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ABBREVIATIONS

β	beta
°C	degree Celsius
µg	microgram
µl	microliter
A	adenine
ag	attogram
bp	base pair
C	cytosine
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Ct	cycle threshold
dATP	deoxyadinosine triphosphate
dCTP	deoxycytosine triphosphate
DFA	direct immunofluorescence assays
dGTP	deoxyguanine triphosphate
DGI	disseminated gonococcal infection
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
dNTP	deoxynucleotide triphosphate
dTTP	deoxythymidine triphosphate
EB	elementary body
EIA	enzyme immunoassays
FA	fluorescent antibody
fg	femtogram
G	guanine
g	gram
HIV	Human Immunodeficiency Virus
IgA	immunoglobulin A

IL	inter leukin
Inc	inclusion membrane
Lbp	Lactoferrin-binding protein
LCR	ligase chain reaction
LGV	lymphogranuloma venereum
LOS	lipooligosaccharide
LPS	lipopolysaccharide
mAbs	monoclonal antibodies
ml	milliter
mM	millimolar
MOMP	major outer membrane protein
MSM	Men Sex with Men
MTM	modified Thayer-Martin
MW	molecular weight
NAATs	Nucleic acid amplification tests
Ng	nanogram
NGU	nongonococcal urethritis
NHS	nonimmune normal human serum
O.D.	optical density
Opa	opacity-associated
PCR	polymerase chain reaction
pg	picogram
PID	pelvic inflammatory disease
PMNs	polymorphonuclear leukocytes
Por	porin
RB	reticulate body
Rmp	reduction-modifiable protein
RNA	ribonucleic acid
rRNA	ribosomal RNA
SDA	displacement amplification

STD	sexually transmitted disease
STIs	sexually transmitted infections
T	thymine
Taq	*Thermus aquaticus*
Tbp	transferrin -binding protein
TMA	transcription- mediated amplification
TNF	tumor necrosis factor
U	units
WHO	World Health Organiz