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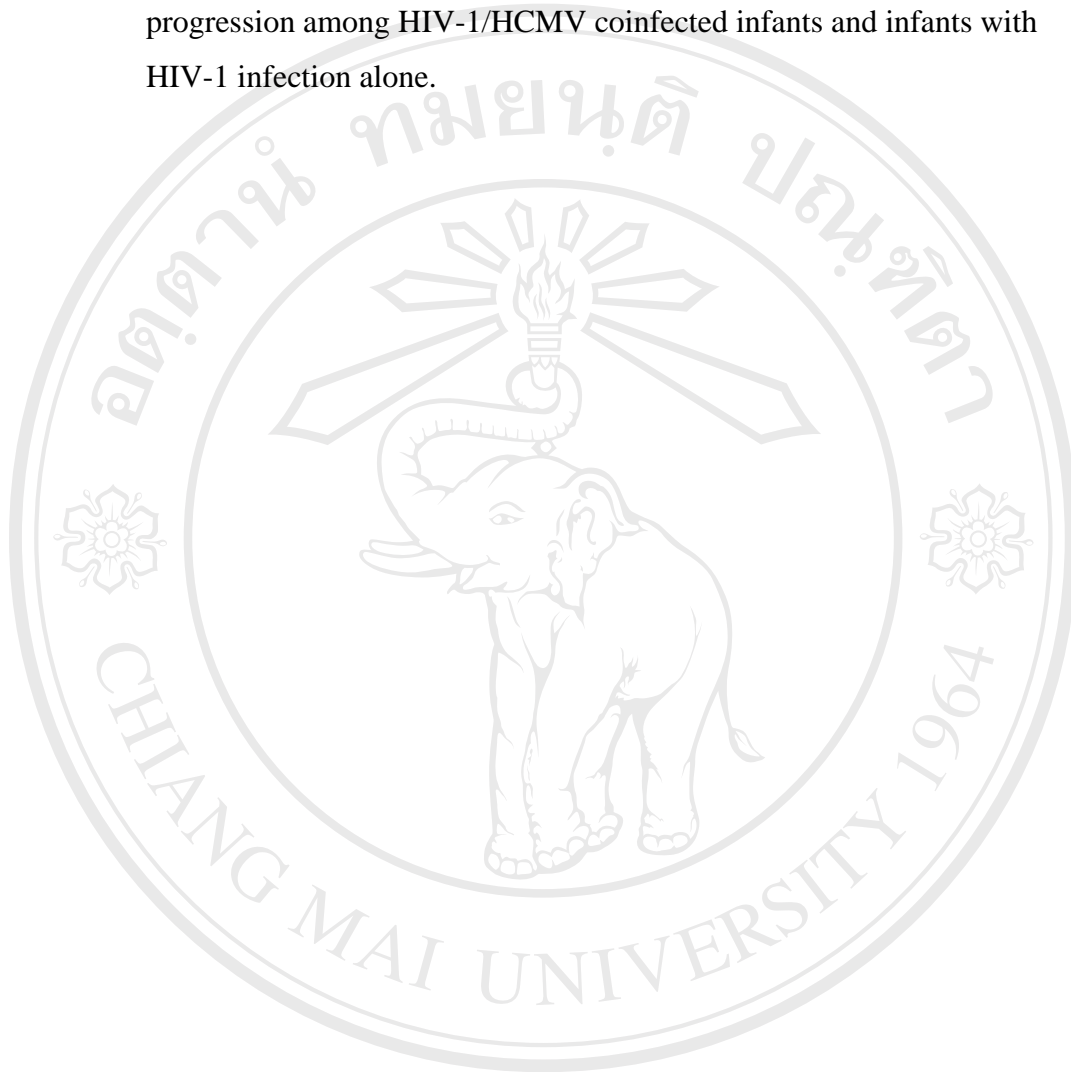
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ABBREVIATIONS

95% CI	95 percent confidence interval
%	Percent
α	Alpha
β	Beta
γ	Gamma
μ	Micro
μg	Microgram
μL	Microliter
$^{\circ}\text{C}$	Degree Celsius
A	Adenine
C	Cytosine
G	Guanine
T	Thymine
AIDS	Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome
bp	Basepair
CD	Cluster of differentiation
CCR-5	Receptor for CC-chemokine
CXCR-4	Receptor for CXC-chemokine
DBS	Dried blood spot
DNA	Deoxyribonucleic acid
dNTP	Deoxyribonucleotide triphosphate
dATP	Deoxyriboadenosine triphosphate
dCTP	Deoxyribocytosine triphosphate
dGTP	Deoxyriboguanine triphosphate
dTTP	Deoxyribothymine triphosphate
dUTP	Deoxyribouracil triphosphate
dsDNA	Double stranded deoxyribonucleotide triphosphate

EDTA	Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid
ELISA	Enzyme linked immunosorbent assay
g	Gram
gB	Glycoprotein B
HCMV	Human cytomegalovirus
HIV-1	Human immunodeficiency virus type-1
IE gene	Immediate-early gene
IgG	Immunoglobulin G
IgM	Immunoglobulin M
IL-1 β	Interleukin-1 beta
IL-6	Interleukin-6
IL-8	Interleukin-8
IQR	Interquartile range
Kbp	Kilobasepair
LB medium	Luria-Bertani medium
LTR gene	Long terminal repeated gene
M	Molarity
mg	Miligram
min	Minute
MHC	Major histocompatibility complex
mL	Milliliter
mM	Millimolar
mRNA	Messenger ribonucleic acid
MW	Molecular weight
ng	Nanogram
nm	Nanometer
no.	Number
O.D.	Optical density
p24	Phosphoprotein 24, typical protein of lentiviruses

PBL	Peripheral blood leukocyte
PCR	Polymerase chain reaction
pmol	Picomole
RNA	Ribonucleic acid
rpm	Rounds per minute
RT-PCR	Reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction
TGF- β	Tumors growth factor – beta
TNF- α	Tumors necrosis factor – alpha
UV	Ultraviolet light
vs.	Versus
w/v	Weight by volume
ZDV	Zidovudine