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 Healthy Survey
GM-CSF  granulocyte macroage 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