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#### List of abbreviations

AAT: Alpha 1-antirypsin.

ETS: Environmental tobacco smoke.

**FEV**<sub>1</sub>: Forced expiratory volume in one second.

**FVC:** Functional vital capacity.

HIV: Human immunodeficiency virus.

**ICM-1:** Intrinsic cell adhesion molecule type 1.

IFN-α: Interferon alpha.IFN-β: Interferon beta.

IFN-γ: Interferon gamma.
IgA: Immunoglobulin A

IgE: Immunoglobulin E.

IL-1: Interleukin 1. Interleukin 2.

IL-3: Interleukin 3.

IL-4: Interleukin 4.

IL-5: Interleukin 5.

IL-6: Interleukin 6.

IL-7: Interleukin 7.

IL-8: Interleukin 8.

**KCO:** Transfer coefficient factor.

**LPS:** Lipopolysaccharide.

mRNA: Messenger ribonucleic acid.

NK: Natural killer.

PAF: Platelet activating factor.
PBM: Peripheral blood monocytes.

**PG:** Prostaglandins.

**RVC:** Residual vital capacity.

STNFR<sub>II</sub>: Soluble tumour necrosis factor receptor type 1. STNFR<sub>II</sub>: Soluble tumour necrosis factor receptor type 2.

TLCO: Carbon monoxide transfer factor.

TNF-α: Tumour necrosis factor alpha.

TNF-β: Tumour necrosis factor beta.

VLDL: Very low density lipoprotein.

# introduction and aim of the work