Appendix: Acronyms and Abbreviations

AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
AAHP	American Association of Health Plans
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDSR	Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews
CI	Confidence interval
CONSORT	Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trials
DARE	Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effectiveness
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services
HEPA	High efficiency particulate air
HRQOL	Health-related quality of life
IgE	Immunoglobulin E
IT	Immunotherapy
MSA	Metropolitan Statistical Area
NA	Not available
NHANESII	The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 1976-80
NMES	National Medical Expenditure Survey
OR	Odds ratio
OTC	Over-the-counter
PHS	Public Health Service
QOL	Quality of life
RAST	Radioallergosorbent testing
RCT	Randomized controlled trial

RQLQ	Rhinoconjunctivitis Quality of Life Questionnaire
SE	Standard error
SF-36	Medical Outcome Study Short-Form Health Survey
WPAI-AS	Allergy-specific Work Productivity and Activity Impairment questionnaire