



**Figure S1**. a, b, c, d and e. The concentrations of serum a) high sensitivity C-reactive protein (hsCRP), b) matrix metalloproteinase 8 (MMP-8), c) phosphorylated insulin-like growth factor binding-protein 1 (phIGFBP-1), d) IGFBP-1 and e) vaginal MMP-8 (mean  $\pm$  SD) in early and late pregnancy. ANOVA, \*p <0.05.