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## ABBREVIATIONS

<i>A. actinomycetemcomitans</i>	<i>Aggregatibacter actinomycetemcomitans</i>
BHI	brain heart infusion
DMEM	Dulbecco's modified Eagle medium
<i>E. faecalis</i>	<i>Enterococcus faecalis</i>
ECM	extracellular matrix
GAPDH	glyceraldehyde-3-phosphate dehydrogenase
MMPs	matrix metalloproteinases
PBS	phosphate buffered saline
PCR	polymerase chain reaction
MMP-2	matrix metalloproteinase-2
mRNA	messenger ribonucleic acid
MT1-MMP	membrane type-1 matrix metalloproteinase
<i>P. gingivalis</i>	<i>Porphyromonas gingivalis</i>
RT-PCR	reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction
TIMP-2	tissue inhibitor of metalloproteinase-2
T-TBS	Tween-20 in Tris-buffered saline
SDS	sodium dodecyl sulfate