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List of Abbreviations

AFB	acid fast bacilli
ART	anti retroviral treatment
BB	borderline borderline leprosy
BI	bacterial Index
BL	borderline lepromatous leprosy
BT	borderline tuberculoid leprosy
CMI	cell mediated immunity
DALY	disability adjusted life years
DAWLY	disability adjusted working life years
DC	dendritic cell
EC_{high}	endemic controls living in relatively high leprosy endemic area
EC_{low}	endemic controls living in relatively low leprosy endemic area
ELISA	enzyme linked immunosorbent assay
ENL/T2R	erythema nodosum leprosum/Type 2 reaction
GCF	growth colony factor
GNLY	granulysin
GZMA	granzyme A
GZMB	granzyme B
HAART	highly active antiretroviral treatment
HIV	human immune deficiency virus
IFN-γ	interferon gamma
IL	interleukin
IP-10	interferon gamma induced protein 10
IRD	immune reconstitution syndrome
KAP	knowledge Attitude Practice
LL	lepromatous leprosy
M. leprae	*Mycobaterium leprae*
MB	multi bacillary
MDT	multi-drug therapy
MF1 (Mϕ1)	pro-Inflammatory macrophages
MF2 (Mϕ2)	anti-inflammatory macrophages
MHC	major histocompatibility complex
MLPA	multiple ligation probe amplification
Mtb	*Mycobacterium tuberculosis*
ND-O-HSA	natural disaccharide octyl human serum albumin
NOD2	nucleotide-binding oligomerization domain
PAMP	pathogen associated molecular patterns
PB	pauci bacillary
PGL-I	phenolic glycolipid-I
POC	point of care
PRR	pathogen recognition receptor
RR/T1R	reversal reaction/Type 1 reaction
SC	schwann cell
SNP	single nucleotide polymorphism
SSS	skin slit smear
TB	tuberculosis
Th	T helper cell

TLR	toll like receptor
TT	tuberculoid leprosy
UCP	up-converting phosphor technology
LF	lateral flow
VDR	vitamin D receptor
WHO	world health organization