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### ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

COPD Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

QOL Quality of life

CHF Chronic heart failure

CKD Chronic kidney disease

RA Rheumatoid arthritis

TNF-α Tumor necrosis factor-alpha

IL-6 Interleukin-6

IL-8 Interleukin-8

CRP C-reactive protein

6MWT Six minute walk test

VO<sub>2</sub> Oxygen consumption

6MWD Six minute walk distance

HRim Heart rate immediately after 6MWT

SpO<sub>2</sub>im Oxygen saturation immediately after 6MWT

WHO World Health Organization

FEV<sub>1</sub> Force expiratory volume in one second

FVC Forced vital capacity

WOB Work of breathing

### ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS (Cont.)

V<sub>E</sub> Minute ventilation

HRV heart rate variability

g/dL Grams per deciliter

RBC Red blood cell

CBC Complete blood count

ACD Anemia of chronic diseases

IL-1 Interleukin-1

EPO Erythropoietin

TGF- β Transforming growth factor-β

BMI Body mass index

DBP Diastolic blood pressure

DBPim Diastolic blood pressure immediately after 6MWT

SBP Systolic blood pressure

SBPim Systolic blood pressure immediately after 6MWT