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Dear Prof, Geary,

We submit our manuscript, entitled “Women's Psychological Support Needs in Primiparous Childbirth Experience Across Delivery Modes”, to be considered for publication as a Clinical Article in the *International Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics.*

Using previous data detailing where women felt most and least supported during their unplanned cesarean birth, we developed a study to survey three samples of women who delivered by UPCD, PCD, or VD to determine healthcare provider’s role in supporting women. Our results highlight the impact of emotional support, informational support, and decisional inclusion by healthcare providers on the subjective birth experience.

The present manuscript has not been submitted elsewhere and is not under consideration by any other journal. We previously submitted this manuscript to ***Birth: Issues in Perinatal Care.*** We attach correspondence which details with a revise and resubmit process. In a resubmit, we did not change the word “women” from our article. When we requested a discussion about this request (given the use of the word “women” in their mission statement and other articles), we were ignored. We consent to share this feedback which we will attach.

Our word count is 2691. We report no conflicts of interest for any of our authors.

We are grateful for your consideration,

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