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RE: Manuscript Number ONG-22-2060

COVID-19 vaccination in pregnancy

Dear Dr. Prabhu:

Thank you for sending us your work for consideration for publication in Obstetrics & Gynecology. Your manuscript has been reviewed by the Editorial Board and by special expert referees. The Editors would like to invite you to submit a revised version for further consideration.

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Thank you very much for doing this narrative review. There are reviewer comments to the authors below, but please be advised that you do NOT need to make any changes to your manuscript, other than addressing the comments about the Figures below.

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#### REVIEWER COMMENTS:

Reviewer #1:

Most of the information included in the manuscript is rather well known to professionals who have followed the unfolding events surrounding the COVID-19 global pandemic, a now almost three-year worldwide medical nightmare, which has led to the death of millions, and likely impaired the health of many others. In my assessment, most Obstetrician Gynecologists are already aware of the content of this effort.

Furthermore, worldwide governing bodies (such as ACOG and SMFM in the USA and many others abroad) have summarized and issued readily available guidelines regarding COVID-19 vaccination in pregnancy for those individual physicians who have not closely followed the development of, efficacy, and safety of mRNA COVID-19 vaccination during

pregnancy.

Notwithstanding, this comprehensive manuscript is well-written, informative and addresses pertinent points relating to the topic of COVID-19 mRNA vaccine prevention among pregnant individuals, examining both maternal and fetal/neonatal aspects.

I have studied the manuscript in detail, and do not find glaring/gross errors or outstanding inaccuracies. As such, this submission might potentially be viewed favorably as a source of current data mainly targeting physicians who have not followed every detail of these topics as most MFM physicians and I imagine Obstetricians in general, have.

Reviewer #2:

In this narrative review, the authors summarize some of the available evidence surrounding COVID-19 vaccination in the form of question/response. These questions are commonly asked questions by patients and the authors craft responses to these questions with a summary of the recent literature. The narrative is well-written and easy to follow. The questions are salient to the general population.

My main concern is that this narrative in this journal format does not meet its intended audience. The journal readership who may read ACOG practice bulletins is familiar with this information and therefore this review does not present anything new or novel. It would be better served toward the population, however, the general population does not in general read medical literature. As a result, this narrative, which similar narratives and reviews have been recently published, is not novel.

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Sincerely,

Torri D. Metz, MD, MS  
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Jason Wright, MD  
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Dear Drs. Wright and Metz,

I am submitting for your consideration our review regarding COVID-19 vaccination in pregnancy. There are two figures included that will require re-creation, and permission for reprint for 2 figures – one of which is from one of our prior publications on COVID-19 vaccination in pregnancy in *Obstetrics & Gynecology*. This is annotated in the blinded word document.

Please also let me know if you think there are any other figures/tables that could be created for the best visual representation of the take-home points.

There was no IRB necessary for this manuscript.

Thank you for considering our manuscript.

Sincerely,

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