

List of abbreviations

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| ARDS | acute respiratory distress syndrome |
| ARI | acute respiratory infection |
| BOOP | bronchiolitis obliterans organising pneumonia |
| CMV | cytomegalovirus |
| COP | cryptogenic organising pneumonia |
| COPD | chronic obstructive pulmonary disease |
| CoV | coronavirus |
| ICU | intensive care unit |
| IFN | interferon |
| Ig | immunoglobulin |
| IL | interleukin |
| ILI | influenza-like illness |
| MCP | monocyte chemoattractant protein |
| MERS | Middle East respiratory syndrome |
| RCT | randomised controlled trial |
| RSV | respiratory syncytial virus |
| RT-PCR | reverse transcriptase polymerase chain reaction |
| SARI | severe acute respiratory infection |
| SARS | severe acute respiratory syndrome |
| TLR | Toll-like receptors |
| TNF | tumour necrosis factor |