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Dear Megan and Lauren,

Thank you for your recent feedback on our manuscript, "Men’s grief following pregnancy loss and neonatal loss: A systematic review and emerging theoretical model" (PRCH-D-19-01275R1).

Please find our responses to your comments below, along with revised and final versions of our manuscript, figures and supplementary files attached.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and helpful feedback. We look forward to hearing from you soon regarding the outcome.

Kindest regards,
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1. Associate Editor Comments: Please clarify the point I made about including abstracts from PhDs as you have stated that abstracts were being excluded.

   - Apologies for the confusion. No PhD abstracts were included. Rather, full dissertations and theses which were identified from the searches, and had full-texts available, were included.

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