

List of abbreviations

6MWD	6 min walk distance
6MWT	6 min walk test
BAL	bronchoalveolar lavage
BALF	bronchoalveolar lavage fluid
COPD	chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
CPFE	combined pulmonary fibrosis and emphysema
CT	computed tomography
DLCO	diffusing capacity of the lung for carbon monoxide
FEV₁	forced expiratory volume in 1 s
FVC	forced vital capacity
GAP	gender, age and physiology
GERD	gastro-oesophageal reflux disease
HRCT	high-resolution computed tomography
IIP	idiopathic interstitial pneumonia
ILD	interstitial lung disease
IPF	idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis
miRNA	micro RNAs
NAC	<i>N</i> -acetylcysteine
NSIP	nonspecific interstitial pneumonia
PFT	pulmonary function test
PH	pulmonary hypertension
QoL	quality of life
TGF	transforming growth factor
TLC	total lung capacity
UIP	usual interstitial pneumonia
VEGF	vascular endothelial growth factor