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PCORI List of Accepted Unexpanded Acronyms and Abbreviations

When the following acronyms or abbreviations are used in the Draft Final Research Report (DFRR), it is not necessary to expand them. For further guidance, please refer to the *AMA Manual of Style, 11th edition*, sections 11 and 17.

Overall Recommendations

- **Standard units of measure** (SI units) when used with a numeral (e.g., *kg, cm, mL, rpm*)
- Statistical symbols and terms (e.g., *SD, SE, SEM*)
- **US and UK** when used as adjectives (e.g., US policy)

Alphabetically Listed Acronyms and Abbreviations

0-9

5-ASA	5-aminosalicylic acid
5-FU	5-fluorouracil
6-MP	6-mercaptopurine
6MWT	6-minute walk test

A

A_{1c}	glycated hemoglobin
A2M	α-2-macroglobulin
AAAAI	American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology
AACE	American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists
AACR	American Association for Cancer Research
AAD	American Academy of Dermatology
AADE	American Association of Diabetes Educators
AAFP	American Academy of Family Physicians
AAN	American Academy of Neurology
AANEM	American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine
AAS	American Autonomic Society
AASLD	American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases
ABIM	American Board of Internal Medicine
ACC	acetyl-CoA carboxylase

ACC	American College of Cardiology
ACCC	Association of Community Cancer Centers
ACCME	Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education
ACE	angiotensin-converting enzyme
ACEhp	Alliance for Continuing Education in the Health Professions
ACEP	American College of Emergency Physicians
ACG	American College of Gastroenterology
AChR	acetylcholine receptor
ACR	American College of Rheumatology
ACR20	American College of Rheumatology criteria for 20% improvement in rheumatoid arthritis
ACS	acute coronary syndrome
ACS	American Cancer Society
ADC	antibody-drug conjugate
ADHD	attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder
AE	adverse event
AF	atrial fibrillation
AHS	American Headache Society
AJCC	American Joint Committee on Cancer
AL	immunoglobulin light chain amyloidosis
ALCAPA	anomalous left coronary artery from the pulmonary artery
ALK	anaplastic lymphoma kinase {gene}
ALL	acute lymphoblastic leukemia
ALT	alanine aminotransferase
AMD	age-related macular degeneration
AMF	American Migraine Foundation
AML	acute myeloid leukemia
AMP	Association for Molecular Pathology
ANCC	American Nurses Credentialing Center
AOD	anticoagulants oraux directs {change to DOAC}
AONN+	Academy of Oncology Nurse & Patient Navigators
APA	American Psychiatric Association

APRIL	A proliferation-inducing ligand
ARB	angiotensin receptor blocker
ARFI	acoustic radiation force impulse imaging
AS	aortic valve stenosis
ASCO	American Society of Clinical Oncology
ASCVD	atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease
ASD	atrial septal defect
ASH	American Society of Hematology
ASHP	American Society of Health-System Pharmacists
ASK1	apoptosis signal-regulating kinase 1
ASN	American Society of Nephrology
ASO	Amplatzer septal occluder
AST	aspartate aminotransferase
ASTCT	American Society for Transplantation and Cellular Therapy
ASTRO	American Society for Radiation Oncology
ATPase	adenosine triphosphatase
ATTR	transthyretin amyloidosis
AUC5	area under the curve <5
AVNRT	atrioventricular nodal reentry tachycardia
AVR	aortic valve replacement

B

BA	bile acid
BAFF	B cell–activating factor
BARSE	Barriers to Self-Efficacy {scale}
BCG	Bacille Calmette-Guérin
BCLC	Barcelona-Clinic Liver Cancer
bDMARD	biologic disease-modifying antirheumatic drug
BEAM	carmustine, etoposide, cytarabine, and melphalan
BI-RADS	Breast Imaging Reporting & Data System
BLyS	B-lymphocyte stimulator

BOR	best overall response
BRAFm	*BRAF* V600–mutated {cancer}
BSA	Body Surface Area {composite tool}
BTK	Bruton tyrosine kinase
BUN	serum urea nitrogen
BVS	bioresorbable vascular scaffold

C

C5	complement protein 5
C5b-9	complement membrane attack complex
CAD	coronary artery disease
CABG	coronary artery bypass graft
CALR	calreticulin {gene}
CAMO	Canadian Association of Medical Oncologists
CAR	chimeric antigen receptor
CCM	cardiac contractility modulation
CCRT	concurrent chemotherapy with radiation therapy
CDK	cyclin-dependent kinase (eg, CDK 4/6)
CDRN	clinical data research network
CDRS-R	Children's Depression Rating Scale, Revised
CEA	carcinoembryonic antigen
CGI-S	Clinical Global Impressions–Severity scale
CGM	continuous glucose monitoring
CGRP	calcitonin gene-related peptide
CH	cluster headache
$CHADS_2$	CHF, hypertension, age, diabetes, stroke
CHD	coronary heart disease
CHF	congestive heart failure
CI	confidence interval
CIBMTR	Center for International Blood & Marrow Transplant Research
CIC	chronic idiopathic constipation

CIT	cancer immunotherapy
CIU	chronic idiopathic urticaria
CK-18	cytokeratin 18
CKD	chronic kidney disease
CKD-EPI	Chronic Kidney Disease Epidemiology Collaboration
CLAS	National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS) in Health and Health Care
CLL	chronic lymphocytic leukemia
CMSC	Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers
CML	chronic myeloid leukemia
CNS	central nervous system *or* Child Neurology Society
CONSORT	Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials
COX-1	cyclooxygenase 1
CPA	Clinical Practice Assessment
CPD	continuing professional development
CPK	creatine phosphokinase
CrCl	creatinine clearance
CRi	complete response with incomplete hematologic recovery
CRP	C-reactive protein
CRS	cytokine release syndrome
CRT	cardiac resynchronization therapy
CRT	chemotherapy with radiation therapy
CRT	conformal radiation therapy
CSCC	cutaneous squamous cell carcinoma
csDMARD	conventional synthetic disease-modifying antirheumatic drug
CSU	chronic spontaneous urticaria
CTA	computed tomographic angiogram
ctDNA	circulating tumor DNA
CTEPH	chronic thromboembolic pulmonary hypertension
CTI	cavotricuspid isthmus
CTLA-4	cytotoxic T-lymphocyte–associated antigen 4

CVOT	cardiovascular outcomes trial
CVP	cyclophosphamide, vincristine, and prednisone
CXCL10	C-X-C motif chemokine ligand 10

D

D-TGA	D-transposition of the great arteries
DAPT	dual antiplatelet therapy
DBSA	Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance
DCR	disease control rate
DDI	drug–drug interaction
ddMVAC	dose-dense methotrexate, vinblastine, doxorubicin, and cisplatin
DDSEP	Digestive Diseases Self-Education Program
del(17p)	17p/TP53 deletion
DHAP	dexamethasone, high-dose cytarabine, and cisplatin
DKA	diabetic ketoacidosis
DLBCL	diffuse large B-cell lymphoma
DLQI	Dermatology Life Quality Index
DLT	dose-limiting toxicity
DMARD	disease-modifying antirheumatic drug
DME	diabetic macular edema
DMF	dimethyl fumarate
dMMR	deficient mismatch repair
DMT	disease-modifying therapy
DOAC	direct oral anticoagulant
DoR	duration of response
DORV	double outlet right ventricle
DPP-4	dipeptidyl peptidase-4
DPPM	dopamine receptor protein phosphorylation modulator
DRD2	dopamine receptor D_2
DRG	Decision Resources Group
DRR	DNA damage repair

DSMB	Data and Safety Monitoring Board
DSME/S	diabetes self-management education and support
DVT	deep vein thrombosis

E

EAACI	European Academy of Allergy and Clinical Immunology
EAM	electroanatomic mapping
EAS	European Atherosclerosis Society
EASD	European Association for the Study of Diabetes
EASL	European Association for the Study of the Liver
EBMT	European Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation
ECCO	European Cancer Congress
ECG	electrocardiogram; electrocardiographic [not EKG]
ECOG	do not expand; see ECOG-ACRIN in the Words List
EDSS	Expanded Disability Status Scale
EFIC	European Pain Federation
EFS	event-free survival
eGFR	estimated glomerular filtration rate
EGFR	epidermal growth factor receptor {gene}; no italic if protein
EHA	European Hematology Association
ELCC	European Lung Cancer Congress
ELF	enhanced liver fibrosis {score}
ELISA	enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay
EE / EoE	eosinophilic esophagitis
EGD	esophagogastroduodenoscopy
EORTC	European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer
EPS	extrapyramidal symptom
EQ-5D	EuroQol-5 Dimensions
ERS	European Respiratory Society
ESC	European Society of Cardiology
ESES	Exercise Self-Efficacy Scale

ESMO	European Society for Medical Oncology
EuroSCORE	European System for Cardiac Operative Risk Evaluation

F

FasL	Fas ligand
FBG	fasting blood glucose
Fc	fraction crystallizable
FCR	fludarabine-cyclophosphamide-rituximab
FDA	The Food and Drug Administration
FEV_1	forced expiratory volume in the first second of expiration
FFS	failure-free survival
FGF	fibroblast growth factor
FGFR	fibroblast growth factor receptor
FGID	functional gastrointestinal disorder
FIGO	International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics
FISH	fluorescence in situ hybridization
FIT	fecal immunochemical test
FL	follicular lymphoma
FOLFIRI	folinic acid, fluorouracil, and irinotecan
FOLFIRINOX	leucovorin calcium, fluorouracil, irinotecan hydrochloride, and oxaliplatin
FOLOX	leucovorin calcium, fluorouracil, and oxaliplatin
FXR	farnesoid X receptor

G

GABA	γ-aminobutyric acid
GBD	Global Burden of Diseases
G-CSF	granulocyte colony-stimulating factor
GEJ	gastroesophageal junction
GEMS	Guidelines for Exercise in MS
gFOBT	guaiac fecal occult blood test
GFR	glomerular filtration rate
GI	gastrointestinal

GLP-1	glucagon-like peptide-1
GVHD	graft-vs-host disease

H

H1	histamine type 1
HAS-BLED	hypertension, abnormal kidney/liver function, stroke, bleeding history or predisposition, labile international normalized ratio, elderly (age ≥65 years), drugs/alcohol concomitantly
HbA_{1c}	hemoglobin A_{1c}
HCC	hepatocellular carcinoma
HCP	health care professional
HER2	human epidermal growth factor receptor 2
HF	heart failure
HFrEF	heart failure with reduced ejection fraction
HFSR	hand-foot skin reaction
HMG-CoA	3-hydroxy-3-methylglutarylcoenzyme A [cap H if at beginning of sentence or table cell]
HPRN	health plan research network
HR	hormone receptor
HRD	homologous recombination deficiency {biomarker for ovarian cancer}
HRR	homologous recombination repair

I

IART	intra-atrial reentrant tachyarrhythmia
IBS	irritable bowel syndrome
IBS-C	constipation-predominant irritable bowel syndrome
IBS-D	diarrhea-predominant irritable bowel syndrome
ICANS	immune effector cell–associated neurotoxicity syndrome
ICD	implantable cardioverter/defibrillator
ICDS	International Clostridium difficile Symposium
ICH	intracranial hemorrhage
ICI	immune checkpoint inhibitor
ID	infectious disease

IDH1, IDH2	isocitrate dehydrogenase 1, etc. {gene and protein}
ICM	ischemic cardiomyopathy
Ig	immunoglobulin
IFNAR1	interferon-α receptor 1
IME	independent medical education
IMiD	immunomodulatory drug
iNHL	indolent non-Hodgkin lymphoma
IO	immuno-oncology
IOM	Institute of Medicine {Name is now obsolete; on first reference, use Health and Medicine Division (HMD) of the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (National Academies); refer to http://www.nationalacademies.org/hmd/About-HMD/Division-Name.aspx for more information.}
irAE	immune-related adverse event
IRB	Institutional Review Board
ISoP	International Society of Pharmacovigilance
ISPE	International Society for Pharmacoepidemiology
ISS	Industry-Sponsored Symposium
ISTH	International Society on Thrombosis and Haemostasis
ITP	immune thrombocytopenia
IVIg	intravenous immunoglobulin
IVSA	interventricular septal aneurysm
iwCLL	International Workshop on CLL

J

JAK1, etc	Janus kinase 1 {cytokine signaling pathway}
JAK2	Janus kinase 2 {gene}

L

L-ASP	L-asparaginase {uppercase *A* if at the beginning of sentence/table cell)
LAD	left anterior descending coronary artery
LAI	long-acting injectable

LASSO	least absolute shrinkage and selection operator
LBBB	left bundle-branch block
LCOS	low cardiac output syndrome
LDX	lisdexamfetamine dimesylate
LFT	liver function test
LGBTQIA+	lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, and all sexual and gender minority [people] {this definition is not AMA; it comes from https://lgbtqiahealtheducation.org}
LLDAS	lupus low disease activity state
LMW	low molecular weight
LOH	loss of heterozygosity
Lp(a)	lipoprotein(a)
LPC	lysophosphatidylcholine
LPR4	lipoprotein-related protein 4
LTRA	leukotriene receptor antagonist
LVAD	left ventricular assist device
LVEDV	left ventricular end-diastolic volume
LVEF	left ventricular ejection fraction
LVOT	left ventricular outflow tract

M

MAdCAM	mucosal addressin cell adhesion molecule
mAb	monoclonal antibody
mACh	muscarinic acetylcholine
MACE	major adverse cardiovascular events
MAPP	Multinational Assessment of Psoriasis and Psoriatic Arthritis
MCMC	
MDD	major depressive disorder
MDQ	Mood Disorder Questionnaire
MDS	myelodysplastic syndrome
MDS-PAS	Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society's Pan American Section
MFIS	Modified Fatigue Impact Scale

MG-QOL 15	15-item Myasthenia Graphic Quality of Life {score}
MHD	migraine headache day
MI	myocardial infarction
MIDAS	Migraine Disability Assessment
MINOCA	myocardial infarction with nonobstructive coronary arteries
MLWHFQ	Minnesota Living with Heart Failure Questionnaire
MOA	mechanism of action
MOC	Maintenance of Certification
MOESS	Multidimensional Outcome Expectations for Exercise Scale
MPL	MPL proto-oncogene, thrombopoietin receptor {gene}
MPN	myeloproliferative neoplasm
MR	mitral valve regurgitation
MRE	magnetic resonance elastography
MSI	microsatellite instability {biomarker}
MSI-H	microsatellite instability high {biomarker}
MSIS	Multiple Sclerosis Impact Scale
MSQ	Migraine-Specific Quality of Life Questionnaire
MSS	microsatellite stable
MSWS	Multiple Sclerosis Walking Scale
MSWS-12	12-Item Multiple Sclerosis Walking Scale
MTX	methotrexate
MuSK	muscle-specific kinase
MVR	mitral valve replacement
MZL	marginal zone lymphoma

N

nab-paclitaxel	nanoparticle albumin-bound paclitaxel
NAFLD	nonalcoholic fatty liver disease
NAM	National Academy of Medicine
nAMD	neovascular age-related macular degeneration
NASH	nonalcoholic steatohepatitis

NCCN	National Comprehensive Cancer Network
NEI	Neuroscience Education Institute
Neuro-QoL	Quality of Life in Neurological Disorders {questionnaire}
NHL	non-Hodgkin lymphoma
NICE	National Institute for health and Care Excellence
NICM	nonischemic cardiomyopathy
NIRS	near-infrared spectroscopy
NIVO	nivolumab
NMDA	N-methyl-d-aspartate {where the d is a small cap; see AMA 14.11.5}
NMSC	nonmelanoma skin cancer
NOAC	non–vitamin K antagonist oral anticoagulant
NPI	National Provider Identifier
NSAID	nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug
NSCLC	non-small cell lung cancer
NSTEMI	non–ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction
NT-proBNP	N-terminal pro b-type natriuretic peptide
NTRK	neurotrophic receptor tyrosine kinase
NYHA	New York Heart Association

O

OAC	oral anticoagulant
OCT	optical coherence tomography
OLE	open-label extension
OMT	optimal medical therapy
ONS	Oncology Nursing Society
ORR	objective response rate (if “overall response rate” is also used, spell out one and abbreviate the other)
ORR	overall response rate
OS	overall survival

P

P13K	phosphoinositide 3-kinase
PAH	pulmonary arterial hypertension
PANSS	Positive and Negative Symptom Scale
PARP	poly(ADP-ribose) polymerase {inhibitor}
PASI	Psoriasis Area and Severity Index
PASR	Physical Activity Self-Regulatory {scale}
PBMI	Pharmacy Benefit Management Institute
PCI	percutaneous coronary intervention
PCOR	patient-centered outcomes research
PCSK9	proprotein convertase subtilisin/kexin type 9
PD-1	programmed cell death 1 protein
PD-L1	programmed cell death 1 ligand 1
PD-L2	programmed cell death 1 ligand 2
PDDS	Patient Determined Disease Steps
PDE4	phosphodiesterase-4
PDSA	Plan-Do-Study-Act
PDUFA	Prescription Drug User Fee Act
PEGPH20	pegvorhyaluronidase alfa
PETAL	pembrolizumab after TACE
PFS	progression-free survival
PFT	pulmonary function test
PHI	protected health information
PHQ-2	Patient Health Questionnaire-2
PLWH	people living with HIV
PMH	patient's medical history
PPAR	peroxisome proliferator–activated receptor
PPI-REE	proton pump inhibitor–responsive esophageal eosinophilia
PRISMA	Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses
PPMS	primary progressive multiple sclerosis

PPRN	patient-powered research network
PRO	patient-reported outcomes
PROMIS	Patient-Reported Outcomes Measurement Information System
PS	do not use for “performance status” {see “performance status” in the Words List}
PsA	psoriatic arthritis
PTT	partial thromboplastin time
PVD	peripheral vascular disease
PVL	paravalvular leak
pVO_2	mixed venous O_2 tension
PWH	people with HIV

Q

QMG	Quantitative Myasthenia Gravis
QOL	quality of life

R

R/R	relapsed/refractory
R-CHOP prednisone	rituximab-cyclophosphamide-hydroxydaunorubicin hydrochloride-vincristine-
R2	lenalidomide plus rituximab
RAAS	renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system
RCA	right coronary artery
RCT	randomized controlled trial
RECIST	Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors
REDCap	Research Electronic Data Capture {database}
RELA	relatlimab
REMS	Risk Evaluation and Management Strategy
RF	rheumatoid factor
RRMS	relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis
RTE	real-time shear wave elastography

S

S1P	sphingosine 1-phosphate

SAE	serious adverse event
SAHL-E	Short Assessment of Health Literacy–English
sBLA	supplemental Biologics License Application
SCL	small lymphocytic leukemia
SEER	Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results {Program}
SERD	selective estrogen receptor modulator
SERM	selective estrogen receptor modulator
SERT	serotonin transporter
SGA	second-generation antipsychotic
SGLT	sodium-glucose cotransporter {eg, SGLT1, SGLT2}
SHS	Sharp–van der Heijde score
siRNA	small interfering RNA
SITC	Society for the Immunotherapy of Cancer
SLE	systemic lupus erythematosus
SLL	small lymphocytic lymphoma
SNP	single-nucleotide polymorphism {do not use; see *SNV*}
SNV	single nucleotide variation
SpA	spondyloarthropathy
SPMS	secondary progressive multiple sclerosis
SRI4	SLE Responder Index 4
STAT	signal transducer and activator of transcription
STEMI	ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction
STICH	STop SGLT inhibitor, inject bolus Insulin, consume 30 g Carbohydrates, Hydrate
Sto_2	tissue oxygen saturation
STS-PROM	Society of Thoracic Surgeons Predicted Risk of Mortality
SU	sulfonylurea

T

T1D	type 1 diabetes {US}
T1DM	type 1 diabetes mellitus {OUS}
T2D	type 2 diabetes

T25FWT	timed 25-foot walk test
TACE	transarterial chemoembolization
TASC-II	
TAVI	transcatheter aortic valve implementation
TAVR	transcatheter aortic valve replacement
TCB	T-cell bispecific
TCR-T	
TCZ	tocilizumab
TE	transient elastography
TEAE	treatment-emergent adverse event
Teff	T-effector {gene}
Th2	T helper type 2 {cell}
THV	transcatheter heart valve
TKI	tyrosine kinase inhibitor
TICS	Telephone Interview for Cognitive Status
TIL	tumor-infiltrating lymphocyte
TIMP-1	tissue inhibitor of metalloproteinase-1
TKI	tyrosine kinase inhibitor
TMB	tumor mutation burden
TME	tumor microenvironment
TNF	tumor necrosis factor
TRAE	treatment-related adverse event
Treg	regulatory T cell
TRK	tropomyosin kinase
tsDMARD	targeted synthetic disease-modifying antirheumatic drug
TTC	transient takotsubo cardiomyopathy
TTE	transthoracic echocardiogram
TTR	transthyretin
TVR	target vessel revascularization

U

UACR	urine albumin-to-creatinine ratio
UFH	unfractionated heparin
ULN	upper limit of normal
USCAP	United States & Canadian Academy of Pathology
USPSTF	US Preventive Services Task Force

V

$\dot{V}/\dot{Q}$	ventilation-perfusion {ratio or scan}
VA-ECMO	venoarterial extracorporeal membrane oxygenation
VARC-2	Valve Academic Research Confortium-2
VCTE	vibration-controlled transient elastography
VEGF	vascular endothelial growth factor
VO_2	oxygen consumption
Vs	versus
VTE	venous thromboembolism

W

WCLC	World Conference on Lung Cancer
WOMAC	Western Ontario and McMaster Universities Osteoarthritis Index
WT	wild type

Y-Z

YMRS	Young Mania Rating Scale