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Title: The Association between Gestational Weight Gain Z-Score and Stillbirth: A Case-Control Study

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Dear Dr. McMillan and Editorial Staff,

Thank you for your comments on our revised manuscript. We have made the requested revisions. Please see a point-by-point response to your comments below:

Comment 1. We require data in public repositories to be released prior to publication as we need to check all links and references to outside sources prior to publication to ensure they are active and data is accessible to readers. Please ensure all data in this repository is released and publicly accessible, and include any relevant accession numbers etc. in the "Availability of Data and Materials” section.
Author response: We revised the "Availability of Data and Materials" section to say: "The datasets generated and/or analyzed during the current study are publicly available in the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Data and Specimen Hub (DASH) repository [https://dash.nichd.nih.gov/]. Also see https://www.nichd.nih.gov/research/supported/Pages/scrn.aspx for more information on the study background."

Comment 2. Please ensure the main text of the manuscript contains the following headings: Background, Methods, Results, Discussion and Conclusions.

Author response: We changed the section headers of our manuscript as requested.

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Author response: We removed the response to reviewers document.

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Author response: All files are clean versions with no tracked changes.

Thank you again for working with us on this manuscript. We look forward to hearing from you and are happy to respond to any further inquiries.

Sincerely,

Cassandra Pickens and team