

List of abbreviations

AUC	area under the curve
BAL	bronchoalveolar lavage
CAP	community-acquired pneumonia
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CRP	C-reactive protein
CT	computed tomography
ESBL	extended-spectrum β -lactamase
HAP	hospital-acquired pneumonia
HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
ICU	intensive care unit
IFN	interferon
IL	interleukin
LRTI	lower respiratory tract infection
MAC	<i>Mycobacterium avium</i> complex
MDR	multidrug-resistant
MIC	minimum inhibitory concentration
MRSA	methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
MSSA	methicillin-susceptible <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>
NTM	nontuberculous mycobacteria
PCR	polymerase chain reaction
PCT	procalcitonin
RCT	randomised controlled trial
TB	tuberculosis
TNF	tumour necrosis factor
VAP	ventilator-associated pneumonia
XDR	extensively drug-resistant