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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ACR	: American College of Rheumatology
BMI	: body mass index
CE	: cholesterol ester
CI	: confidence interval
CVD	: cardiovascular disease
DC	: dendritic cell
HDL	: high-density lipoprotein
IFN- α	: interferon alpha
LDL	: low density lipoprotein
LPL	: lipoprotein lipase
MEX-SLEDAI	: Mexican Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Disease Activity Index
OR	: odds ratio
pDC	: plasmacytoid dendritic cell
SLE	: Systemic Lupus Erythematosus
TC	: total cholesterol
TG	: triglycerides
TNF- α	: tumor necrosis factor alpha
VLDL	: very low density lipoprotein