

List of Abbreviations:

-AF, amniotic fluid

-D&E, dilation and evacuation

-IGFBP, insulin-like growth factor-binding protein

-IL, interleukin

-IUGR, intrauterine growth restriction

-LDH, lactate dehydrogenase

-MCP-1, monocyte chemoattractant protein-1

-MMP-8, matrix metalloproteinase-8

-PCR, polymerase chain reaction

-PPROM, preterm premature rupture of membranes

-PTL, preterm labor

-UT, uterine tenderness

-TPL, threatened preterm labor

-VD, vaginal discharge

-WBC, white blood cell count