

# List of abbreviations

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| <b>18F-FDG</b>         | 18F-fluorodeoxyglucose                             |
| <b>ACE</b>             | angiotensin-converting enzyme                      |
| <b>BAL</b>             | bronchoalveolar lavage                             |
| <b>CT</b>              | computed tomography                                |
| <b>D<sub>LCO</sub></b> | diffusing capacity of the lung for carbon monoxide |
| <b>EBUS</b>            | endobronchial ultrasound                           |
| <b>EBUS-TBNA</b>       | EBUS transbronchial needle aspiration              |
| <b>EUS</b>             | endoscopic ultrasound                              |
| <b>EUS-FNA</b>         | EUS-guided fine-needle aspiration                  |
| <b>FEV<sub>1</sub></b> | forced expiratory volume in 1 s                    |
| <b>FVC</b>             | forced vital capacity                              |
| <b>HLA</b>             | human leukocyte antigen                            |
| <b>HRCT</b>            | high-resolution CT                                 |
| <b>IFN</b>             | interferon                                         |
| <b>IL</b>              | interleukin                                        |
| <b>ILD</b>             | interstitial lung disease                          |
| <b>IPF</b>             | idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis                      |
| <b>MMF</b>             | mycophenolate mofetil                              |
| <b>MRI</b>             | magnetic resonance imaging                         |
| <b>mTOR</b>            | mechanistic target of rapamycin                    |
| <b>MTX</b>             | methotrexate                                       |
| <b>PET</b>             | positron emission tomography                       |
| <b>TGF</b>             | transforming growth factor                         |
| <b>Th1</b>             | T-helper cell type 1                               |
| <b>TNF</b>             | tumour necrosis factor                             |