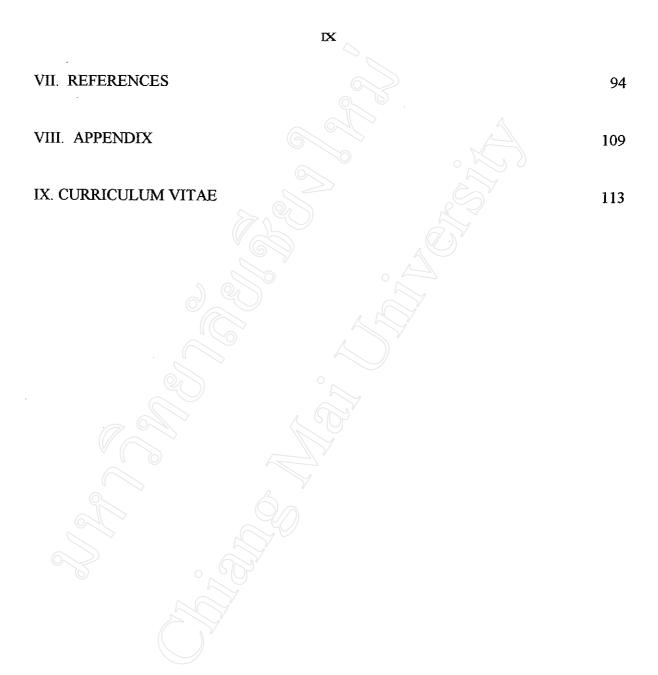
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### **ABBREVIATIONS**

Allele frequency

Ag. freq. Antigen frequency

β<sub>2</sub>M Beta-2 microglobulin

BSA Bovine serum albumin

CIA Collagen-induced arthritis

CLIP Class II associated invariant chain peptide

cm centimeter

°C degree celcius

CSPD Disodium3-(4-methoxyspiro{1,2-dioxetane-3,2'-(5'-chloro)tricyclo

[3.3.1.1.]decan}-4-yl)phenyl phosphate

CTLA-4 Cytotoxic T lymphocyte antigen-4

DIG-ddUTP Digoxygenin dideoxyuridine-triphosphate

dATP Deoxyadenosine triphosphate

dCTP Deoxycytosine triphosphate

dGTP Deoxyguanosine triphosphate

TTP Thymidine triphosphate

EDTA Ethylene diaminetetraacetic acid

ELAM-1 Endothelial leukocyte adhesion molecule-1

EF Etiologic fraction

HA Hemagglutinin

HLA Human leukocyte antigen

ICAM-1 Intracellular adhesion molecule-1

IDDM Insulin dependent diabetes mellitus

IDR Incidence density ratio

LFA-1 Lymphocyte function associated antigen-1

MHC Major histocompatibility complex

μl micrometer

nm nanometer

ND Not done

PBMC Peripheral blood mononuclear cell

PCR Polymerase chain reaction

PF Preventive fraction

PVP Polyvinylprolidone

RA Rheumatoid arthritis

RFLP Restriction-fragment length polymorphism

rpm round per minute

RR Relative risk

SSO Sequence-specific oligonucleotide

SDS Sodium dodecyl sulfate

TSAb Thyroid stimulating antibody

TAE Tris/acetate/EDTA

TMAC Tetramethylammonium chloride

TSH Thyroid stimulating hormone

TSHR Thyroid stimulating hormone receptor

VCAM-1 Vascular cell adhesion molecule-1

VLA-1 Very late activation antigen-1