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Please find the attached revised manuscript titled “Paternal Race/Ethnicity and Very Low Birth Weight” submitted as an original research article. Thank you for the opportunity to revise the manuscript and have it transferred to BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth.

The attached manuscript adds valuable knowledge to the literature by examining the association between paternal race/ethnicity and very low birth weight. Paternal characteristics are not generally included when predicting negative birth outcomes. Study procedures were approved by the University of North Texas Health Science Center’s Institutional Review Board.

The revisions requested by the editor have been made. Specifically, the authors have changed the headings in the abstract, added the authors’ e-mail addresses to the title page, added line numbers and page numbers, included a conclusions section after the discussion section of the manuscript, included the competing interests statement and authors’ contributions after the conclusions, and include the tables in the primary document (instead of having separate attachments).

Thank you for your consideration of this submission.