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3 **Supplementary Materials: Identification of potential**
4 **biomarkers in the cervicovaginal fluid by metabolic**
5 **profiling for preterm birth**

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9 **Supplementary Table 1. ¹H-NMR chemical shift and relative concentrations of identified**
 10 **metabolites in CVF from PTB and TB.**

Metabolites	Chemical shifts (δ ¹ H ppm)
Acetate	1.90 (s)
Acetone	2.22 (s)
Alanine	1.47 (d), 3.78(q)
Aspartate	2.67 (dd), 2.80 (dd), 3.89 (dd)
Choline	3.19 (s)
Creatine	3.02 (s), 3.92 (s)
Ethanol	1.17 (t), 3.65 (q)
Ethylene glycol	3.66 (s)
Formate	8.44 (s)
Glucose	3.23 (t), 3.40-3.90 (m), 4.64 (d), 5.23 (d)
Glutamate	2.05 (m), 2.12 (m), 2.30-2.38 (m), 3.75 (dd)
Glycine	3.55 (s)
Glycolate	3.93 (s)
Histidine	7.11 (s), 7.94 (s)
Hypoxanthine	8.18 (s), 8.20 (s)
Isoleucine	0.93 (t), 1.00 (d)
Isopropanol	1.16 (d), 4.02 (m)
Lactate	1.32 (d), 4.10 (q)
Leucine	0.95 (dd), 1.65-1.75 (m)
Methanol	3.34 (s)
Phenylalanine	7.32 (d), 7.37 (t), 7.42 (t)
Pyruvate	2.36 (s)
Succinate	2.39 (s)
Taurine	3.25 (t), 3.41 (t)
Threonine	4.24 (m)
Trimethylamine N-oxide	3.25 (s)
Tyrosine	6.89 (d), 7.18 (d)
Valine	0.98 (d), 1.03 (d), 2.26 (m), 3.60 (d)

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 12 Letters in parentheses denote the peak multiplicities: s, singlet; d, double; t, triplet; dd, doublet
 13 of doublet and m, multiplets.
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15 **Supplementary Table 2: The false discovery rate (FDR) of metabolites.**

Rank	Metabolite	p-Value	q-value
1	Glycolate	0.0001	0.0025
2	Ethylene glycol	0.0001	0.0017
3	Trimethylamine N-oxide	0.0002	0.0020
4	Methanol	0.0004	0.0029
5	Isopropanol	0.0008	0.0047
6	Acetone	0.0015	0.0070
7	Formate	0.0022	0.0088
8	Alanine	0.0029	0.0101
9	Isoleucine	0.0041	0.0129
10	Glycine	0.0064	0.0179
11	Aspartate	0.0104	0.0266
12	Leucine	0.0113	0.0264
13	Phenylalanine	0.0155	0.0333
14	Valine	0.0242	0.0483
15	Tyrosine	0.0279	0.0520
16	Lactate	0.0299	0.0524
17	Ethanol	0.0481	0.0793
18	Glutamate	0.0895	0.1393
19	Choline	0.0949	0.1399
20	Pyruvate	0.0949	0.1329
21	Acetate	0.1191	0.1587
22	Histidine	0.2902	0.3693
23	Hypoxanthine	0.3163	0.3851
24	Succinate	0.3731	0.4353
25	Threonine	0.5220	0.5847
26	Glucose	0.6163	0.6638
27	Creatine	0.7175	0.7440
28	Taurine	0.9778	0.9778

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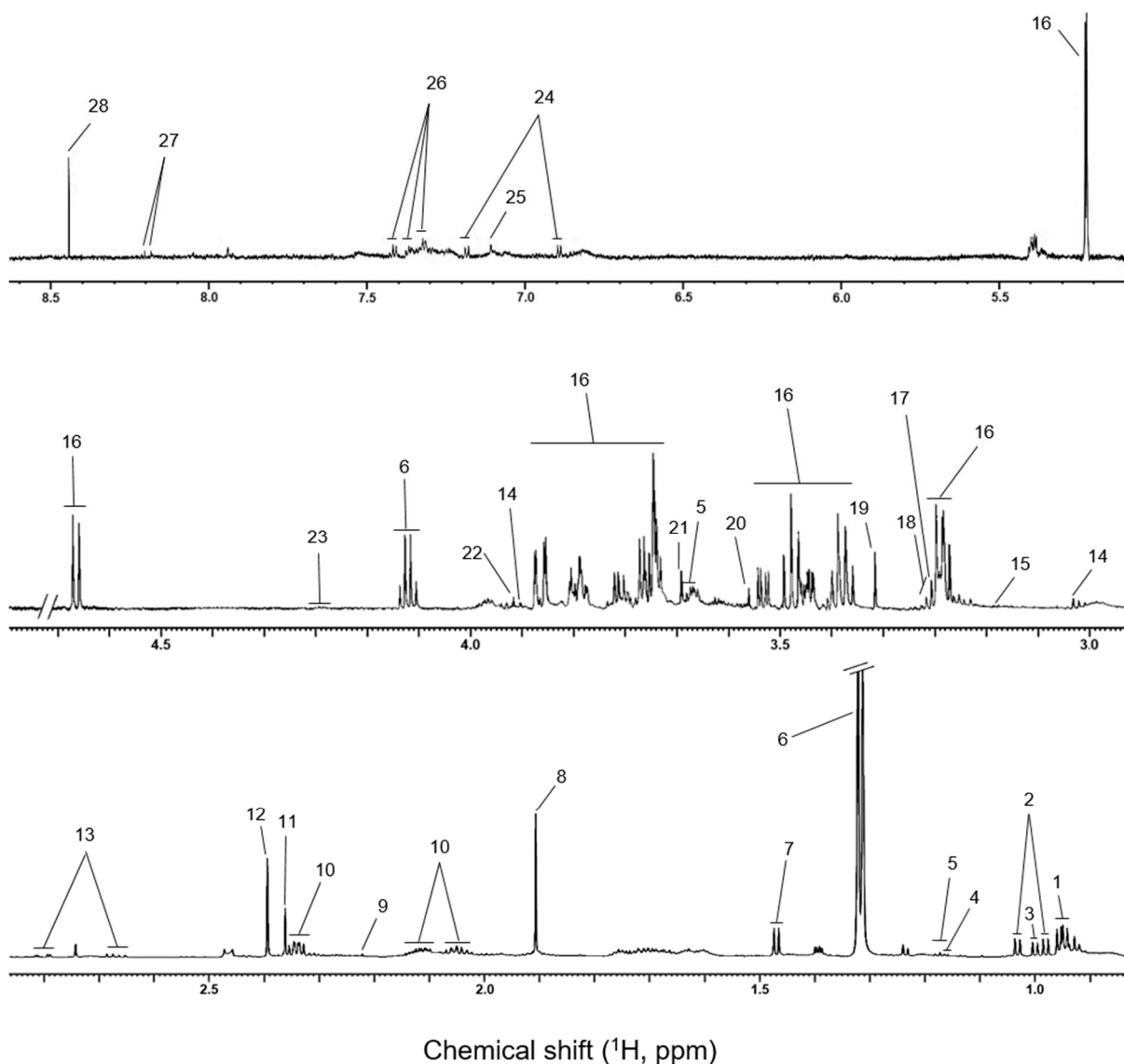
17 **Supplementary Table 3 Predictive performance for the combined model of metabolites**
 18 **and CL.**

Combined Model	AUC.	SEN.	SPE.	PPV.	NPV.	95% CI.	p-Value
Glycolate + Isopropanol	0.88	90.9	84.4	66.7	96.4	0.74 – 0.96	<0.0001
Glycolate + Methanol	0.88	90.9	87.5	71.4	96.5	0.75 – 0.96	<0.0001
Glycolate + Formate	0.84	90.9	78.1	58.8	96.1	0.70 – 0.93	<0.0001
Glycolat + Isopropanol + Methanol	0.77	72.7	90.6	72.7	90.6	0.62 - 0.89	0.0050
Glycolate + Isopraponol + Formate	0.83	90.9	78.1	58.8	96.1	0.68 – 0.93	<0.0001
Glycolate + Isopropanol + CL	0.81	90.9	75.0	55.6	96.0	0.66 – 0.91	0.0010
Glycolate + Methanol + CL	0.80	90.9	75.0	55.6	96.0	0.65 – 0.91	0.0010
Glycolate + Formate + CL	0.82	90.9	75.0	55.6	96.0	0.68 – 0.92	0.0010
Glycolat + Isopropanol + Methanol + CL	0.81	90.9	75.0	55.6	96.0	0.66 – 0.91	0.0010
Glycolate + Isopraponol + Formate + CL	0.81	81.8	81.3	60.0	92.9	0.66 – 0.92	0.0010

19 Receiver Operating Characteristics (ROC) curve analysis was performed for statistical analysis, and $p < 0.05$
 20 considered as significant. AUC: Area under the curve; SEN: Sensitivity; SPE: Specificity; PPV: Positive predictive
 21 value; NPV: Negative predictive value; CI: Confidence interval; CL: Cervical length.

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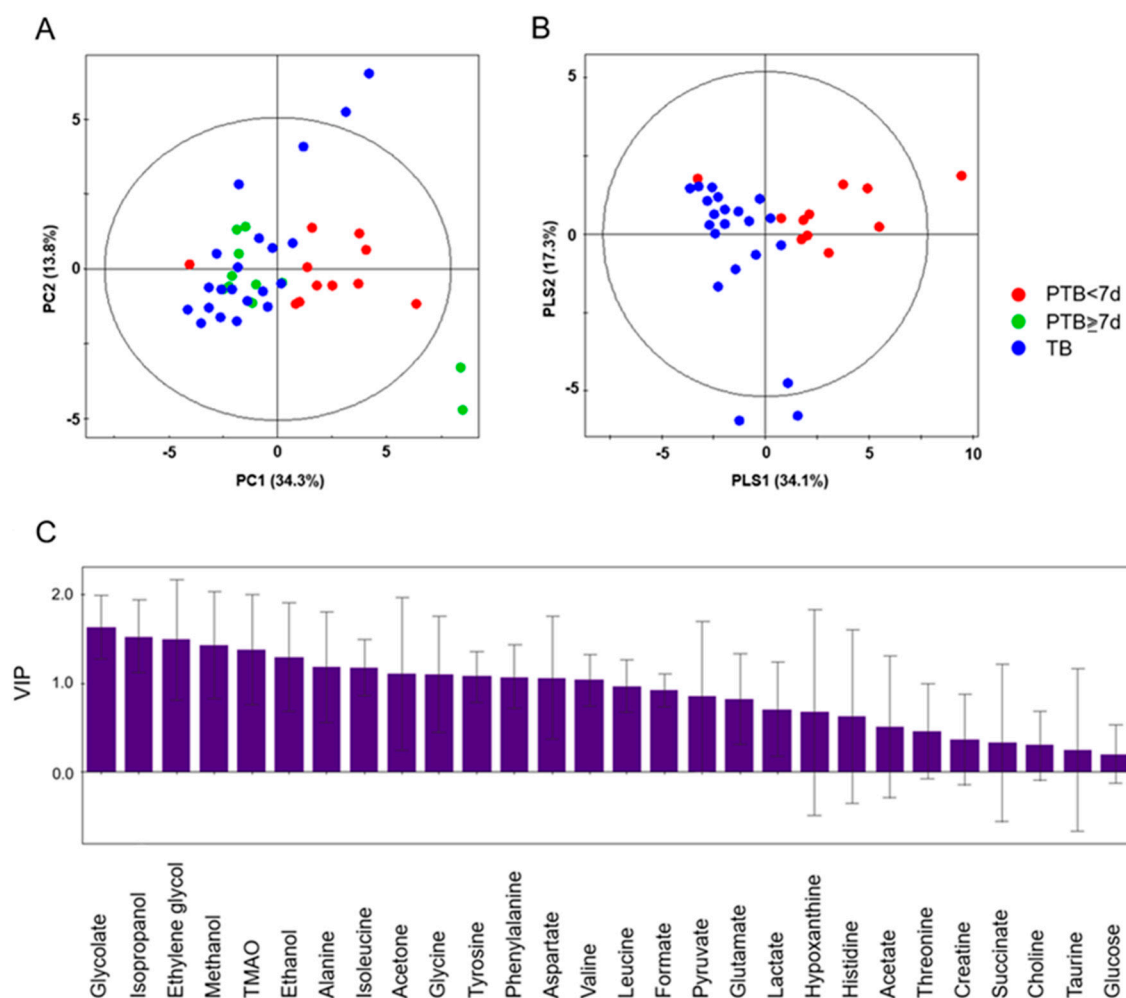
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25 **Supplementary Figure 1. Representative 800-MHz ^1H -NMR spectrum obtained from the**
 26 **CVF sample.** Key: 1. leucine; 2. valine; 3. isoleucine; 4. isopropanol; 5. ethanol; 6. lactate; 7.
 27 alanine; 8. acetate; 9. acetone; 10. glutamate; 11. pyruvate; 12. succinate; 13. aspartate; 14.
 28 creatine; 15. choline; 16. glucose; 17. trimethylamine N-oxide; 18. taurine; 19. methanol; 20.
 29 glycine; 21. ethylene glycol; 22. glycolate; 23. threonine; 24. tyrosine; 25. histidine; 26.
 30 phenylalanine; 27. hypoxanthine; 28. formate.

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33 **Supplementary Figure 2. Multivariate statistical analyses of CVF samples.** (A) The
 34 Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and (B) Partial Least Squares-Discriminant Analysis
 35 (PLS-DA) scatter plot obtained from the quantified NMR data (PCA: $R^2X=0.482$, $Q^2=0.186$;
 36 PLS-DA: $R^2X=0.515$, $R^2Y=0.561$, $Q^2=0.322$). (C) Variable importance plot (VIP) of the PLS-
 37 DA model. PTB>7d: Preterm birth less than 7 days after CVF sampling; PTB<7d: Preterm
 38 birth more than 7 days after CVF sampling; and TB: Term birth.