Acronyms and Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Term
^	to the power of
+ANA	antinuclear antibody
IV-C7S	7S type IV collagen
A1	mild inflammation
A2	moderate inflammation
A3	marked inflammation
abnl	abnormal
AFP	alpha fetoprotein
Alb	albumin
ALT	alanine aminotransferase
AMA	against medical advice
ASMA	antismooth muscle antibody
AST	aspartate aminotransferase
beta-NAG	N-acetyl-beta-glucosaminidase
bid	twice a day
Bili	bilirubin
bx	biopsy
CA	carbohydrate antigen
CAH	chronic active hepatitis
CC	case control
CD4	CD4 count (cell type)
CEA	carcoembryonic antigen
CHC	chronic hepatitis C
CI	confidence interval
CohP	cohort prospective
CohR	cohort retrospective
CPH	chronic persistent hepatitis
Cr	creatinine
CS	case series
CSA	cyclosporine
CT	computerized tomography
D	day(s)
DM	diabetes mellitus
Des	Desmet
Disc/withdr	discontinued treatments or withdrew from study
Dose red	dose reduction
dx	diagnosis
el	elevated
ELISA	enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay
ETR	end of treatment response
f/u	follow-up
G	grade
g	gram(s)

GGT	gamma glutamyl transpeptidase
HA	hyaluronic acid
HbsAg	hepatitis B surface antigen
HAI	histological activity index
HBV	hepatitis B virus
HCC	hepatocellular carcinoma
HCV	hepatitis C virus
Hgb	hemoglobin
hr	hour(s)
IDU	intravenous drug user
IFN	interferon
Ig	immunoglobulin
IL	interleukin
ISH	Ishak
ITT	intention to treat
IV	intravenous
Kno	Knodell
L	liter(s)
LDH	lactate dehydrogenase
LL	lower limit
Ly IFN alpha	lymphoid interferon
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
min	minute(s)
Met	Metavir
mL	milliliter(s)
MMP	matrix metalloproteinase
Mn-SOD	manganese superoxide dismutase
mo(s)	month(s)
MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
MU	million units
n/s	not specified
NASH	nonalcoholic steatohepatitis
ng	nanograms
nl	normal
NP	n-terminal polypeptide
NR	not reported
NS	not significant
OCPs	oral contraceptives
OLT	orthotopic liver transplant
PCHE	pseudocholinesterase
PCR	polymerase chain reaction
peg-IFN	pegylated interferon
P-III-P	Procollagen type III peptides
pts	patients
plts	platelets
PT	prothrombin time
PTT	partial thromboplastin time

qd	once a day
r IFN	recombinant IFN
r/o	rule out
RBV	ribavirin
RCT	randomized controlled trial
S	staging
S0	no fibrosis
S1, S2	mild (portal) fibrosis
S3	moderate (bridging) fibrosis
S4	severe fibrosis (cirrhosis)
SBR	sustained biochemical response
sec	second(s)
Sch	Scheuer
SR	sustained response
SVR	sustained virological response
tid	three times a day
TIMP	tissue inhibitor of metalloproteinase
tiw	three times a week
tx	treatment
U/S	ultrasound
ug	micrograms
UL	upper limit
w/	with
w/I	within
w/o	without
WBC	white blood cell
WHO	World Health Organization
wk	week(s)
XS	cross-sectional
yr(s)	year(s)