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RE: Manuscript Number ONG-22-371

A Review of Pregnancy Dermatoses

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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

Please find enclosed our revised manuscript, “A Review of Pregnancy Dermatoses,” which we would like to re-submit for publication in *Obstetrics & Gynecology*.

In this manuscript, we review the dermatoses of pregnancy. For each disease, we discuss the epidemiology, pathogenesis, clinical presentation, diagnosis, differential diagnosis, maternal risks, fetal risks, and treatment. We aim to provide a useful and up-to-date reference for providers treating this subset of patients.

Please address all correspondence to: Miriam Pomeranz, MD, 240 East 38th Street, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10016, Electronic address: [Miriam.Pomeranz@nyulangone.org](mailto:Miriam.Pomeranz@nyulangone.org)

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