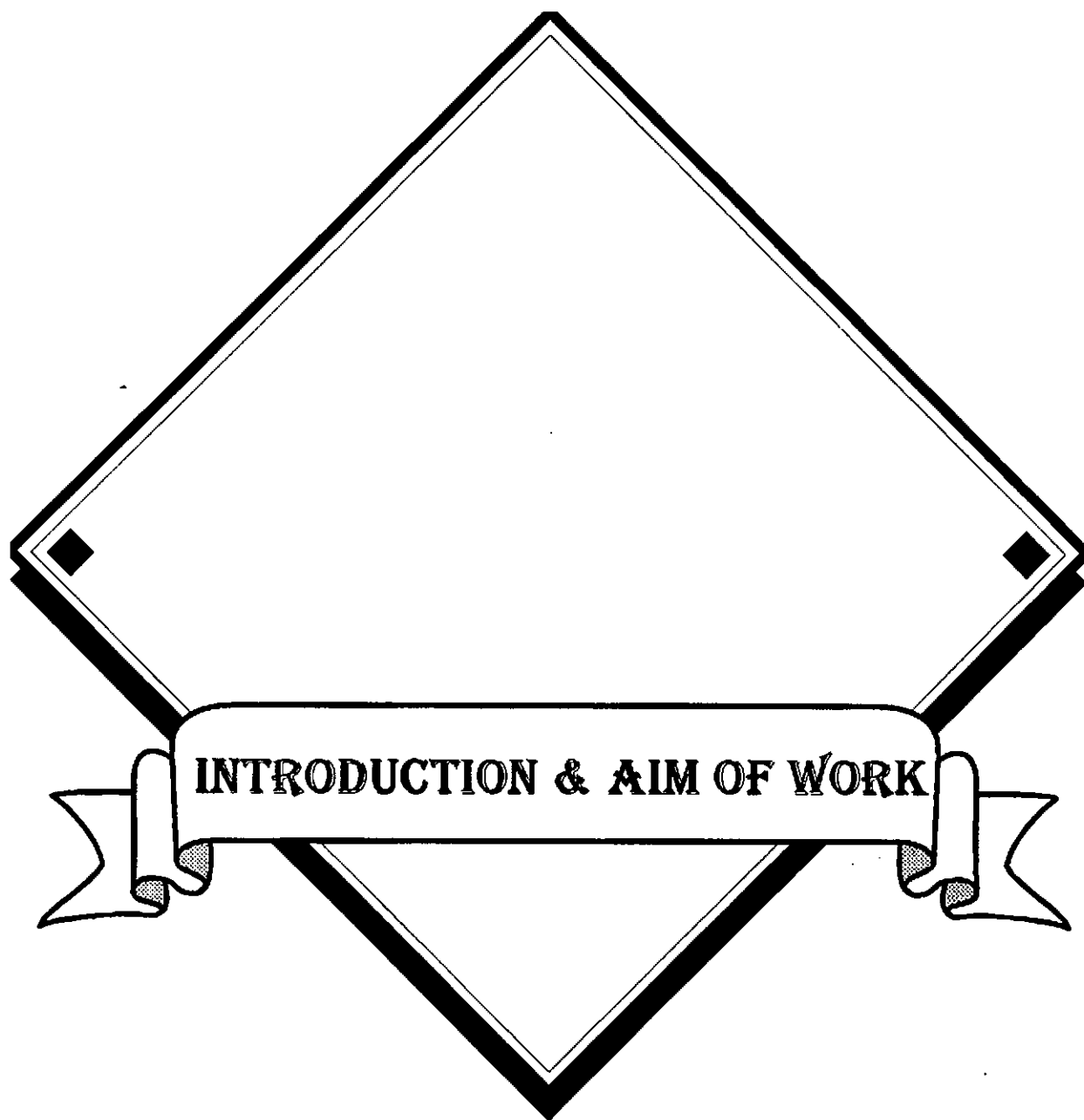


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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

TMS	: Transcranial magnetic stimulation.
MEPs	: Motor evoked potentials.
PD	: Parkinson's disease.
MPTP	: 1-methyl-4-phenyl- 1,2,3,6 tetrahydropyridine.
SMA	: Supplementary motor area.
APB	: Abductor pollicis brevis.
EDB	: Extensor digitorum brevis.
CML	: Central motor latency.
CL	: Cortical latency.
RL	: Root latency.
PL	: Peripheral latency.
CML-M	: CL - RL.
CML-F	: CL - PL.



INTRODUCTION & AIM OF WORK

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Transcranial magnetic stimulation: a neuropsychiatric tool for the Twenty first century (George-*Ms* et al., 1996). The method is pain -free and very safe in the short and probably long term. Much has been learnt about the normal functioning of the motor system of man, its maturation and abnormalities that occur in a variety of diseases affecting the central and peripheral motor pathways (Eisen, 1992).

Central motor conduction times are typically calculated using the latency of motor evoked potentials (MEPs) by pulsed magnetic stimulation at the head and F wave latency by electrical stimulation of extremity. Central motor conduction time, which reflects the activity of the cerebral cortex, descending tracts, and spinal motoneurons, can fluctuate according to the condition of the central nervous system. Parkinson's disease is classified as an extrapyramidal disorders, and is primarily characterized by rigidity, bradykinesia, and tremor. However, function of the pyramidal tracts and spinal motoneurons may be altered electrophysiologically by parkinsonism because all movements are controlled by the pyramidal tracts and anterior horn cells (Ikoma et al., 1994).

Besides motor evoked potentials, transcranial brain stimulation also evokes an electromyographic silent period, which has attributed largely to intracortical inhibitory systems (Fuhr et al., 1991, Cantello et al., 1992, Kukowski and Haug, 1992, Triggs et al., 1992, Uozumi et al., 1992, Inghilleri et al., 1993, Roick et al., 1993, Wilson et al., 1993). Previous studies have revealed that patients with Parkinson's disease have a normal central conduction (Dick et al., 1984, Cantello et al., 1991, Priori et al., 1992). The central conduction time gives clues only on the output of the

neural elements of the primary motor cortex and not on the state of the intracortical neural networks. Previous reports (Cantello et al., 1991) have shown that the cortical silent period is reduced in patients with parkinson's disease and prolonged in huntington's disease (Roick et al., 1992).

Eisen et al. (1991), showed that, compared to age -matched controls, MEPs amplitude is often increased in parkinson's disease and there was a concomitant increase in F wave, in addition, cortical threshold was reduced on the involved side, the cortical silent but not the peripheral silent period were also reduced on the involved side. They also postulated that these changes result from spinal disinhibition but the possibility of hyperexcitability at the level of the cortex is also likely to play a role.

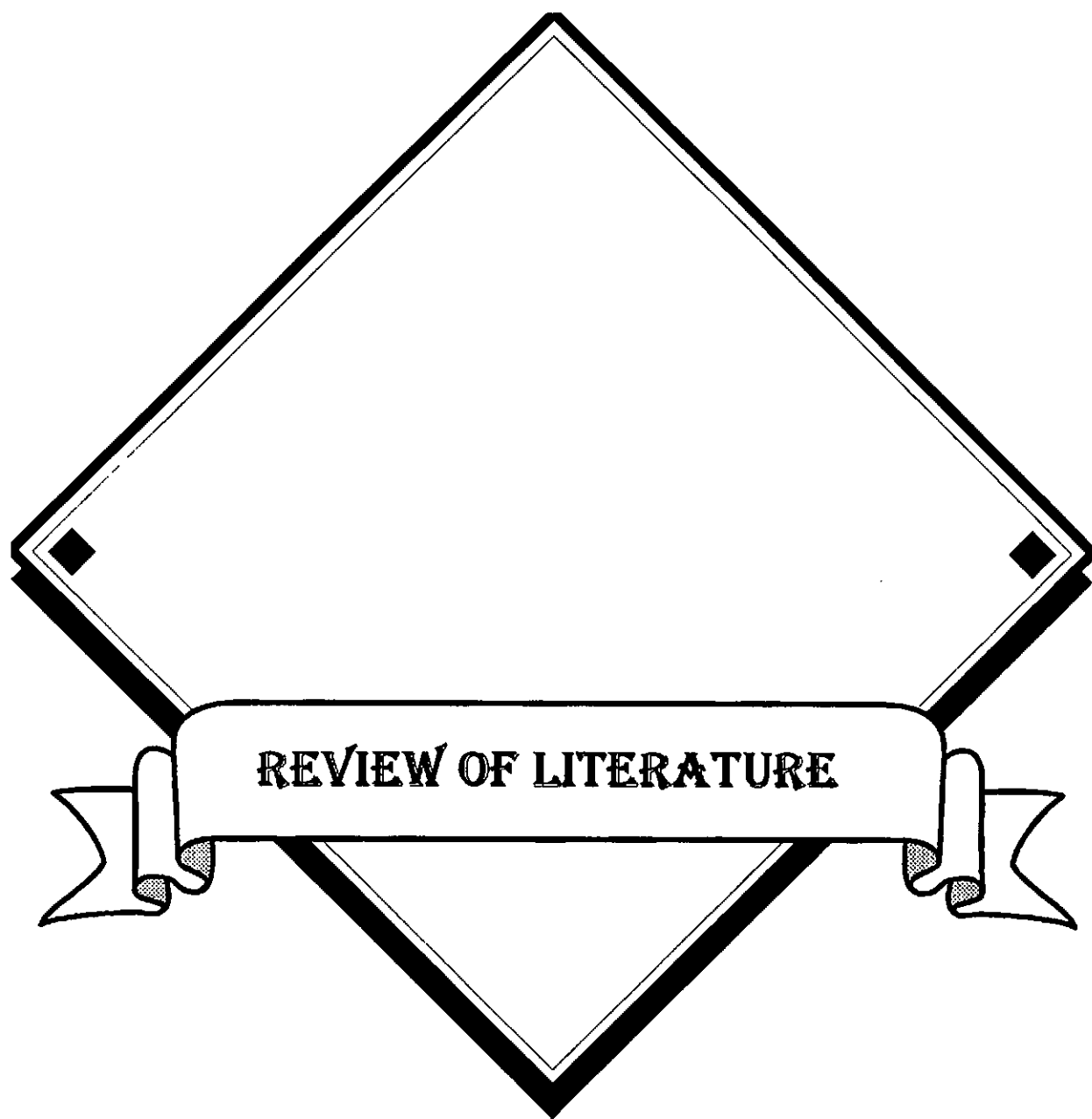
Ikoma et al. (1994), concluded that reduced central motor conduction time and high F wave amplitude reflect hyperexcitability of the anterior horn cells in patients with parkinson's disease. Also Shimamoto et al. (1996) related these changes of MEP to dysfunction of pyramidal pathways in Parkinson's disease.

And while Priori et al. (1994), concluded that dopaminergic drugs modulate the duration of the cortical silent periods and in normal subjects, through mechanisms acting mainly at basal ganglia and possibly also directly at cortical level, Nakashima et al. (1996), concluded that L- Dopa administration did not change the amplitudes of the motor responses or the auditory effects on the motor responses produced by magnetic cortical stimulation. Transcranial magnetic stimulation used to assess the relation between bradykinesia and excitability of the motor cortex where Ellawy et al. (1995), concluded that parkinsonian patients exhibiting pronounced bradykinesia have a lowered excitability of the motor cortex. Britton et al.

(1993), postulated that magnetic stimulation significantly shorten the period of parkinsonian postural tremors but did not influence the period of essential or mimicked tremors. These behavioural differences indicate differences in the pathophysiological mechanisms underlying parkinsonian postural tremor and essential tremor.

Aim of the work

- 1- The primary objective of this study is to demonstrate the abnormalities in magnetic MEPs in different varieties of parkinsonism, and whether these abnormalities correlate with the clinical assessment.
- 2- The possible use of transcranial magnetic stimulation as a diagnostic tool to differentiate between different types of parkinsonism.
- 3- To study more about the pathophysiological basis of tremors, rigidity and akinesia.
- 4- To study the effect of antiparkinsonian drugs on central and peripheral motor conduction time.



REVIEW OF LITERATURE