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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	carpometacarpal 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 calcinosis, Raynaud's phenomenon,	CPPD
American College of Rheumatology	ACR	esophageal dysmotility, sclerodactyly,	CREST
Arthritis Foundation	AF	telangiectasias	
aggregated human IgG	AHG	chromosomal RNA	cRNA
Arthritis Impact Measurement Scales	AIMS	C-reactive protein	CRP
antimitochondrial antibodies	AMA	chondroitin sulfate	CS
antinuclear antibodies	ANA	cyclosporin A	CSA
antineutrophil cytoplasmic antibodies	ANCA	Cooperative Systematic Studies of the	CSSRD
anti-glomerular basement membrane	anti-GBM	Rheumatic Diseases (group)	
alkaline phosphatase	AP	computed tomography	CT
antiphospholipid antibodies	aPL	connective tissue disease	CTD
antiphospholipid syndrome	APS	cathepsin G	CTG
American Rheumatism Association	ARA	carpal tunnel syndrome	CTS
Arthritis, Rheumatism and Aging	ARAMIS	coxsackievirus B	CVB
Medical Information System			
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
fluorescence-activated cell sorter	FACS	interleukin	IL
fluorescent antinuclear antibodies	FANA	International League of Associations for Rheumatology	ILAR
fluorescence in situ hybridization	FISH	interphalangeal joint	IP joint
fibromyalgia	FM	idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura	ITP
familial Mediterranean fever	FMF	juvenile chronic arthritis	JCA
fast protein (or fast performance) liquid chromatography	FPLC	juvenile rheumatoid arthritis	JRA
Felty's syndrome	FS	keratoconjunctivitis sicca	KCS
fluorescent treponemal antibody absorption	FTA-ABS	kaolin clotting time	KCT
glycosaminoglycan	GAG	kaolin cephalin thromboplastin time	KCTT
giant cell arteritis	GCA	kinetoplast DNA	kDNA
granulocyte colony-stimulating factor	G-CSF	La antigen	La
granulocyte-macrophage colony-stimulating factor	GM-CSF	La/SSB antigen	La/SSB
glomerulonephritis	GN	lupus anticoagulant	LAC
IgG phospholipid units	GPL	Lupus Activity Criteria Count	LACC
hyaluronic acid	HA	limited cutaneous systemic sclerosis	lcSSc
Health Assessment Questionnaire	HAQ	lupus erythematosus cells	LE cells
heat-aggregated IgG	HAGG	light microscopy	LM
hepatitis A virus	HAV	monoclonal antibody	mAb
hepatitis B surface antigen	HbsAg	metacarpophalangeal joint	MCP joint
hepatitis B virus	HBV	macrophage colony-stimulating factor	M-CSF
hydroxychloroquine	HCQ	mixed connective tissue disease	MCTD
hepatitis C virus	HCV	major histocompatibility complex	MHC
hepatitis delta virus	HDV	micro-enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay	micro-ELISA
hepatoma cell line	Hep	matrix metalloproteinase (or matrix metalloprotease)	MMP
human epithelial cell line 2	Hep-2	IgM phospholipid units	MPL
hepatitis E virus	HEV	myeloperoxidase	MPO
human herpesvirus 6	HHV-6	monoclonal rheumatoid factor	mRF
histidyl-transfer RNA	his-tRNA	magnetic resonance imaging	MRI
human immunodeficiency virus	HIV	messenger RNA	mRNA
heterogeneous nuclear RNA	hnRNA	mass spectrometry	MS
heterogeneous nuclear RNP	hnRNP	monosodium urate monohydrate	MSU
hypertrophic osteoarthropathy	HOA	metatarsophalangeal joint	MTP joint
high performance (or high pressure) liquid chromatography	HPLC	methotrexate	MTX
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	nuclear magnetic resonance	NMR
hypersensitivity vasculitis	HSV	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		