

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ALT	: Alanine transaminase
ARDS	: Acute respiratory distress syndrome
AST	: Aspartate aminotransferase
CALC 1	: Calcitonin 1
CA-MRSA	: Community associated methicillin-resistant s.aureus
CAP	: Community-acquired pneumonia
CBC	: Complete blood count
CDC	: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CKD	: Chronic kidney disease
CRP	: C-reactive protein
DM	: Diabetes mellitus
ECLIA	: Electrochemiluminescence immunoassay
FDA	: Food and Drug Administration
GAS	: Group A streptococcus
HAP	: Hospital-acquired pneumonia
HB	: Hemoglobin
HF	: Heart failure
HIV	: Human immunodeficiency virus
HMPV	: Human metapneumovirus
HTN	: Hypertension
ICU	: Intensive care unit
IL	: Interleukin
INR	: International normalized ratio
MRSA	: Methicillin-resistant S. aureus
PCR	: Polymerase chain reaction
PCT	: Procalcitonin
PPIs	: Proton Pump inhibitors
PSI	: Pneumonia severity index
PT	: Prothrombin time
PVL	: Pantan-Valentine leukocidin
RBS	: Random blood sugar
ROC	: Receiver operating characteristic

RSV	: Respiratory syncytial virus
SARS	: Severe acute respiratory syndrome
SD	: Standard deviation
SIRS	: Systemic inflammatory response syndrome
TNF	: Tumor necrosis factor
WBCs	: White blood counts