List of Abbreviations and Acronyms Used in the Report and Evidence Tables

Abd C	Abdominal circumference
abn	Abnormal
ACOG	American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
AFI	Amniotic fluid index
AFV	Amniotic fluid volume
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
APT	Antepartum testing
ARD	Atad Ripener Device
AROM	Artificial rupture of the membranes
BP	Biophysical profile
bpm	Beats per minute
BPS	Biophysical profile score
BW	birthweight
cc	Cubic centimeter(s)
CDSR	Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews
CE	Cost-effectiveness
CI	Confidence interval
cm	Centimeter
C-section	Cesarean section
CST	Contraction stress test
CTG	Cardiotocography
DARE	Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effectiveness
EBW	Estimated birthweight
E:C	Estrogen-to-creatinine ratio
EFW	Estimated fetal weight
FB	Fetal breathing
FBM	Fetal breathing movements
fFN	Fetal fibronectin
FHR	Fetal heart rate
FM	Fetal movement
f/u	Followup
g	Gram(s)
GP	General practitioner
HCUP	Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project
HMO	Health maintenance organization
hr	Hour(s)
IQ	Interquartile
IU	International Units(s)
IUGR	Intrauterine growth retardation
kg	Kilogram(s)
LGA	Large for gestational age
LMP	Last menstrual period
MBP	Modified biophysical profile
MFM	Maternal and family medicine
µg	Microgram(s)
mg	Milligram
min	Minute(s)
mIU	Milli-Inerantional Unit(s)
ml	Milliliter(s)
mm	Millimeter(s)
mmHg	Millimeters of mercury
MPD	Maximum pool depth
mU	Milliunit(s)
NA	Not applicable
NCHS	National Center for Health Statistics
ng	Nanogram(s)
NICHD	National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
NICU	Neonatal intensive care unit
NIS	Nationwide Inpatient Sample
nl	Normal
No.	Number
NR	Not reported
NS	Nipple stimulation
NST	Nonstress test
OB/GYN	Obstetrician/gynecologist
OCP	Oral contraceptive pill
OCT	Oxytocin challenge test
OST	Oxytocin stress test
OR	Odds ratio

PGE_2	Prostaglandin E_2 (dinoprostone)
PROM	Premature rupture of the membranes
RCOG	Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
RCT(s)	Randomized controlled trial(s)
ROC	Receiver operating characteristic
RR	Relative risk
SD	Standard deviation
S:D	Systolic-to-diastolic ratio
sec	Second(s)
SEM	Standard error of the mean
SGA	Small for gestational age
SROM	Spontaneous rupture of the membranes
U/S	Ultrasound
UTI	Urinary tract infection
vs.	Versus
wk	Week(s)