

Special Issue

Molecular Mechanisms of Human Parturition

Message from the Guest Editor

The systems that control the onset and progress of labor are important in understanding the steps involved in birth. The Special Issue will include manuscripts from contributors containing text that describes various mechanisms regulating uterine contractility and cervical changes leading to the initiation and progress of term and preterm labor and birth. Mechanisms involved in labor and birth pertain to: hormones, drugs to augment or suppress contractility, mechanical and electrical systems that control myometrial contractility, interactions of various uterine control systems, and the regulation of the cervix during labor and birth.

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