

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

µm	Micrometer
3D	Three-dimensional
ANOVA	Analysis of variance
ART	Automatic real time
A-Scans	Axial Scans
BRM	Bruch membrane
CME	Cystoid macular edema
COV	Coefficient of variation
CSF	Central subfield
db	Decibels
DG	Diffraction grating
DSP	Digital signal processing
ELM	External limiting membrane
ETDRS	Early treatment diabetic retinopathy Study
FAZ	Fovea avascular zone
FD	Fourier-domain
GC	Ganglion cells
GCL	Ganglion cell layer
HEL	Henel's fiber layer
IIM	Inferior inner macula
ILM	Inner limiting membrane
INL	Inner nuclear layer
IOM	Inferior outer macula
IOP	Intra ocular pressure
IPLs	Inner plexiform layers
IRLs	Inner retinal layers
IS	Inner segment
IS/OS	Inner/outer segment junction
MIM	Mean inner macula
mm	millimeter

MOM	Mean outer macula
NF1	Neurofibromatosis type 1 factor
NFL	Nerve fiber layer
NIM	Nasal inner macula
NOM	Nasal outer macula
ONL	Outer nuclear layer
OPGS	Optic path ways gliomas
OPL	Outer plexiform layer
OS	Outer segment
PMA	Postmenstrual age
ROP	Retinopathy of prematurity
RPE	Retinal pigment epithelium
SD-OCT	Spectral domain optical coherence tomography
SIM	Superior inner macula
SLD	Super luminescent diode
SLO	Scanning laser ophthalmoscope
SOM	Superior outer macula
TD	Time domain
TIM	Temporal inner macula
TOM	Temporal outer macula
UHR-OCT	Ultrahigh-resolution Optical coherence tomography
VEGF	Vascular endothelial growth factor

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