EDITORIAL

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Revised list of acronyms

At the International Editors' Meeting of Rheumatology held in San Antonio (USA) in 2004, an amended list of acronyms was discussed and accepted. This list was initially discussed in Orlando (USA) in 2003, and the revised list was submitted by Dr. Bombardieri, the Editor-in-Chief of *Clinical and Experimental Rheumatology*. All the editors-in-chief agreed to use the revised list of acronyms in their journals and to publicize the list in the first issue of 2005 of each journal.

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List of acronyms

1,25-dihydroxycholecalciferol	1,25(OH) ₂ D ₃	circulating immune complex	CIC
25-hydroxyvitamin D	25(OH)D	counterimmunoelectrophoresis	CIE
α ₁ -macroglobulin	α ₁ M	carpometaacarpal joint	CMC joint
α ₂ -microglobulin	α ₂ m	cytomegalovirus	CMV
α ₂ -plasmin inhibitor	α ₂ PI	central nervous system lupus	CNS lupus
anticentromere antibodies	ACA	calcium pyrophosphate deposition disease	CPDD
anticardiolipin antibodies	aCL	calcium pyrophosphate dihydrate	CPPD
American College of Rheumatology	ACR	calcinosis, Raynaud's phenomenon,	CREST
Arthritis Foundation	AF	esophageal dysmotility, sclerodactyly,	
aggregated human IgG	AHG	telangiectasias	
Arthritis Impact Measurement Scales	AIMS	chromosomal RNA	cRNA
antimitochondrial antibodies	AMA	C-reactive protein	CRP
antinuclear antibodies	ANA	chondroitin sulfate	CS
antineutrophil cytoplasmic antibodies	ANCA	cyclosporin A	CSA
anti-glomerular basement membrane	anti-GBM	Cooperative Systematic Studies of the	CSSRD
alkaline phosphatase	AP	Rheumatic Diseases (group)	
antiphospholipid antibodies	aPL	computed tomography	CT
antiphospholipid syndrome	APS	connective tissue disease	CTD
American Rheumatism Association	ARA	cathepsin G	CTG
Arthritis, Rheumatism and Aging	ARAMIS	carpal tunnel syndrome	CTS
Medical Information System		coxsackievirus B	CVB
adult respiratory distress syndrome	ARDS		
acute rheumatic fever	ARF	D-penicillamine	D-Pen
ankylosing spondylitis	AS	diffuse cutaneous systemic sclerosis	dcSSc
acetylsalicylic acid	ASA	denatured DNA	dDNA
anti-smooth muscle antibodies	ASMA	dehydroepiandrosterone sulfate	DHEAS
azathioprine	AZA	direct immunofluorescence	DIF
		distal interphalangeal joint	DIP joint
British Isles Lupus Assessment Group	BILAG	diffuse idiopathic skeletal hyperostosis	DISH
bone mineral content	BMC	discoid lupus erythematosus	DLE
bone mineral density	BMD	dermatomyositis	DM
body mass index	BMI	disease-modifying antirheumatic drug(s)	DMARD(s)
bovine serum albumin	BSA	Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium	DMEM
		deoxyribonucleic acid	DNA
cortical area	CA	dual-photon absorptiometry	DPA
cytoplasmic ANCA or classic ANCA	cANCA	double-stranded DNA	dsDNA
complementary DNA	cDNA	dual energy X-ray absorptiometry	DEXA
collagen-induced arthritis	CIA		

Epstein-Barr nuclear antigen	EBNA	herpes simplex virus type 1	HSV-1
Epstein-Barr virus	EBV	human T cell lymphotropic virus	HTLV
European Consensus Lupus Activity Measure	ECLAM	hemagglutinin virus of Japan	HVJ
eosinophilic fasciitis	EF	intraarticular	IA
enzyme immunoassay	EIA	inflammatory bowel disease	IBD
enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay	ELISA	inclusion body myositis	IBM
electron microscopy	EM	immune complex	IC
electromyography	EMG	ionized calcium	iCa
extractable nuclear antigen	ENA	immunodiffusion	ID
ear, nose, throat	ENT	isoelectric focusing	IEF
erythrocyte sedimentation rate	ESR	immunofluorescence	IF
European Spondylarthropathy Study Group	ESSG	interferon	IFN
endothelin 1	ET-1	indirect immunofluorescence	IIF
		interleukin	IL
		International League of Associations for Rheumatology	ILAR
fluorescence-activated cell sorter	FACS	interphalangeal joint	IP joint
fluorescent antinuclear antibodies	FANA	idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura	ITP
fluorescence in situ hybridization	FISH		
fibromyalgia	FM	juvenile chronic arthritis	JCA
familial Mediterranean fever	FMF	juvenile rheumatoid arthritis	JRA
fast protein (or fast performance) liquid chromatography	FPLC		
Felty's syndrome	FS	keratoconjunctivitis sicca	KCS
fluorescent treponemal antibody absorption	FTA-ABS	kaolin clotting time	KCT
		kaolin cephalin thromboplastin time	KCTT
		kinetoplast DNA	kDNA
glycosaminoglycan	GAG	La antigen	La
giant cell arteritis	GCA	La/SSB antigen	La/SSB
granulocyte colony-stimulating factor	G-CSF	lupus anticoagulant	LAC
granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor	GM-CSF	Lupus Activity Criteria Count	LACC
glomerulonephritis	GN	limited cutaneous systemic sclerosis	lcSSc
IgG phospholipid units	GPL	lupus erythematosus cells	LE cells
		light microscopy	LM
hyaluronic acid	HA	monoclonal antibody	mAb
Health Assessment Questionnaire	HAQ	metacarpophalangeal joint	MCP joint
heat-aggregated IgG	HAGG	macrophage colony-stimulating factor	M-CSF
hepatitis A virus	HAV	mixed connective tissue disease	MCTD
hepatitis B surface antigen	HbsAg	major histocompatibility complex	MHC
hepatitis B virus	HBV	micro-enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay	micro-ELISA
hydroxychloroquine	HCQ		
hepatitis C virus	HCV	matrix metalloproteinase (or matrix metalloprotease)	MMP
hepatitis delta virus	HDV		
hepatoma cell line	Hep	IgM phospholipid units	MPL
human epithelial cell line 2	Hep-2	myeloperoxidase	MPO
hepatitis E virus	HEV	monoclonal rheumatoid factor	mRF
human herpesvirus 6	HHV-6	magnetic resonance imaging	MRI
histidyl-transfer RNA	his-tRNA	messenger RNA	mRNA
human immunodeficiency virus	HIV	mass spectrometry	MS
heterogeneous nuclear RNA	hnRNA	monosodium urate monohydrate	MSU
heterogeneous nuclear RNP	hnRNP	metatarsophalangeal joint	MTP joint
hypertrophic osteoarthropathy	HOA	methotrexate	MTX
high performance (or high pressure) liquid chromatography	HPLC		
human papilloma virus	HPV	native DNA	nDNA
human parvovirus B19	HPV B19	normal human serum	NHS
hormone replacement therapy	HRT	National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases	NIAMS
Henoch-Schönlein purpura	HSP		
hypersensitivity vasculitis	HSV	nuclear magnetic resonance	NMR
		nonsteroidal antiinflammatory drug(s)	NSAID(s)

osteoarthritis	OA	salmon calcitonin	SCT
osteocalcin	OC	sodium dodecyl sulfate	SDS
Outcome Measures in Rheumatoid Arthritis Clinical Trials	OMERACT	seronegative enthesopathy and arthropathy (syndrome)	SEA
polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis	PAGE	synovial fluid	SF
polyarteritis nodosa	PAN	Spondylitis Functional Index	SFI
perinuclear ANCA	pANCA	sex hormone binding globulin	SHBG
proliferating cell nuclear antigen	PCNA	sacroiliac joint	SI joint
polymerase chain reaction	PCR	Systemic Lupus Activity Measure	SLAM
Paget's disease	PD	Systemic Lupus Criteria Count	SLCC
platelet-derived growth factor	PDGF	systemic lupus erythematosus	SLE
positron emission tomography	PET	Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Disease Activity Index	SLEDAI
prostaglandin	PG	Systemic Lupus International Collaborating Clinics	SLICC
proximal interphalangeal joint	PIP joint	synovial membrane	SM
polymyositis	PM	small nuclear RNP	snRNP
polymyositis/dermatomyositis	PM/DM	spondylarthropathy	SpA
polymyalgia rheumatica	PMR	single-photon-emission computed tomography	SPECT
proteinase 3	PR3	soluble RNA	sRNA
psoriatic arthritis	PsA	Sjögren's syndrome	SS
parathyroid hormone	PTH	SSA antigen	SSA
partial thromboplastin time	PTT	SSB antigen	SSB
psoralen ultraviolet A	PUVA	systemic sclerosis	SSc
quantitative computed tomography	QCT	single-stranded DNA	ssDNA
rheumatoid arthritis	RA	sulfasalazine	SSZ
rheumatoid arthritis hemagglutination assay	RAHA	simian vacuolating virus 40	SV40
rheumatoid arthritis nuclear antigen	RANA	temporal arteritis	TA
rheumatic disease unit	RDU	total body bone mineral density	TBBMD
reactive arthritis	ReA	transforming growth factor β	TGF β
rheumatoid factor	RF	thin-layer chromatography	TLC
radioimmunoassay	RIA	total lymphoid irradiation	TLI
radial immunodiffusion	RID	temporomandibular joint	TMJ
ribonucleic acid	RNA	tumor necrosis factor	TNF
ribonucleoprotein	RNP	topoisomerase I	topo I
Ro antigen	Ro	tissue plasminogen activator	tPA
Ro/SSA antigen	Ro/SSA	transfer RNA	tRNA
Raynaud's phenomenon	RP	type II collagen-induced arthritis	type II CIA
ribosomal RNA	rRNA	undifferentiated connective tissue disease	UCTD
Reiter's syndrome	RS	urokinase plasminogen activator	uPA
remitting seronegative symmetrical synovitis with pitting edema	RS3PE	undifferentiated spondylarthropathy	uSpA
reflex sympathetic dystrophy (syndrome)	RSD	ultrasound transmission velocity	UTV
respiratory syncytial virus	RSV	Venereal Disease Research Laboratory (test)	VDRL
reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction	RT-PCR	Wegener's granulomatosis	WG
slow-acting antirheumatic drug(s)	SAARD(s)	Western Ontario and McMaster Universities Osteoarthritis Index	WOMAC
sheep cell agglutination test	SCAT	left-handed DNA	Z-DNA
Sclero-70	Scl-70		
subacute cutaneous lupus erythematosus	SCLE		
small cytoplasmic RNP	scRNP		