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#### **ABBREVIATIONS**

% α alpha beta delta gamma μ micro microgram μl microliter micromolar  $\mu M$ °C degree Celsius AIDS acquired immune deficiency syndrome bp base pair CCR5 CC-chemokine receptor 5 cluster of differentiation CD cDNA complementary deoxyribonucleic acid **CTLs** cytotoxic T-lymphocytes CXCR4 CXC- chemokine receptor 4 deoxyadenosine triphosphate dATP dCTP deoxycytidine triphosphate ddNTP dideoxynucleotide triphosphate dGTP deoxyguanosine triphosphate DNA deoxyribonucleic acid dNTP deoxynucleotide triphosphate dTTP deoxythymidine triphosphate EIA enzyme immunoassay

ELISA enzyme linked immunosorbent assay

EDTA ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid

FACS fluorescence-activated cell sorter

FITC fluorescein isothiocyanate

g gram or gravity

HEPS highly exposed persistently seronegative

HIV human immunodeficiency virus

IFN interferon

Ig immunoglobulin

IgA immunoglobulin A

IgE immunoglobulin E

IgG immunoglobulin G

IL interleukin

kb kilobase

kDa kiloDalton

LTNP long-term nonprogressor

M molarity

mAb monoclonal antibody

mAbs monoclonal antibodies

mg milligram ml milliliter

mM millimolar

N normality

ng nanogram

nm nanometer

OD optical density

ORF open reading frame

PBMC peripheral blood mononuclear cells

PCR polymerase chain reaction

PE phycoerythrin

REA restriction enzyme analysis RNA ribonucleic acid RP rapid progressor revolutions per minute rpm STD sexually transmitted disease tumor necrosis factor TNF U unit