

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

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| % | : Percentage |
| χ^2 | : Chi-square test. |
| ACD | : Anemia of chronic disease. |
| ACE | : Angiotensin-converting enzyme. |
| ACR | : American College of Rheumatology. |
| AER | : Albumin excretion rate. |
| ANA | : Antinuclear antibody. |
| ANOVA | : Analysis of variance. |
| Anti-ds DNA | : Anti-double stranded DNA. |
| anti-ENA | : Anti-extractable nuclear antigens, RNA-associated antigens. |
| Anti-RNP Ab | : Anti-ribonucleoprotein. antibody |
| anti-Smith antibody | : Anti-smith antibody. |
| APC | : Antigen presenting cell. |
| APS | : Anti-phospholipid syndrome. |
| ARBs | : Angiotensin receptor blockers. |
| ATP | : Adenosine tri-phosphate. |
| AZA | : Azathioprine. |
| BAFF | : B lymphocyte activating factor. |
| BCAP | : B-Cell adaptor for phosphoinositide 3-kinase. |
| BCR | : B cell antigen receptor. |
| BILAG | : British isles lupus assessment group scale. |
| Bld.Urea | : Blood urea. |
| BLyS | : B lymphocyte stimulating factor. |
| C | : Complement. |
| C₃ | : Complement 3. |
| C3bi receptor | : Inactivated complement component 3 receptor 3 subunit |
| C₄ | : Complement 4. |
| CD14 | : Cluster of differentiation 14. |
| CD44+pERM+ cells | : CD44+ T cells associated with pERM signalling partner. |
| CKD | : Chronic kidney disease. |
| CMV | : Cytomegalovirus |
| COPD | : Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. |
| CpG | : Unmethylated cytidine-phosphate guanosine. |
| CRP | : C-reactive protein. |
| CVID | : Common variable immunodeficiency -like disease. |
| CYC | : Cyclophosphamide. |
| DAMPs | : Damage associated molecular patterns |
| DCs | : Dendritic cells. |
| DHEA | : Dehydroepiandrosterone. |
| DNA | : Deoxyribonucleic acid. |
| dsRNA | : Double-stranded ribonucleic acid. |
| EBV | : Epstein-barr virus. |
| ECAM | : Endothelial cell adhesion molecules. |
| ECG | : Electrocardiography. |
| ECLAM | : European consensus lupus activity measure. |

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| ECM | : Extracellular matrix |
| EDTA | : Ethylene diamine tetra acetic acid. |
| eGFR | : Estimated glomerular filtration rate. |
| ELISA | : Enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay. |
| EM | : Electron microscopy. |
| EPO | : Erythropoietin. |
| ESR | : Erythrocyte sedimentation rate. |
| ESRD | : End stage renal disease. |
| FcγIIIb | : Fragment crystallizable gamma receptor type IIIb. |
| FDA | : Food and Drug Administration. |
| FITC | : Fluorescein isothiocyanate. |
| F-test | : One-way ANOVA test. |
| G | : Guanosine. |
| GAS | : Gamma-activated sequence. |
| GBM | : Glomerular basement membrane. |
| GN | : Glomerulonephritis. |
| Gp96 | : A heat shock protein 90 paralogue, |
| GTPases | : Guanosine triphosphatases. |
| GWAS | : Genome-wide association studies. |
| Hb | : Haemoglobin. |
| HBV | : Hepatitis B virus. |
| HCV | : Hepatitis C virus. |
| HDMEC | : Human dermal endothelial cells. |
| HIV-1 | : Human immunodeficiency virus type 1. |
| HLA | : Human leucocytic antigen. |
| HMEC-1 | : Immortalized skin-derived endothelial cells. |
| HMGB1 | : High mobility group proteins. |
| hpf | : High-power field. |
| HRP | : Streptavidin-horseradish peroxidase |
| hs-CRP | : High sensitive CRP. |
| HSP | : Heat shock proteins. |
| HUS | : Haemolytic-uraemic syndrome. |
| IC | : Immune complex. |
| IDA | : Iron deficiency anemia. |
| IF | : Immunofluorescence microscopy. |
| IFNAR | : Interferon alpha receptor. |
| IFNLR | : Interferon lambda receptor |
| IFN-α | : Interferon alpha |
| IL | : Interleukin. |
| IL-28Rα | : Interleukin28 receptor alpha |
| iNKT | : Invariant natural killer T cell. |
| IRF | : Interferon regulatory factor. |
| ISGF3 | : Interferon stimulated gene factor 3. |
| ISGs | : Interferon stimulated genes. |
| ISN/ RPS | : International Society of Nephrology /Renal Pathology Society. |
| ISRE | : Interferon stimulated response elements. |
| ITGAM | : Integrin, alpha M; C ₃ bi receptor. |
| Jak1 | : Janus kinase1. |
| K HCO₃ | : Potassium bicarbonate. |

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| KH₂ PO₄ | : Potassium dihydrogen phosphate. |
| LAI | : Lupus activity index. |
| LFA-1 | : Lymphocyte function-associated antigen-1. |
| LM | : Light microscopy. |
| LN | : Lupus nephritis. |
| LPS | : Lipopolysaccharide. |
| LRR | : Leucin-rich repeat. |
| LSD | : Least significance difference (Post Hoc test). |
| Mal | : Myd88-adaptor-like. |
| mCRP | : Monomeric CRP. |
| MD-2 | : Myeloid differentiation protein-2 |
| mDCs | : Myeloid dendritic cells. |
| MDRD | : Modification of Diet in Renal Disease. |
| MHC | : Major histocompatibility complex. |
| MMF | : Mycophenolate mofetil. |
| MPA | : Mycophenolic acid. |
| mRNA | : Messenger RNA. |
| MyD88 | : Myeloid differentiation primary response 88. |
| n | : Number |
| n.d. | : Not determined |
| N.S. | : Not significant. |
| NA | : Nucleic acid. |
| Na EDTA | : Sodium ethylene diamine tetra acetic acid. |
| Na₂ H PO₄ | : Disodium monohydrogen phosphate. |
| NA-TLRs | : NA-sensing TLRs. |
| NF-κB | : Nuclear factor kappa B |
| NH₄ CL | : Ammonium chloride. |
| NK | : Natural killer cell. |
| ODN | : Oligodeoxynucleotides. |
| Ox-LDL | : Oxidized low density lipoprotein. |
| PAMPs | : Pathogen-associated molecular patterns. |
| PAS | : Periodic Acid Schiff. |
| PBMCs | : Peripheral blood mononuclear cells. |
| PBS | : Phosphate buffered saline. |
| pDC | : Plasmacytoid dendritic cells. |
| PE | : Phycoerythrin. |
| pERM | : Phosphorylated ezrin, radixin, and moesin. |
| PGA | : Physician global assessment. |
| PI3K | : Phosphoinositide 3-kinase. |
| PIP2 | : Phosphatidylinositol 4,5-bisphosphate. |
| PLKs | : Polo like kinases. |
| poly (I:C) | : Polyinosinic-polycytidylic acid. |
| PRAT4 | : Protein associated with toll-like receptor4 |
| PRRs | : Pattern recognition receptors. |
| PTECs | : Proximal tubular epithelial cells. |
| QoL | : Quality of life. |
| R | : Range. |
| RBCs | : Red blood cells. |
| RIG | : Retinoic acid inducible gene |
| RLRs | : Retinoic acid inducible gene I-like receptors. |

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| RNA | : Ribonucleic acid. |
| Ro/SS-A antigen | : Sjögren's syndrome-A antigen |
| ROC curve | : Receiver-operating characteristic curve. |
| ROS | : Reactive oxygen species. |
| S.Cr | : Serum creatinine. |
| SD | : Standard Deviation. |
| SELENA | : Safety of Estrogens in Lupus Erythematosus National Assessment trial. |
| SIGIRR | : Single immunoglobulin interleukin-1 receptor related molecule. |
| siRNA | : Small interfering RNA. |
| SIS | : National institutes of health SLE index score. |
| SLAM | : Systemic lupus activity measure. |
| SLE | : Systemic lupus erythematosus. |
| SLEDAI | : SLE disease activity index. |
| SLICC | : Systemic Lupus International Collaborating Clinics. |
| SNPs | : Single-nucleotide polymorphisms. |
| snRNA | : Small nuclear RNA. |
| snRNPs | : Small nuclear ribonucleoproteins. |
| SPSS | : Statistical Package for the Social Sciences. |
| ssRNA | : Single-stranded ribonucleic acid. |
| STAT | : Cytosolic signal transducers and activators of transcriptions. |
| t- | : Student t- Test. |
| T reg | : Regulatory T cell. |
| t test | : The student t-test. |
| T.WBC's | : Total white blood cell count. |
| TGF-β | : Tumour growth factor beta. |
| Th | : T helper cell. |
| TICAM-1 | : TIR-containing adaptor molecule-1. |
| TIR | : Toll/interleukin-1 receptor. |
| TIRAP | : TIR domain-containing adaptor protein. |
| TLR | : Toll-like receptor. |
| TMB | : Tetramethylbenzidine. |
| TNFAIP2 | : Tumor necrosis factor alpha-induced protein 2. |
| TNF-α | : Tumour necrosis factor alpha. |
| TREX1 | : Three prime repair exonuclease 1. |
| TRIF | : TIR domain-containing adaptor inducing interferon-β. |
| tRNA | : Transfer RNA. |
| TTP | : Thrombocytopenic purpura. |
| Tyk2 | : Tyrosine-protein kinase 2. |
| U | : Uridine. |
| U.Alb/U.Cr | : Urinary albumin/ creatinine ratio. |
| UNC93B1 | : Unc-93 homolog B1 |
| US | : United States. |
| UV | : Ultraviolet rays. |
| WBCs | : White blood cells. |
| α | : Alpha. |

β : Beta.
 γ : Gamma.
 ϵ/τ : Epsilon/ Tau.
 κ : Kappa.
 λ : Lambda.
 ω : Omega.

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