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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ACA	: American College of Rheumatology.
ACTH	: Adrenocorticotrophic Hormones.
ANAs	: Anti Nuclear antibodies.
APCs	: Antigen presenting cells.
B cell	: B lymphocyte.
CASI	: Chronic arthritis systemic index.
CBC	: Complete Blood Count.
CRP	: C.Reactive Protein.
CSFs	: Colony-Stimulating factors.
CT	: Computerized axial tomography.
DAS	: Disease Activity score
DIP	: Distal Interphalangeal.
DMARDs	: Disease Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drugs.
EBV	: Epstein-Barr virus.
ESR	: Erythrocyte- Sedimentation Rate.
Hb	: Hemoglobin.
HIV	: Human Immunodeficiency Virus.
HLA	: Human Leukocytic Antigen.
G-CSF	: Granulocyte Colony-Stimulating factor.
GM-CSF	: Granulocyte Macrophage Colony-Stimulating factor.
FDA	: Food and Drug Administration.
Ig G	:Immunoglobulin.
IL-1	: Interleukin -1.
MCP	: Metacarpophalangeal.
M-CSF	: Macrophage Colony-Stimulating factor.
mg	: Milligram.
MRI	: Magnetic resonance Imaging.

MTP	: Metatarsophalangeal.
MTX	: Methotrexate.
NSAIDs	: Nonsteroidal ant-inflammatory drugs.
PIP	: Proximal Interphalangeal
PMNL	: Polymorphnuclear Leukocytes.
RA	: Rheumatoid arthritis.
RAI	: Ritchie,s articular index.
RF	: Rheumatoid Factor.
SLE	: Systemic lupus Erythemtosus.
TAI	: Thomposon,s articular index.
T cell	: T lymphocyte.
TNF α	: Tumour –necrosis factor α .
VAS	:Visual Analogue Scale.