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#### ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

**3TC** Lamivudine

**AAS** Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy

**AIDS** Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome

**BMI** Body Mass Index (kg/m<sup>2</sup>)

CD4 Cluster of differentiation 4, main target cells for HIV, the number of

which decreases during HIV infection

d4T Stavudine

**GPO** The Government Pharmaceutical Organization

**HAART** Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy

**HPLC** High Performance Liquid Chromatography

**HIV** Human immunodeficiency virus

mL Milliliter

**NAPHA** National Access to Antiretroviral Programs for PHA

**NF-kB** Nuclear factor kappaB

**NNRTI** non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitor

NRTI Nucleoside Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitor

**NVP** Nevirapine

PIs Protease Inhibitor

**RDA** Recommended daily allowance

**ROS** reactive oxygen species

**IFN-γ** Interferon-gamma

IL Interleukin

**Th1** T helper 1

**Th2** T helper 2

**TNF-**∞ Tumor necrosis factor-alpha

**UNAIDS** the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

WHO World Health Organization

μL Microliter

