

Sample Cover Letter

October 4, 2013

Re: Submission of manuscript, "Primary Cesarean Delivery Among Pandas"

The Editors
Obstetrics & Gynecology
409 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024-2188

Dear Editors:

On behalf of my co-authors, I am pleased to submit our manuscript, "Primary Cesarean Delivery Among Pandas," for consideration for publication as original research in *Obstetrics & Gynecology*. Each author participated actively in conducting analyses, drafting sections of the manuscript, editing, and approving the final, submitted version. None of the authors has a financial or other conflict of interest.

This study was approved by our institutional review board and each panda gave informed consent. The manuscript has not been previously published or submitted to another journal for publication.

Our manuscript is the first to examine the epidemic of cesarean delivery in pandas. In addition, it provides new information on differences in primary cesarean delivery by parity and explores ways to lower the panda cesarean delivery rate. We look forward to your comments and critique of the manuscript.

We would like to suggest that Figure 1 (Mother and Baby Panda) be considered as cover art. We suggest as reviewers Dr. Jane Doe, Dr. John Smith, and Dr. James Doe as they are experts on the topic who do not have potential conflicts of interests with the authors. Their contact information is as follows:

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If you have any questions about the manuscript, I will be serving as the corresponding author. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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