

List of abbreviations

AE	acute exacerbation
CF	cystic fibrosis
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CRP	C-reactive protein
CT	computed tomography
FEV ₁	forced expiratory volume in 1 s
FVC	forced vital capacity
HRCT	high-resolution computed tomography
ICU	intensive care unit
IL	interleukin
IPF	idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis
MRSA	methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
NTM	nontuberculous mycobacteria
P_{aCO_2}	arterial carbon dioxide tension
P_{aO_2}	arterial oxygen tension
QoL	quality of life
RCT	randomised controlled trials
S_{aO_2}	arterial oxygen saturation
TNF	tumour necrosis factor