

Chapter 11

List of abbreviations

AEDS	atopic eczema/dermatitis syndrome
AQLQ	asthma quality of life questionnaire
AR	allergic rhinitis
ARIA	Allergic Rhinitis and its Impact on Asthma
Der p1	major allergen of dermatophagoides pteronyssinus
Der f1	major allergen of dermatophagoides farinae
Der m1	major allergen of dermatophagoides microceras
DUMAS	Dutch Mite Avoidance Study
ECRHS	European Community Respiratory Healty Survey
GM-CSF	granulocyte macrofage colony stimulating factor
HAV	hepatitis A virus
HDM	house dust mite
HSV	herpes simplex virus
IgE	immune globulin E
IgG	immune globulin G
IL-3	interleukine 3
IL-4	interleukine 4
IL-5	interleukine 5
IL-10	interleukine 10
ISAAC	International Study of Asthma and Allergies in Childhood
LTB4	leukotriene B4
LTC4	leukotriene C4
LTD4	leukotriene D4
LTE4	leukotriene E4
Negative likelihood ratio	(1-sensitivity)/specificity
NHANES	National Health And Nutrition Examination Study
PAF	platelet-derived activating factor
PEF/PF	peak flow
PC20	provocative concentration causing a 20% fall of FEV1
PGD2	prostaglandine D2
Positive likelihood ratio	sensitivity/(1-specificity)
RAST	Radioallergosorbent technique
RQLQ	rhinitis quality of life questionnaire
RRM	random regression modelling
SF-36	short form 36
Th1	T helper 1 cell
Th2	T helper 2 cell
TNF- α	tumor necrosis factor α
VAS	visual analogue scale
VCAM-1	vascular cell adhesion molecule 1
VLA-4	very late antigen 4