

Dear Dr. Villanueva,

We very much appreciate the opportunity to revise our manuscript titled “**The Association of Paternal Age and Perinatal Outcomes between 2007 and 2016 in the United States**” for consideration for publication by the *BMJ*.

We have carefully reviewed the comments and revised our manuscript to best match the recommendations. We have included responses to the suggestions below and have highlighted changes to the original document for your convenience.

Thank you very much once again for your consideration and we eagerly look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

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Comments: Please include the references to other studies showing associations between paternal age and the outcomes (which you mentioned in the rebuttal letter) in the paper, and change the reference numbering accordingly. These might fit well in a structured discussion in the section "findings in relation to other studies".

Response: Thank you for the excellent suggestion to better structure the discussion. We have re-organized this section and included section headers that will hopefully increase the clarity and focus of the discussion. We have also included all of the references previously cited in our reviewer response within the section "Comparison with other Studies." Many of these references have been cited throughout the paper as well. We agree that this makes for an improved argument. All references were numbered in the order that they appeared within the manuscript.