



FIGURE 4.—Degeneration of the outer muscular layer covering a large, aberrant vascular space (arrowhead). Asterisk indicates a thrombus in the vascular space. Immunostaining for α -SMA. (100 \times). FIGURE 5.—High-power view of the ruptured portion of the uterine wall, as indicated by the framed rectangle in Figure 2. Aggregated fibrin is attached to the ruptured site (arrowhead). The vascular space (asterisk) is lined by endothelial cells (large arrow). The small arrow shows the serosal surface of the uterus. H&E (200 \times). FIGURE 6.—In the myometrium, plump lining cells protrude into the aberrant vascular lumens and are arranged in tombstone or hobnail manner (arrows). H&E (400 \times). FIGURE 7.—Aberrant vascular lumen lined by characteristic large endothelial cells protruding into the lumen (large arrow). The other side of the lumen is lined by small, flat endothelial cells (small arrow). H&E (200 \times). FIGURE 8.—Immunostaining for von Willebrand factor (A), CD 34 (B), and proliferating cell nuclear antigen (C) in the lining cells of aberrant vasculatures. A positive reaction is colored brown. (400 \times). FIGURE 9.—Immunostaining for α -SMA. Discontinuous muscular walls (arrows) are present around some abnormal vessels (asterisks). (200 \times).

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